

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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16th Legislative Day  
Thursday, February 20, 2003

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

Prayer by Reverend Marian E. Marks, Grace Lutheran Church, Auburn.

National Anthem by Elaine Michaud, Mexico.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Doctor of the day, John Bonney, M.D., Portland.

The Journal of Tuesday, February 18, 2003 was read and approved.

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**SENATE PAPERS**

Bill "An Act To Ensure Choice for Maine Consumers"

(S.P. 259) (L.D. 764)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **BUSINESS, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** and ordered printed.

**REFERRED** to the Committee on **BUSINESS, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** in concurrence.

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Bill "An Act To Prevent Truancy"

(S.P. 260) (L.D. 765)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed.

**REFERRED** to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** in concurrence.

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Resolve, Directing the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation To Establish a Degree Program for Denturism

(S.P. 258) (L.D. 763)

Committee on **BUSINESS, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** suggested and ordered printed.

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed.

**REFERRED** to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** in concurrence.

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Bill "An Act To Reduce the Health Risks Associated with Latex Gloves"

(S.P. 262) (L.D. 767)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** and ordered printed.

**REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** in concurrence.

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Bill "An Act To Improve the Administration of the Baxter Compensation Program"

(S.P. 263) (L.D. 768)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** and ordered printed.

**REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Improve Highway Signs for Recreational Facilities in Saco"

(S.P. 261) (L.D. 766)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** and ordered printed.

**REFERRED** to the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** in concurrence.

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**COMMUNICATIONS**

The Following Communication: (H.C. 41)

**THE UNIVERSITY OF MAINE**

**5715 COBURN HALL**

**ORONO, MAINE 04469-5715**

February 10, 2003

Honorable Millicent M. MacFarland

Clerk of the House of Representatives

2 State House Station

Augusta, ME 04333

Re: Maine State Government Summer Internship Program 2002 Annual Report

Dear Clerk MacFarland:

In accordance with 1967 Public Law, Chapter 493, Section 294, Item 8, I am enclosing copies of the 2002 Maine State Government Summer Internship Report for distribution to the Members of the Maine House of Representatives.

The Maine State Government Summer Internship Program is a full-time, 12-week, paid work experience in a state agency. The Program combines work experience with an educational program designed to provide talented Maine college students an opportunity to participate in and contribute to Maine State Government.

Thank you for your assistance in making this report available to the Members of the House.

Yours truly,

S/Charles E. Morris

Research Associate

Director, Maine State Government Summer Internship Program

**READ** and with accompanying papers **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

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**PETITIONS, BILLS AND RESOLVES REQUIRING REFERENCE**

Resolve, To Improve Fisheries Management in Hancock County

(H.P. 601) (L.D. 824)

Sponsored by Representative DUNLAP of Old Town.

Bill "An Act To Create Fairness in Funding the Wild Blueberry Association of North America"

(H.P. 647) (L.D. 870)

Sponsored by Representative TRAHAN of Waldoboro.

Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** suggested and ordered printed.

**REFERRED** to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** and ordered printed.

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue in the Amount of \$50,000,000 to Promote Revitalization of Service Center Communities through Infrastructure Improvements"

(H.P. 662) (L.D. 885)

Sponsored by Representative LERMAN of Augusta.

Cosponsored by Representatives: FAIRCLOTH of Bangor, MAILHOT of Lewiston, SUSLOVIC of Portland.

Bill "An Act To Increase Community Development Block Grants"

(H.P. 670) (L.D. 913)

Sponsored by Representative JACKSON of Fort Kent.

Cosponsored by Senator STANLEY of Penobscot and Representatives: CLARK of Millinocket, DUPREY of Medway, MOODY of Manchester, O'BRIEN of Lewiston, ROGERS of Brewer.

Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** suggested and ordered printed.

**REFERRED** to the Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed.

Sent for concurrence.

Resolve, To Allow Certain State Employees To Be Voting Board Members of Project SHARE

(H.P. 603) (L.D. 826)

Sponsored by Representative DUNLAP of Old Town.

Cosponsored by Senator EDMONDS of Cumberland and Representatives: BULL of Freeport, CLARK of Millinocket, KOFFMAN of Bar Harbor, LEMOINE of Old Orchard Beach, McLAUGHLIN of Cape Elizabeth, MUSE of Fryeburg.

Bill "An Act To Offer Zero-interest Loans to Employers Providing Bicycle Facilities"

(H.P. 624) (L.D. 847)

Sponsored by Representative SUSLOVIC of Portland.

Cosponsored by Senator BROMLEY of Cumberland and Representatives: EDER of Portland, KOFFMAN of Bar Harbor, LERMAN of Augusta, MARRACHÉ of Waterville, PIOTTI of Unity, SAMPSON of Auburn, WOODBURY of Yarmouth, Senator: GAGNON of Kennebec.

Bill "An Act To Establish a Circuit Breaker Program for Fuel Assistance" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 625) (L.D. 848)

Sponsored by Representative CRESSEY of Baldwin.

Bill "An Act To Amend the Maine 'Lemon Law'"

(H.P. 664) (L.D. 887)

Sponsored by Representative McKEE of Wayne.

Cosponsored by Senator TREAT of Kennebec and Representatives: BLISS of South Portland, COWGER of Hallowell, NORTON of Bangor, PINGREE of North Haven, THOMPSON of China.

Bill "An Act To Designate the Department of Economic and Community Development as the Lead Agency in the State's Response to Certain Events" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 675) (L.D. 918)

Sponsored by Representative CLARK of Millinocket.

Cosponsored by Senator STANLEY of Penobscot and Representatives: Speaker COLWELL of Gardiner, DUPLESSIE of Westbrook, DUPREY of Medway, GOODWIN of Pembroke,

JOY of Crystal, RICHARDSON of Brunswick, Senator: President DAGGETT of Kennebec.

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

Committee on **BUSINESS, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** suggested and ordered printed.

**REFERRED** to the Committee on **BUSINESS, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** and ordered printed.

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Promote Livable, Affordable Neighborhoods"

(H.P. 630) (L.D. 853)

Sponsored by Representative SUSLOVIC of Portland.

Cosponsored by Senator BROMLEY of Cumberland and Representatives: BERUBE of Lisbon, COWGER of Hallowell, KOFFMAN of Bar Harbor, LAVERRIERE-BOUCHER of Biddeford, LERMAN of Augusta, PIOTTI of Unity, Senators: GILMAN of Cumberland, SAWYER of Penobscot.

Committee on **BUSINESS, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** suggested.

On motion of Representative AUSTIN of Gray, **TABLED** pending **REFERENCE** and later today assigned.

Bill "An Act To Permit the Use of Videoconferencing for the Purpose of Jail Visitation"

(H.P. 584) (L.D. 807)

Sponsored by Representative BOWLES of Sanford.

Cosponsored by Senator NASS of York and Representatives: CARR of Lincoln, CHURCHILL of Washburn, GREELEY of Levant, SHERMAN of Hodgdon.

Bill "An Act To Exclude Voluntary Intoxication as a Criminal Defense" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 592) (L.D. 815)

Sponsored by Representative SULLIVAN of Biddeford.

Cosponsored by Senator SAVAGE of Knox and Representatives: COLLINS of Wells, COWGER of Hallowell, McNEIL of Rockland, Senator: MAYO of Sagadahoc.

Bill "An Act Regarding Bail and Fines"

(H.P. 615) (L.D. 838)

Sponsored by Representative SHERMAN of Hodgdon.

Cosponsored by Senator WOODCOCK of Franklin and Representative: TARDY of Newport.

Submitted by the Judicial Department pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Bill "An Act To Change Mandatory Minimum Sentences in Certain Cases"

(H.P. 633) (L.D. 856)

Sponsored by Representative MILLS of Cornville.

Cosponsored by Representatives: GERZOFKY of Brunswick, MILLS of Farmington, NORBERT of Portland, Senator: DAVIS of Piscataquis.

Bill "An Act To Make Changes to the Sex Offender Notification Provisions"

(H.P. 653) (L.D. 876)

Sponsored by Representative O'BRIEN of Augusta.

Cosponsored by Senator GAGNON of Kennebec and Representatives: CANAVAN of Waterville, CRAVEN of Lewiston, LERMAN of Augusta, NUTTING of Oakland.

Bill "An Act To Expand the Definition of 'Juvenile Crime' To Include the Offenses of Possession and Use of Drug Paraphernalia, Illegal Transportation of Alcohol by a Minor and Transportation of Illegal Drugs by a Minor"

(H.P. 661) (L.D. 884)

Sponsored by Representative NORBERT of Portland.  
Cosponsored by Senator PENDLETON of Cumberland and Representatives: BLANCHETTE of Bangor, BUNKER of Kossuth Township, CLOUGH of Scarborough, GERZOFKY of Brunswick.

Bill "An Act Regarding the Sale of Weapons at Gun Shows"

(H.P. 674) (L.D. 917)

Sponsored by Representative GERZOFKY of Brunswick.  
Cosponsored by Senator STRIMLING of Cumberland and Representatives: ASH of Belfast, BLANCHETTE of Bangor, BULL of Freeport, CUMMINGS of Portland, PINEAU of Jay, SUSLOVIC of Portland, USHER of Westbrook, Senator: DOUGLASS of Androscoggin.

Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** suggested and ordered printed.

**REFERRED** to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** and ordered printed.

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Provide Greater Protection for School Children"

(H.P. 599) (L.D. 822)

Sponsored by Representative KANE of Saco.  
Cosponsored by Representatives: CANAVAN of Waterville, CRAVEN of Lewiston, O'BRIEN of Augusta, O'NEIL of Saco.

Bill "An Act To Establish a Special Education Secondary School Diploma"

(H.P. 602) (L.D. 825)

Sponsored by Representative GLYNN of South Portland.

Bill "An Act To Phase In General Purpose Aid for Local Schools Funding Losses Over Time"

(H.P. 605) (L.D. 828)

Sponsored by Representative GLYNN of South Portland.  
Cosponsored by Senator BROMLEY of Cumberland and Representatives: BLISS of South Portland, MAIETTA of South Portland.

Bill "An Act Relating to Portable Classrooms for Certain Cases"

(H.P. 619) (L.D. 842)

Sponsored by Representative MILLS of Farmington.  
Cosponsored by Representatives: FINCH of Fairfield, GAGNE-FRIEL of Buckfield, SAVIELLO of Wilton, Senators: President DAGGETT of Kennebec, WOODCOCK of Franklin.

Bill "An Act To Establish a New School Funding Formula"

(H.P. 627) (L.D. 850)

Sponsored by Representative McKENNEY of Cumberland.  
Cosponsored by Representatives: COLLINS of Wells, MURPHY of Kennebunk.

Bill "An Act To Restrict Fingerprinting of Educational Personnel to New Hires"

(H.P. 667) (L.D. 890)

Sponsored by Representative TRAHAN of Waldoboro.

Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** suggested and ordered printed.

**REFERRED** to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed.

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Ensure Fairness in Maine's Prescription Drug Laws"

(H.P. 626) (L.D. 849)

Sponsored by Representative CANAVAN of Waterville.  
Cosponsored by Senator DOUGLASS of Androscoggin and Representatives: CRAVEN of Lewiston, FLETCHER of Winslow, GERZOFKY of Brunswick, LAVERRIERE-BOUCHER of Biddeford, PINGREE of North Haven, SMITH of Van Buren, SNOWE-MELLO of Poland, WALCOTT of Lewiston.

Bill "An Act To Provide Peer Support and Advocacy Services To Participants in the ASPIRE-TANF Program and the Parents as Scholars Program"

(H.P. 655) (L.D. 878)

Sponsored by Representative LAVERRIERE-BOUCHER of Biddeford.

Cosponsored by Senator MAYO of Sagadahoc and Representatives: KANE of Saco, MILLETT of Waterford, MILLS of Cornville, SHIELDS of Auburn.

Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** suggested and ordered printed.

**REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** and ordered printed.

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act Regarding Wildlife Habitat Conservation"

(H.P. 604) (L.D. 827)

Sponsored by Representative DUNLAP of Old Town.  
Cosponsored by Senator EDMONDS of Cumberland and Representatives: ANNIS of Dover-Foxcroft, BULL of Freeport, KOFFMAN of Bar Harbor, MUSE of Fryeburg, Senators: KNEELAND of Aroostook, STANLEY of Penobscot.

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Operation of All-terrain Vehicles"

(H.P. 631) (L.D. 854)

Sponsored by Representative LANDRY of Sanford.  
Cosponsored by Representatives: BOWLES of Sanford, COURTNEY of Sanford, DUPLESSIE of Westbrook, JACKSON of Fort Kent, LORING of the Penobscot Nation, McLAUGHLIN of Cape Elizabeth, WHEELER of Kittery, Senator: CARPENTER of York.

Bill "An Act To Allow Smelt Fishing in Long Lake in Aroostook County"

(H.P. 637) (L.D. 860)

Sponsored by Representative SMITH of Van Buren.  
Cosponsored by Senator MARTIN of Aroostook and Representatives: BENNETT of Caribou, JACKSON of Fort Kent, PARADIS of Frenchville.

Bill "An Act To Waive the Fee for Fishing Licenses for Disabled Persons"

(H.P. 644) (L.D. 867)

Sponsored by Representative GLYNN of South Portland.

Bill "An Act To Promote and Advance Wild Ring-necked Pheasant Propagation" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 652) (L.D. 875)

Sponsored by Representative USHER of Westbrook.

Cosponsored by Senator CARPENTER of York and Representatives: CHURCHILL of Orland, CLARK of Millinocket, DUNLAP of Old Town, GERZOFKY of Brunswick.

Bill "An Act To Establish a Season for Hunting Deer with Primitive Muzzle-loading Firearms"

(H.P. 665) (L.D. 888)

Sponsored by Representative ANNIS of Dover-Foxcroft.

Cosponsored by Representative SNOWE-MELLO of Poland, Senator NASS of York and Representatives: CARR of Lincoln, DUNLAP of Old Town, PINEAU of Jay, RICHARDSON of Greenville, TOBIN of Windham, TOBIN of Dexter, TRAHAN of Waldoboro, Senator: WOODCOCK of Franklin.

Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** suggested and ordered printed.

**REFERRED** to the Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** and ordered printed.

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Help Businesses with a Clean Workers' Compensation Claims History"

(H.P. 591) (L.D. 814)

Sponsored by Representative HUTTON of Bowdoinham.

Cosponsored by Senator EDMONDS of Cumberland and Representatives: COWGER of Hallowell, DUPLESSIE of Westbrook, HATCH of Skowhegan, JACKSON of Fort Kent, MARRACHÉ of Waterville, PATRICK of Rumford, WATSON of Bath.

Bill "An Act To Clarify the Assignment of Provider Identification Numbers to Nurse Practitioners"

(H.P. 598) (L.D. 821)

Sponsored by Representative SHIELDS of Auburn.

Cosponsored by Representatives: DUGAY of Cherryfield, O'NEIL of Saco.

Bill "An Act To Promote Alternatives in Group Self-insurance"

(H.P. 629) (L.D. 852)

Sponsored by Representative O'NEIL of Saco.

Bill "An Act To Provide Maine Consumers Information about the Cost and Quality of Health Care Services in Maine"

(H.P. 634) (L.D. 857)

Sponsored by Representative KANE of Saco.

Cosponsored by Senator MAYO of Sagadahoc and Representatives: CANAVAN of Waterville, CRAVEN of Lewiston, FAIRCLOTH of Bangor, O'NEIL of Saco, WALCOTT of Lewiston, Senator: TREAT of Kennebec.

Bill "An Act To Provide Better Access to Information Related to Health Care Reimbursement Rates"

(H.P. 650) (L.D. 873)

Sponsored by Representative LERMAN of Augusta.

Cosponsored by Representatives: CANAVAN of Waterville, KANE of Saco, O'NEIL of Saco.

Bill "An Act To Require Insurance Companies To Pay up to \$200 for Wigs for Individuals Who Have Lost Hair Due to Medical Reasons"

(H.P. 656) (L.D. 879)

Sponsored by Representative O'BRIEN of Augusta. (BY REQUEST)

Bill "An Act To Establish a State Single-payor Health Insurance Plan"

(H.P. 666) (L.D. 889)

Sponsored by Representative EDER of Portland.

Cosponsored by Representative LERMAN of Augusta and Representatives: DUDLEY of Portland, LAVERRIERE-BOUCHER of Biddeford, PINEAU of Jay, PINGREE of North Haven, WALCOTT of Lewiston.

Committee on **INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** suggested and ordered printed.

**REFERRED** to the Committee on **INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** and ordered printed.

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Clarify the Duties of Conservators"

(H.P. 617) (L.D. 840)

Sponsored by Representative FLETCHER of Winslow.

Cosponsored by Representatives: BERRY of Belmont, CANAVAN of Waterville, SHERMAN of Hodgdon.

Bill "An Act To Protect Health Care Practitioners Responding to Public Health Threats"

(H.P. 623) (L.D. 846)

Sponsored by Representative SHIELDS of Auburn.

Cosponsored by Senator PENDLETON of Cumberland and Representative: COWGER of Hallowell, Senator: MITCHELL of Penobscot.

Resolve, Directing the Family Law Advisory Commission To Study and Report on Legal Issues Surrounding Surrogate Parenting and Gestational Agreements

(H.P. 642) (L.D. 865)

Sponsored by Representative MILLS of Farmington.

Cosponsored by Representatives: LAVERRIERE-BOUCHER of Biddeford, NORBERT of Portland.

Bill "An Act Concerning the Financial Obligations of a Parent Involved in a Crime against a Child of That Parent"

(H.P. 646) (L.D. 869)

Sponsored by Representative TRAHAN of Waldoboro.

Cosponsored by Senator HALL of Lincoln and Representatives: BOWLES of Sanford, DUGAY of Cherryfield, DUPLESSIE of Westbrook, McLAUGHLIN of Cape Elizabeth, O'BRIEN of Augusta, RECTOR of Thomaston, RICHARDSON of Brunswick, Senator: DAVIS of Piscataquis.

Bill "An Act To Require State Reimbursement When Laws or Rules Devalue Private Property"

(H.P. 663) (L.D. 886)

Sponsored by Representative JOY of Crystal.

Cosponsored by Senator STANLEY of Penobscot and Representatives: CARR of Lincoln, CLOUGH of Scarborough, FLETCHER of Winslow, GLYNN of South Portland, GOODWIN

of Pembroke, JACKSON of Fort Kent, JODREY of Bethel, PEAVEY-HASKELL of Greenbush.

Bill "An Act To Protect Children in Protection from Abuse Proceedings"

(H.P. 669) (L.D. 912)

Sponsored by Representative KETTERER of Madison.

Cosponsored by Senator HATCH of Somerset and Representatives: LAVERRIERE-BOUCHER of Biddeford, McGLOCKLIN of Embden, PEAVEY-HASKELL of Greenbush, SULLIVAN of Biddeford, TWOMEY of Biddeford.

Committee on **JUDICIARY** suggested and ordered printed.

**REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** and ordered printed.

Sent for concurrence.

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Bill "An Act Concerning Recovery of Expenses under the General Assistance Laws"

(H.P. 643) (L.D. 866)

Sponsored by Representative SMITH of Van Buren.

Cosponsored by Senator MARTIN of Aroostook and Representatives: HUTTON of Bowdoinham, MILLS of Farmington, PARADIS of Frenchville, TWOMEY of Biddeford, WATSON of Bath.

Committee on **JUDICIARY** suggested.

On motion of Representative SIMPSON of Auburn, **TABLED** pending **REFERENCE** and later today assigned.

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Bill "An Act To Provide Health Insurance Contributions to All Retired Teachers"

(H.P. 586) (L.D. 809)

Sponsored by Representative O'BRIEN of Augusta.

Cosponsored by Representatives: CHURCHILL of Orland, CUMMINGS of Portland, Senator: CARPENTER of York.

Bill "An Act Pertaining to Former Members of the Maine State Retirement System"

(H.P. 608) (L.D. 831)

Sponsored by Representative McLAUGHLIN of Cape Elizabeth.

Cosponsored by Representatives: BLISS of South Portland, DUNLAP of Old Town.

Bill "An Act To Protect the Solvency of Workers' Compensation Trust Funds"

(H.P. 611) (L.D. 834)

Sponsored by Representative HATCH of Skowhegan.

Cosponsored by Senator HATCH of Somerset and Representatives: ADAMS of Portland, GERZOFKY of Brunswick, NORTON of Bangor, PATRICK of Rumford.

Bill "An Act To Eliminate the Social Security Offset for Unemployment Benefits"

(H.P. 657) (L.D. 880)

Sponsored by Representative HUTTON of Bowdoinham.

Cosponsored by Senator EDMONDS of Cumberland and Representatives: BLANCHETTE of Bangor, GROSE of Woolwich, HATCH of Skowhegan, JACKSON of Fort Kent, O'BRIEN of Lewiston, PATRICK of Rumford, SMITH of Van Buren, Senator: HATCH of Somerset.

Bill "An Act To Allow the Buyback of Active Duty Military Time for Maine State Retirement System Credit"

(H.P. 658) (L.D. 881)

Sponsored by Representative COWGER of Hallowell.

Cosponsored by Senator GAGNON of Kennebec and Representatives: HEIDRICH of Oxford, KAELIN of Winterport, McCORMICK of West Gardiner, McKENNEY of Cumberland, PINEAU of Jay, THOMPSON of China, WATSON of Bath, Senator: TREAT of Kennebec.

Bill "An Act Regarding an Employee's Access to Personnel Files"

(H.P. 660) (L.D. 883)

Sponsored by Representative MILLS of Farmington.

Cosponsored by Representatives: HATCH of Skowhegan, SMITH of Van Buren.

Bill "An Act To Require Public Improvement Projects Contractors and Subcontractors To Meet Certain Criteria"

(H.P. 676) (L.D. 919)

Sponsored by Representative DUPLESSIE of Westbrook.

Cosponsored by Senator HATCH of Somerset and Representatives: GERZOFKY of Brunswick, HATCH of Skowhegan, HUTTON of Bowdoinham, PATRICK of Rumford, PINEAU of Jay, USHER of Westbrook, Senator: EDMONDS of Cumberland.

Committee on **LABOR** suggested and ordered printed.

**REFERRED** to the Committee on **LABOR** and ordered printed.

Sent for concurrence.

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Bill "An Act To Distribute Costs for the Funding of Pensions and Health Insurance for Retired Teachers"

(H.P. 600) (L.D. 823)

Sponsored by Representative MILLS of Cornville.

Committee on **LABOR** suggested.

On motion of Representative SMITH of Van Buren, **TABLED** pending **REFERENCE** and later today assigned.

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Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Raffles Conducted in Connection with a 'Beano' Game"

(H.P. 593) (L.D. 816)

Sponsored by Representative PEAVEY-HASKELL of Greenbush.

Cosponsored by Representatives: CARR of Lincoln, COLLINS of Wells, DUNLAP of Old Town, LEDWIN of Holden, Senators: HALL of Lincoln, SAWYER of Penobscot.

Bill "An Act To Prohibit a Governmental Entity from Endorsing a Political Candidate or a Referendum Issue"

(H.P. 597) (L.D. 820)

Sponsored by Representative BERRY of Belmont.

Cosponsored by Representatives: GLYNN of South Portland, JOY of Crystal, KAELIN of Winterport.

Bill "An Act To Provide the Option To Nominate Presidential Candidates by Caucus"

(H.P. 621) (L.D. 844)

Sponsored by Representative GLYNN of South Portland.

Bill "An Act To Require That the Costs Associated with Enacting a Direct Initiative Appear on the Ballot"

(H.P. 636) (L.D. 859)

Sponsored by Representative SHIELDS of Auburn.  
Cosponsored by Senator NASS of York and Representatives: HONEY of Boothbay, JOY of Crystal, RECTOR of Thomaston, SHERMAN of Hodgdon.

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Provide for the Resolution of Disputed Elections by the Supreme Judicial Court

(H.P. 654) (L.D. 877)

Sponsored by Representative SHIELDS of Auburn.  
Cosponsored by Representative SUKEFORTH of Union, Senator SAVAGE of Knox, Senator BLAIS of Kennebec and Representatives: BOWLES of Sanford, DAVIS of Falmouth, HONEY of Boothbay, JOY of Crystal, SHERMAN of Hodgdon.

Bill "An Act Regarding Gaming Conducted by Nonprofit Organizations"

(H.P. 672) (L.D. 915)

Sponsored by Representative JENNINGS of Leeds.  
Cosponsored by Representatives: CLARK of Millinocket, RICHARDSON of Brunswick, Senators: GAGNON of Kennebec, MAYO of Sagadahoc.

Committee on **LEGAL AND VETERANS AFFAIRS** suggested and ordered printed.

**REFERRED** to the Committee on **LEGAL AND VETERANS AFFAIRS** and ordered printed.

Sent for concurrence.

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Bill "An Act To Allow a Select Group of Former Lobstermen To Obtain Lobster Fishing Licenses"

(H.P. 612) (L.D. 835)

Sponsored by Representative PELLON of Machias.  
Cosponsored by Senator PENDLETON of Cumberland and Representatives: BUNKER of Kossuth Township, CHURCHILL of Orland, DUGAY of Cherryfield, GOODWIN of Pembroke, MOORE of the Passamaquoddy Tribe, MUSE of Fryeburg, WHEELER of Kittery, Senator: SHOREY of Washington.

Bill "An Act To Amend the Shellfish Harvesting Laws Regarding Closed Areas for Clam Digging"

(H.P. 648) (L.D. 871)

Sponsored by Representative TRAHAN of Waldoboro.

Bill "An Act To Transfer Certain Authority from the Department of Marine Resources to the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources"

(H.P. 659) (L.D. 882)

Sponsored by Representative KAELIN of Winterport.  
Cosponsored by Senator SHOREY of Washington and Representatives: BIERMAN of Sorrento, BOWEN of Rockport, DUGAY of Cherryfield, PIOTTI of Unity.

Committee on **MARINE RESOURCES** suggested and ordered printed.

**REFERRED** to the Committee on **MARINE RESOURCES** and ordered printed.

Sent for concurrence.

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Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Sand and Salt Sheds"

(H.P. 594) (L.D. 817)

Sponsored by Representative McKENNEY of Cumberland.  
Cosponsored by Representatives: JOY of Crystal, SHERMAN of Hodgdon, Senator: SAVAGE of Knox.

Bill "An Act To Strengthen the State's Air Toxics Laws"

(H.P. 606) (L.D. 829)

Sponsored by Representative TWOMEY of Biddeford.  
Cosponsored by Representatives: DUPLESSIE of Westbrook, EDER of Portland, McKEE of Wayne, PINEAU of Jay.

Bill "An Act To Provide Leadership in Addressing the Threat of Climate Change"

(H.P. 622) (L.D. 845)

Sponsored by Representative KOFFMAN of Bar Harbor.  
Cosponsored by Senator TREAT of Kennebec and Representatives: BULL of Freeport, COWGER of Hallowell, DUNLAP of Old Town, McLAUGHLIN of Cape Elizabeth, PINGREE of North Haven, Senators: DAMON of Hancock, EDMONDS of Cumberland, SAWYER of Penobscot.

Bill "An Act To Test for and Reduce Mercury Emissions from Resource Recovery Facilities" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 628) (L.D. 851)

Sponsored by Representative TWOMEY of Biddeford.  
Cosponsored by Senator STRIMLING of Cumberland and Representatives: BARSTOW of Gorham, COWGER of Hallowell, HUTTON of Bowdoinham, KOFFMAN of Bar Harbor, LAVERRIERE-BOUCHER of Biddeford, MAKAS of Lewiston, McKEE of Wayne, Senator: PENDLETON of Cumberland.

Committee on **NATURAL RESOURCES** suggested and ordered printed.

**REFERRED** to the Committee on **NATURAL RESOURCES** and ordered printed.

Sent for concurrence.

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Bill "An Act To Provide Equity in Residential Requirements for Public Employees"

(H.P. 589) (L.D. 812)

Sponsored by Representative McNEIL of Rockland. (BY REQUEST)

Bill "An Act Concerning Multiple Item Bond Issues"

(H.P. 590) (L.D. 813)

Sponsored by Representative CLOUGH of Scarborough.  
Cosponsored by Representative CARR of Lincoln, Senator LEMONT of York and Representatives: ANDREWS of York, ASH of Belfast, DUGAY of Cherryfield, JOY of Crystal, MILLETT of Waterford, SUSLOVIC of Portland, Senators: PENDLETON of Cumberland, STANLEY of Penobscot.

Bill "An Act To Include Androscoggin County in the Law Governing the Use of County Surplus Funds"

(H.P. 607) (L.D. 830)

Sponsored by Representative McLAUGHLIN of Cape Elizabeth.  
Cosponsored by Senator ROTUNDO of Androscoggin and Representatives: CRAVEN of Lewiston, MAILHOT of Lewiston, MAKAS of Lewiston, SAMPSON of Auburn, SHIELDS of Auburn, SNOWE-MELLO of Poland.



Bill "An Act To Facilitate Economic Development in Maine"  
(H.P. 610) (L.D. 833)

Sponsored by Representative MAIETTA of South Portland.

Bill "An Act To Increase the Number of County Commissioners in Cumberland County"

(H.P. 618) (L.D. 841)

Sponsored by Representative McLAUGHLIN of Cape Elizabeth. Cosponsored by Senator BROMLEY of Cumberland and Representatives: BARSTOW of Gorham, BLISS of South Portland, BRUNO of Raymond, CLOUGH of Scarborough, DUDLEY of Portland, MUSE of Fryeburg, Senators: GILMAN of Cumberland, PENDLETON of Cumberland.

Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** suggested and ordered printed.

**REFERRED** to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** and ordered printed.

Sent for concurrence.

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Bill "An Act To Control County Jail Health Care Expenses"  
(H.P. 585) (L.D. 808)

Sponsored by Representative BUNKER of Kossuth Township. Cosponsored by Senator CARPENTER of York.

Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** suggested.

On motion of Representative RICHARDSON of Brunswick, the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY**, ordered printed and sent for concurrence.

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Bill "An Act To Require State Reimbursement to Counties for Health Expenses Incurred For Prisoners in County Jails"

(H.P. 640) (L.D. 863)

Sponsored by Representative PARADIS of Frenchville. Cosponsored by Senator PENDLETON of Cumberland and Representatives: BENNETT of Caribou, CLARK of Millinocket, DUPLESSIE of Westbrook, JACKSON of Fort Kent, LANDRY of Sanford, SMITH of Van Buren, WOTTON of Littleton, Senator: STRIMLING of Cumberland.

Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** suggested.

On motion of Representative RICHARDSON of Brunswick, the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY**, ordered printed and sent for concurrence.

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Bill "An Act To Increase the Maine Lodging Tax"  
(H.P. 587) (L.D. 810)

Sponsored by Representative SAMPSON of Auburn. Cosponsored by Senator STRIMLING of Cumberland and Representatives: ADAMS of Portland, BLANCHETTE of Bangor, FAIRCLOTH of Bangor, LERMAN of Augusta, MAILHOT of Lewiston, McLAUGHLIN of Cape Elizabeth, O'BRIEN of Lewiston, SUSLOVIC of Portland.

Bill "An Act To Establish Minimum Standards of Eligibility for the Property Tax Exemption for Benevolent and Charitable Institutions"

(H.P. 632) (L.D. 855)

Sponsored by Representative CRESSEY of Baldwin.

Bill "An Act To Establish a Municipal Affordable Housing Development District Tax Increment Financing Program"  
(H.P. 635) (L.D. 858)

Sponsored by Representative MILLS of Cornville. Cosponsored by Representatives: KOFFMAN of Bar Harbor, SUSLOVIC of Portland.

Bill "An Act To Immediately Eliminate the Marriage Penalty under the Income Tax Laws"

(H.P. 645) (L.D. 868)

Sponsored by Representative GLYNN of South Portland.

Resolve, To Require That the State Conduct a New Valuation of Private Properties in the Unorganized Territories of Aroostook County

(H.P. 649) (L.D. 872)

Sponsored by Representative PARADIS of Frenchville. Cosponsored by Senator STRIMLING of Cumberland and Representatives: JACKSON of Fort Kent, LUNDEEN of Mars Hill, McGLOCKLIN of Embden, McKENNEY of Cumberland, MILLETT of Waterford, SAMPSON of Auburn, WOTTON of Littleton, Senator: HATCH of Somerset.

Bill "An Act To Connect the BETR Program with Job Retention"

(H.P. 651) (L.D. 874)

Sponsored by Representative CLARK of Millinocket. Cosponsored by Senator STANLEY of Penobscot and Representatives: DUGAY of Cherryfield, DUPREY of Medway, GOODWIN of Pembroke, HATCH of Skowhegan, PINEAU of Jay, USHER of Westbrook, WHEELER of Kittery, Senator: HATCH of Somerset.

Bill "An Act To Exempt All Casual Sales from Taxation"  
(H.P. 668) (L.D. 911)

Sponsored by Representative SNOWE-MELLO of Poland. Cosponsored by Representatives: BERUBE of Lisbon, DAVIS of Falmouth, HEIDRICH of Oxford, JOY of Crystal, TRAHAN of Waldoboro, Senator: CARPENTER of York.

Bill "An Act To Provide Certain Veterans an Excise Tax Deduction in Lieu of the Homestead Exemption"

(H.P. 671) (L.D. 914)

Sponsored by Representative SHIELDS of Auburn.

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Limit Present-home Property Taxes

(H.P. 673) (L.D. 916)

Sponsored by Representative DAVIS of Falmouth. Cosponsored by Senator HATCH of Somerset and Representatives: CRESSEY of Baldwin, GAGNE-FRIEL of Buckfield, HONEY of Boothbay, JOY of Crystal, ROSEN of Bucksport, SHERMAN of Hodgdon, SHIELDS of Auburn.

Bill "An Act To Establish a Penalty on Gains from the Sale or Exchange of Land from Which Timber Has Been Harvested"

(H.P. 677) (L.D. 920)

Sponsored by Representative KOFFMAN of Bar Harbor. Cosponsored by President DAGGETT of Kennebec and Representatives: BULL of Freeport, GERZOFKY of Brunswick, SAVIELLO of Wilton, SIMPSON of Auburn, SUSLOVIC of Portland, THOMPSON of China, Senators: DAMON of Hancock, EDMONDS of Cumberland.

Committee on **TAXATION** suggested and ordered printed.  
**REFERRED** to the Committee on **TAXATION** and ordered printed.  
Sent for concurrence.

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Bill "An Act To Allow Modified Automotive Suspension"  
(H.P. 595) (L.D. 818)

Sponsored by Representative McKENNEY of Cumberland.  
Cosponsored by Representatives: ASH of Belfast, COLLINS of Wells, HONEY of Boothbay, McKEE of Wayne, O'BRIEN of Lewiston, Senator: SAWYER of Penobscot.

Bill "An Act To Amend the Motor Vehicle Laws Pertaining to Mufflers"  
(H.P. 596) (L.D. 819)

Sponsored by Representative McKENNEY of Cumberland.  
Cosponsored by Senator SAWYER of Penobscot and Representatives: O'BRIEN of Lewiston, SMITH of Monmouth.

Bill "An Act Clarifying State Financial Responsibility over State and State Aid Highways"  
(H.P. 609) (L.D. 832)

Sponsored by Representative CROSTHWAITE of Ellsworth.  
Cosponsored by Senator GILMAN of Cumberland and Representatives: BERRY of Belmont, BERUBE of Lisbon, BLANCHETTE of Bangor, COLLINS of Wells, KAELIN of Winterport, LEDWIN of Holden, MURPHY of Kennebunk, STONE of Berwick.

Bill "An Act To Prevent Distracted Driving"  
(H.P. 613) (L.D. 836)

Sponsored by Representative MURPHY of Kennebunk.  
Cosponsored by Senator MAYO of Sagadahoc and Representatives: COLLINS of Wells, DUNLAP of Old Town, GOODWIN of Pembroke, McKENNEY of Cumberland, McNEIL of Rockland, PINEAU of Jay, USHER of Westbrook.

Bill "An Act To Require Motorists To Use Caution When Approaching a Safety Zone"  
(H.P. 614) (L.D. 837)

Sponsored by Representative BULL of Freeport.  
Cosponsored by Senator DAMON of Hancock and Representatives: ANDREWS of York, DUPLESSIE of Westbrook, McNEIL of Rockland, RINES of Wiscasset, USHER of Westbrook, Senator: STRIMLING of Cumberland.

Bill "An Act To Create the Motor Vehicle Inspection Advisory Board"  
(H.P. 616) (L.D. 839)

Sponsored by Representative McKENNEY of Cumberland.

Resolve, Directing the Department of Transportation To Erect Signs Identifying Bodies of Water Crossed  
(H.P. 638) (L.D. 861)

Sponsored by Representative SHIELDS of Auburn.  
Cosponsored by Senator SAVAGE of Knox and Representatives: BROWNE of Vassalboro, DAVIS of Falmouth, JOY of Crystal, SHERMAN of Hodgdon.

Bill "An Act Regulating the Use of Cellular Telephones by Juvenile Drivers"  
(H.P. 639) (L.D. 862)

Sponsored by Representative MILLS of Farmington.

Bill "An Act Allowing Certain Modifications to Tires and Wheels on Vehicles with Antilock Braking Systems"  
(H.P. 641) (L.D. 864)

Sponsored by Representative SIMPSON of Auburn.  
Cosponsored by Senator DOUGLASS of Androscoggin and Representatives: CUMMINGS of Portland, DUPREY of Medway, FLETCHER of Winslow, LAVERRIERE-BOUCHER of Biddeford, McCORMICK of West Gardiner, SAMPSON of Auburn, SHERMAN of Hodgdon, VAUGHAN of Durham.

Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** suggested and ordered printed.

**REFERRED** to the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** and ordered printed.

Sent for concurrence.

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Bill "An Act To Prevent the Gaming of Special Rate Contracts by Utilities"  
(H.P. 588) (L.D. 811)

Sponsored by Representative BERRY of Belmont.

Bill "An Act To Ensure Equal Treatment of Telecommunications Customers under Maine's Universal Service Fund"  
(H.P. 620) (L.D. 843)

Sponsored by Representative RINES of Wiscasset.  
Cosponsored by President DAGGETT of Kennebec and Representatives: BERRY of Belmont, BLISS of South Portland, DUNLAP of Old Town, GERZOFKY of Brunswick, NORBERT of Portland.

Committee on **UTILITIES AND ENERGY** suggested and ordered printed.

**REFERRED** to the Committee on **UTILITIES AND ENERGY** and ordered printed.

Sent for concurrence.

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

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#### ORDERS

On motion of Representative WHEELER of Kittery, the following House Order: (H.O. 19)

ORDERED, that Representative Bonita J. Breault of Buxton be excused Thursday, February 6th, Tuesday, February 11th and Friday, February 14th for health reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Marilyn E. Canavan of Waterville be excused Tuesday, February 11th for legislative business.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Guy J. Duprey, Jr. of Medway be excused Friday, February 14th for personal reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Jeff Kaelin of Winterport be excused Friday, February 14th for personal reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Janet T. Mills of Farmington be excused Friday, February 14th for personal reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Anne C. Perry of Calais be excused Friday, February 14th for personal reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Thomas B. Saviello of Wilton be excused Friday, February 14th for personal reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative A. David Trahan of Waldoboro be excused Friday, February 14th for legislative business.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Russell P. Treadwell of Carmel be excused Friday, February 14th for health reasons.

**READ and PASSED.**

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**CONSENT CALENDAR**  
**First Day**

In accordance with House Rule 519, the following items appeared on the Consent Calendar for the First Day:

(S.P. 20) (L.D. 34) Bill "An Act to Ensure that Child Labor Laws Apply to Public Sector Employers" Committee on **LABOR** reporting **Ought to Pass**

(H.P. 74) (L.D. 66) Bill "An Act to Repeal the Mandate to Perambulate the Municipal Boundary Lines when there is No Boundary Dispute" Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** reporting **Ought to Pass**

There being no objections, the above items were ordered to appear on the Consent Calendar tomorrow under the listing of Second Day.

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

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

The following matter, in the consideration of which the House was engaged at the time of adjournment yesterday, had preference in the Orders of the Day and continued with such preference until disposed of as provided by House Rule 502.

Bill "An Act To Improve Rights to Marine Resources"  
(S.P. 184) (L.D. 544)

- In Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY**.  
TABLED - February 6, 2003 (Till Later Today) by Representative BULL of Freeport.

PENDING - **REFERENCE IN CONCURRENCE.**

On motion of Representative BULL of Freeport, the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **MARINE RESOURCES** in **NON-CONCURRENCE** and sent for concurrence.

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

**SENATE PAPERS**

The following Joint Order: (S.P. 307)

**ORDERED**, the House concurring, that when the House and Senate adjourn, they do so until Tuesday, February 25, 2003, at 10:00 in the morning.

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

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Bill "An Act To Fully Fund Retirement Benefits for Game Wardens and Marine Patrol Officers"

(S.P. 270) (L.D. 791)

Bill "An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue in the Amount of \$1,000,000 To Provide Funds to Riverfront Municipalities To Develop Riverfront Cultural Heritage Centers"

(S.P. 304) (L.D. 908)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed.

**REFERRED** to the Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** in concurrence.

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Bill "An Act To Educate Consumers Regarding Voluntary Repossession"

(S.P. 300) (L.D. 904)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **BUSINESS, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** and ordered printed.

**REFERRED** to the Committee on **BUSINESS, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** in concurrence.

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Bill "An Act To Make the Use of Scheduled Drugs without a Prescription a Crime"

(S.P. 271) (L.D. 792)

Bill "An Act To Require the Videotaping of Police Interrogations"

(S.P. 286) (L.D. 891)

Bill "An Act To Authorize County Jails To Purchase Prescription Drugs and Other Medications in Bulk for Prisoners"

(S.P. 288) (L.D. 893)

Bill "An Act To Clarify the Responsibilities of Contract Law Enforcement Officers"

(S.P. 290) (L.D. 895)

Resolve, Directing the Department of Corrections To Develop a Plan To Improve Transitional Services for Sex Offenders and Sexually Violent Predators and To Improve Communications with Law Enforcement Agencies Regarding the Release of Sex Offenders (EMERGENCY)

(S.P. 303) (L.D. 907)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** and ordered printed.

**REFERRED** to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** in concurrence.

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Resolve, To Provide Training on Autistic Behaviors to Crisis Professionals (EMERGENCY)

(S.P. 279) (L.D. 800)

Resolve, To Establish a System for Electronic Filing of Death Certificates

(S.P. 291) (L.D. 896)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** and ordered printed.

**REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** in concurrence.

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Bill "An Act To Provide 'Any-deer' Permits to Permanently Disabled Nonambulatory Persons"

(S.P. 265) (L.D. 786)

Bill "An Act To Limit the Damages Recoverable in Accidents Involving Snowmobile Clubs' Trail-grooming Activities"

(S.P. 266) (L.D. 787)

Bill "An Act To Allow a Moose Lottery Winner To Designate a Subcommittee after the Lottery Drawing"

(S.P. 268) (L.D. 789)

(S.P. 267) (L.D. 788)

Resolve, To Declare Maine Aviation Education Week (EMERGENCY)

(S.P. 274) (L.D. 795)

Bill "An Act To Allow a Person To Assist in a Hunt"

(S.P. 269) (L.D. 790)

Bill "An Act Relating to Motorcycles and Driver Education"

(S.P. 289) (L.D. 894)

Bill "An Act to Remove Home Possession Limits"

(S.P. 273) (L.D. 794)

Bill "An Act Pertaining to Trustee Services for the Maine Turnpike Authority"

(S.P. 302) (L.D. 906)

Bill "An Act To Simplify the Requirements for Tagging, Registering and Transporting Harvested Animals"

(S.P. 285) (L.D. 806)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** and ordered printed.

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** and ordered printed.

**REFERRED** to the Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** in concurrence.

**REFERRED** to the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act Relating to Existing Life-care Communities Licensed by the Superintendent of Insurance"

(S.P. 275) (L.D. 796)

Bill "An Act To Amend the Standard Water District Enabling Act"

(S.P. 283) (L.D. 804)

Bill "An Act Concerning Health Insurance Reimbursement and Contracting Practices"

(S.P. 292) (L.D. 897)

Bill "An Act To Create a Sustainable Energy Trust Fund"

(S.P. 284) (L.D. 805)

Bill "An Act To Create Equality in Medicare Supplement Insurance Policies"

(S.P. 298) (L.D. 902)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **UTILITIES AND ENERGY** and ordered printed.

Resolve, To Amend the 2-year Qualified Medicare Beneficiary Eligibility Rule Relative to Medicare Supplement Insurance Access

(S.P. 299) (L.D. 903)

**REFERRED** to the Committee on **UTILITIES AND ENERGY** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Protect Employees if Their Employer Fails To Pay Premiums for Employer-sponsored Health Insurance"

(S.P. 301) (L.D. 905)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** and ordered printed.

**REFERRED** to the Committee on **INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** in concurrence.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

##### Change of Committee

Report of the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** on Bill "An Act to Transfer Bureau of General Services School Construction Functions to the Maine Department of Education"

(S.P. 72) (L.D. 149)

Reporting that it be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS**.

Came from the Senate with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **REFERRED** to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS**.

Report was **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **REFERRED** to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** in concurrence.

#### SENATE PAPERS

Bill "An Act To Amend the Abortion Consent Laws"

(S.P. 277) (L.D. 798)

Bill "An Act To Prohibit Discrimination in Housing"

(S.P. 287) (L.D. 892)

Bill "An Act To Revise the Boundary between the Town of Harrison and the Town of Bridgton"

(S.P. 272) (L.D. 793)

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Sagadahoc County Commissioner Elections and Budget Hearings"

(S.P. 293) (L.D. 898)

Resolve, To Establish the Committee To Investigate the Feasibility of and Need for Regulation of Spoken Language Interpreters (EMERGENCY)

(S.P. 305) (L.D. 909)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** and ordered printed.

**REFERRED** to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** in concurrence.

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** and ordered printed.

**REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** in concurrence.

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Require a Vote of 2/3 of Each House of the Legislature To Enact or Increase a Tax

(S.P. 280) (L.D. 801)

Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** suggested.

On motion of Representative RICHARDSON of Brunswick, **TABLED** pending **REFERENCE** and later today assigned.

Resolve, To Provide Health Insurance to Unemployed Workers (EMERGENCY)

(S.P. 276) (L.D. 797)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LABOR** and ordered printed.

**REFERRED** to the Committee on **LABOR** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Enhance Vistas"

Bill "An Act To Clarify Maine Election Laws"

(S.P. 281) (L.D. 802)

Bill "An Act To Provide an Alternative to Filing Nomination Petitions"

(S.P. 294) (L.D. 899)

Bill "An Act To Update the Abandoned Property Laws"

(S.P. 297) (L.D. 901)

Bill "An Act To Promote Candidate Accountability in Elections"

(S.P. 306) (L.D. 910)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LEGAL AND VETERANS AFFAIRS** and ordered printed.

**REFERRED** to the Committee on **LEGAL AND VETERANS AFFAIRS** in concurrence.

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Bill "An Act Regarding Eligibility for a License To Harvest Marine Organisms for a Person Who Served in the United States Armed Forces or United States Coast Guard"

(S.P. 295) (L.D. 900)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **MARINE RESOURCES** and ordered printed.

**REFERRED** to the Committee on **MARINE RESOURCES** in concurrence.

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Bill "An Act To Ensure the Rights of Host Communities Regarding the Construction and Operation of State-owned Solid Waste Disposal Facilities"

(S.P. 282) (L.D. 803)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **NATURAL RESOURCES** and ordered printed.

**REFERRED** to the Committee on **NATURAL RESOURCES** in concurrence.

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

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On motion of Representative O'BRIEN of Lewiston, the House adjourned at 11:29 a.m., until 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, February 25, 2003 pursuant to the Joint Order (S.P. 307).