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ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION
19th Legislative Day
Tuesday, March 4, 2003

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

Prayer by Pastor Douglas Allan Dunlap, First Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, Wilton.

National Anthem by The SAD 55 Citizen Singers.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Doctor of the day, Dr. Tamas Peredy, M.D., Cumberland.

The Journal of Wednesday, February 26, 2003 was read and approved.

SENATE PAPERS

The following Joint Resolution: (S.P. 352)

**JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE 150TH
ANNIVERSARY OF THE TOWN OF VEAZIE**

WHEREAS, New England's small towns and villages are recognized across our nation as the model for our country's democratic institutions and have deservedly come to serve as the preeminent symbol of the virtues of direct citizen involvement in government, thrift, simple beauty and quiet and deep-rooted values; and

WHEREAS, small towns are the backbone of Maine and the Town of Veazie typifies the valued attributes of the small communities of Maine; and

WHEREAS, the area that now comprises Veazie was once the 7th ward of the City of Bangor and was purchased by a wealthy general named Samuel Veazie and was incorporated by the Maine Legislature on March 6, 1853; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Twenty-first Legislature of the State of Maine now assembled in the First Regular Session, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to recognize the 150th Anniversary of the Town of Veazie, to commend the inhabitants and officials of this town for the success that they have achieved together for one-and-a-half centuries and to extend to each our sincere hopes and best wishes for continued achievement over the next 150 years; 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 this proud community in honor of the occasion.

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

READ and **ADOPTED** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Require a Juvenile to Pay Restitution after Attaining 18 Years of Age"

(S.P. 257) (L.D. 762)

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

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.

Bill "An Act To Prohibit the Use of Workers' Compensation Trust Funds for Political Contributions"

(S.P. 315) (L.D. 974)

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

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 Improve the Effectiveness of the Maine Coastal and Inland Surface Oil Clean-up Fund"

(S.P. 205) (L.D. 596)

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

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

Non-Concurrent Matter

Bill "An Act Concerning Multiple Item Bond Issues"

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

REFERRED to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** in the House on February 20, 2003.

Came from the Senate **REFERRED** to the Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

The House voted to **RECEDE AND CONCUR**.

Non-Concurrent Matter

Bill "An Act To Clarify Ownership Rights to Repossessed Vehicles"

(S.P. 148) (L.D. 430)

REFERRED to the Committee on **INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** in the House on February 11, 2003.

Came from the Senate with that Body having **INSISTED** on its former action whereby the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

The House voted to **RECEDE AND CONCUR**.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: (H.C. 54)

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

March 4, 2003

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 (H), I have appointed Representative Patricia A. Blanchette of Bangor to serve as Speaker Pro Tem when the House convenes on Wednesday, March 5, 2003 at 10:00 a.m.

Sincerely,

S/Patrick Colwell

Speaker of the House

READ and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 55)

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

March 4, 2003

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 (H), I have appointed Representative Matthew Dunlap of Old Town to serve as Speaker Pro Tem when the House convenes on Thursday, March 6, 2003 at 10:00 a.m.

Sincerely,

S/Patrick Colwell

Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 56)

**MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333**

February 26, 2003

Honorable Millicent M. MacFarland

Clerk of the House

2 State House Station

Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Clerk MacFarland:

Pursuant to our authority under Joint Rule 501, we have appointed Rickmond K. McCarthy, Chief of Staff in the Office of the Senate President, and Patrick Damon, Chief of Staff Office of the Speaker of the House, to jointly serve as the Democratic Partisan Staff Assistant for Nominations during the 121st Maine State Legislature.

Sincerely,

S/Beverly C. Daggett

President of the Senate

S/Patrick Colwell

Speaker of the House

S/Sharon Anglin Treat

Senate Majority Leader

S/John Richardson

House Majority Leader

S/Kenneth T. Gagnon

Assistant Senate Majority Leader

S/Robert W. Duplessie

Assistant House Majority Leader

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 57)

**STATE OF MAINE
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
STATE PLANNING OFFICE
38 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0038**

February 11, 2003

The Honorable Patrick Colwell

Speaker of the House

2 SHS

Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Speaker Colwell,

Enclosed, please find a complimentary copy of the State Nuclear Safety Advisor report for the period ending January 15, 2003, pursuant to 25 M.R.S.A., Chapter 5, Section 52(2)(D).

The report chronicles certain events concerning nuclear materials safety both nationally and in the State. The approval of Yucca Mountain in Nevada and the movement of Maine Yankee's spent fuel from the spent fuel pool to the Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation (ISFSI) in Wiscasset were major milestones for the year 2002. Last year, Portsmouth Naval Shipyard also organized a rare spent fuel transportation accident training exercise hosted in Kittery.

A copy of the report is scheduled to be posted next week on the State's website at <http://www.state.me.us/spo/nuclear/>. In the meantime, please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or comments.

Sincerely,

S/Paula Craighead

READ and with accompanying papers ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (S.C. 64)

**MAINE SENATE
121ST LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
3 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, ME 04333-0003**

February 26, 2003

Honorable Patrick Colwell

Speaker of the House

2 State House Station

Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Speaker Colwell:

In accordance with Joint Rule 506 of the 121st Maine Legislature, please be advised that the Senate today confirmed the following nomination:

Upon the recommendation of the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, the nomination of Robert Spear of Nobleboro, for appointment as the Commissioner of the Department of Agriculture.

Sincerely,

S/Joy J. O'Brien

Secretary of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

**PETITIONS, BILLS AND RESOLVES REQUIRING
REFERENCE**

Bill "An Act To Promote Enforcement Training for Bureau of Parks and Lands Staff"

(H.P. 773) (L.D. 1055)

Sponsored by Representative KOFFMAN of Bar Harbor.

Cosponsored by Senator EDMONDS of Cumberland and Representatives: COWGER of Hallowell, DUNLAP of Old Town, FAIRCLOTH of Bangor, FISCHER of Presque Isle, HUTTON of Bowdoinham, PIOTTI of Unity, THOMPSON of China, TWOMEY of Biddeford.

Resolve, To Ensure Orderly Planning for the Allagash Wilderness Waterway

(H.P. 774) (L.D. 1056)

Sponsored by Representative KOFFMAN of Bar Harbor.
Cosponsored by Senator EDMONDS of Cumberland and Representatives: BULL of Freeport, COWGER of Hallowell, McKEE of Wayne, PIOTTI of Unity, SUSLOVIC of Portland, THOMPSON of China, TWOMEY of Biddeford, Senator: TREAT of Kennebec.

Bill "An Act To Require Wilderness Management Training for the Manager of the Allagash Wilderness Waterway"

(H.P. 809) (L.D. 1106)

Sponsored by Representative McKEE of Wayne.
Cosponsored by Senator BENNETT of Oxford and Representatives: ANNIS of Dover-Foxcroft, BUNKER of Kossuth Township, DUNLAP of Old Town, JACKSON of Fort Kent, KOFFMAN of Bar Harbor, RICHARDSON of Greenville, Senators: DAVIS of Piscataquis, GAGNON of Kennebec.

Bill "An Act To Allow the Sale of Wood Chips by Uncertified Persons"

(H.P. 817) (L.D. 1114)

Sponsored by Representative MOODY of Manchester.
Cosponsored by Representatives: CRESSEY of Baldwin, McCORMICK of West Gardiner.

Bill "An Act To Restructure the Power and Duties within the Animal Welfare Act"

(H.P. 845) (L.D. 1142)

Sponsored by Representative LAVERRIERE-BOUCHER of Biddeford.
Cosponsored by Representatives: SULLIVAN of Biddeford, TWOMEY of Biddeford.

Bill "An Act Concerning Endangered and Invasive Plant Species"

(H.P. 846) (L.D. 1143)

Sponsored by Representative DUNLAP of Old Town.
Cosponsored by Senator BRYANT of Oxford and Representatives: KOFFMAN of Bar Harbor, McKEE of Wayne, PINEAU of Jay.

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 Reduce the Size of All Departments and Agencies"

(H.P. 782) (L.D. 1064)

Sponsored by Representative JOY of Crystal.
Cosponsored by Representatives: CARR of Lincoln, CLARK of Millinocket, FLETCHER of Winslow, GOODWIN of Pembroke, KAELIN of Winterport, McKENNEY of Cumberland, SHERMAN of Hodgdon, SNOWE-MELLO of Poland.

Bill "An Act To Establish a New Method of Determining the State Budget"

(H.P. 796) (L.D. 1078)

Sponsored by Representative JOY of Crystal.
Cosponsored by Representatives: ANDREWS of York, BERRY of Belmont, CARR of Lincoln, HEIDRICH of Oxford, LEWIN of Eliot,

ROSEN of Bucksport, VAUGHAN of Durham, Senator: DAVIS of Piscataquis.

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.

Bill "An Act To Allow Volunteer Social Work To Count towards Licensure"

(H.P. 849) (L.D. 1146)

Sponsored by Representative LAVERRIERE-BOUCHER of Biddeford.

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 Abolish the State Planning Office"

(H.P. 785) (L.D. 1067)

Sponsored by Representative JOY of Crystal.

Cosponsored by Representatives: BERRY of Belmont, CARR of Lincoln, CURLEY of Scarborough, LEWIN of Eliot, VAUGHAN of Durham.

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

On motion of Representative SULLIVAN of Biddeford, the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT**, ordered printed and sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Provide Incentives for Affordable Neighborhood Developments"

(H.P. 802) (L.D. 1084)

Sponsored by Representative KOFFMAN of Bar Harbor.
Cosponsored by Senator BROMLEY of Cumberland and Representatives: COWGER of Hallowell, FAIRCLOTH of Bangor, LEMOINE of Old Orchard Beach, McLAUGHLIN of Cape Elizabeth, NORBERT of Portland, SULLIVAN of Biddeford, SUSLOVIC of Portland.

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

On motion of Representative SULLIVAN of Biddeford, **TABLED** pending **REFERENCE** and later today assigned.

Bill "An Act To Amend the Foreclosure Process"

(H.P. 803) (L.D. 1100)

Sponsored by Representative CRESSEY of Baldwin.

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

On motion of Representative SULLIVAN of Biddeford, the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TAXATION**, ordered printed and sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Noncomplete Clauses in Broadcast Industry Contracts"

(H.P. 823) (L.D. 1120)

Sponsored by Representative BRUNO of Raymond.

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

On motion of Representative SULLIVAN of Biddeford, the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LABOR**, ordered printed and sent for concurrence.

Resolve, Directing the Commissioner of Public Safety To Study the Emergency Medical Services System

(H.P. 783) (L.D. 1065)

Sponsored by Representative BULL of Freeport.

Cosponsored by Senator NASS of York and Representatives: ANDREWS of York, BARSTOW of Gorham, BLANCHETTE of Bangor, DUPLESSIE of Westbrook, GREELEY of Levant, RINES of Wiscasset.

Bill "An Act Regarding Passing Bad Checks"

(H.P. 812) (L.D. 1109)

Sponsored by Representative VAUGHAN of Durham.

Cosponsored by Senator WESTON of Waldo and Representatives: CRAVEN of Lewiston, JOY of Crystal, MAKAS of Lewiston, O'BRIEN of Lewiston, PEAVEY-HASKELL of Greenbush, THOMPSON of China, WOODBURY of Yarmouth, Senator: CARPENTER of York.

Bill "An Act Creating an Alternate Concealed Weapons Permit Process"

(H.P. 813) (L.D. 1110)

Sponsored by Representative GLYNN of South Portland.

Bill "An Act To Implement Full Reciprocity of Concealed Weapons Requirements"

(H.P. 814) (L.D. 1111)

Sponsored by Representative GLYNN of South Portland.

Bill "An Act To Eliminate the Concealed Weapons Permit"

(H.P. 828) (L.D. 1125)

Sponsored by Representative CRESSEY of Baldwin.

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 Require Fire-safe Cigarettes in the State"

(H.P. 830) (L.D. 1127)

Sponsored by Representative BULL of Freeport.

Cosponsored by Senator EDMONDS of Cumberland and Representatives: DUDLEY of Portland, KANE of Saco, LAVERRIERE-BOUCHER of Biddeford, RINES of Wiscasset, SUSLOVIC of Portland.

Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** suggested.

On motion of Representative CHURCHILL of Washburn, the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**, ordered printed and sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Establish an Appeal Process for Residential Care Facilities Denied Licensure Due to Fire Safety Issues"

(H.P. 853) (L.D. 1154)

Sponsored by Representative SHERMAN of Hodgdon.

Cosponsored by Representatives: BENNETT of Caribou, CLARK of Millinocket, JACKSON of Fort Kent, SMITH of Van Buren, WATSON of Bath.

Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** suggested.

On motion of Representative CHURCHILL of Washburn, the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**, ordered printed and sent for concurrence.

Resolve, Directing the Maine Historic Preservation Commission To Examine Available Funding for Local Historical Societies

(H.P. 787) (L.D. 1069)

Sponsored by Representative THOMPSON of China.

Cosponsored by Senator MAYO of Sagadahoc and Representatives: ADAMS of Portland, BLISS of South Portland, FINCH of Fairfield, FISCHER of Presque Isle, MILLS of Cornville, SAMPSON of Auburn, SAVIELLO of Wilton, WOODBURY of Yarmouth.

Bill "An Act Regarding Habitual Truants"

(H.P. 800) (L.D. 1082)

Sponsored by Representative CLOUGH of Scarborough.

Bill "An Act To Protect Children from Indecent Material on the Internet"

(H.P. 806) (L.D. 1103)

Sponsored by Representative DUPREY of Hampden.

Cosponsored by Representatives: ANNIS of Dover-Foxcroft, BERRY of Belmont, CRESSEY of Baldwin, DAVIS of Falmouth, GLYNN of South Portland, HEIDRICH of Oxford, TOBIN of Dexter, Senator: GILMAN of Cumberland.

Bill "An Act To Restore an Annual Adjustment for Costs to the School Funding Formula"

(H.P. 815) (L.D. 1112)

Sponsored by Representative COLLINS of Wells.

Cosponsored by Representatives: ANDREWS of York, GOODWIN of Pembroke, MARLEY of Portland, MARRACHÉ of Waterville, MURPHY of Kennebunk, SUSLOVIC of Portland, USHER of Westbrook.

Bill "An Act Regarding University of Maine System Boards of Visitors"

(H.P. 819) (L.D. 1116)

Sponsored by Representative DUNLAP of Old Town.

Bill "An Act To Protect Children from Classes Contradictory to Their Religious Beliefs"

(H.P. 833) (L.D. 1130)

Sponsored by Representative DUPREY of Hampden.

Cosponsored by Representatives: ANNIS of Dover-Foxcroft, BERRY of Belmont, CRESSEY of Baldwin, DAVIS of Falmouth, GLYNN of South Portland, HEIDRICH of Oxford, TOBIN of Dexter, Senator: GILMAN of Cumberland.

Resolve, To Establish the Study Committee to Study the Feasibility of a 4-year High School Vocational Program (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 836) (L.D. 1133)

Sponsored by Representative ANNIS of Dover-Foxcroft.
Cosponsored by Senator MITCHELL of Penobscot and Representatives: CUMMINGS of Portland, JENNINGS of Leeds, JOY of Crystal, MURPHY of Kennebunk, PINEAU of Jay, RICHARDSON of Greenville, TOBIN of Dexter, Senator: DAVIS of Piscataquis.

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 Address the Temporary Maximum Levels of Assistance for General Assistance Established in 1991"

(H.P. 784) (L.D. 1066)

Sponsored by Representative DUDLEY of Portland.
Cosponsored by Senator BRENNAN of Cumberland and Representatives: BRANNIGAN of Portland, COWGER of Hallowell, FAIRCLOTH of Bangor, LERMAN of Augusta, McLAUGHLIN of Cape Elizabeth, PINGREE of North Haven, Senator: CATHCART of Penobscot.

Bill "An Act To Extend the Duties of the Children's Ombudsman"

(H.P. 791) (L.D. 1073)

Sponsored by Representative CANAVAN of Waterville.
Cosponsored by Senator BRENNAN of Cumberland and Representatives: BRANNIGAN of Portland, CRAVEN of Lewiston, DUDLEY of Portland, LAVERRIERE-BOUCHER of Biddeford, MILLS of Cornville.

Resolve, To Ensure Appropriate Care for Persons with Dementia

(H.P. 793) (L.D. 1075)

Sponsored by Representative KANE of Saco.
Cosponsored by Senator MAYO of Sagadahoc and Representatives: CANAVAN of Waterville, CURLEY of Scarborough, FLETCHER of Winslow, GAGNE-FRIEL of Buckfield, HEIDRICH of Oxford, O'BRIEN of Lewiston, SNOWE-MELLO of Poland, Senator: BENNETT of Oxford.

Bill "An Act To Apply Uniform Fire Code Standards to Preschool Facilities Regardless of Funding Source"

(H.P. 808) (L.D. 1105)

Sponsored by Representative MILLS of Cornville.

Resolve, To Establish Equitable Rates for In-home Behavioral Health Services for Children

(H.P. 811) (L.D. 1108)

Sponsored by Representative DUDLEY of Portland.
Cosponsored by Senator BRENNAN of Cumberland and Representative: KANE of Saco.

Bill "An Act Relating to the Reporting of Information to the Maine Health Data Organization"

(H.P. 824) (L.D. 1121)

Sponsored by Representative MARRACHÉ of Waterville.
Cosponsored by Senator GAGNON of Kennebec and Representatives: CLARK of Millinocket, DUPREY of Medway,

JACKSON of Fort Kent, NUTTING of Oakland, SMITH of Van Buren.

Resolve, To Study the Impact of "Critical Access Facility" Designation of Maine Hospitals (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 855) (L.D. 1156)

Sponsored by Representative KANE of Saco.
Cosponsored by Representatives: CRAVEN of Lewiston, EARLE of Damariscotta, LAVERRIERE-BOUCHER of Biddeford, MAILHOT of Lewiston, WALCOTT of Lewiston, Senator: BRENNAN of Cumberland.

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 To Establish and Enforce Abortion Facility Safety Requirements"

(H.P. 804) (L.D. 1101)

Sponsored by Representative CRESSEY of Baldwin.
Cosponsored by Senator SHOREY of Washington and Representatives: BERRY of Belmont, CARR of Lincoln, DUPREY of Hampden, GLYNN of South Portland, RICHARDSON of Skowhegan, SNOWE-MELLO of Poland, VAUGHAN of Durham, Senator: DAVIS of Piscataquis.

Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** suggested.

On motion of Representative EARLE of Damariscotta, the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY**, ordered printed and sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Protect the Mental Health of Women and Girls"

(H.P. 805) (L.D. 1102)

Sponsored by Representative DUPREY of Hampden.
Cosponsored by Senator GILMAN of Cumberland and Representatives: ANNIS of Dover-Foxcroft, BERRY of Belmont, CRESSEY of Baldwin, FLETCHER of Winslow, SHERMAN of Hodgdon, SNOWE-MELLO of Poland, TOBIN of Dexter.

Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** suggested.

On motion of Representative EARLE of Damariscotta, the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY**, ordered printed and sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Abortion Reporting"

(H.P. 832) (L.D. 1129)

Sponsored by Representative DAVIS of Falmouth. (BY REQUEST)

Cosponsored by Senator GILMAN of Cumberland and Representatives: BERRY of Belmont, CARR of Lincoln, DUPREY of Hampden, JOY of Crystal, PARADIS of Frenchville, PINEAU of Jay, SNOWE-MELLO of Poland, Senator: DAVIS of Piscataquis.

Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** suggested.

On motion of Representative EARLE of Damariscotta, the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY**, ordered printed and sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Eliminate Filing by Special Hide Dealers"

(H.P. 779) (L.D. 1061)

Sponsored by Representative BRYANT-DESCHENES of Turner.
Cosponsored by Senator BLAIS of Kennebec and
Representatives: PINEAU of Jay, TOBIN of Windham, TRAHAN
of Waldoboro.

Bill "An Act To Encourage Hunting by Simplifying Hunting
Laws"

(H.P. 801) (L.D. 1083)

Sponsored by Representative DUNLAP of Old Town.
Cosponsored by Senator BRYANT of Oxford and
Representatives: McGLOCKLIN of Embden, PINEAU of Jay,
WHEELER of Kittery, WOTTON of Littleton, Senator:
CARPENTER of York.

Bill "An Act To Allow A Junior Hunter To Apply for an
Antlerless Deer Permit"

(H.P. 825) (L.D. 1122)

Sponsored by Representative CRESSEY of Baldwin.
Cosponsored by Senator DAVIS of Piscataquis and
Representatives: BERRY of Belmont, CARR of Lincoln, DUPREY
of Hampden, GLYNN of South Portland, JOY of Crystal,
McCORMICK of West Gardiner, MOODY of Manchester,
RICHARDSON of Skowhegan.

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 Extend Public Record Requirements of
Nongroup Health Insurance Rate Filings to All Health Insurance
Rate Filings"

(H.P. 776) (L.D. 1058)

Sponsored by Speaker COLWELL of Gardiner.
Cosponsored by Senator EDMONDS of Cumberland and
Representatives: CANAVAN of Waterville, DUDLEY of Portland,
O'NEIL of Saco, Senators: LaFOUNTAIN of York, MAYO of
Sagadahoc.

Bill "An Act To Require Insurers To Offer a Discount for
Operators of Commercial Vehicles Equipped with Safety
Devices"

(H.P. 822) (L.D. 1119)

Sponsored by Representative LEDWIN of Holden.
Cosponsored by Senator YOUNGBLOOD of Penobscot and
Representatives: DUNLAP of Old Town, GOODWIN of
Pembroke, JODREY of Bethel, McKENNEY of Cumberland,
PEAVEY-HASKELL of Greenbush, PERRY of Bangor, TOBIN of
Windham, YOUNG of Limestone.

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 Regarding Filing and Certification Fees"

(H.P. 790) (L.D. 1072)

Sponsored by Representative ADAMS of Portland.

Cosponsored by Representatives: BARSTOW of Gorham,
BUNKER of Kossuth Township, HATCH of Skowhegan,
SUSLOVIC of Portland.

Resolve, To Create the Committee To Conduct a Review of
the Board of Overseers of the Bar

(H.P. 795) (L.D. 1077)

Sponsored by Representative JOY of Crystal.

Resolve, To Establish the Committee To Study Compliance
with Maine's Freedom of Access Laws (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 797) (L.D. 1079)

Sponsored by Representative KOFFMAN of Bar Harbor.
Cosponsored by Senator ROTUNDO of Androscoggin and
Representatives: BLISS of South Portland, BUNKER of Kossuth
Township, Speaker COLWELL of Gardiner, DUPLESSIE of
Westbrook, FAIRCLOTH of Bangor, FISCHER of Presque Isle,
LEMOINE of Old Orchard Beach, McLAUGHLIN of Cape
Elizabeth.

Bill "An Act To Simplify Calculation of Legal Interest"

(H.P. 835) (L.D. 1132)

Sponsored by Representative MILLS of Cornville.

Cosponsored by Representative NORBERT of Portland.

Bill "An Act To Amend the Maine Business Corporation Act"

(H.P. 839) (L.D. 1136)

Sponsored by Representative EDER of Portland.

Cosponsored by Representatives: CANAVAN of Waterville,
CRAVEN of Lewiston, DUDLEY of Portland, PINGREE of North
Haven, TWOMEY of Biddeford, WALCOTT of Lewiston.

Bill "An Act To Enhance the Economic Security of Maine's
Families and Children"

(H.P. 841) (L.D. 1138)

Sponsored by Representative DUDLEY of Portland.

Cosponsored by President DAGGETT of Kennebec and
Representatives: BULL of Freeport, COWGER of Hallowell,
NORBERT of Portland, PINGREE of North Haven,
RICHARDSON of Brunswick, Senators: BRENNAN of
Cumberland, MAYO of Sagadahoc, TURNER of Cumberland.

Bill "An Act To Include Alternates as Regular Jurors"

(H.P. 854) (L.D. 1155)

Sponsored by Representative MILLS of Cornville.

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

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

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Increase Parental Responsibility for
Restitution"

(H.P. 842) (L.D. 1139)

Sponsored by Representative McKENNEY of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Senator TURNER of Cumberland.

Committee on **JUDICIARY** suggested.

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

Bill "An Act To Clarify Eligibility in the Maine State Retirement System Life Insurance Program"

(H.P. 810) (L.D. 1107)

Sponsored by Representative DUPLESSIE of Westbrook.
Cosponsored by Representatives: NORTON of Bangor, O'BRIEN of Lewiston, PARADIS of Frenchville.

Bill "An Act Regarding Wrongful Discharge"

(H.P. 820) (L.D. 1117)

Sponsored by Representative HUTTON of Bowdoinham.
Cosponsored by Senator BRYANT of Oxford and Representatives: HATCH of Skowhegan, NORTON of Bangor, PATRICK of Rumford, PINEAU of Jay, SMITH of Van Buren, WATSON of Bath, Senators: HATCH of Somerset, STANLEY of Penobscot.

Bill "An Act to Require that Certain Employees Be Paid on a Weekly Basis"

(H.P. 834) (L.D. 1131)

Sponsored by Representative TWOMEY of Biddeford.
Cosponsored by Senator HATCH of Somerset and Representatives: DUPLESSIE of Westbrook, HATCH of Skowhegan, PATRICK of Rumford, PINGREE of North Haven, Senators: BRYANT of Oxford, EDMONDS of Cumberland, STANLEY of Penobscot, STRIMLING of Cumberland.

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

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

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Allow a Worker at a Beano Game To Play the Cards of a Player Who Takes a Restroom Break"

(H.P. 775) (L.D. 1057)

Sponsored by Representative PATRICK of Rumford.
Cosponsored by Senator BRYANT of Oxford and Representatives: ASH of Belfast, CLARK of Millinocket, HOTHAM of Dixfield, JACKSON of Fort Kent, JENNINGS of Leeds, LANDRY of Sanford, PINEAU of Jay, WHEELER of Kittery.

Bill "An Act To Require an Updated Roster of Maine Members of the United States Armed Forces Presumed Lost or Deceased"

(H.P. 786) (L.D. 1068)

Sponsored by Representative JOY of Crystal.
Cosponsored by Representatives: BOWLES of Sanford, CURLEY of Scarborough, HEIDRICH of Oxford, VAUGHAN of Durham, Senators: DAVIS of Piscataquis, WOODCOCK of Franklin.

Bill "An Act To Prohibit a Maine Clean Election Act Candidate from Running for More than One Office"

(H.P. 818) (L.D. 1115)

Sponsored by Representative SIMPSON of Auburn.
Cosponsored by Senator PENDLETON of Cumberland and Representatives: CLARK of Millinocket, HUTTON of Bowdoinham, MARLEY of Portland.

Bill "An Act To Clarify the Maine Clean Election Act"

(H.P. 847) (L.D. 1144)

Sponsored by Representative BRUNO of Raymond.

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.

Resolve, Establishing a Study Group To Improve the Planning and Management for Multiple Uses of Marine Waters

(H.P. 837) (L.D. 1134)

Sponsored by Representative LEMOINE of Old Orchard Beach.

Cosponsored by Representative SULLIVAN of Biddeford.

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

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

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act Regarding Water Storage Reservoirs"

(H.P. 777) (L.D. 1059)

Sponsored by Representative CLARK of Millinocket.

Cosponsored by Senator STANLEY of Penobscot and Representatives: McGLOCKLIN of Embden, SAVIELLO of Wilton, USHER of Westbrook, Senator: HATCH of Somerset.

Bill "An Act Regarding Riverine Impoundments"

(H.P. 840) (L.D. 1137)

Sponsored by Representative PINEAU of Jay.

Cosponsored by Senator WOODCOCK of Franklin and Representatives: CARR of Lincoln, CLARK of Millinocket, JENNINGS of Leeds, PATRICK of Rumford, SAVIELLO of Wilton, Senators: BLAIS of Kennebec, DAVIS of Piscataquis, STANLEY of Penobscot.

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

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

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act Concerning Municipal Firearms Discharge Ordinances"

(H.P. 781) (L.D. 1063)

Sponsored by Representative DUNLAP of Old Town.

Cosponsored by Senator BRYANT of Oxford and Representatives: WATSON of Bath, WHEELER of Kittery, WOTTON of Littleton, Senator: CARPENTER of York.

Bill "An Act To Prohibit Disbursement of Funds by the State, Municipalities and Counties to Certain Nonprofits and Require the Secretary of State To Develop a System of Registration"

(H.P. 792) (L.D. 1074)

Sponsored by Representative JOY of Crystal.

Cosponsored by Representatives: ANDREWS of York, ANNIS of Dover-Foxcroft, HEIDRICH of Oxford, LEWIN of Eliot, VAUGHAN of Durham.

Resolve, Authorizing the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services To Convey Land to Baron and Janet Wormser

(H.P. 794) (L.D. 1076)

Sponsored by Representative COWGER of Hallowell.

Cosponsored by Senator: TREAT of Kennebec.

Bill "An Act To Study the Consolidation and Regionalization of Programs at All Levels of Government"

(H.P. 821) (L.D. 1118)

Sponsored by Representative BULL of Freeport.

Cosponsored by Senator EDMONDS of Cumberland and Representatives: BARSTOW of Gorham, DUPREY of Medway, FISCHER of Presque Isle, KETTERER of Madison, PERCY of Phippsburg, PINGREE of North Haven, SAMPSON of Auburn, WOODBURY of Yarmouth.

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Change the Duration of the Legislative Session

(H.P. 826) (L.D. 1123)

Sponsored by Representative DUPREY of Hampden.

Cosponsored by Representatives: ANNIS of Dover-Foxcroft, CRESSEY of Baldwin, FLETCHER of Winslow, PEAVEY-HASKELL of Greenbush, SNOWE-MELLO of Poland.

Bill "An Act to Ensure Consistency in the Records and Documents of State and Local Government"

(H.P. 829) (L.D. 1126)

Sponsored by Representative HEIDRICH of Oxford.

Cosponsored by Senator BLAIS of Kennebec and Representatives: BERUBE of Lisbon, COLLINS of Wells, DUPREY of Hampden, JOY of Crystal, MCKENNEY of Cumberland, SHIELDS of Auburn.

Bill "An Act To Amend the Town Line between Yarmouth and Cumberland"

(H.P. 831) (L.D. 1128)

Sponsored by Representative MCKENNEY of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Senator TURNER of Cumberland and Representative: WOODBURY of Yarmouth.

Bill "An Act To Provide for the Appointment of County Treasurers, Registers of Deeds and District Attorneys"

(H.P. 843) (L.D. 1140)

Sponsored by Representative BULL of Freeport.

Cosponsored by Representative BARSTOW of Gorham, Senator MAYO of Sagadahoc and Representative: BROWN of South Berwick.

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.

Bill "An Act To Allow the State To Claim a Setoff against a Convicted Person's Tax Refund for Purposes of Paying Restitution"

(H.P. 778) (L.D. 1060)

Sponsored by Representative ANNIS of Dover-Foxcroft.

Cosponsored by Senator DAVIS of Piscataquis and Representatives: ANDREWS of York, CARR of Lincoln, COLLINS of Wells, HEIDRICH of Oxford, MCKENNEY of Cumberland, PINEAU of Jay, RICHARDSON of Greenville, TOBIN of Dexter.

Bill "An Act To Encourage the Use of Clean Fuel Vehicles"

(H.P. 789) (L.D. 1071)

Sponsored by Representative EDER of Portland.

Cosponsored by Representatives: PIOTTI of Unity, THOMAS of Orono, TWOMEY of Biddeford.

Bill "An Act To Impose a Municipal Services Fee on Tax-exempt Property"

(H.P. 798) (L.D. 1080)

Sponsored by Representative PELLON of Machias.

Cosponsored by Representative DUDLEY of Portland, Senator CARPENTER of York and Representatives: JACOBSEN of Waterboro, LANDRY of Sanford, McGOWAN of Pittsfield, McLAUGHLIN of Cape Elizabeth, SHERMAN of Hodgdon, STONE of Berwick, SULLIVAN of Biddeford, WHEELER of Kittery.

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Allow Property Tax Reductions for Seniors

(H.P. 827) (L.D. 1124)

Sponsored by Representative LEMOINE of Old Orchard Beach.

Cosponsored by Representative CAMPBELL of Newfield and Senator: STANLEY of Penobscot.

Bill "An Act To Provide a Tax Credit to Employers Who Contribute to Employee Health Care Benefits"

(H.P. 838) (L.D. 1135)

Sponsored by Representative McLAUGHLIN of Cape Elizabeth.

Cosponsored by Senator BROMLEY of Cumberland and Representatives: BLISS of South Portland, BOWEN of Rockport, DUDLEY of Portland, HUTTON of Bowdoinham, NORTON of Bangor, TRAHAN of Waldoboro, Senators: CARPENTER of York, MARTIN of Aroostook.

Bill "An Act To Provide Property Tax Relief for Maine Residents and Businesses and Implement Comprehensive Tax Reform"

(H.P. 844) (L.D. 1141)

Sponsored by Representative McGOWAN of Pittsfield.

Under suspension of the rules, cosponsored by Senator STANLEY of Penobscot and Representatives: BLANCHETTE of Bangor, BROWNE of Vassalboro, CANAVAN of Waterville, CHURCHILL of Orono, CLARK of Millinocket, DUGAY of Cherryfield, DUNLAP of Old Town, FISCHER of Presque Isle, FLETCHER of Winslow, GERZOFKY of Brunswick, GOODWIN of Pembroke, HATCH of Skowhegan, JACKSON of Fort Kent, LAVERRIERE-BOUCHER of Biddeford, MARRACHÉ of Waterville, McCORMICK of West Gardiner, MOODY of Manchester, O'BRIEN of Lewiston, PARADIS of Frenchville, PELLON of Machias, PERRY of Bangor, RICHARDSON of Skowhegan, SHERMAN of Hodgdon, SUSLOVIC of Portland, TARDY of Newport, THOMAS of Orono, TOBIN of Dexter, TREADWELL of Carmel, WHEELER of Kittery, Senators: BRYANT of Oxford, GAGNON of Kennebec, HATCH of Somerset, LEMONT of York, MARTIN of Aroostook, MITCHELL of Penobscot, STRIMLING of Cumberland.

Bill "An Act To Create the Maine Community Preservation Fund"

(H.P. 848) (L.D. 1145)

Sponsored by Representative MILLS of Cornville.

Bill "An Act To Shift Tax Burdens from Wages to Nonrenewable Power Sources"

(H.P. 850) (L.D. 1147)

Sponsored by Representative MILLS of Cornville.

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

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

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Protect Lienholders of Titled Vehicles"
(EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 780) (L.D. 1062)

Sponsored by Representative RICHARDSON of Brunswick.
Cosponsored by Senator MAYO of Sagadahoc and
Representative: O'NEIL of Saco, Senator: LaFOUNTAIN of York.

Bill "An Act To Increase Traffic Fines and Apportion a Part of
the Increase to the Issuing Jurisdiction"

(H.P. 788) (L.D. 1070)

Sponsored by Representative SUSLOVIC of Portland.
Cosponsored by Representative KANE of Saco, Senator
STRIMLING of Cumberland and Representatives: ADAMS of
Portland, COLLINS of Wells, JACKSON of Fort Kent, MARLEY of
Portland, McCORMICK of West Gardiner, McKENNEY of
Cumberland, TOBIN of Windham, USHER of Westbrook.

Bill "An Act To Allow the Use of Cameras for Enforcement of
Traffic Light Violations"

(H.P. 799) (L.D. 1081)

Sponsored by Representative SUSLOVIC of Portland.
Cosponsored by Senator SAWYER of Penobscot and
Representatives: BROWNE of Vassalboro, EDER of Portland,
JACKSON of Fort Kent, KOFFMAN of Bar Harbor, LESSARD of
Topsham, MARLEY of Portland, MILLS of Cornville, USHER of
Westbrook.

Bill "An Act To Prohibit the Use of Imitation High-intensity
Discharge Bulbs"

(H.P. 807) (L.D. 1104)

Sponsored by Representative BENNETT of Caribou.
Cosponsored by Representative McKEE of Wayne, Senator
MARTIN of Aroostook and Representatives: CHURCHILL of
Washburn, DUPLESSIE of Westbrook, NORBERT of Portland,
PARADIS of Frenchville, SMITH of Van Buren, Senator:
KNEELAND of Aroostook.

Bill "An Act To Repeal the Billboard Law"

(H.P. 816) (L.D. 1113)

Sponsored by Representative GOODWIN of Pembroke.
Cosponsored by Representative: CLARK of Millinocket.
Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** suggested and ordered
printed.

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

Sent for concurrence.

Resolve, To Establish the Maine Networked Services Task
Force (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 851) (L.D. 1148)

Sponsored by Representative MILLS of Cornville.
Committee on **UTILITIES AND ENERGY** suggested and
ordered printed.

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

Sent for concurrence.

Pursuant to Public Law
Joint Standing Committee on Natural Resources

Representative KOFFMAN for the **Joint Standing
Committee on Natural Resources** pursuant to Public Law 2001,
chapter 620 asks leave to report that the accompanying Bill "An
Act To Reduce Mercury Use in Measuring Devices and Switches"
(H.P. 856) (L.D. 1159)

Be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **NATURAL
RESOURCES** and printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Report was **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **REFERRED**
to the Committee on **NATURAL RESOURCES** and ordered
printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Sent for concurrence.

Pursuant to Statute

Maine Fire Protection Services Commission

Representative BULL for the **Maine Fire Protection
Services Commission** pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes,
Title 5, section 3371, subsection 8, paragraph G asks leave to
report that the accompanying Bill "An Act To Amend the
Membership of the Maine Fire Protection Services Commission"
(H.P. 857) (L.D. 1160)

Be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE
AND PUBLIC SAFETY** and printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Report was **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **REFERRED**
to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC
SAFETY** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Sent for concurrence.

Pursuant to Statute

Maine Turnpike Authority

Representative USHER for the **Maine Turnpike Authority**
pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 23, section 1961,
subsection 6 asks leave to report that the accompanying Bill "An
Act To Make Allocations from Maine Turnpike Authority Funds for
the Maine Turnpike Authority for the Calendar Year Ending
December 31, 2004"

(H.P. 852) (L.D. 1153)

Be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION**
and printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Report was **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **REFERRED**
to the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** and ordered printed
pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Sent for concurrence.

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

ORDERS

On motion of Representative LAVERRIERE-BOUCHER of
Biddeford, the following Joint Order: (H.P. 772)

ORDERED, the Senate concurring, that the Joint Standing
Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs shall
undertake a study of the fiscal note process, especially the
process by which a department provides information about the
cost of a bill before the Legislature and the potential adverse
effect on that department. The committee shall issue a report to
the Legislature that details the method by which fiscal notes are
determined. The committee also shall determine a method to
avoid this potential conflict of interest. The committee shall
submit its report and any necessary changes to the Maine
Revised Statutes or Joint Rules to the Second Regular Session
of the 121st Legislature no later than December 1, 2003.

READ.

On motion of Representative LAVERRIERE-BOUCHER of Biddeford, the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Joint Select Committee on **JOINT RULES**, ordered printed and sent for concurrence.

SPECIAL SENTIMENT CALENDAR

In accordance with House Rule 519 and Joint Rule 213, the following items:

Recognizing:

John Rohman, of Bangor, recipient of a 2003 Maine Tourism Award. This award recognizes those whose service and dedication have contributed to Maine's reputation as a vacation destination. John's most recent contribution toward this goal was to chair the very successful National Folk Festival. We recognize and applaud John's efforts in promoting attractions that draw thousands of visitors to the State each year. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to him;

(SLS 61)

On **OBJECTION** of Representative BLANCHETTE of Bangor, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

READ.

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Bangor, Representative Blanchette.

Representative **BLANCHETTE**: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I would be remiss if I didn't stand today to tell you a few wonderful things about this man that we are sending a special sentiment to. I had the privilege of serving with John Rohman on the Bangor City Council and can attest to the fact that he is a tireless worker when it comes to promoting the State of Maine and most especially Bangor. I worked with John on the Council and took great pride in the fact that we were able to work with the University of Maine to raise funds to bring an art museum to downtown Bangor. We are now the proud host of over a \$6 million art display in the downtown area.

John has been and will continue to be a tireless worker for the Folk Festival. I can remember meeting with the National Folk Festival in Washington. John Rohman and Councilor Palmer went off to visit some places that had been the recipients of this with the people from the National Folk Festival. We know this was a rousing success last year. It will only increase in attendance this year. I stand here and very proudly invite you all to Bangor in August for our Folk Festival. Stop by and meet the man who has received this tourism award. It is duly deserved by John Rohman. Thank you.

Subsequently, **PASSED** and sent for concurrence.

Recognizing:

Karen Geraghty, of Portland, who spearheaded a February 23rd benefit for laid-off employees of Great Northern Paper Company. The successful event, called One Maine Community Party, which was held at the Portland Expo, raised over \$50,000 for the mill workers. We congratulate Karen, a Portland city councilor, on her humanitarian efforts and extend our best wishes to her;

(HLS 132)

Presented by Representative EDER of Portland.
Cosponsored by Representative ADAMS of Portland, Representative BRANNIGAN of Portland, Representative CUMMINGS of Portland, Representative DUDLEY of Portland, Representative MARLEY of Portland, Representative NORBERT of Portland, Representative SUSLOVIC of Portland, Senator BRENNAN of Cumberland, Senator STRIMLING of Cumberland.

On **OBJECTION** of Representative EDER of Portland, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

READ.

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Portland, Representative Eder.

Representative **EDER**: Mr. Speaker, Men and Women of the House. The prayer from Pastor Dunlap set the theme of the day as neighborliness and the spirit of community. It is within that theme that the members of this body would like to recognize Karen Geraghty, a constituent of mine who I am very proud to represent. Karen showed an example of great neighborliness and made great strides in dispelling the myth of two or even three Maines. These are challenging times and truly we are one Maine and we are all in this together. To date, this event has raised \$60,000 to go to the laid off employees of Great Northern Paper. It is my great honor to recognize Karen Geraghty for her efforts in putting on this event. Thank you.

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Millinocket, Representative Clark.

Representative **CLARK**: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I, too, would like to rise and thank Karen Geraghty for her special thoughtfulness for the employees and also the families of the Katahdin region. Not only does it go to the employees and the families, but it goes to anyone that has been affected by the closure of Great Northern, not matter what part of the state you are from.

Over the last couple of weeks we have gotten numerous donations from the whole State of Maine helping the people with either oil, energy costs, food or other expenses that we incur being laid off.

What Karen has done is she has had numerous union organizations come down to the City of Portland and help in the party we had on February 23rd. The Speaker was there with his band. He did a fabulous job. We have had people that came from all over the State of Maine to help people in our region. I can't thank Karen enough and also the people who contributed enough for the kindness. Like Representative Eder said, there is just one Maine and the communities are starting to build in around us. That is what we have to do. We have to be one united group throughout the whole State of Maine. Thank you.

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Medway, Representative Duprey.

Representative **DUPREY**: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I, too, would like to rise today and extend my deepest gratitude to Karen and the entire City of Portland, the greater Portland area and the entire State of Maine for their generosity over the past several weeks.

As an employee of Great Northern Paper and having many family and friends in the area being affected by this situation and knowing very many people from the Portland area as well, it is true that there is only one Maine. This is just another example of the same thing.

I would like to publicly thank you Mr. Speaker for your participation in that event. It was a treat to be seen. I would like to say thank you.

Subsequently, **PASSED** and sent for concurrence.

CONSENT CALENDAR

First Day

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

(H.P. 125) (L.D. 166) Bill "An Act to Amend the Maine Probate Code Regarding the Fee for a Copy of a Will Provided to a Beneficiary" Committee on **JUDICIARY** reporting **Ought to Pass**

(H.P. 221) (L.D. 278) Bill "An Act To Eliminate the Restriction on Municipal Investment of Trust Funds" Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** reporting **Ought to Pass**

(H.P. 406) (L.D. 521) Bill "An Act To Clarify That the Application Process for the Homestead Property Tax Exemption Is a One-time Process" Committee on **TAXATION** 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.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Second Day

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

(H.P. 184) (L.D. 225) Bill "An Act To Amend the Requirements for a Journeyman Oil Burner Technician License"

(H.P. 305) (L.D. 385) Bill "An Act to Change the Reporting Requirements for the Mercury Switch Removal Program"

No objections having been noted at the end of the Second Legislative Day, the House Papers were **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED** and sent for concurrence.

ENACTORS

Acts

An Act to Change the Membership of the Board of Trustees of the Maine School of Science and Mathematics

(H.P. 15) (L.D. 8)

Reported by the Committee on **Engrossed Bills** as truly and strictly engrossed, **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

An Act to Ensure that Child Labor Laws Apply to Public Sector Employers

(S.P. 20) (L.D. 34)

Was reported by the Committee on **Engrossed Bills** as truly and strictly engrossed.

On motion of Representative RICHARDSON of Brunswick, was **SET ASIDE**.

On further motion of the same Representative, **TABLED** pending **PASSAGE TO BE ENACTED** and later today assigned.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The following matter, in the consideration of which the House was engaged at the time of adjournment Wednesday, February 26, 2003, had preference in the Orders of the Day and continued with such preference until disposed of as provided by House Rule 502.

JOINT RESOLUTION URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO UNDERTAKE PROJECTS ALONG THE EAST-WEST HIGHWAY IN A MANNER CONSISTENT WITH FUTURE GROWTH

(S.P. 170)

- In Senate, **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

TABLED - February 5, 2003 (Till Later Today) by Representative RICHARDSON of Brunswick.

PENDING - ADOPTION.

Subsequently, the Joint Resolution was **ADOPTED** in concurrence.

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

SENATE PAPERS

Bill "An Act Regarding Mandated Reporters and Child Abuse"

(S.P. 370) (L.D. 1098)

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

REFERRED to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue in the Amount of \$15,000,000 for Energy Conservation in State Buildings and Facilities"

(S.P. 361) (L.D. 1089)

Bill "An Act To Support Maine's Franco-American Heritage and the Kennebec-Chaudiere International Corridor"

(S.P. 373) (L.D. 1149)

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.

Bill "An Act To Provide Security Deposit Assistance to Renters Receiving Federal Rent Assistance"

(S.P. 357) (L.D. 1085)

Bill "An Act To Require a 30-Day Deferment Period To Pay Bills"

(S.P. 358) (L.D. 1086)

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Pertaining to Denturists"

(S.P. 364) (L.D. 1092)

Bill "An Act To Authorize Collaborative Practice for Emergency Contraception"

(S.P. 376) (L.D. 1152)

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.

Bill "An Act To Amend the Not Guilty by Reason of Insanity Verdict"

(S.P. 363) (L.D. 1091)

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.

Resolve, To Promote Recruitment and Retention of Direct Care Workers in Long-term Care in Maine

(S.P. 362) (L.D. 1090)

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Maine Developmental Disabilities Council"

(S.P. 371) (L.D. 1099)

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.

Bill "An Act To Require All Health Insurers To Cover the Costs of Hearing Aids"

(S.P. 359) (L.D. 1087)

Bill "An Act To Create a Timetable for Insurers To Make Restitution to Consumers"

(S.P. 368) (L.D. 1096)

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.

Bill "An Act To Release the Records of the Attorney General and the Maine State Police Regarding the Investigation, Prosecution and Trial of Dennis Dechaine"

(S.P. 369) (L.D. 1097)

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 Conform State Workforce Development Laws to the Federal Workforce Investment Act of 1998"

(S.P. 365) (L.D. 1093)

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

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

Resolve, To Create a Study Committee To Consider Bay Management Planning (EMERGENCY)

(S.P. 360) (L.D. 1088)

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

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

Bill "An Act To Protect the Rights of State Workers"

(S.P. 374) (L.D. 1150)

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

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 Protect Maine's Coastal Water"

(S.P. 378) (L.D. 1158)

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

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

Bill "An Act Relating to Tax Credits for Historic Preservation"

(S.P. 375) (L.D. 1151)

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

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

Bill "An Act Relating to Motorcycle Safety"

(S.P. 367) (L.D. 1095)

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

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

Bill "An Act To Promote Clean and Efficient Energy"

(S.P. 377) (L.D. 1157)

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

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

The following Joint Order: (S.P. 372)

ORDERED, the House concurring, that the Task Force to Study Drug Overdose is established as follows.

1. **Task Force to Study Drug Overdose established.** The Task Force to Study Drug Overdose, referred to in this order as "the task force," is established.

2. **Membership.** The task force consists of the following 11 members:

A. Two members of the Senate, appointed by the President of the Senate, one of whom is a member of the Democratic Party and one of whom is a member of the Republican Party;

B. Two members of the House of Representatives, appointed by the Speaker of the House, one of whom is a member of the Democratic Party and one of whom is a member of the Republican Party;

C. Two representatives who have expertise in the substance abuse field, appointed by the Speaker of the House;

D. Two representatives of law enforcement, appointed by the President of the Senate; and

E. Three members of the public, appointed jointly by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House.

3. **Task force chairs.** The first-named Senate member is the Senate chair of the task force and the first-named House of Representatives member is the House chair of the task force.

4. **Appointments; convening of task force.** All appointments must be made no later than 30 days following passage of this order. The appointing authorities shall notify the Executive Director of the Legislative Council once all appointments have been made. When the appointment of all members has been completed, the chairs of the task force shall call and convene the first meeting of the task force, which must be no later than July 1, 2003.

5. **Duties.** The task force shall hold 4 meetings at various locations in the State, to be determined by the chairs. The task

force shall gather information and request necessary data from public and private entities in order to study the problem of drug overdose in the State and determine recommended remedy and treatment plans. The task force may also study other issues relevant to this topic.

6. Staff assistance. Upon approval of the Legislative Council, the Office of Policy and Legal Analysis shall provide necessary staffing services to the task force.

7. Compensation. Legislative members of the task force are entitled to receive the legislative per diem, as defined in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 3, section 2, and reimbursement for travel and other necessary expenses related to their attendance at authorized meetings of the task force. Public members not otherwise compensated by their employers or other entities whom they represent are entitled to receive reimbursement of necessary expenses and, upon a demonstration of financial hardship, a per diem equal to the legislative per diem for their attendance at authorized meetings of the task force.

8. Report. No later than December 31, 2003, the task force shall submit a report that includes its findings and recommendations, including suggested legislation, for presentation to the Second Regular Session of the 121st Legislature. The task force is authorized to submit legislation related to its report for introduction to the Second Regular Session of the 121st Legislature at the time of submission of its report.

9. Extension. If the task force requires a limited extension of time to complete its study and make its report, it may apply to the Legislative Council, which may grant an extension. Upon submission of its required report, the task force terminates.

10. Budget. The chairs of the task force, with assistance from the Office of Policy and Legal Analysis, shall administer the task force's budget. Within 10 days after its first meeting, the task force shall present a work plan and proposed budget to the Legislative Council for its approval. The task force may not incur expenses that would result in the task force's exceeding its approved budget. Upon request from the task force, the Executive Director of the Legislative Council shall promptly provide the task force chairs and staff with a status report on the task force's budget, expenditures incurred and paid and available funds.

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

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

The following Joint Resolution: (S.P. 380)

**JOINT RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING THE
PHARMACEUTICAL INDUSTRY TO CONTINUE
PRESCRIPTION DRUG DELIVERIES TO CANADIAN
PHARMACIES THAT SELL PRESCRIPTION DRUGS TO
AMERICAN CITIZENS**

WE, your Memorialists, the Members of the One Hundred and Twenty-first Legislature of the State of Maine now assembled in the First Regular Session, most respectfully present and petition the pharmaceutical industry, as follows:

WHEREAS, Americans are forced to pay prescription drug prices that far exceed those in any other nation; and

WHEREAS, these extraordinarily high prices have a severe economic impact on people throughout the State, especially on our senior citizens who are least able to afford the costs of essential medications; and

WHEREAS, Canadian pharmacies are a critical resource for people throughout the State to purchase prescription drugs at up to 80% less than in the United States; and

WHEREAS, one of the major suppliers to Canadian-based mail-order pharmacies is the British GlaxoSmithKline corporation, the world's 2nd largest drug manufacturer, whose total annual sales for the most recently measured 12-month period were \$29.5 billion; and

WHEREAS, GlaxoSmithKline is also the manufacturer of many popular nonprescription consumer products, including Tums antacid, Contac cold medicine, Sominex sleep aid, Citrucel fiber supplement and Aquafresh toothpaste; and

WHEREAS, on January 21, 2003, one pharmaceutical company suspended all shipments of prescription drugs to these Canadian pharmacies, including popular medications such as the antidepressant Paxil and the allergy drug Flonase; and

WHEREAS, this suspension may severely affect the medical needs of many people throughout the State; and

WHEREAS, it appears that the motivation to suspend shipments was premised on the loss of profits that the pharmaceutical company had experienced from the shift of purchases from the United States to Canadian pharmacies; and

WHEREAS, other major drug manufacturers may quickly follow suit and suspend their shipments of prescription drugs to the Canadian pharmacies; and

WHEREAS, in retaliation against the pharmaceutical company's suspension of prescription deliveries to Canadian pharmacies, many senior citizen organizations are participating in the well-publicized "Tums Down" boycott; and

WHEREAS, one pharmaceutical company claims the drug supply stoppage was instigated to protect American consumers against unsafe or counterfeit medications; and

WHEREAS, the assertion by officials of one major pharmaceutical company that Americans may be violating United States drug laws must be balanced against repeated assurances from United States Food and Drug Administration officials that individuals importing prescription drugs from Canada for exclusively personal use have no need to fear that the Federal Government will interfere in their Canadian drug purchases; and

WHEREAS, the pharmaceutical companies' unabashed fidelity to financial gain at the expense of some of the State's most vulnerable populations directly contravenes the pharmaceutical companies' mission to improve the quality of human life and safeguard public health; and

WHEREAS, it may be within the power of the Legislature to subject all prescription drugs manufactured by pharmaceutical companies to Maine's prior authorization requirements; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that pharmaceutical companies continue their shipments of prescription drugs to Canadian pharmacies; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, your Memorialists, are committed to doing whatever is within our power to send an unmistakable message to the pharmaceutical companies that prescription drug deliveries to Canadian pharmacies must continue; and be it further

RESOLVED: That suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the United States headquarters of every major pharmaceutical company, each Member of the Maine Congressional Delegation and the National Legislative Association on Prescription Drug Prices.

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

READ and **ADOPTED** in concurrence.

By unanimous consent, all matters having been acted upon were **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH** with the exception of matters being held.

On motion of Representative LANDRY of Sanford, the House adjourned at 11:31 a.m., until 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, March 5, 2003.