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3rd Legislative Day
Thursday, January 9, 2003

The House met according to adjournment and was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by Reverend Jacob C. Fles, Christ Episcopal Church, Gardiner.

Pledge of Allegiance.

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: (S.P. 9)

**121ST LEGISLATURE
SENATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT**

December 30, 2002

The Honorable Joy J. O'Brien

Secretary of the Senate

3 State House Station

Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Secretary O'Brien:

Pursuant to my authority under Senate Rule 201.3, I have made the following appointments to various Joint Standing Committees.

AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY

Bruce S. Bryant, Chair (D-Oxford)

Richard Kneeland (R-Aroostook)

Edward M. Youngblood (R-Penobscot)

APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

Mary R. Cathcart, Chair (D-Penobscot)

Peggy Rotundo (D-Androscoggin)

Karl W. Turner (R-Cumberland)

BANKING AND INSURANCE

Lloyd P. LaFountain III, Chair (D-York)

Neria R. Douglass (D-Androscoggin)

Arthur F. Mayo, III (R-Sagadahoc)

BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Lynn Bromley, Chair (D-Cumberland)

Christopher Hall (D-Lincoln)

Kevin Shorey (R-Washington)

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Ethan Strimling, Chair (D-Cumberland)

Pamela H. Hatch (D-Somerset)

David L. Carpenter (R-York)

EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

Neria R. Douglass, Chair (D-Androscoggin)

Michael F. Brennan (D-Cumberland)

Betty Lou Mitchell (R-Penobscot)

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Michael F. Brennan, Chair (D-Cumberland)

John L. Martin (D-Aroostook)

Carol Weston (R-Waldo)

INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE

Bruce S. Bryant, Chair (D-Oxford)

David L. Carpenter (R-York)

Richard Kneeland (R-Aroostook)

JUDICIARY

Peggy A. Pendleton, Chair (D-Cumberland)

Mary R. Cathcart (D-Penobscot)

Chandler E. Woodcock (R-Franklin)

LABOR

Beth G. Edmonds, Chair (D-Cumberland)

Stephen S. Stanley (D-Penobscot)

Kenneth Blais (R-Kennebec)
LEGAL AND VETERANS AFFAIRS
Kenneth T. Gagnon, Chair (D-Kennebec)
Kenneth F. Lemont (R-York)
Arthur F. Mayo, III (R-Sagadahoc)

MARINE RESOURCES

Dennis Damon, Chair (D-Hancock)

Peggy A. Pendleton (D-Cumberland)

Richard A. Bennett (R-Oxford)

NATURAL RESOURCES

John L. Martin, Chair (D-Aroostook)

Beth G. Edmonds (D-Cumberland)

W. Tom Sawyer, Jr. (R-Penobscot)

STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Peggy Rotundo, Chair (D-Androscoggin)

Lloyd P. LaFountain III (D-York)

Carolyn Gilman (R-Cumberland)

TAXATION

Stephen S. Stanley, Chair (D-Penobscot)

Ethan Strimling (D-Cumberland)

Richard A. Nass (R-York)

TRANSPORTATION

Pamela H. Hatch, Chair (D-Somerset)

Dennis Damon (D-Hancock)

Christine R. Savage (R-Knox)

UTILITIES AND ENERGY

Christopher Hall, Chair (D-Lincoln)

Lynn Bromley (D-Cumberland)

Edward M. Youngblood (R-Penobscot)

Sincerely,

S/Beverly C. Daggett

President of the Senate

Came from the Senate, **READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE in concurrence.

The Following Communication: (S.P. 11)

**121st LEGISLATURE
SENATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT**

December 6, 2002

Honorable Joy J. O'Brien

Secretary of the Senate

3 State House Station

Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Secretary O'Brien:

Pursuant to my authority under the Constitution of Maine, Article IV, Part Third, Section 1-A, I have made the following appointments to the Apportionment Commission:

Senator Kenneth Gagnon (D-Kennebec)

Senator Neria Douglass (D-Androscoggin)

Please let me know if you have any questions regarding these appointments.

Sincerely,

S/Beverly C. Daggett

President of the Senate

Came from the Senate, **READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE in concurrence.

The Following Communication: (S.P. 12)

**MAINE SENATE
121ST LEGISLATURE**

December 6, 2002

The Honorable Joy J. O'Brien

Secretary of the Senate

3 State House Station

Augusta, ME 04333-0003

Dear Secretary O'Brien:

Pursuant to my authority under Article IV, Part Third, Section 1-A of the Constitution of the State of Maine, I have made the following appointments to the Apportionment Commission:

Senator Paul T. Davis, Sr. (R-Piscataquis)

Senator Richard A. Nass (R-York)

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns regarding these appointments.

Sincerely,

S/Paul T. Davis, Sr.

Senate Republican Leader

Came from the Senate, **READ** and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**.

READ and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE** in concurrence.

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

SENATE PAPERS

The following Joint Order: (S.P. 19)

ORDERED, the House concurring, that when the House and Senate adjourn, they do so until Tuesday, January 14, 2003, at 10:00 in the morning.

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

READ and **PASSED** in concurrence.

The following Joint Resolution: (S.P. 17)

**JOINT RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF
THE LEGISLATURE REGARDING THE RALLY IN
LEWISTON BY A WHITE SUPREMACIST GROUP**

WHEREAS, on January 11, 2003, the World Church of the Creator, a white supremacist group that promulgates hate, will hold a rally in Lewiston for the stated purpose of protesting Lewiston's growing Somali population; and

WHEREAS, this planned rally, which is permissible due to America's long-cherished commitment to freedom of expression, has galvanized many citizens of the great State of Maine to hold a counterrally to support the best ideals of our State and our Nation, including that with the right of free speech comes the right for all people to live with respect, dignity, peace and safety; and

WHEREAS, the people of the State of Maine, those native and those from immigrant heritage themselves, best exemplify the values of the American people by their support of civil rights for all of Maine's people, by continually rededicating themselves to the principles of equal justice and human dignity and by remaining vigilant against hate, bigotry and tyranny in all forms; and

WHEREAS, We, the Members of the One Hundred and Twenty-first Legislature, now assembled in the First Regular Session, respect and represent the spectrum of all Maine people; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Twenty-first Legislature, now assembled in the First Regular Session, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to express our solidarity in the belief that hate and

bigotry have no place in the great State of Maine, but rather we want all our citizens to live with the ideals of American democracy and to enjoy our freedoms, rights and privileges; and be it further

RESOLVED: That suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the municipal officials of the City of Lewiston so that it is clear that Maine is firmly supportive of Lewiston's role in promoting the rights of its citizens to live in dignity, peace and prosperity.

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

READ

The **SPEAKER:** The Chair recognizes the Representative from Lewiston, Representative Walcott.

Representative **WALCOTT:** Mr. Speaker, Men and Women of the House. I would like to speak in favor of this resolution. I am honored to have my support of this resolution be the topic of my first speech on the House floor. I am also honored to represent a large section of downtown Lewiston where many people live that are members of the groups targeted by the World Church of the Creator. Don't be confused by the name World Church of the Creator. They are a white supremacist hate group, even though on Saturday they will be targeting Lewiston, a Somalian immigrant community, they really don't pick and choose who to discriminate against or who to hate. They hate all non-white races, religions, sexual orientation, the poor, the disabled and many other groups and advocate for their expulsion from this country.

The Many and One Coalition is made up of residents of Lewiston and of Maine. The World Church of the Creator is coming from outside of Maine to speak their word of hate and violence. With the recent events concerning the arrest of the leader of this group, I think it is clear what this group stands for. The Many and One Coalition stands for the beliefs that the United States is founded on, namely the right of everyone to enjoy our freedom equally. I have been honored to work with the Many and One Coalition over the past few weeks, even if only in a small role.

I would urge passage of this resolution and support of the Many and One Coalition and in support of acceptance, understanding and diversity within our city, our state and our nation. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

The **SPEAKER:** The Chair recognizes the Representative from Lewiston, Representative Makas.

Representative **MAKAS:** Mr. Speaker, Men and Women of the House. I wish to speak in support of this resolution. Three of my grandparents immigrated to America. This country, our country, gave them and us and you and your families, the opportunity to work to fulfill their dreams. I hope the same opportunity will continue to be available to all people, including our newest residents. We have them in Lewiston. We have them in Maine. We have room in our hearts for our new neighbors. Please demonstrate this by your strong support for this resolution. Thank you.

The **SPEAKER:** The Chair recognizes the Representative from Durham, Representative Vaughan.

Representative **VAUGHAN:** Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I rise in support of this resolution. The groups that come to the State of Maine to preach hate, I would like to see confronted with the right of free speech to oppose that position. The State of Maine has a great tradition of supporting civil rights starting with the Civil War and supporting the Underground Railroad and various acts that have occurred since then. I encourage everyone to support this resolution and to support the rally, which will be held in Lewiston on Saturday.

Subsequently, **ADOPTED** in concurrence.

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

On motion of Representative YOUNG of Limestone, the House adjourned at 11:01 a.m., until 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, January 14, 2003 pursuant to the Joint Order (S.P. 19).