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Pursuant to Article IV, Part 3, Section 1 of the Constitution of the State of Maine, the Representatives-Elect to the One Hundred and Twenty-First Legislature assembled in the Hall of the House and were called to Order by MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND of Augusta, Clerk of the House of the One Hundred and Twentieth Legislature.

Prayer by Reverend Elizabeth J. Bachelder, Highland Avenue United Methodist Church, Gardiner.

National Anthem by Samantha Smart and Willy Galbraith of Gardiner Area High School.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Doctor of the day, John Van Summern, M.D., Gardiner.

COMMUNICATION

The Following Communication: (H.C. 1)

STATE OF MAINE

Office of the Secretary of State

December 4, 2002

To Millicent M. MacFarland, Clerk of the House in the One Hundred and Twentieth Legislature:

I, DAN A. GWADOSKY, Secretary of State, pursuant to the provisions of Title 3 MRSA, Section 1, hereby certify that the following are the names and residences of the Representatives-elect to the One Hundred and Twenty-first Legislature, in accordance with the tabulation submitted to the Governor on November 25, 2002:

DISTRICT 1 WALTER A. WHEELER, SR., Kittery
 DISTRICT 2 MARY A. ANDREWS, York
 DISTRICT 3 SARAH O. LEWIN, Eliot
 DISTRICT 4 RICHARD B. BROWN, South Berwick
 DISTRICT 5 OSCAR C. STONE, Berwick
 DISTRICT 6 JONATHAN T.E. COURTNEY, Sanford
 DISTRICT 7 RONALD F. COLLINS, Wells
 DISTRICT 8 THOMAS W. MURPHY, JR., Kennebunk
 DISTRICT 9 DAVID E. BOWLES, Sanford
 DISTRICT 10 ROGER A. LANDRY, Sanford
 DISTRICT 11 JAMES J. CAMPBELL, SR., Newfield
 DISTRICT 12 LAWRENCE E. JACOBSEN, Waterboro
 DISTRICT 13 ROBERT A. DAIGLE, Arundel
 DISTRICT 14 BONITA J. BREAUULT, Buxton
 DISTRICT 15 CHRISTOPHER P. O'NEIL, Saco
 DISTRICT 16 THOMAS J. KANE, Saco
 DISTRICT 17 NANCY B. SULLIVAN, Biddeford
 DISTRICT 18 MARIE LAVERRIERE-BOUCHER, Biddeford
 DISTRICT 19 JOANNE T. TWOMEY, Biddeford
 DISTRICT 20 DAVID LEMOINE, Old Orchard Beach
 DISTRICT 21 DARLENE J. CURLEY, Scarborough
 DISTRICT 22 HAROLD A. CLOUGH, Scarborough
 DISTRICT 23 CHRISTOPHER R. BARSTOW, Gorham
 DISTRICT 24 LAWRENCE BLISS, South Portland
 DISTRICT 25 JANET L. McLAUGHLIN, Cape Elizabeth
 DISTRICT 26 LOUIS B. MAIETTA, JR., South Portland
 DISTRICT 27 KEVIN J. GLYNN, South Portland
 DISTRICT 28 RONALD E. USHER, Westbrook
 DISTRICT 29 ROBERT W. DUPLESSIE, Westbrook
 DISTRICT 30 BENJAMIN F. DUDLEY, Portland
 DISTRICT 31 JOHN EDER, Portland
 DISTRICT 32 EDWARD J. SUSLOVIC, Portland
 DISTRICT 33 HERBERT C. ADAMS, Portland

DISTRICT 34 WILLIAM S. NORBERT, Portland
 DISTRICT 35 JOSEPH C. BRANNIGAN, Portland
 DISTRICT 36 BOYD P. MARLEY, Portland
 DISTRICT 37 GLENN A. CUMMINGS, Portland
 DISTRICT 38 JOSEPH BRUNO, Raymond
 DISTRICT 39 DAVID L. TOBIN, Windham
 DISTRICT 40 GERALD M. DAVIS, Falmouth
 DISTRICT 41 SUSAN M. AUSTIN, Gray
 DISTRICT 42 TERRENCE P. MCKENNEY, Cumberland
 DISTRICT 43 GARY W. MOORE, Standish
 DISTRICT 44 RICHARD G. WOODBURY, Yarmouth
 DISTRICT 45 KEVIN MUSE, Fryeburg
 DISTRICT 46 RICHARD M. SYKES, Harrison
 DISTRICT 47 PHILIP A. CRESSEY, JR., Baldwin
 DISTRICT 48 THOMAS D. BULL, Freeport
 DISTRICT 49 JOHN G. RICHARDSON, Brunswick
 DISTRICT 50 STANLEY J. GERZOFSKY, Brunswick
 DISTRICT 51 LEILA JANE PERCY, Phippsburg
 DISTRICT 52 PAUL J. LESSARD, Topsham
 DISTRICT 53 DEBORAH J. HUTTON, Bowdoinham
 DISTRICT 54 THOMAS R. WATSON, Bath
 DISTRICT 55 CAROL A. GROSE, Woolwich
 DISTRICT 56 WILLIAM M. EARLE, Damariscotta
 DISTRICT 57 PETER L. RINES, Wiscasset
 DISTRICT 58 KENNETH A. HONEY, Boothbay
 DISTRICT 59 A. DAVID TRAHAN, Waldoboro
 DISTRICT 60 GARY E. SUKEFORTH, Union
 DISTRICT 61 CHRISTOPHER RECTOR, Thomaston
 DISTRICT 62 DEBORAH K. MCNEIL, Rockland
 DISTRICT 63 STEPHEN BOWEN, Rockport
 DISTRICT 64 THEODORE H. HEIDRICH, Oxford
 DISTRICT 65 ARLAN R. JODREY, Bethel
 DISTRICT 66 MONICA MCGLOCKLIN, Emden
 DISTRICT 67 RANDY E. HOTHAM, Dixfield
 DISTRICT 68 H. SAWIN MILLETT, JR., Waterford
 DISTRICT 69 ROSITA GAGNE, Buckfield
 DISTRICT 70 JOHN L. PATRICK, Rumford
 DISTRICT 71 LOIS A. SNOWE-MELLO, Poland
 DISTRICT 72 THOMAS F. SHIELDS, Auburn
 DISTRICT 73 DEBORAH L. SIMPSON, Auburn
 DISTRICT 74 SONYA G. SAMPSON, Auburn
 DISTRICT 75 JOAN BRYANT-DESCHENES, Turner
 DISTRICT 76 RAYMOND PINEAU, Jay
 DISTRICT 77 THOMAS SAVIELLO, Wilton
 DISTRICT 78 JANET T. MILLS, Farmington
 DISTRICT 79 LINDA R. MCKEE, Wayne
 DISTRICT 80 **STANLEY A. MOODY, Manchester
 DISTRICT 81 MAITLAND E. RICHARDSON, Skowhegan
 DISTRICT 82 EARLE L. MCCORMICK, West Gardiner
 DISTRICT 83 NANCY E. SMITH, Monmouth
 DISTRICT 84 ROBERT A. BERUBE, Lisbon
 DISTRICT 85 MICHAEL A. VAUGHAN, Durham
 DISTRICT 86 RICHARD H. MAILHOT, Lewiston
 DISTRICT 87 WILLIAM R. WALCOTT, Lewiston
 DISTRICT 88 MARGARET M. CRAVEN, Lewiston
 DISTRICT 89 LILLIAN LAFONTAINE O'BRIEN, Lewiston
 DISTRICT 90 ELAINE MAKAS, Lewiston
 DISTRICT 91 PATRICK COLWELL, Gardiner
 DISTRICT 92 SCOTT W. COWGER, Hallowell
 DISTRICT 93 RODNEY C. JENNINGS, Leeds
 DISTRICT 94 WILLIAM P. BROWNE, Vassalboro
 DISTRICT 95 ARTHUR L. LERMAN, Augusta
 DISTRICT 96 JULIE ANN O'BRIEN, Augusta
 DISTRICT 97 SUSANNE P. KETTERER, Madison
 DISTRICT 98 PAUL R. HATCH, Skowhegan

DISTRICT 99 MARILYN E. CANAVAN, Waterville
 DISTRICT 100 LISA T. MARRACHE, Waterville
 DISTRICT 101 EDWARD D. FINCH, Fairfield
 DISTRICT 102 KENNETH C. FLETCHER, Winslow
 DISTRICT 103 ROBERT W. NUTTING, Oakland
 DISTRICT 104 BERNARD E. MCGOWAN, Pittsfield
 DISTRICT 105 WALTER E. ASH, JR., Belfast
 DISTRICT 106 JUDD D. THOMPSON, China
 DISTRICT 107 JEFFREY H. KAELIN, Winterport
 DISTRICT 108 S. PETER MILLS, Cornville
 DISTRICT 109 DONALD P. BERRY, SR., Belmont
 DISTRICT 110 JOHN F. PIOTTI, Unity
 DISTRICT 111 EARL E. RICHARDSON, Greenville
 DISTRICT 112 JAMES D. ANNIS, Dover-Foxcroft
 DISTRICT 113 RICHARD W. ROSEN, Bucksport
 DISTRICT 114 BRIAN M. DUPREY, Hampden
 DISTRICT 115 WILLIAM T. ROGERS, JR., Brewer
 DISTRICT 116 MARY ELLEN LEDWIN, Holden
 DISTRICT 117 SEAN FAIRCLOTH, Bangor
 DISTRICT 118 JOSEPH C. PERRY, Bangor
 DISTRICT 119 PATRICIA A. BLANCHETTE, Bangor
 DISTRICT 120 JACQUELINE R. NORTON, Bangor
 DISTRICT 121 MATTHEW DUNLAP, Old Town
 DISTRICT 122 CHRISTIAN DAVID GREELEY, Levant
 DISTRICT 123 JONATHAN THOMAS, Orono
 DISTRICT 124 RUSSELL P. TREADWELL, Carmel
 DISTRICT 125 JOSHUA A. TARDY, Newport
 DISTRICT 126 JAMES H. TOBIN, JR., Dexter
 DISTRICT 127 ROBERT H. CROSTHWAITE, Ellsworth
 DISTRICT 128 EUGENE L. CHURCHILL, Orland
 DISTRICT 129 HANNAH PINGREE, North Haven
 DISTRICT 130 THEODORE KOFFMAN, Bar Harbor
 DISTRICT 131 EDWARD R. DUGAY, Cherryfield
 DISTRICT 132 LEONARD EARL BIERMAN, Sorrento
 DISTRICT 133 EDWARD PELLON, Machias
 DISTRICT 134 ALBION D. GOODWIN, Pembroke
 DISTRICT 135 ANNE C. PERRY, Calais
 DISTRICT 136 GEORGE H. BUNKER, JR., Kossuth Twp.
 DISTRICT 137 ANITA PEAVEY HASKELL, Milford
 DISTRICT 138 RODERICK W. CARR, Lincoln
 DISTRICT 139 GUY J. DUPREY, JR., Medway
 DISTRICT 140 JOSEPH E. CLARK, Millinocket
 DISTRICT 141 HENRY L. JOY, Crystal
 DISTRICT 142 ROGER L. SHERMAN, Hodgdon
 DISTRICT 143 RAYMOND WOTTON, Littleton
 DISTRICT 144 JACQUELINE A. LUNDEEN, Mars Hill
 DISTRICT 145 JEREMY FISCHER, Presque Isle
 DISTRICT 146 JOHN W. CHURCHILL, Washburn
 DISTRICT 147 PHILIP R. BENNETT, JR., Caribou
 DISTRICT 148 FLORENCE T. YOUNG, Limestone
 DISTRICT 149 WILLIAM J. SMITH, Van Buren
 DISTRICT 150 ROSAIRE PARADIS, JR., Frenchville
 DISTRICT 151 TROY JACKSON, Fort Kent

In Testimony Whereof, I have caused the Great Seal of the State to be affixed, given under my hand at Augusta this fourth day of December in the year Two Thousand and Two.

S/DAN A. GWADOSKY
 Secretary of State

**At the conclusion of the recount, the vote was as follows: Fuller, Elaine 2155; Moody, Stanley A. 2156. At this time 10 ballots remain in dispute. Therefore, the outcome of election is not yet determined.

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

For the purpose of ascertaining the presence of a quorum, a certified roll of the Representatives-elect was called by the Clerk of the House of the One Hundred and Twentieth Legislature.

The elected membership of the House being 151 and 148 members-elect having answered to their names, a quorum was found to be present.

Absent were: Representative-Elect ADAMS of Portland
 Representative-Elect BRYANT-DESCHENES of Turner
 Representative-Elect MARLEY of Portland

The Following Communication: (H.C. 2)
BUREAU OF CORPORATIONS, ELECTIONS AND COMMISSIONS
DEPARTMENT OF
THE SECRETARY OF STATE

November 22, 2002
 Honorable Millicent M. MacFarland
 Clerk of the House
 2 State House Station
 Augusta, ME 04333-0002

Dear Clerk MacFarland:

At the conclusion of the recount for Representative to the Legislature, District 80, on November 20, 2002, the final count was as follows:

Stanley A. Moody	2,156
Elaine Fuller	2,155
Disputed ballots	10

Because there are enough disputed ballots to affect the result of the election, the Maine Constitution, Article IV, Part First, Section 5, requires that the Maine House of Representatives determine the outcome of the election.

The State Police are in custody of the materials related to this election. The disputed ballots are segregated in their own tamper-proof container and can be provided to you separately from the remainder of the ballots and other materials if that is your preference.

Please contact me at 624-7734 at your earliest convenience to make arrangements for the transmittal of the recount materials.

Sincerely,
 S/Julie L. Flynn
 Deputy Secretary of State
 2002 General Election Recount Supervisor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

On motion of Representative-Elect RICHARDSON of Brunswick, the following House Order: (H.O. 1)

WHEREAS, at the conclusion of the recount of the election result in District 80, there were enough disputed ballots to affect the result of the election; and

WHEREAS, the Maine Constitution, Article IV, Part First, Section 5, therefore requires that the Maine House of Representatives determine the outcome of the election; and

WHEREAS, the House does not now determine this disputed election and does not now declare that any candidate was duly elected to the House seat in District 80; now, therefore, be it

ORDERED, that Stanley A. Moody of Manchester be administered an oath of office and be permitted to temporarily assume a seat pending further action and determination and declaration of that determination by majority vote of the House, after further consideration by this House, determination of the disputed election, and declaration of the results thereof.

READ and PASSED.

On motion of Representative-Elect RICHARDSON of Brunswick, Representative-Elect CLARK of Millinocket, Representative-Elect COWGER of Hallowell, Representative-Elect DUNLAP of Old Town, Representative-Elect GOODWIN of Pembroke, Representative-Elect McGLOCKLIN of Embden, Representative-Elect McKEE of Wayne, Representative-Elect McNEIL of Rockland, Representative-Elect MURPHY of Kennebunk, Representative-Elect O'BRIEN of Augusta and Representative-Elect SNOWE-MELLO of Poland were appointed a Committee to wait upon the Governor and inform him that a quorum of the members of the House of Representatives-Elect had assembled in the Hall of the House of Representatives and requested his attendance to administer to them the oaths required by the Constitution to qualify them to enter upon the discharge of their official duties.

Subsequently, Representative-Elect CLARK of Millinocket reported that the Committee had delivered the message with which it was charged.

The Governor, the Honorable ANGUS S. KING, JR., entered and administered to the members-elect and they subscribed the oaths required by the Constitution to qualify them to discharge their official duties.

Governor KING: The first order of business to swear in the members of the 121st Legislature of the House of Representatives. I first want to advise all of you that there are two oaths when you join public service in Maine. There are two separate oaths so don't quit on me in the middle. If the new members would rise, raise your hands and repeat after me.

I, (members stated their names) do swear, that I will support the Constitution of the United States and of this state, so long as I shall continue a citizen thereof. So help me God.

I, (members stated their names) do swear, that I faithfully discharge to the best of my abilities, the duties incumbent upon me as a Representative of the 121st Legislature of the State of Maine, according to the Constitution and the laws of this state. So help me God.

Congratulations!

I am looking at this script. It says that the Governor enters, administers the oath, subscribes the oath to qualify them and then it says the Governor retires. In this case that is almost literally true.

I want to just take a moment to welcome the new members who are joining this august body. I spoke briefly last night at the dinner and I don't want to repeat myself, but I do want to congratulate you and thank you and particularly thank the families of the new members and the returning members for the commitment that you are making to the State of Maine. This is not easy work. More than once I have come home to Mary and said that this democracy stuff is tough. It is important. It is sacred work. It is representing the interests of the broad diversity of the people of the State of Maine, all sections of the state, all types of people, all ages of people, all businesses and all working people. It is a heavy responsibility and it is a wonderful one. I think it is important at a moment like this to pause and reflect upon how significant this is. In countries around the world the peaceful transfer of power, which we are having a little trouble with at the other end of the hall, I couldn't resist, is what marks us as a civilized society. It is an amazing thing and it doesn't happen everywhere. It is something that we should treasure and

value. This is one of those magic moments in a democracy when something happens to begin a new process of self-government.

Again, I want to thank you, welcome you, congratulate you and wish you God speed in your important work. Thank you so much for taking on this work on behalf of the people of Maine.

At the conclusion of the address and the oath of office, the Governor withdrew amid applause, the audience rising.

On motion of Representative McKEE of Wayne, Representative PARADIS of Frenchville, Representative LEMOINE of Old Orchard Beach, Representative PERRY of Bangor, Representative YOUNG of Limestone, Representative BERRY of Belmont and Representative CARR of Lincoln were appointed a Committee to receive, sort and count votes for the Speaker.

The CLERK: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Wayne, Representative McKee.

Representative MCKEE: Madame Clerk, I rise to nominate Patrick E. Colwell of Gardiner for the office of Speaker of the House.

Thank you, Madame Clerk. Madame Clerk, Men and Women of the House, it is a great honor and privilege to place the name of Patrick Colwell in nomination for Speaker of the House. He is a highly principled man who has shown through his six years as the Representative from Gardiner that he is eminently qualified for this highest position of leadership. He is knowledgeable about the process, is disciplined, confident, and articulate. He exhibits a genuine concern for others, is adept at building consensus, and represents the highest ideals of a public servant.

In this Patrick Colwell will be asked to assume an awesome task: leading this body through two challenging sessions, ensuring that the work of this body is timely, efficient, and productive, that all business is conducted with order and decorum, continuing the national reputation of the Maine House of Representatives where citizens can be proud of their representatives. He will determine the makeup of all committees where House members serve and lead these committees to successful completion of their work. And he will be here with this 151-member body through it all, even if it means standing at the rostrum for many hours at a time, facilitating our debate in a fair manner, and never failing to conduct himself with the utmost civility. I know that he can perform his duties because I have observed firsthand for the past six years the leadership style of Patrick Colwell.

In 1996 as we began our legislative careers, Pat took the advice of veterans seriously. Unlike some of us who rose often, Pat rose only occasionally, speaking only when his knowledge of an issue advanced the debate and especially as it pertained to the Utilities Committee where he sat. He was a listener, a calm, affable, and optimistic person. Whether he knew it or not, he was laying the foundation for leadership: You can't be a good leader and ask people to follow unless you yourself know how to follow. He distinguished himself that session by demonstrating patience in conversations, thinking before speaking or acting, and exercising restraint when debates occasionally became heated. One of the highlights of that session was the ability of his committee, the Utilities Committee to reach a unanimous report on electricity de-regulation, thus making our work far easier than it might have been. He had obviously witnessed good role models of committee behavior.

It was also clear that session that Pat Colwell was real. He had a life before he arrived here, a life he loved, and it was a man

with diverse interests we were seeing, a Maine man, a man who owned his own small business, a tile company, who had deep Maine roots, who loved to fly fish, hunt, and even had his own band. He loved music and words and showed a zest for life and a love of his family. The politically correct term, I suppose, is "Renaissance man," but I prefer to call him simply a "true Maine man". One who is proud of doing things for himself, treating his neighbor right, making time for life's pleasures, always willing to help out anytime he is needed. And it was because of his great love of people and this state that he decided to first run for the Gardiner seat, a town where he had spent many long evenings serving as a member of the Town Council. Not surprisingly, Pat Colwell became one of the most well liked members of this body.

With this foundation Pat began his ascent to leadership, first serving under the good Speaker of the House, Speaker Saxl, as his right hand man in the majority corner as the assistant majority leader, and then becoming the Majority Leader in the 120th Legislature. It was in this role that I began to deeply appreciate his leadership style.

First, he has excellent communication skills, an absolute necessity for effective leadership. Whether he was speaking to our caucus or speaking to the press, he made me proud to be a Representative, for his respectful, knowledgeable, deferential style helped to get his message across and motivate others to act. Second, his inclusive approach made us all feel as if we were at the heart of things, that we made a difference to the success of this institution. When that happened, we felt like our work had meaning. A basic building block of communication is that feeling that every human being is unique and has value and can contribute to the goals of an institution. Third, we began to see that Pat now had the respect necessary to advance many of the things that both we and he cared deeply about. With his domestic violence bill, he galvanized our efforts to begin to seriously address this problem. At the heart of leadership is this ability to confront the problems of the time. Like the tiles that he had learned to lay carefully and skillfully, Pat laid the foundation for the elimination of domestic violence in our state. Then there were other successful legislative efforts and advocacy, for the pension exemption bill, for the Homestead exemption, the Start Me Right Program, and Cub Care to name a few that he championed.

We greatly admire and respect Patrick Colwell and know that he will be remembered as a strong, effective, skillful, and kind leader and consensus-builder who will courageously seize the opportunity to make Maine a better place for all of us. Please join me in casting your ballot for our friend and colleague, Patrick Colwell.

Representative McKEE of Wayne moved that the name of PATRICK COLWELL of Gardiner be placed in nomination for the Speaker of the House.

The CLERK: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Frenchville, Representative Paradis.

Representative **PARADIS**: Mr. Speaker, Men and Women of the House. I rise to second the nomination of Patrick Colwell for Speaker of the House. It is indeed an honor and a privilege to nominate Patrick Colwell for Speaker of the House. My first impression of Pat was very positive. I first met him in the Clerk's Office in the summer of 2000. He came across as a very sincere and very warm person and a good listener. Since then I have come to admire and respect Pat for his qualities and strengths. Pat is an effective leader. His tenure as Majority Leader has been smooth and productive. He has brought cohesion to the House. He has traveled the length of the state several times to help fellow legislators. He even totaled a truck this summer. Thank God he came out of that unscathed.

Pat is a consensus maker. As is often said, politics is the art of compromise. Pat has worked well with Republican leadership, earning their respect for his willingness to forge alliances for the good of the state. As Speaker, Pat will continue to work well with Republicans, Greens, Independents as well as Democrats. Pat is a passionate and eloquent speaker on critical issues such as domestic violence, health care and worker's rights. Some of the most memorable speeches of the 120th Legislature emanated from right here in this corner.

Pat is also willing to admit his mistakes. It takes a man to do that. I really respect that in Pat. Pat has gone through an apprenticeship of sorts for the past few years working closely with a very solid mentor, Speaker Saxl. Pat is now ready to pick up the helm. By temperament and training, Patrick Colwell, is ready to be our next Speaker. He deserves our overwhelming approval. I encourage you to join me in voting for Patrick Colwell for Speaker of the House. Thank you.

Representative **PARADIS** of Frenchville seconded the motion.

Representative **LEMOINE** of Old Orchard Beach moved that nominations cease.

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Raymond, Representative Bruno.

Representative **BRUNO**: Mr. Speaker, Men and Women of the House. Moving forward in the spirit of bipartisanship, it is an honor to hold the office of Speaker of the House, representing all the people of Maine. The predecessor of this position, the good Representative from Portland, Mike Saxl, understood the integrity of this institution. He understood the integrity of his position. He presided over this body as something that not many people have the opportunity to do. The ones that have held this office understand that you are held to a higher standard of integrity and fairness. Your word is very important in achieving that goal. Your predecessors change from being partisan leaders to being a strong leader of everyone, treating everyone fairly and even handed. He understood that the duties of the office are different than being a partisan leader. I know that the new Speaker will follow in those footsteps of honor, integrity and keeping his word. With that, Madam Clerk, I move that the Committee cast one vote for the House for Patrick Colwell of Gardiner for Speaker of the House.

On motion of Representative **BRUNO** of Raymond, the Committee cast one vote for the House for **PATRICK COLWELL**.

The Honorable **MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND**, Clerk of the House of the 120th Maine Legislature, administered the necessary oath of office to qualify the Speaker of the House to enter upon the discharge of his official duties.

The House was called to order by Speaker Patrick Colwell, of Gardiner.

At this point, pursuant to House Rule 201, the Speaker addressed the House.

Speaker **COLWELL**: Pursuant to House Rule 201, it is my great privilege and honor to address the members of the 121st House of Representatives. I want to thank all of you for entrusting me with this great honor.

It means a lot to me that men and women elected from cities and towns all across Maine have come together and given me such a vote of confidence. I promise, I won't let you down.

I also want to take this opportunity to thank the voters of my hometown, Gardiner. This day would not be possible without your continued support over the years. Finally, I want to thank some very special people who are here with me today. My mother Mary, is a retired teacher, a hospice volunteer, and an active and involved mother and grandmother. She taught by example the importance of education, of public service, and most of all, of family. My son Patrick came all the way from Colorado. He got a little hung up in our air transport system. I think he came just to make sure I didn't blow it! Patrick is a terrific young man thanks for being here with me, Patrick. And my wife Becky who has been recognized for her work in the field of home healthcare and hospice. Becky's enduring commitment to help those in need has been a constant inspiration to me of what politics is all about. Lastly, Becky's personal support and, most of all, her endless patience, has made it possible for me to have a happy family life as well as a busy political life. Thank you so much, Darling for your belief and support. My sister Jennifer, my brothers Bob and Bill, and Becky's mother Judy is here. I'm so glad you could be here.

Now let me tell you how I see the challenge we all face in the coming two years. People always told me that I'd have trouble in politics because I was too plain spoken. And I'm here today to tell you that I am plain spoken. I've made my living for the last 15 years as a tile contractor. Not in politics. I'm not a lawyer. I'm a tiler, and I'm a fly fisherman. One of my favorite activities is fly fishing. Ok, "favorite" is an understatement. The outgoing Speaker, Mike Saxl, would say that perhaps I am obsessed. Fly fishing takes over my life from April to September every year, although it won't for the next two years. There's nothing more beautiful than the light on old stream in Washington County on an early June morning. When you go out there you test your skill. Once you're there - every day, every hour, conditions change, and you have to make adjustments. The light shifts. The shade lines move. The breeze changes direction. The current speeds up or slows down. Different bugs appear, then suddenly disappear. The river is in constant change. Your job as a fisherman - is to make the right adjustments. It is to pick the right fly. To cast that fly in exactly the right spot. To know when to be patient and when to pack up and go home. A fisherman must know how to listen to nature.

The same quality comes into play here in the Legislature. The challenge here is not catching fish but ensuring a balanced budget, a better health care system. But listening and adjusting are just as important here. Every day, every hour, the environment changes. We need to listen to each other, and adjust. Above all, it is the job of the Speaker to listen to everyone. It will be my job as Speaker of the House to listen to the concerns of those of you from rural areas where businesses are closing up. It will be my job to listen to those of you from southern towns who feel overrun by new development. To listen to those in need as well as those with new ideas. It will be my job to listen to Republicans, Democrats, Greens and Independents. As Speaker of the House I will work to create the best possible conditions for all of us to work together. So we can catch that fish, so we can pass that bill.

To do this I will look for help from my friend, Joe Bruno, whose experience in leading his caucus and with his service on the Appropriations Committee will make him a great resource.

I will also look to John Richardson, with his expertise in economic development and working with the business community

to move ahead with issues like tax reform, an issue that I know is near and dear to a man like David Bowles, who served very ably on the Taxation Committee and made difficult votes last session to move forward on tax reform.

But in my short years in politics, this is what I have learned. And I want to share it with you. No matter what we think we do. In the end this is what the Maine people care about. They don't really care if any of us are liberal or conservative or Democrat or Republican or Green or Independent. They just want one thing. They want us to get it done. They just want us to get the job done. Pass the budget. Promote jobs. Support our schools. Care for the elderly. Protect those that can't protect themselves. Get it done. Don't posture. Don't play games. Just get it done. Getting it done is what my speakership will be all about.

I am lucky to have worked side by side with three great speakers - Libby Mitchell, Steve Rowe, and my good friend Mike Saxl. Libby Mitchell showed me that you can always be agreeable in politics, no matter how deeply your disagreement went. Steve Rowe taught me that our job as state representatives is to always remember that we must be statesmen. Mike Saxl showed me that a tough budget situation doesn't mean that progress can't be made. Mike Saxl made a commitment to people suffering from domestic violence and he kept that promise. I was proud to help him in that and I intend to keep our promise over the next two years. Mike showed with his small business health insurance plan that legislators can be creative, can address big problems, can help the economy, can help solve the health care crisis, without spending the treasury dry. That's the kind of creativity we will need in every area of state government this year. Thank you, Mike, for your leadership and thank you for your friendship.

Yes, we have a challenging year ahead with the shortfall. But we can continue to keep our commitments. We can continue to be creative and solve problems. In fact, I believe that a budget crisis is an opportunity, it is a chance to do things differently. It is a chance to break out of the rut, to make some tough decisions that may have been politically unacceptable before, to make fundamental reforms.

You know, some people have come up to me in recent days and said they feel sorry for us in the Legislature. They say things like "gee, Pat, it won't be easy, are you sure you want that job? It will be tough." I don't feel that way. No, our jobs aren't tough. Tough is getting up at 5 a.m. and punching a clock at a mill. Tough is helping a family cope with Alzheimer's disease. Tough is making the lobster boat payments after the season is over. Tough is what Maine working people do every day. The list goes on and on.

Let me tell you showing up here in the Legislature and working together to solve problems, that isn't tough. It's an honor. It's a privilege. We can succeed together and get it done. But we're going to have to re-create the way we do things.

All over Maine, towns have been re-creating themselves. I grew up in Gardiner, a town that had three shoe shops, a textile mill and a paper mill. They're all gone now. But today we have outstanding schools, a revitalized downtown, a new business park. Young families are being drawn back to Gardiner. We have a new civic spirit! And we have done all of that while we lowered property tax rates. Many of these changes are due to the leadership of my friend, Mayor Brian Rines, who is here with us today. Thank you for making my community a really wonderful place. Gardiner re-created itself. And now we must re-create state government.

The place to start is with the antiquated tax system that has led to a roller coaster of surpluses and shortfalls and unfairly burdened many homeowners and businesses in this state. We

all know the problem. This year there are several groups with good ideas for reforms. This is something that we can all join in together to accomplish, Republicans and Democrats, business and labor, everyone, because it is in all of our interests to have an efficient, predictable, stable, competitive and fair tax system.

We also must re-create state government in order to reform health care programs and support economic development efforts. We must maintain the good things we have, like a public school system that ranks among the top in the nation and our strong commitment to the elderly and others in need.

Governor-elect John Baldacci has made important proposals in his campaign to reform state government. But he also knows that Maine leads the nation in many ways. John knows that we need to maintain those areas where we have succeeded. At this very moment his transition team is working up additional ideas. I look forward to receiving Governor-elect Baldacci's proposals and working with him, and all of you, to achieve their passage. I have great confidence in him. John knows what life is about. He has common sense. John Baldacci wasn't born with a silver spoon in his mouth. Mamma Baldacci was right there, and though she has now passed on, she taught her son right. John Baldacci has the work ethic we need to put Maine first and this Legislature will work with him to get it done.

Let me conclude by saying something about a person who is not here in body, but whose spirit I feel every day of my life. My father, Ralph, some of you knew him. He grew up in Eastport, he worked in his father's restaurant, the Waco Diner. He worked his way through Orono and through grad school in Texas to become a social worker. He always remembered, and treasured, where he came from. He never cared about money or status or material things. He cared about people. He understood that everyone deserved to be treated with dignity, from the Native Americans he befriended as a boy in Eastport, to the poor whites, Mexicans and African Americans he worked with in Texas, and finally, to the people he served as head of Maine's Food Stamp Program.

My father always stood up for the underdog and never was afraid of anyone. He treated governors and welfare moms with the same genuine interest and respect. He knew what was important in life. Six years ago when I was first elected to the Legislature my dad was here to see me sworn in, even though he was very sick. He died a few weeks later. But that day, after I was sworn in he looked at me and said, "Always keep the people in your heart and remember that your job is to make Maine a better place to live every single day that you're here." That's what my dad told me. I will never forget it. "Always keep the people in your heart and remember that your job is to make Maine a better place to live every single day that you're here."

With your help, that's what will guide me every single day for the next two years. Together, we will make Maine a better place to live. Thank you very much.

On motion of Representative BULL of Freeport, Representative LERMAN of Augusta, Representative COWGER of Hallowell, Representative THOMPSON of China, Representative LEDWIN of Holden and Representative JODREY of Bethel were appointed a Committee to receive, sort and count votes for the Clerk of the House.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Brunswick, Representative Richardson.

Representative **RICHARDSON**: Mr. Speaker, Men and Women of the House. It is my pleasure to nominate Millie MacFarland to serve another term as Clerk of the Maine House of Representatives.

Millie has served admirably in the last two years as Clerk of the House. And, though she has served in that particular office for just two short years, Millie served as the Assistant Clerk for many years under the supervision of Joe Mayo. No one is better prepared to assume this duty, especially given the difficult challenges that lie ahead, than Millie and she has proven that she is more than up to the task and her experience will service all very well.

Millie has an encyclopedic knowledge of parliamentary procedure. There is no greater resource than Millie for questions on procedural matters.

As I mentioned, Millie has served this body for "several" years now, though I'm told she looks as young and energetic as the day she first walked into this building. It will be Millie's experience that will provide us with the institutional memory that is so crucial to the well being of the Legislature. She knows our names. She knows our towns. She knows the citizens that we serve and everyone has her respect.

Millie is fair and she is even tempered. She is also easy to embarrass. If she looks red over there, you know why. She hates to have people talk about her. She goes out of her way to make sure that every member of this body is treated with fairness. She possesses integrity and she demonstrates it regardless of their party affiliation.

Millie is professional. She is dignified. She is calm under pressure. And she works extremely hard so that we all look good. Please, join me in supporting my friend, Millie MacFarland for Clerk of the House.

Representative RICHARDSON of Brunswick moved that the name of MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND of Augusta be placed in nomination for the Clerk of the House.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Rockland, Representative McNeil.

Representative **MCNEIL**: Mr. Speaker, I second the nomination of Millie MacFarland. Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, the words that Representative Richardson spoke about Millie are very, very true. We are very fortunate to have someone of Millicent MacFarland's professional capabilities in this chamber. She has proven herself in this chamber as a very capable Clerk having followed in the footsteps of her mentor and beloved friend, Joseph Mayo. He was a friend to all of us. She has continued to run this chamber in a manner that would make Joe very proud. I know we will all benefit from Millie's knowledge and expertise as we serve in the 121st Legislature. Please join me in voting for Millicent MacFarland as our Clerk of the House. Thank you.

Representative McNEIL of Rockland seconded the motion.

Representative KOFFMAN of Bar Harbor moved that nominations cease.

On motion of Representative BOWLES of Sanford, the Committee cast one vote for the House for MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND.

The Speaker of the House administered the necessary oath of office to qualify the Clerk of the House to enter upon the discharge of her official duties.

On motion of Representative HUTTON of Bowdoinham, Representative CLARK of Millinocket, Representative LAVERRIERE-BOUCHER of Biddeford, Representative LESSARD of Topsham, Representative DUPREY of Hampden and Representative TOBIN of Windham were appointed a

Committee to receive, sort and count votes for Assistant Clerk of the House.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Westbrook, Representative Duplessie.

Representative **DUPLESSIE**: Mr. Speaker, I move that the name of David C. Shiah of Bowdoinham be placed in nomination for Assistant Clerk of the House of Representatives. After serving as Assistant Clerk for the past two years, David Shiah has shown that he is more than capable of handling the many varied tasks of the Assistant Clerk position. He treats all members of the House with equal respect and commitment. David has been a personal friend of mine, close to 20 years. He is also a former member of this House. David knows the needs and demands of the House members very well. He has a thorough grasp of the House and Joint Rules as well as a growing understanding of Mason's rules. David is level headed, good natured and always willing to assist House members with any problem. He and Millie make a great team running the day-to-day affairs of this House. Again, it is a great pleasure to nominate David C. Shiah of Bowdoinham for the position of Assistant Clerk of the House for the 121st legislative session. Please join me in voting for David Shiah. Thank you.

Representative **DUPLESSIE** of Westbrook moved that the name of **DAVID C. SHIAH** of Bowdoinham be placed in nomination for Assistant Clerk of the House.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Bethel, Representative Jodrey.

Representative **JODREY**: Mr. Speaker, I rise to second the nomination of David Shiah for Assistant Clerk of the House. David has shown over the past two years that he thoroughly understands his job. He can handle the duties of the Assistant Clerk's position. He also understands the demands placed on the House members and is very willing to offer timely advice and constructive comments. He is always helpful, courteous and in good humor. David Shiah has experience and commitment to the Maine House that will again enable him to favorably discharge the duties of Assistant Clerk and assist Millie in keeping the machine running. Thank you.

Representative **JODREY** of Bethel seconded the motion.

Representative **GROSE** of Woolwich moved that nominations cease.

On motion of Representative **BRUNO** of Raymond, the Committee cast one vote for the House for **DAVID C. SHIAH**.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: (H.C. 4)

**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
SPEAKER'S OFFICE
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0002**

December 4, 2002

Mr. Michael J. Cote

2 State House Station

Augusta, ME 04333-0002

Dear Mike:

Pursuant to House Rule 201.11 (b), I am pleased to reappoint you as the Sergeant-at-Arms for the 121st Legislature.

On behalf of the entire House membership, I would like to express our gratitude to you for the professional manner in which you carry out your duties and responsibilities.

Sincerely,

S/Patrick Colwell

Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Speaker of the House administered the necessary oaths of office to qualify the Assistant Clerk of the House and the Sergeant-at-Arms to enter upon the discharge of their official duties.

On motion of Representative **DUPLESSIE** of Westbrook, Representative **BULL** of Freeport, Representative **GAGNE-FRIEL** of Buckfield, Representative **KANE** of Saco, Representative **MAILHOT** of Lewiston, Representative **O'NEIL** of Saco, Representative **USHER** of Westbrook, Representative **BRUNO** of Raymond, Representative **HONEY** of Boothbay, Representative **TOBIN** of Dexter and Representative **TREADWELL** of Carmel were appointed a Committee to notify the Governor of the organization of the House.

On motion of Representative **RICHARDSON** of Brunswick, the following House Order: (H.O. 6)

ORDERED, that the House Rules of the 120th Maine House of Representatives shall be the House Rules of the 121st Maine House of Representatives.

READ and PASSED.

ORDERS

On motion of Representative **RICHARDSON** of Brunswick, the following House Order: (H.O. 7)

ORDERED, that Representative Patrick Colwell of Gardiner be declared Speaker of the House of Representatives for a term to expire on December 1, 2004; and be it further

ORDERED, that Millicent M. MacFarland of Augusta be declared Clerk of the House of Representatives for a term to expire on December 1, 2004; and be it further

ORDERED, that David C. Shiah of Bowdoinham be declared Assistant Clerk of the House of Representatives for a term to expire on December 1, 2004.

READ and PASSED.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: (H.C. 5)

**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
SPEAKER'S OFFICE
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0002**

December 4, 2002

Honorable Millicent M. MacFarland

Clerk of the House

121st Legislature

Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Madam Clerk:

Pursuant to my Authority under House Rule 201.1 (J), I have appointed the following Representatives to the House Committee on Elections:

David G. Lemoine, Old Orchard Beach, Chair

Matthew Dunlap, Old Town

William S. Norbert, Portland

Janet L. McLaughlin, Cape Elizabeth

Richard W. Rosen, Bucksport

Joshua A. Tardy, Newport

S. Peter Mills, Cornville

Joan Bryant-Deschenes, Turner

Sincerely,
S/Patrick Colwell
Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

ORDERS

On motion of Representative RICHARDSON of Brunswick, the following House Order: (H.O. 8)

ORDERED, that the House Committee on Elections is authorized to hire independent counsel to assist it in the conduct of its business, subject to the approval of the Speaker of the House; and be it further

ORDERED, that the Committee shall issue its report by January 8, 2003.

READ and PASSED.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 3)

STATE OF MAINE

Office of the Secretary of State

December 4, 2002

To the Speaker of the House in the One Hundred and Twenty-first Legislature:

I, DAN A. GWADOSKY, Secretary of State, in accordance with the Constitution and laws of the State of Maine, having tabulated the returns of the votes cast for State Representatives at the General Election held on the fifth day of November in the year Two Thousand and Two;

REPORT AS FOLLOWS; that the following named persons having received a plurality of the votes cast, appear to have been elected:

REPRESENTATIVE TO THE LEGISLATURE

District 1	
LANCASTER, JOANN O., Kittery.....	1,336
WHEELER, WALTER A. SR., Kittery	1,790
District 2	
ANDREWS, MARY A., York.....	3,906
District 3	
FERNALD, PETER, Eliot.....	541
LEWIN, SARAH O., Eliot.....	1,929
MARKHAM, THOMAS F. JR., Eliot.....	1,469
District 4	
ABBOTT, BARRY, North Berwick	1,511
BROWN, RICHARD B., South Berwick.....	1,677
District 5	
STONE, OSCAR C., Berwick	1,265
WRIGHT, THOMAS J., Berwick.....	1,115
District 6	
COURTNEY, JONATHAN T.E., Sanford.....	1,757
STROHECKER, LINDA BOUCHER, Lebanon	1,130
District 7	
COLLINS, RONALD F., Wells	2,250
TOMAH, HARRY, Wells	1,979
District 8	
MURPHY, THOMAS W. JR., Kennebunk	4,167
District 9	
BOWLES, DAVID E., Sanford	2,160
WHITTIER, MATTHEW S., Sanford.....	951
District 10	
LANDRY, ROGER A., Sanford.....	1,606
LEWIS, MICHAEL A., Sanford	828
District 11	
CAMPBELL, JAMES J. SR., Newfield.....	2,353

SMITH, KENNETH L., Parsonsfield.....	1,571
District 12	
JACOBSEN, LAWRENCE E., Waterboro	1,920
TARAZEWICH, FRANK J., Waterboro	1,758
District 13	
DAIGLE, ROBERT A., Arundel.....	2,226
THOMAS, RANDA L., Hollis.....	1,407
District 14	
BRANDENSTEIN, ROBERT W., Buxton	1,581
BREAULT, BONITA J., Buxton.....	1,846
District 15	
O'NEIL, CHRISTOPHER P., Saco.....	3,306
District 16	
KANE, THOMAS J., Saco.....	2,765
District 17	
SULLIVAN, NANCY B., Biddeford	3,357
District 18	
LAVERRIERE-BOUCHER, MARIE, Biddeford	1,590
District 19	
TILLSON, RAYMOND B., Biddeford.....	1,178
TWOMEY, JOANNE T., Biddeford	2,225
District 20	
LEMOINE, DAVID, Old Orchard Beach.....	3,002
District 21	
CURLEY, DARLENE J., Scarborough.....	4,053
District 22	
CLOUGH, HAROLD A., Scarborough	2,885
NEEDHAM, EDWARD M., Gorham.....	1,448
District 23	
BARSTOW, CHRISTOPHER R., Gorham.....	2,047
HAMBLÉN, CALVIN H., Gorham.....	1,649
District 24	
BLISS, LAWRENCE, South Portland	2,107
ROSS, WAYNE H., South Portland	1,794
District 25	
MCLAUGHLIN, JANET L., Cape Elizabeth.....	2,498
SPRAGUE, PHINEAS, Cape Elizabeth	2,033
District 26	
MAIETTA, LOUIS B. JR., South Portland.....	2,378
ODENCRANTZ, SUSAN E., South Portland	327
District 27	
COLLINS, WILLIAM C., South Portland	1,150
GLYNN, KEVIN J., South Portland	1,376
District 28	
SYMBOL, EDWARD W., Westbrook	1,208
USHER, RONALD E., Westbrook.....	1,657
District 29	
BESSEY, ANTHONY J., Westbrook.....	1,394
DUPLESSIE, ROBERT W., Westbrook	2,070
District 30	
DUDLEY, BENJAMIN F., Portland	2,451
SPINNEY, JAMES K., Portland	614
District 31	
EDER, JOHN, Portland.....	1,796
GARRITY, DAVID J., Portland.....	981
District 32	
DOLBY, JOSHUA, Portland.....	303
MCDONOUGH, JOHN F., Portland	1,054
SUSLOVIC, EDWARD J., Portland	1,926
District 33	
ADAMS, HERBERT C., Portland.....	1,365
YATES, ANN B., Portland.....	462
District 34	
NORBERT, WILLIAM S., Portland.....	2,936
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BRANNIGAN, JOSEPH C., Portland.....	2,083	BOOTHBY, GENE W., Bremen.....	2,062
HAINS, ROBERT C., Portland.....	795	EARLE, WILLIAM M., Damariscotta.....	2,302
District 36		District 57	
FORBIS, SHARON, Portland.....	1,208	BROWN, DAVID M., Wiscasset.....	472
MARLEY, BOYD P., Portland.....	2,224	RINES, PETER L., Wiscasset.....	2,096
District 37		TARBOX, KARL F., Wiscasset.....	1,310
CUMMINGS, GLENN A., Portland.....	2,549	District 58	
WHEATLEY, THOMAS B., Portland.....	888	BONPASSE, MORRISON, Newcastle.....	1,199
District 38		HONEY, KENNETH A., Boothbay.....	3,378
BRUNO, JOSEPH, Raymond.....	2,344	District 59	
MCDERMOTT, FRANCIS, Raymond.....	1,704	TRAHAN, A. DAVID, Waldoboro.....	3,197
District 39		District 60	
TOBIN, DAVID L., Windham.....	3,197	JONES, WILLIAM I., Hope.....	1,412
District 40		O'HAVERTY, JAMES H., Hope.....	819
DAVIS, GERALD M., Falmouth.....	3,786	SUKEFORTH, GARY E., Union.....	1,786
HILDRETH, DANIEL, Falmouth.....	1,936	District 61	
District 41		RECTOR, CHRISTOPHER, Thomaston.....	2,146
AUSTIN, SUSAN M., Gray.....	2,450	SKOGLUND, JAMES G., St. George.....	1,660
BARTER, RICHARD F., Gray.....	1,457	District 62	
District 42		FLETCHER, KIM H., Rockland.....	842
MCKENNEY, TERRENCE P., Cumberland.....	4,445	MCNEIL, DEBORAH K., Rockland.....	1,631
District 43		District 63	
HAWES, SUSAN M., Standish.....	1,754	BOWEN, STEPHEN, Rockport.....	2,101
MOORE, GARY W., Standish.....	2,244	DORR, SUSAN, Camden.....	2,031
District 44		District 64	
ROBERTS, PAUL, Yarmouth.....	1,596	HEIDRICH, THEODORE H., Oxford.....	1,904
WOODBURY, RICHARD G., Yarmouth.....	2,625	MINER, DAVID C., Mechanic Falls.....	859
District 45		District 65	
MUSE, KEVIN, Fryeburg.....	1,739	JODREY, ARLAN R., Bethel.....	1,796
TURNER, MARLEE, Brownfield.....	1,279	POWELL, SHIRLEY M., Hanover.....	1,751
District 46		District 66	
CHAPPELL, JONATHAN B., Bridgton.....	306	BERTL, JOHN, New Portland.....	1,320
DUNNING, ROBERT K., Bridgton.....	843	MCGLOCKLIN, MONICA, Embden.....	1,810
REIMER, MARGARET R., Bridgton.....	756	District 67	
SYKES, RICHARD M., Harrison.....	1,886	HEMINGWAY, RONALD D., Dixfield.....	1,388
District 47		HOTHAM, RANDY E., Dixfield.....	1,479
CRESSEY, PHILIP A. JR., Baldwin.....	2,042	District 68	
POWERS, PETER, Naples.....	1,767	BAKER, MARILYN, Waterford.....	1,277
District 48		MILLETT, H. SAWIN JR., Waterford.....	1,792
BULL, THOMAS D., Freeport.....	2,394	District 69	
HEALY, MICHAEL T., Freeport.....	2,137	GAGNE, ROSITA, Buckfield.....	2,095
District 49		KNIGHTLY, DANA S., Paris.....	1,275
DUMONT, RONALD G., Brunswick.....	1,094	District 70	
RICHARDSON, JOHN G., Brunswick.....	1,884	CONARY, DAVID A., Woodstock.....	732
District 50		PATRICK, JOHN L., Rumford.....	2,302
GERZOFISKY, STANLEY J., Brunswick.....	1,946	District 71	
GILLIS, CODY A. SR., Brunswick.....	838	LEVINE, LAURIE LEE W., Poland.....	1,495
District 51		SNOWE-MELLO, LOIS A., Poland.....	2,434
PERCY, LEILA JANE, Phippsburg.....	2,574	District 72	
RICH, C. MATTHEW, Harpswell.....	1,841	HARTER, IDELLA M., Auburn.....	1,567
District 52		SHIELDS, THOMAS F., Auburn.....	2,074
ALEXANDER, ROGER F., Topsham.....	1,360	District 73	
LESSARD, PAUL J., Topsham.....	1,907	GERRY, BELINDA A., Auburn.....	629
District 53		SIMPSON, DEBORAH L., Auburn.....	896
BERRY, WILLIAM T., Bowdoinham.....	1,777	WHITE, CHANDLER W., Auburn.....	209
HUTTON, DEBORAH J., Bowdoinham.....	1,884	District 74	
District 54		LARLEE, JESSICA J., Auburn.....	1,368
KIERNAN, MICHAEL E., Bath.....	1,273	SAMPSON, SONYA G., Auburn.....	1,488
WATSON, THOMAS R., Bath.....	1,583	District 75	
District 55		BRYANT-DESCHENES, JOAN, Turner.....	1,765
ALBIS, JOHN F. SR., Woolwich.....	500	ST. ONGE, VIVIAN, Greene.....	1,519
GROSE, CAROL A., Woolwich.....	1,703	District 76	
KAHRL, FREDERICK J., Woolwich.....	1,572	CRANDALL, JESSE J., Mercer.....	1,137
District 56		PINEAU, RAYMOND, Jay.....	1,858
		REID, WILLIAM L., New Sharon.....	457

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 SAVIELLO, THOMAS, Wilton..... 2,369
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 HARVELL, LANCE E., Farmington 1,356
 MILLS, JANET T., Farmington 1,504
 District 79
 HALL, LEONARD G., Winthrop..... 1,341
 MCKEE, LINDA R., Wayne 2,328
 District 80
 FULLER, ELAINE, Manchester 2,152
 MOODY, STANLEY A., Manchester **2,154
 District 81
 RICHARDSON, MAITLAND E., Skowhegan..... 1,553
 TRACY, RICHARD H. C., Rome 1,548
 District 82
 GABEY, RUTH Z., West Gardiner..... 300
 MCCORMICK, EARLE L., West Gardiner 1,605
 MERRILL, FREDERICK E., West Gardiner..... 1,362
 RANSLOW, CHRISTOPHER D., Farmingdale..... 390
 District 83
 BICKFORD, RALPH W. JR., Monmouth 1,383
 SMITH, NANCY E., Monmouth 2,058
 District 84
 BERUBE, ROBERT A., Lisbon..... 1,481
 DANUSKI, DEBORAH L., Lisbon 1,165
 District 85
 KIRK, TERENCE W., Durham 1,844
 VAUGHAN, MICHAEL A., Durham 1,938
 District 86
 MAILHOT, RICHARD H., Lewiston 2,520
 District 87
 CARON, LARRY P., Lewiston..... 615
 WALCOTT, WILLIAM R., Lewiston 848
 District 88
 CARON, CLAUDETTE, Lewiston..... 1,246
 CRAVEN, MARGARET M., Lewiston 1,702
 District 89
 O'BRIEN, LILLIAN LAFONTAINE, Lewiston 896
 O'DOHERTY, BRIAN, Lewiston 476
 District 90
 MACDONALD, ROBERT E., Lewiston..... 1,038
 MAKAS, ELAINE, Lewiston..... 1,778
 District 91
 CHAPMAN, GREGORY G., Gardiner 988
 COLWELL, PATRICK, Gardiner..... 1,743
 District 92
 COWGER, SCOTT W., Hallowell..... 2,216
 YOUNG, PRISCILLA A., Hallowell 1,404
 District 93
 CONANT, CLINTON A., Canton 1,126
 JENNINGS, RODNEY C., Leeds 1,631
 District 94
 BROWNE, WILLIAM P., Vassalboro 1,727
 MITCHELL, CHARLES E., Vassalboro 1,685
 District 95
 HADLEY-ROOD, LINDA A., Augusta..... 1,085
 LERMAN, ARTHUR L., Augusta 1,443
 District 96
 MAYO-WESCOTT, MARY D., Augusta 938
 O'BRIEN, JULIE ANN, Augusta 1,755
 District 97
 KETTERER, SUSANNE P., Madison..... 2,116
 District 98
 HATCH, PAUL R., Skowhegan 1,008

POWERS, ELTON D., Skowhegan 910
 WOODARD, JOANNE M., Skowhegan 785
 District 99
 CANAVAN, MARILYN E., Waterville 1,438
 PELLETIER, GILMAN R., Waterville 776
 District 100
 DIESINGER, VIRGINIA L., Waterville 596
 MARRACHE, LISA T., Waterville 1,529
 District 101
 FINCH, EDWARD D., Fairfield 1,353
 HAGERTY, WILLIAM J., Fairfield 1,321
 District 102
 FLETCHER, KENNETH C., Winslow..... 1,888
 MATTHEWS, ZACHARY E., Winslow 1,335
 District 103
 MCLELLAN, DENNIS J., Oakland 1,594
 NUTTING, ROBERT W., Oakland 1,923
 District 104
 FITTS, STACEY ALLEN, Pittsfield 1,020
 MCGOWAN, BERNARD E., Pittsfield..... 1,812
 District 105
 ASH, WALTER E. JR., Belfast..... 2,005
 SAVITZ, JERRY, Northport 1,666
 District 106
 FARRINGTON, NEIL L., China..... 1,617
 THOMPSON, JUDD D., China 1,686
 District 107
 KAELIN, JEFFREY H., Winterport..... 1,881
 LOGAN, JULIE A., Winterport 1,574
 District 108
 CRAY, MICHAEL P., Palmyra 1,562
 MILLS, S. PETER, Cornville 1,698
 District 109
 BERRY, DONALD P. SR., Belmont 2,277
 MERRITHEW, JOHN S., Searsport..... 1,450
 District 110
 GARROLD, HEATHER E., Knox 250
 LARRABEE, GALEN D., Knox..... 1,429
 PIOTTI, JOHN F., Unity 1,809
 District 111
 JONES, SHARON LIBBY, Greenville 1,683
 RICHARDSON, EARL E., Greenville..... 1,716
 District 112
 ANNIS, JAMES D., Dover-Foxcroft 1,916
 HENDERSON, JOHN, Dover-Foxcroft 1,085
 District 113
 DUNBAR, KENDAL S., Bucksport..... 1,076
 ROSEN, RICHARD W., Bucksport 2,337
 District 114
 DUPREY, BRIAN M., Hampden 2,102
 POULIN, MARY E., Hampden 1,789
 District 115
 ROGERS, WILLIAM T. JR., Brewer 1,747
 SHERWOOD, EARL G., Brewer..... 1,551
 District 116
 LEDWIN, MARY ELLEN, Holden..... 2,370
 MARSHALL, STANLEY N. JR., Veazie 1,517
 District 117
 EVANS, JERRY M., Bangor 1,244
 FAIRCLOTH, SEAN, Bangor 1,938
 District 118
 LABRECQUE, JAMES C., Bangor 1,083
 PERRY, JOSEPH C., Bangor..... 1,883

District 119
 BLANCHETTE, PATRICIA A., Bangor..... 1,201
 STIMPSON, TINA M., Bangor..... 1,069
 District 120
 JACK, RONALD F., Bangor 893
 NORTON, JACQUELINE R., Bangor 1,622
 District 121
 DUNLAP, MATTHEW, Old Town 2,549
 District 122
 CURTIS, DONALD ISAAC, Levant 361
 GREELEY, CHRISTIAN DAVID, Levant 1,895
 THIEL, JAMES F., Kenduskeag..... 1,311
 District 123
 THOMAS, JONATHAN, Orono..... 1,351
 District 124
 THOMAS, RICHARD, Hermon..... 1,393
 TREADWELL, RUSSELL P., Carmel..... 2,283
 District 125
 PACKARD, JOYCE M., Newport..... 1,411
 TARDY, JOSHUA A., Newport..... 1,959
 District 126
 PEAKES, JAMES L., Dexter 828
 TOBIN, JAMES H. JR., Dexter..... 1,758
 District 127
 CROSTHWAITE, ROBERT H., Ellsworth..... 2,530
 FINK, JOHN, Ellsworth..... 1,505
 District 128
 CHURCHILL, EUGENE L., Orland..... 2,072
 SCHATZ, JAMES M., Blue Hill..... 1,957
 WEST, CHRISTINE A., Penobscot 689
 District 129
 PINGREE, HANNAH, North Haven..... 2,530
 STANLEY, FRANK, Tremont 1,575
 District 130
 KOFFMAN, THEODORE, Bar Harbor..... 2,450
 STANWOOD, ROBERT E., Southwest Harbor 1,897
 District 131
 DUGAY, EDWARD R., Cherryfield..... 1,846
 MOORE, ALFRED D. JR., Milbridge..... 1,248
 District 132
 BIERMAN, LEONARD EARL, Sorrento 1,944
 STONE, WILLIAM F., Gouldsboro 1,675
 District 133
 BAGLEY, KIM M., Machias 671
 CAMBRON, CHRISTOPHER PAUL, Jonesport..... 724
 PELLON, EDWARD, Machias..... 835
 District 134
 GOODWIN, ALBION D., Pembroke 2,317
 District 135
 MORRISON, JOHN, Baileyville..... 1,189
 PERRY, ANNE C., Calais 1,321
 District 136
 BUNKER, GEORGE H. JR., Kossuth Twp. 1,551
 MACDONALD, SHAWN, Lee 1,345
 District 137
 HASKELL, ANITA PEAVEY, Milford 1,672
 SANBORN, LAURA, Alton 1,402
 District 138
 CARR, RODERICK W., Lincoln 2,181
 KIRKPATRICK, DAVID F., Lincoln..... 631
 District 139
 DUPREY, GUY J. JR., Medway 1,847
 HARRIS, MURREL, Milo..... 1,142
 District 140

CLARK, JOSEPH E., Millinocket 1,868
 KALLGREN, STUART F., Indian Purchase Twp. 900
 District 141
 JOY, HENRY L., Crystal..... 1,399
 LANDRY, SALLY, Patten..... 1,250
 District 142
 MCGILLICUDDY, MAREN, Houlton 824
 SHERMAN, ROGER L., Hodgdon 1,685
 District 143
 HAGERMAN, GORDON L., Littleton 1,250
 WOTTON, RAYMOND, Littleton..... 1,306
 District 144
 BEATON, DUNCAN E., Easton 1,090
 LUNDEEN, JACQUELINE A., Mars Hill..... 1,677
 District 145
 DESCHESNE, DAVID R., Presque Isle 59
 DUNCAN, RICHARD H., Presque Isle 969
 FISCHER, JEREMY, Presque Isle 1,269
 District 146
 CHURCHILL, JOHN W., Washburn..... 1,456
 ST. PIERRE, THEODORE L., Woodland 1,200
 District 147
 BENNER, ARTHUR W., Caribou..... 1,108
 BENNETT, PHILIP R. JR., Caribou 1,269
 District 148
 YOUNG, FLORENCE T., Limestone 527
 District 149
 EDGECOMB, PETER, Caribou 796
 SMITH, WILLIAM J., Van Buren 1,089
 District 150
 PARADIS, ROSAIRE JR., Frenchville 2,538
 ST. PETER, RUDOLPH T., Guerette 592
 District 151
 JACKSON, TROY, Fort Kent..... 2,171
 MICHAUD, MARC E., Fort Kent 1,176
 I, DAN A. GWADOSKY, Secretary of State, hereby certify that the foregoing report is a true tabulation of the votes cast for State Representatives at the General Election, as reported to me on the returns from the cities, towns and plantations of the State.
 S/DAN A. GWADOSKY
 Secretary of State

** At the conclusion of the recount, the vote was as follows: Fuller, Elaine 2155; Moody, Stanley A. 2156. At this time 10 ballots remain in dispute. Therefore, the outcome of election is not yet determined.

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

On motion of Representative McLAUGHLIN of Cape Elizabeth, the following Joint Order: (H.P. 2)

ORDERED, the Senate concurring, that any Town or City Clerk or Board of County Commissioners may, upon written request to the Clerk of the House, receive without charge, copies of all printed bills, so that there may be available to the public during the legislative session a complete and convenient file of all printed bills; and be it further

ORDERED, that any tax supported public library may upon written request to the Clerk of the House receive without charge copies of all printed bills, so that there may be available to the public during the legislative session a complete and convenient file of all printed bills.

READ and PASSED.

Sent for concurrence. **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH.**

On motion of Representative RICHARDSON of Brunswick, the following Joint Order: (H.P. 3)

ORDERED, the Senate concurring, that the rooms in the State House and State Office Building occupied by the Legislature be reserved for hearing rooms for the One Hundred and Twenty-first and succeeding Legislatures and be released for other purposes only upon approval by the Chair of the Legislative Council.

READ and PASSED.

Sent for concurrence. **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH.**

On motion of Representative DUPLESSIE of Westbrook, the following House Order: (H.O. 2)

ORDERED, that each adjournment of the House be until 10 o'clock of the following morning unless otherwise ordered.

READ and PASSED.

On motion of Representative KOFFMAN of Bar Harbor, the following House Order: (H.O. 4)

ORDERED, that the remaining subordinate officers of the House be appointed to serve for the present biennium as follows: by the Clerk, a Chief Calendar Clerk, two Advance Journal and Calendar Clerks, a Roll Call and Amendment Clerk, a Journal Copy Clerk, a House Reporter, a Systems Support Coordinator, a Telephone Receptionist, and an Office Secretary; and be it further

ORDERED, that the Clerk is hereby authorized to accept resignations and fill any vacancies of said subordinate officers during the biennium.

READ and PASSED.

On motion of Representative TWOMEY of Biddeford, the following House Order: (H.O. 5)

ORDERED, that the Clerk of the House be authorized to invite the clergy of Augusta, Hallowell, and Gardiner to officiate as Chaplains of the House, or to invite clergy from other areas of the State as requested by any member of the House; and be it further

ORDERED, that all clergy acting as Chaplains of the House shall receive \$25 for each officiation, to be paid on payrolls to be approved by the Clerk of the House.

READ and PASSED.

Subsequently, Representative BULL of Freeport reported that the Committee had delivered the message with which it was charged.

On motion of Representative O'NEIL of Saco, the following Joint Order: (H.P. 1)

ORDERED, the Senate concurring, that the Speaker of the House is authorized, at his discretion, to permit radio or television in the Hall of the House of Representatives while the House is in session, or during joint conventions of the Legislature.

READ and PASSED.

Sent for concurrence. **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH.**

On motion of Representative GAGNE-FRIEL of Buckfield, the following Joint Order: (H.P. 4)

ORDERED, the Senate concurring, that there be prepared by the Legislative Information Office, under the direction of the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House, after adjournment of the present session, a Register of all the Bills and Resolves considered by both branches of the Legislature, showing the history and final disposition of each Bill and Resolve and that there be printed sufficient copies to meet the needs of the Legislature. A copy shall be mailed to each member and officer of the Legislature and the State Law and Legislative Reference Library.

READ and PASSED.

Sent for concurrence. **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH.**

On motion of Representative MAILHOT of Lewiston, the following House Order: (H.O. 3)

ORDERED, that the Clerk of the House be authorized and directed to furnish each member of the House with a copy of the Advance Journal and Calendar of the House, said copy to be on the desk of each member at the opening of each daily session.

READ and PASSED.

At this point, the Speaker appointed Representative DUPLESSIE of Westbrook to inform the Senate that the House was duly organized for business.

At this point, a message was received from the Senate, borne by Senator Treat of Kennebec of that body, that the Senate had been duly organized by the election of the Honorable Beverly Daggett as President, the Honorable Joy J. O'Brien as Secretary and the Honorable Judy DeFranco as Assistant Secretary, and the Senate was ready to transact such business as might come before it.

Subsequently, Representative DUPLESSIE of Westbrook reported that he had delivered the message with which he was charged.

At this point, a message came from the Senate, borne by Senator Treat of Kennebec of that body, proposing a Convention of both branches of the Legislature to be held at 2:00 o'clock in the Hall of the House for the purpose of electing an Attorney General, a Secretary of State and a State Treasurer.

Thereupon the House voted to concur in the proposal for a Joint Convention to be held at 2:00 o'clock and the Speaker appointed Representative RICHARDSON of Brunswick to convey this message to the Senate.

Subsequently, Representative RICHARDSON of Brunswick reported that he had delivered the message with which he was charged.

The House recessed until 1:50 p.m.

(After Recess)

The House was called to order by the Speaker.

The following items were taken up out of order by unanimous consent:

SENATE PAPERS

The following Joint Order: (S.P. 3)

ORDERED, the House concurring, that there be paid to the members of the Senate and the House of Representatives as advances on account of compensation established by statute, 11 payments on a biweekly basis commencing January 8, 2003, according to lists certified to the State Controller by the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House, respectively.

Came from the Senate, **READ** and **PASSED**.
READ and **PASSED** in concurrence.

The following Joint Order: (S.P. 4)

ORDERED, the House concurring, that the Executive Director of the Legislative Council be authorized and directed to prepare weekly, from expense accounts to be submitted to him by the members of the Senate and House, expense rosters showing the entitlement of each member for meals allowance and lodging reimbursement and to obtain approval thereof by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House, respectively, and deliver the same to the State Controller for processing and payment, in the manner and form recommended by the Joint Interim Committee of the 101st Legislature created to study and report on a method of implementing the administration of the provision of law relating to the mileage and expenses for members of the Legislature; and be it further

ORDERED, that the Executive Director of the Legislative Council be authorized and directed to provide the forms necessary for such purpose and provide suitable space in his office for the filing and safekeeping of all such expense accounts and other papers and records pertaining thereto.

Came from the Senate, **READ** and **PASSED**.
READ and **PASSED** in concurrence.

The following Joint Order: (S.P. 5)

ORDERED, the House concurring, that telephone service may be provided for each member of the Senate and House, and each Representative from the Indian Tribes at the Legislature, for a reasonable number of calls, of reasonable duration, as determined by the President of the Senate as to members of the Senate and the Speaker of the House as to members of the House of Representatives and Representatives from the Indian Tribes, to points within the limits of the State of Maine. The privilege granted to be a personal privilege not to be exercised by other than the members or representatives, that each member of the Senate and House, and each Representative from the Indian Tribes at the Legislature, may be provided with a prepaid phone card under the direction of the Secretary of the Senate and Clerk of the House, respectively; and be it further

ORDERED, that the President of the Senate or Speaker of the House, may upon a finding of abuse of the privilege of telephone service by a member of the Senate or a member of the House, respectively, temporarily suspend or terminate the privilege of said telephone service to that number.

Came from the Senate, **READ** and **PASSED**.
READ and **PASSED** in concurrence.

The following Joint Order: (S.P. 6)
ORDERED, the House concurring, that all printing and binding authorized by the Legislature shall be under the direction of the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House.

Came from the Senate, **READ** and **PASSED**.
READ and **PASSED** in concurrence.

The following Joint Order: (S.P. 7)

ORDERED, the House concurring, that the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House respectively, purchase such services, supplies and equipment as may be needed to carry on the business of the Senate and House, respectively.

Came from the Senate, **READ** and **PASSED**.
READ and **PASSED** in concurrence.

The following Joint Order: (S.P. 8)

ORDERED, the House concurring, that a sufficient number of the Legislative Record for the 121st Legislature be printed, one copy for each of the members of the Senate and the House of Representatives who so desires, the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House. The remainder to be deposited with the State Law Librarian for exchange and library use; and be it further

ORDERED, that suitable index be prepared for such Legislative Record, under the direction of the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House.

Came from the Senate, **READ** and **PASSED**.
READ and **PASSED** in concurrence.

The following Joint Order: (S.P. 1)

ORDERED, the House concurring, that the Joint Rules of the 120th Maine Legislature shall be the Joint Rules of the 121st Maine Legislature.

Came from the Senate, **READ** and **PASSED**.
READ and **PASSED** in concurrence.

At this point, the Speaker recognized the Representative from Portland, Representative Herbert Adams and he was added to the quorum call of the First Regular Session of the 121st Legislature.

Subsequently, Representative Herbert Adams was assigned to Seat number 114.

At this point, the Senate came and a Joint Convention was formed.

In Convention

The President of the Senate, the Honorable Beverly C. Daggett, in the Chair.

The Convention was called to order by the Chairman.

The CHAIR: Nominations are now in order for the Office of Secretary of State for the political years 2003 and 2004.

The Chair recognizes the Representative from Old Town, Representative Dunlap.

Representative **DUNLAP**: I rise today with the singular honor of placing in nomination Dan A. Gwadosky, of Fairfield, for Secretary of State for the 121st Legislature.

The constitutional duties of the Secretary of State are laid out in four neat paragraphs. Essentially they boil down to this; "carefully keep and preserve the records of all the official acts and proceedings of the Governor, Senate and House of Representatives..." and other such duties as the law may require.

I think it safe to say that our expectations of this office have become rather high. The Secretary of State oversees the state Archives, the Bureau of Corporations, Elections and Commissions, and the Bureau of Motor Vehicles. The duties of this office are great, and Dan Gwadosky's plate would be considered full indeed if all he was charged with was running a vital agency of 450 employees.

Dan Gwadosky, however, has done more with this office than just run it.

He has fairly driven the standard of services to Maine citizens upward and forward into the 21st century, and has embraced the tools of technology to make government a better tool for the people.

Dan's work as chair of InforME, the Information Resource of Maine, has brought important public records to the fingertips of citizens who need them.

He has led initiatives such as Rapid Renewal, removing the need for hard-working Mainers to take vacation time to register their vehicles, as I have done, and allowing them to utilize the convenience of the Internet to complete these types of transactions. Businesses have benefited greatly from Secretary Gwadosky's energy, as well; UCC Online allows for uniform commercial code liens to be filed online, saving expensive business time. Also saving time and money, Corporate Interactive Services provides instant access for corporate information and documents.

Dan Gwadosky understands where Maine needs to go in the 21st century, but he also understands the importance of knowing where we've been. His support for the Communities in the New Century program has been without equal, funding historic preservation grants in 106 communities to date, including my own. Dan has not striven to preserve our history in a box of dust; he has constantly fanned the flame of the past with the winds of the present. The "Vote in Honor of a Veteran" program not only encourages the importance of the civic act, it serves as a reminder how fragile our rights are, and how so many have fought and died to preserve them. So popular has this program been, Dan Gwadosky has taken it a step further, and the book "Maine Remembers Those Who Served" has been produced, and is a must read for anyone who questions why they should bother to vote.

Increasing efficiency and service within the Bureau of Motor Vehicles has been a quiet hallmark of Dan Gwadosky's service as Secretary of State. Gone are the days when it might take months to receive a vehicle title. Now it's less than 10 days. New digital licenses make it easier to get a picture of yourself you can live with, and the information is better secured, as well. The Secretary of State's Office very ably not only issues dozens of different license plates, including two new ones authorized by the Legislature last year, as I mentioned earlier with Rapid Renewal, it's easier to re-register them too.

Dan Gwadosky's drive for better services for Maine people doesn't stop at simple efficiencies and creative uses for technology. He led a 1998 task force on young drivers that proposed and implemented the most sweeping changes to Maine's driver education, licensing and testing program in 40 years. And he's the first one to say that more could be done. Dan Gwadosky has used the office of Secretary of State to solve problems, and has done so with a robust mix of caring and daring.

He developed legislation under the Address Confidentiality Program to provide help to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking with specialized mailing addresses to help these most vulnerable citizens escape their tormenters.

There's more to his work than problem solving and intervention, though.

There's the FYI program, fostering youth involvement, promoting civic awareness and participation. The Constitution Poster and Essay contest and the Eighth Grade Citizenship Award do much to bring our young people forward into the exciting world of civic leadership, something he knows a great deal about, having been in the legislature for many years, serving last as Speaker of the House. His rich civic involvement, including the Thomas College board of trustees, the state YMCA advisory board, the KVTC advisory board and his strong work as president of the NASS, serves not only as a model for Maine's youth, but for us as well.

Dan Gwadosky has done much as Secretary of State. What I have mentioned is only a partial list. And if it were only a list of accomplishments we were being asked to vote on today, the choice would still be a simple one. But there is one more reason to vote for Dan Gwadosky today as Secretary of State.

It's his love for the people of Maine.

When I first met Dan Gwadosky in 1996, he was the Speaker of the House. Being new to this business, I was careful to listen closely to the words of advice that an outgoing speaker had for a new member. He had much to add to my new experience working for the people of the state of Maine. The way he talked about public service was striking. I noticed that he never used the phrase "ordinary citizen" in my presence to describe a member of the public. "The great thing about this job," he said, "is the number of truly extraordinary and wonderful people you meet."

That has stuck with me ever since, and the truth of it I have found to be the richest gift of my service in this body.

It is because of Dan Gwadosky's deep respect for the people of this state that he has striven so hard to make government work better for them, to make their lives better and richer. Maine is not just a map to D.C., it is a home, a home for all of us, Democrats, Republicans, Independents and Greens, in all our many passions. The lamp he carries is the light of the dreams of so many. Making dreams manifest has been his single-minded purpose, whether as a member of the House, as a leader in the Legislature, or as secretary of state. Let's keep this great gentleman working for us. Thank you.

On a motion by Representative DUNLAP of Old Town, Dan A. Gwadosky of Fairfield was placed in nomination for the Secretary of State of the State of Maine for the political years 2003 and 2004.

The CHAIR: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Wayne, Representative McKee.

Representative **MCKEE**: Madam Chairman, I second that nomination. Madam Chair, Men and Women of the Joint Convention. I am very proud to stand on behalf of Dan Gwadosky. He is an honorable man who has a proven record of faithful service to the State of Maine as a legislator, party leader,

Speaker of the House and six years of outstanding service as Secretary of State. His innovative efforts have earned recognition for our state, and his personal leadership has captured the top leadership position for the National Association of Secretaries of State. With his capable management of the Secretary of State's Office, he deserves our unanimous endorsement.

As the good Representative from Old Town has outlined, this office does carry with it awesome, enormous responsibility. Dan has executed these duties with the skill of a seasoned leader, one who has learned over more than two decades what it took to shepherd an institution through its statutory requirements. He does it so well, in fact, that like the gold medal skater, he makes it look easy. No matter how busy he is and no matter where he is, he has time for us and for anyone who needs the services of the Secretary of State. His good humor simply adds to his effectiveness.

On a personal note, he is a good man and a good guy and both references to me are important, the former reference one of respect and admiration and the later, one of warmth and affection.

As a high school teacher I have been particularly impressed by his efforts for young people. As was mentioned earlier, Maine History Day, mock elections, the Eighth Grade Citizen Awards, the constitutional essay contests and the popular, award winning Kids Page, which if you have ever been on the web and looked at that, it is absolutely wonderful. There is a book on the web that was written and illustrated by none other than Dan Gwadosky himself. It is called *The Road to Maine Laws*. It is simply a wonderful way to invite young citizens into our process of democracy. Also, his advocacy for stronger teen driving laws, his voter education registration efforts, to name a few. All of these have had a tremendous influence on young people, particularly at a time in their lives when skepticism about politics is just beginning to take root. These programs work to instill and restore faith and confidence in politics.

If democracy is to survive, our youth cannot be forgotten. They must be carefully taught. Informing and teaching students about their roles in a democracy is essential and we must have leaders who reflect its highest ideals, men and women who believe in the ability of government to provide what the people need and who conduct themselves in ways that budding voters can emulate and admire. When our young people meet Dan Gwadosky they come away with a positive lasting impression of public service. He is a man of honor and character, an experienced man in government, a highly capable leader. He has served us well. Let's send him back to the office for which he has earned national recognition and our enduring respect. Thank you Madam Chair.

The CHAIR: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Somerset, Senator Hatch.

Senator **HATCH**: Madam Chair, I also rise also to second the nomination of Dan A. Gwadosky for Secretary of State. As you have heard earlier, you have heard all the practical things about why we should elect Dan Gwadosky as Secretary of State. As my constituent, Dan has also been my friend for years. He served honorably in this body. He brought a lot of people together during rough times. He served under four Speakers. Dan was one of those people who had the ability to see within the person just what they could be.

When I arrived in this body I sat in the back row with the former Attorney General, he was also a House member, and he kept saying, you have to speak. By the end of that first session when I felt really comfortable, I think I rose to my feet and I said several sentences. Dan was the Majority Leader at the time. He

looked up and he smiled the biggest smile I have ever seen in my life. To think that this freshman had finally rose to her feet. With the advent of term limits you don't have that option anymore. Shortly thereafter term limits came in. Dan could see the ability in somebody who knew how to work and work hard. He became the Speaker of the House the following session and took a chance on a second term legislator that could hardly speak on the House floor.

Dan is a good man. Dan is an honorable man. I have known him for years. He is a family man that cares most about his kids, his wife, but he also cares about this institution and he has had a great love for this institution. He has carried that love of the Legislature to the Secretary of State's Office. There is no one in this state that I know of that has the ability that Dan Gwadosky has to lead and to bring out the very best in people, across party lines. That is why I stand today to recommend that we elect Dan A. Gwadosky as Secretary of State. Thank you.

Representative MCKEE of Wayne and Senator HATCH of Somerset seconded that motion.

The CHAIR: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Sanford, Representative Bowles.

Representative **BOWLES**: Madam Chairman, I nominate John T. Buck of Yarmouth for the Office of Secretary of State for the political years 2003 and 2004. It is my honor today to place before this body in nomination, the name of John T. Buck as Secretary of State. The duties of the Office of Secretary of State are many and varied and perhaps no other department of Maine government impacts the lives of Maine citizens on a daily basis more than that of the Secretary of State's Office. Perhaps chief among the many responsibilities of the Secretary of State is his duty as Chief Elections Officer of this state. In this role it is necessary to observe the highest ethical standards so that the people of this state may have complete confidence in the integrity and sanctity of the election process.

The Honorable John T. Buck will bring to this office the same high standards of behavior which have characterized his entire professional career. John's educational background consists of a bachelor of science degree in business and education and a master's degree in classroom teaching and a second master's degree in adult education. After retiring from teaching, he owned and managed a retail store in his hometown of Yarmouth. He served on the town council in Yarmouth for several years and served honorably in the Maine House of Representatives in the 117th through the 120th Legislatures.

Those members who served with John know that he is possessed with great intelligence, much wit and an easygoing friendly manner. His has amply demonstrated his ability to work with all and to put forward common sense proposals to help the people of Maine.

This Legislature, this Administration and the people of Maine will be well served by the Honorable John Buck as the next Secretary of State.

On the motion of Representative BOWLES of Sanford, John T. Buck of Yarmouth was placed in nomination for the Secretary of State for the political years 2003 and 2004.

The CHAIR: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Kennebec, Senator Blais.

Senator **BLAIS**: Madam Speaker, I rise to second the nomination of John T. Buck as Secretary of State. Along with other important qualifications, it is critical that we elect a Secretary of State who understands that our constitutional officers must always remain above partisan politics. I am confident that Representative John T. Buck is that person. Thank you.

Senator BLAIS of Kennebec seconded that nomination.

Representative RICHARDSON of Brunswick moved that nominations cease.

The CHAIR: The Chair will appoint a Committee to receive, sort and count votes for the Office of Secretary of State of the State of Maine for the political years 2003 and 2004.

Subsequently, the Chair appointed:

The Rep. From Old Town, Rep. DUNLAP

The Rep. From Wayne, Rep. MCKEE

The Sen. From Somerset, Sen. HATCH

The Rep. From Sanford, Rep. BOWLES

The Sen. From Kennebec, Rep. BLAIS

The Pending question before the Convention is the election of the Secretary of State for the State of Maine. The nominees are Dan A. Gwadosky of Fairfield and John T. Buck of Yarmouth for the Office of Secretary of State.

The Chair will announce the result. 180 votes having been cast, 91 votes being necessary for choice, Dan A. Gwadosky having received a majority of all the votes cast, the Chairman declared Dan A. Gwadosky is duly elected Secretary of State of the State of Maine for the political years 2003 and 2004.

The CHAIR: Nominations are now in order for the Office of Attorney General of the State of Maine for the political years 2003 and 2004.

The Chair recognizes the Representative from Old Orchard Beach, Representative Lemoine.

Representative LEMOINE: Madam Chair, Men and Women of the Joint Convention of the 121st Legislature. I am honored to nominate our former colleague, the effective and respected Speaker of the 119th House of Representatives, our sitting Attorney General, and my friend since our days of law school, G. Steven Rowe of Portland, to continue as Maine's Attorney General.

I nominate Steve Rowe because I know that no one serving the public in Maine is more honest, more diligent, more committed to or more capable of protecting the core values that define the people of Maine. Steve Rowe, as Speaker, set a high standard of civility, respect and of fair dealings with the House. No one from either side of this chamber or end of this building ever saw him compromise on his rare principles. Many of you know his background, but it is worth recalling it for a moment.

Steve was raised in a small farming community, attended public schools, was nominated for and graduated from West Point, served in the US Army, raised a family, partly as a single parent, got a master's degree while in the service, excelled his way through law school, practiced law in one of Maine's largest legal offices, served in the Legislature on the Committees for Business and Economic Development and Taxation, and Chaired the committees on Natural Resources and State and Local Government. He completed the John F. Kennedy School for Senior Executives in Government Summer Program at Harvard. He became Speaker of the House four years ago and two years ago he received the American Public Health Association's National Award for his leadership in creating the Fund for a Healthy Maine from the tobacco settlement monies. Two years ago he was also elected to his first term as Maine's Attorney General.

Steve Rowe sets the highest standards for accomplishment and his priorities are right. Look at his record as Attorney General. Just last week, when the administration in Washington moved to weaken the Clean Air Act that our own Senators, Muskie and Mitchell, worked so hard to create, Attorney General

Rowe began forging a coalition with other downwind states to fight those changes and to preserve our important protections.

Maine is the ultimate downwind state, and Attorney General Rowe understands that eroding clean air standards will harm us more than any other state. It should not surprise anyone that his is in the lead taking action to stop that harm.

I also nominate Steven Rowe because I know first hand of his contributions to the long hard fight this state has waged on the issue of fair pricing for prescription drugs. As Speaker, Steve Rowe worked closely with the Minority Leader of Raymond and was instrumental in crafting the final language of the landmark MaineRx bill.

As Attorney General, Steve Rowe and his staff have been litigating for the Maine Rx idea through the federal court system for two years. They have been up against some of the most expensive lawyers in America who have been working overtime for the nation's most profitable industry, the pharmaceutical companies. Next month the MaineRx Act finally will be argued before the US Supreme Court. Standing up again for this Legislature and for the people of Maine will be Attorney General Rowe and the attorneys of his office. I wouldn't have it any other way.

I also nominate Steve Rowe on behalf of this state's many frail and abused seniors, innocent, but victimized children, assaulted minorities and the often hidden victims of domestic violence many of whom are safer today because of his efforts as our Attorney General.

Last month, under Steve Rowe's direction, the Attorney General's Office put together a day long leadership discussion of domestic violence, focusing on its causes, its long-term impacts and on developing approaches for ending this insidious crime.

Steve Rowe has made their plight his cause. He has brought the strong and helping hand of a compassionate advocate to their side. This cause of social justice has moved forward in Maine because of his actions.

Finally, I know consumers in every corner of Maine are better off because of the work Steve Rowe has done to educate us about the seemingly unending parade of scams, rip offs and deceits that prey on the most trusting among us. He knows that educated caution is a consumer's best defense. And he has gone all around our state to warn and inform us about these risks.

He has also gone to court to put offenders in jail for preying upon the pocketbooks of innocent Maine families and businesses.

Attorney General Rowe is working hard to preserve the rules of an honest society.

Madam Chair, friends and colleagues, Steve Rowe's long record of accomplishments, his legendary integrity and his unbelievable work ethic would recommend him for another term as Attorney General even for folks who have never met him.

For those of us who have known him for many years, it comes down to this. Steve Rowe values those things that represent the heart and soul of what is right about Maine and he puts those values into action. I am proud to nominate him for a second term as our Attorney General.

On a motion of Representative LEMOINE of Old Orchard Beach, G. Steven Rowe was placed in nomination for the Office of Attorney General for the State of Maine for the political years 2003 and 2004.

The CHAIR: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Bromley.

Senator BROMLEY: Madam Speaker, Men and Women of the Joint Convention. I rise to second the nomination of G. Steven Rowe for Attorney General. It is my honor to second the

nomination of Steve Rowe for our Attorney General and a privilege to say a few words about him. Steve first and foremost is a man of substance, of style with a particularly exquisite sense of leadership. All of us that know Steve or know of his reputation as a legislator and as Speaker of the House would expect that he would bring his intelligence to this job of Attorney General. His intelligence, his work ethic, his attention to detail and of course his integrity, which he has. The Office of Attorney General, Maine's largest law office of more than 150 lawyers is as one of those lawyers put it, a big ship to steer. In Steve's first term as Attorney General he has charted a course with a clear mission, a mission that I as a legislator and a citizen of this state particularly appreciate. He focuses the work of the office on real life, real world, every day issues that affect every day people, which, of course, is all of us. They are things like clean air, clean water, prescription drugs, consumer protection, access to health care and, of course, always keeping an eye out for Maine's most vulnerable, our seniors, our children and others who are targets for abuse and neglect.

The list of what his office does is long and many of us know much of it, making sure that the Portsmouth Ship Yard really is in Maine, arguing yet again the MaineRx Case, protecting consumers, speaking out clearly, passionately and persuasively about the cost of domestic violence to all of us and so much more. It is how that this work is done that I particularly want to highlight today. The people to speak to that best, of course, are the people that work with Steve everyday. I will say to you in their words some of what they have said to me. They said that he puts a high value on morale. They say he is widely respected and as one of his staff said, it is really more like loved actually. It is high praise, of course. He works extremely hard. He supports others to become experts and he highlights their work. He loves what he does and it shows. From what I see, what I hear and what I know myself about Steve Rowe is it seems he brings the same energy and commitment to the regular and frequent memos and notes that he writes acknowledging the work of the people on his staff, as he does to preparing a case to be argued before the Supreme Court.

There are plenty of folks, many in this chamber who may be as intelligent as Steve, many who are as creative, certainly hard workers are not in short supply in this chamber and in these halls, nor is honesty, integrity and passion. I must say the particular combination of these things and more in the person of Steve Rowe is a unique and wonderful gift to Maine.

Steve says frequently that it is an honor and a privilege to serve the citizens of Maine and I say today that we have the honor and the privilege of affirming once again G. Steven Rowe as our Attorney General. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Rumford, Representative Patrick.

Representative **PATRICK**: Madam Chair, I am pleased to second the nomination of Steve Rowe for Attorney General.

Some of you have known Steve for longer than I have. Others have spoken about his credentials, his history in this House and his experience as a leader. I know him as the Attorney General and I don't know of a better person for that job.

Steve Rowe is very smart. I would just mention that Steve is so smart, he has a fellow from Rumford running the biggest division in the AG's Office. David Hathaway is a lawyer who is Chief of the Child Protection Division there.

There are many intelligent, dedicated people at the Attorney General's Office and Steve makes sure we have access to the best people and the best information available. On the Legal and Veteran Affairs Committee, when we had to deal with issues around lawsuits against the state, he always made sure we had

the benefit of a briefing by his very experienced Chief Deputy, Linda Pisner.

When I was personally dealing with a health care antitrust issue in my hometown, I went up to the AG's Office and met with the lawyers who were experts in the field. We shared information and solved a problem. Steve fully understands our jobs as legislators and he knows how his office can help us do our best job.

Like most of us, and the people we serve, Steve knows how to work hard. He has worked on a garbage truck and on the family farm. He has raised four children, at times alone. He is a regular guy who has held some extraordinary jobs and gotten extraordinary results.

Under Steve's leadership, the AG's Office is moving homicide cases to swift justice, pushing for strong enforcement of state and federal environmental laws, returning millions to Maine consumers through mediation, protecting thousands of children from abuse and neglect, protecting the elderly from fraud and exploitation, fighting for affordable access to health care, seeking solutions to the problem of domestic violence and much, much more.

Steve is headed for the United State Supreme Court next month, where his office will fight to defend our right, the Legislature's right, to take bold steps to improve constituent's access to prescription drugs.

Every time his office makes progress over prescription drug access, Steve is quoted as saying, "We will fight to provide Mainers affordable access to prescription drugs in any court, for as long as it takes." He is a fighter and he gets results.

I ask you to join me in supporting Steve Rowe because I believe his honesty, integrity and proven leadership will continue to bring honor to this esteemed office. Ladies and gentlemen of the House, we have a good lawyer. I think we should keep him. Thank you.

Senator BROMLEY of Cumberland and Representative PATRICK of Rumford seconded the motion.

The CHAIR: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Franklin, Senator Woodcock.

Senator **WOODCOCK**: Madam Chair, I nominate Paul H. Mills of Farmington for the Office of Attorney General. I am honored to rise and nominate Paul H. Mills of Farmington to the Office of Attorney General of Maine. Mr. Mills is a Maine native, born in our town of Farmington. He has contributed a great deal in the way of public service to this state as well as our community. For many years Mr. Mills has served as a town meeting moderator of our town. That alone should be enough to garner your vote.

He has always found a way to turn chaos into calm, a way of disarming political difficulties with a quick wit and an exceptional knowledge of all the subjects at hand.

I first was aware of Mr. Mills back in the 1900s. When he was at the tender age of 15 and a radio journalist for our local radio station WKTJ. We deeply envied his precocious voice, which created a situation whereby college coeds would call the station asking him for dates. A graduate of Mt. Blue High School, Harvard College, Magna cum laude and the University of Maine Law. In 1977 he returned to Farmington and took over the law practice started by his grandfather in the year 1911 and has since become a highly respected member of his profession in this state by fighting for the rights of the young, the old, the oppressed and many others. He is a member of the Maine Bar Association, the Maine Trial Lawyers Association and the Association of Trial Lawyers of America who has offered many bulletins in the Maine Bar Association Bulletin as well as papers for other bulletins throughout the law profession.

I have known Paul for a long time. Paul Mills is a quiet man, honest, filled with integrity, objectivity, a uniquely sparking intellectual capacity and a high moral and ethical standard. I am truly honored today to stand before this body and place the name of Paul H. Mills in nomination for the Office of Attorney General of Maine. Thank you.

On a motion by Senator WOODCOCK of Franklin, Paul H. Mills of Farmington was placed in nomination for the Office of Attorney General of the State of Maine.

The CHAIR: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Hodgdon, Representative Sherman.

Representative **SHERMAN**: Madam Chair, I rise to second the nomination of Paul Mills for the position of Attorney General of the State of Maine. I would like to add a few words to what has already been said. The good Senator Woodcock has known this man longer than I have. I have some knowledge of his reputation. Paul Mills first took an interest in state government when he regularly attended sessions of the Maine Legislature in the company of his father over 35 years ago. His is not a stranger to this building. He was a young teenager and I don't know how old young teenager means, since then he has achieved stature among many other things as one of Maine's most authoritative political journalists, he writes a regular column for the *Lewiston Sun* and appears for a respected commentator for Channel 13 on election night.

You have already heard from the good Senator about Paul's activities at Harvard College, the University of Maine Law School and coming back to Farmington to practice law where his father and grandfather had.

Over a span of 25 years as a working attorney, he has achieved a reputation for thoughtfulness, thoroughness and diligence. He is frequently entrusted with some of the most challenging business and property transactions in central Maine. In the public sector he is often called upon to chair meetings on troublesome issues and to help with complex problems confronting the local government.

I take special pride in seconding Paul's nomination because his mother was born and raised in Aroostook County and I believe she is with us today in the back of the hall. On Paul's father's side he came from Stonington. His roots are all from Maine. Paul's family, as you well know, goes back in Maine politics for generations and there might be a connection with a couple Representatives in this particular House, the 121st. He is a person of the highest integrity and administrative ability. He is an excellent and respected lawyer with a long record of accomplishments in the private practice of law in the State of Maine doing all issues that average Mainers meet and greet on a daily basis, some of them probably caused by this Legislature.

I am proud to second the nomination of Paul H. Mills for Attorney General of the State of Maine. Thank you.

Representative **SHERMAN** of Hodgdon seconded the nomination.

Representative **RICHARDSON** of Brunswick moved that nominations cease.

The CHAIR: The Chair will appoint a Committee to receive, sort and count votes for the Office of Attorney General for the State of Maine for the political years 2003 and 2004.

Subsequently, the Chair appointed:
 The Rep. from Old Orchard Beach, Rep. **LEMOINE**
 The Sen. from Cumberland, Sen. **BROMLEY**
 The Rep. from Brunswick, Rep. **PATRICK**
 The Sen. from Franklin, Sen. **WOODCOCK**
 The Rep. from Hodgdon, Rep. **SHERMAN**

The pending question before the Convention is the election of Attorney General for the State of Maine. The nominees are G. Steven Rowe of Portland and Paul H. Mills of Farmington for the Office of Attorney General of the State of Maine.

The Chair will announce the vote, 181 votes having been cast, 91 votes being necessary for choice, G. Steven Rowe having received a majority of all the votes cast, the Chair declared G. Steven Rowe duly elected Attorney General for the State of Maine for the political years 2003 and 2004.

The CHAIR: Nominations are now in order for the Office of Treasurer for the political years 2003 and 2004.

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Farmington, Representative Mills.

Representative **MILLS**: Madam President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Joint Convention. I rise to place in nomination for the position of State Treasurer the name of Dale McCormick of Hallowell.

I have known Dale McCormick for nearly 20 years. Dale McCormick has been a builder, a business owner, a planning board member, an author, a State Senator, and for the past six years she has been our State Treasurer.

Many of you may wonder, what does the State Treasurer do? Well, it is pretty dry stuff. There's not much publicity, ceremony or fanfare that comes with the job. It is a job on which the stability of our state finances depends a great deal. It is the Treasurer of the state who collects our money, who manages our money, who invests our money, who issues and sells the bonds and who negotiates tax anticipation loans when necessary.

She distributes more than \$100 million in revenue sharing monies each year. She works closely with financial institutions and with bond rating agencies. She works like the devil to maintain a good bond rating for the State of Maine, something that is vital to our economy. Perhaps the most interesting responsibility of the State Treasurer is to cremate the old bonds. Yes, under Title 5 of the Maine Statutes, Section 148, the State Treasurer has the obligation to cremate any state bonds and coupons that have matured. The Treasurer becomes the "Keeper of the Cremation Certification." No wonder this is such a hotly contested position. I wonder if the producers of *Six Feet Under* are aware of the event? Maybe they could lend us one of their crematoriums for the occasion as long as the DEP approves. Maybe if we retire all of our bonds, we could have a massive bonfire and a legislative tailgate party.

In her six years in office, Dale McCormick has accomplished a great deal and because of term limits she may serve only one more term. In six years, Dale McCormick has created the Treasury Automated Management Information System or TAMI to streamline red tape and automate the department. This is work we should reward.

In six years she has doubled the amount of unclaimed monies given back to the Maine citizens and returned more abandoned property to the State of Maine coffers than ever before. Last year she found nearly a million dollars in unclaimed funds to help the Legislature balance the state budget. This is work we should reward.

In six years she has instituted the Nextgen College Investing Program and has sponsored several of the very popular "Money Conference for Women," with private sector funding and no state funds, to educate women about financial matters. This is work we should reward.

In six years she has helped reduce our bonded indebtedness. In six years the state has received two credit upgrades in our bond rating. This is work we should reward.

A personal observation, in 2000, I introduced her to the State Treasurer of California, within seconds he was listening intently to Dale McCormick and her plans and ideas for creative financing and smart investing. He was clearly impressed by Dale McCormick.

Only a month ago we all campaigned on a promise to balance the budget, to hold the line of taxes and to save money for all our constituents. We can begin to hold fast to that promise by reelecting a Treasurer for our state who knows the value of money, who has implemented unheard of savings in the Treasurer's Office and who has wisely collected and invested the funds of the state.

We need someone who has run a business, some one who has the job experience, someone who has integrity, competence and experience. We need Dale McCormick.

Former Speaker Tip O'Neill was fond of saying, "Any fool can tear down a barn, but it takes a carpenter to build one." We are fortunate to have in the position of Treasurer a skilled carpenter, one who will help this Legislature build a solid financial future for the State of Maine.

Fellow members of the 121st Maine Legislature, brothers and sisters, Democrats and Republicans, Green and Independents, I urge you to join me in voting to keep Dale McCormick as our State Treasurer. Thank you.

On a motion by Representative MILLS of Farmington, Dale McCormick of Hallowell was placed in nomination for the Office of State Treasurer for political years 2003 and 2004.

The CHAIR: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Damariscotta, Representative Earle.

Representative **EARLE**: Madam Chair, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Joint Convention. I second that nomination. I have had the pleasure of knowing Dale McCormick since the 1990 Senatorial Campaign when she visited my home in Randolph where I lived at the time. Her discussions with me on several issues convinced me that not only would she make a fine Senator, but that she had the capabilities to carry her much further. While working as an Adult Education Director, I had the opportunity to refer some of my graduates to the Woman Unlimited Program that Dale founded in 1988. As a result of their subsequent excellent training, these women went on to successful and rewarding careers in the trades.

Dale was a commencement speaker at my adult education graduation and I know she motivated several to pursue post-secondary education in vocational fields. My professional contacts with Dale during the past dozen years have been frequent and always when I have sought her assistance it has been forthcoming in a timely fashion. Dale's many successes in the Senate are proud ones, always working for constituent's best interests.

Her record as our Treasurer from 1997 to the present is a most impressive one. Several of the accomplishments that Dale has made over the years have already been mentioned. I don't need to reiterate o those.

It is indeed a personal honor to second the nomination of an outstanding individual as the Honorable Dale McCormick. Maine's greatest natural resource is her people and I hope you will join me in voting for this one as our next Treasurer. Thank you.

The CHAIR: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Androscoggin, Senator Rotundo.

Senator **ROTUNDO**: Madam Chair, it gives me great pleasure to second the nomination of Dale McCormick for State Treasurer. Dale has created a solid record of leadership in her life, whether as the first woman in the country to complete a

Carpentry Apprenticeship with the Carpenters Union or as the founder of Women Unlimited, a program that successfully trains women on welfare for high paying jobs in the trades or as a State Senator with a strong record in the area of health care legislation and the reform of the credit laws.

As State Treasurer Dale McCormick has also been a strong leader. She has professionalized the office, making it more efficient, relevant and up to date. When we as legislators need her assistance, she is always there to help us and our constituents. Reuniting more people with lost property and creating the Nextgen program to help Maine families save for college are two examples of ways that she has assisted the people of Maine.

Dale is also a gifted teacher with the ability to explain complicated financial concepts in simple terms. This is a gift many of us in the Legislature particularly value. Dale McCormick leads and she creates opportunities for others. This is what her life is about. I know she will continue to serve the people of Maine with distinction. I urge you to join me in returning Dale McCormick to the Office of State Treasurer.

Representative EARLE of Damariscotta and Senator ROTUNDO of Androscoggin seconded the motion.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Bethel, Representative Jodrey.

Representative **JODREY**: Madam Speaker, Men and Women of the Joint Convention. I rise today to nominate my good friend, Senator Norman K. Ferguson, Jr., of Hanover for Treasurer of the great State of Maine. Senator Ferguson was first elected to the Maine Senate in 1994. He represented District 24 in Oxford County for four consecutive terms. He retired in 2002 due to term limits. Senator Ferguson's father held the Senate seat in the 1960s and was later elected Maine State Treasurer. Senator Ferguson is a veteran of the Korean War and has served on the Veteran and Legal Affairs Committee. This past session Senator Ferguson served as Senate Chair of the Joint Standing Committee on Utilities and Energy. He was also a member of the Judiciary Committee. Norm Ferguson graduated from Gould Academy in Bethel. He earned an accounting certificate from Burdett College after his service in the Army. Prior to his election to the State Senate, Senator Ferguson held the position of Oxford County Commissioner for 26 years. He is a member of several organizations including the American Legion, National Rifle Association, Sportsmen's Alliance of Maine and the Natural Resources Council of Maine. For nearly 40 years Senator Ferguson has worked as an accountant and purchasing agent at Boise Cascade. Senator Ferguson has the qualifications, experience and ability necessary to serve as State Treasurer. I would hope you would join me in supporting him.

On a personal note that I would like to add on here, Norm and I went to high school together along with his wife, but I am younger than he is. Thank you.

On a motion by Representative JODREY of Bethel, Norman K. Ferguson, Jr. of Hanover was placed in nomination for the Office of Treasurer of the State of Maine for the political years 2003 and 2004.

The CHAIR: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Penobscot, Senator Mitchell.

Senator **MITCHELL**: Madam Chair, it gives me great pleasure to stand here today to second the nomination of Norman K. Ferguson to the position of State Treasurer. Norman brings to us the experience and background that we need for this position. As he graduated from Burdett College with an accounting major, he also followed his career for Boise Cascade with 28 years of service in cost accounting and accounting

supervisor as well as 12 years for certified purchasing manager for that company. Coming to us for eight years in the Senate, he also has demonstrated leadership ability by being the chair of the Utilities and Energy Committee in the 120th and also the chair of Legal and Veterans Affairs in the 117th. He further demonstrated leadership by also serving on the Taxation and Judiciary Committees as the senior Republican Senator on those committees.

His 26 years serving as an Oxford County Commissioner has brought him credibility and integrity working within the communities that he has served. He has been a leader not only in the private sector, but also here in the Legislature. We have enjoyed working with him. He was my seatmate in the last session. He is looked up to and respected by many. He will definitely serve as a great State Treasurer. Thank you and I look forward to you voting for him in this session. Thank you.

Senator MITCHELL of Penobscot seconded the nomination.

Representative THOMPSON of China moved that nominations cease.

The CHAIR: The Chair will appoint a Committee to receive, sort and count votes for the Office of Treasurer for the State of Maine for the political years 2003 and 2004.

Subsequently the Chair appointed:

The Rep. from Farmington, Rep. MILLS

The Rep. from Damariscotta, Rep. EARLE

The Sen. from Androscoggin, Sen. ROTUNDO

The Rep. from Bethel, Rep. JODREY

The Sen. from Penobscot, Sen. MITCHELL

The pending question before the Convention is the election of the Treasurer of the State of Maine. The nominees are Dale McCormick of Hallowell and Norman Ferguson, Jr. of Hanover for the Office of the Treasurer of State.

The Chair will announce the result. 182 votes having been cast, 93 votes being necessary for choice, Dale McCormick having received a majority of all the votes cast, the Chair declared Dale McCormick duly elected Treasurer of the State of Maine for the political years 2003 and 2004.

On a motion of Senator TREAT of Kennebec, the Secretary of the Senate was directed to notify the Governor of the election of Constitutional Officers.

On a motion by Senator GAGNON of Kennebec, the Secretary of the Senate was directed to notify the Constitutional Officers of their election.

The purpose for which the Convention was assembled, having been accomplished, the Chair declared the same dissolved.

The Senate then retired to its chamber.

(After the Joint Convention)

The House was called to order by the Speaker.

The following item was taken up out of order by unanimous consent:

SENATE PAPERS

The following Joint Order: (S.P. 10)

ORDERED, the House concurring, that when the House and Senate adjourn, they do so until Wednesday, January 8, 2003, at 4:00 in the afternoon.

Came from the Senate, **READ** and **PASSED**.

READ and **PASSED** in concurrence.

By unanimous consent, all matters having been acted upon were **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH**.

On motion of Representative MAKAS of Lewiston, the House adjourned at 5:35 p.m., until 4:00 p.m., Wednesday, January 8, 2003 pursuant to the Joint Order (S.P. 10).