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Monday, March 31, 2003

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

Prayer by Reverend Paul D. Basham, Penney Memorial United Baptist Church, Augusta.

National Anthem by Chelsea School Fifth Grade Vocal Group.
Pledge of Allegiance.

Doctor of the day, William Atlee, Jr., M.D., Augusta.

The Journal of Thursday, March 27, 2003 was read and approved.

SENATE PAPERS

Bill "An Act To Bring the State into Conformity with the National Organic Program"

(S.P. 487) (L.D. 1459)

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 Amend the Debt Management Services Laws"

(S.P. 486) (L.D. 1458)

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.

Resolve, Authorizing the State Tax Assessor To Convey the Interest of the State in Certain Real Estate in the Unorganized Territory

(S.P. 488) (L.D. 1460)

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

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

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: (H.C. 100)

STATE OF MAINE

**ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT**

March 26, 2003

Honorable Beverly C. Daggett, President of the Senate

Honorable Patrick Colwell, Speaker of the House

121st Maine Legislature

State House

Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Daggett and Speaker Colwell:

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that the Joint Standing Committee on Business, Research and Economic Development has voted unanimously to report the following bills out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 913 An Act To Increase Community Development Block Grants

L.D. 994 Resolve, Directing the Department of Economic and Community Development To Inventory Maine Business Excellence

We have also notified the sponsors and cosponsors of each bill listed of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Lynn Bromley

Senate Chair

S/Rep. Nancy B. Sullivan

House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 101)

STATE OF MAINE

**ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT**

March 26, 2003

Honorable Beverly C. Daggett, President of the Senate

Honorable Patrick Colwell, Speaker of the House

121st Maine Legislature

State House

Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Daggett and Speaker Colwell:

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that the Joint Standing Committee on Business, Research and Economic Development has voted unanimously to report the following bills out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 848 An Act To Establish a Circuit Breaker Program for Fuel Assistance

L.D. 1033 An Act To Require the Maine State Housing Authority To Guarantee Security Deposits for Low-income Renters

L.D. 1085 An Act To Provide Security Deposit Assistance to Renters Receiving Federal Rent Assistance

We have also notified the sponsors and cosponsors of each bill listed of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Lynn Bromley

Senate Chair

S/Rep. Nancy B. Sullivan

House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 102)

STATE OF MAINE

**ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS**

March 26, 2003

Honorable Beverly C. Daggett, President of the Senate

Honorable Patrick Colwell, Speaker of the House

121st Maine Legislature

State House

Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Daggett and Speaker Colwell:

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs has voted unanimously to report the following bills out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 344 An Act To Amend the School Finance Act

L.D. 597 An Act To Establish a Community College System in Maine

- L.D. 715 An Act to Assist Visual Care Providers in the State
- L.D. 744 An Act To Ensure Improved Stability in School Funding Distributions
- L.D. 763 Resolve, Directing the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation To Establish a Degree Program for Denturism
- L.D. 765 An Act To Prevent Truancy
- L.D. 825 An Act To Establish a Special Education Secondary School Diploma
- L.D. 828 An Act To Phase In General Purpose Aid for Local Schools Funding Losses Over Time
- L.D. 850 An Act To Establish a New School Funding Formula
- L.D. 1036 An Act To Clarify Curriculum Requirements for Gifted and Talented High School Students
- L.D. 1041 An Act To Protect Schools That Are Completing Health and Safety Improvements from Losing Points as Part of Their Major Capital Project Applications
- L.D. 1046 An Act To Expand Waiver of Tuition Payments to All Active Duty Military Personnel Who Are Maine Residents

We have also notified the sponsors and cosponsors of each bill listed of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,
S/Sen. Neria R. Douglass
Senate Chair
S/Rep. Glenn Cummings
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 103)
STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

March 26, 2003
Honorable Beverly C. Daggett, President of the Senate
Honorable Patrick Colwell, Speaker of the House
121st Maine Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333
Dear President Daggett and Speaker Colwell:
Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services has voted unanimously to report the following bills out "Ought Not to Pass":

- L.D. 89 An Act to Prohibit the Use of Juveniles in the Enforcement of the Laws Governing the Sale of Tobacco
- L.D. 96 Resolve, Regarding the Regulation of Home Day Care and Summer Camps
- L.D. 241 Resolve, To Require Electronic Transmission of Prior Authorization Requests in the MaineCare Program
- L.D. 285 An Act Directing the Department of Human Services to Adjust Dental Reimbursement Rates under the Medicaid Program
- L.D. 295 An Act To Revise the Laws Regulating Boarding Homes
- L.D. 332 Resolve, Affecting the MaineCare Reimbursement Formula

- L.D. 440 Resolve, To Provide Equitable Treatment of Graduate Students
- L.D. 622 Resolve, To Establish a Committee To Examine the Cost- effectiveness of the State Long-term Care Assessment System

We have also notified the sponsors and cosponsors of each bill listed of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,
S/Sen. Michael Brennan
Senate Chair
S/Rep. Thomas J. Kane
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 104)
STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE

March 26, 2003
Honorable Beverly C. Daggett, President of the Senate
Honorable Patrick Colwell, Speaker of the House
121st Maine Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333
Dear President Daggett and Speaker Colwell:
Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife has voted unanimously to report the following bills out "Ought Not to Pass":

- L.D. 127 An Act Regarding the Publication of Trapping Rules
- L.D. 136 An Act to Limit the Articles of Hunter Orange Clothing Required to a Hunter Orange Hat
- L.D. 455 An Act To Ban the Use of Snares
- L.D. 932 An Act To Amend the Season for Laying Bait for Bear
- L.D. 963 Resolve, To Establish the Commission To Study the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife's Fish Stocking Procedures and Management and the Enforcement of Fishing Laws in Northwestern Aroostook County
- L.D. 1000 An Act To Establish a Policy for Inland Fishing Rules

We have also notified the sponsors and cosponsors of each bill listed of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,
S/Sen. Bruce Bryant
Senate Chair
S/Rep. Matthew Dunlap
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 105)
STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES

March 26, 2003
Honorable Beverly C. Daggett, President of the Senate
Honorable Patrick Colwell, Speaker of the House
121st Maine Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333
Dear President Daggett and Speaker Colwell:

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that the Joint Standing Committee on Insurance and Financial Services has voted unanimously to report the following bills out "Ought Not to Pass":

- L.D. 488 An Act To Reduce Administrative Expenses in Health Insurance
L.D. 615 An Act To Protect Citizen Privacy
L.D. 821 An Act To Clarify the Assignment of Provider Identification Numbers to Nurse Practitioners
L.D. 1007 An Act To Promote Clarity and Uniformity in Health Insurance Contracts

We have also notified the sponsors and cosponsors of each bill listed of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,
S/Sen. Lloyd P. LaFountain III
Senate Chair
S/Rep. Christopher P. O'Neil
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 106)

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON LABOR**

March 26, 2003

Honorable Beverly C. Daggett, President of the Senate
Honorable Patrick Colwell, Speaker of the House
121st Maine Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Daggett and Speaker Colwell:

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that the Joint Standing Committee on Labor has voted unanimously to report the following bills out "Ought Not to Pass":

- L.D. 56 An Act to Discourage Unfounded Workers' Compensation Disputes
L.D. 797 Resolve, To Provide Health Insurance to Unemployed Workers
L.D. 809 An Act To Provide Health Insurance Contributions to All Retired Teachers

We have also notified the sponsors and cosponsors of each bill listed of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,
S/Sen. Betheda G. Edmonds
Senate Chair
S/Rep. William J. Smith
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 107)

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND VETERANS AFFAIRS**

March 26, 2003

Honorable Beverly C. Daggett, President of the Senate
Honorable Patrick Colwell, Speaker of the House
121st Maine Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Daggett and Speaker Colwell:

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that the Joint Standing Committee on Legal and Veterans Affairs has

voted unanimously to report the following bills out "Ought Not to Pass":

- L.D. 186 An Act to Prohibit the Sale of Liquor by Retail Licensees for Less than the Actual Price Paid
L.D. 516 An Act To Share Revenue from Sales of Lottery Tickets and To Permit Additional Ticket Sales Locations
L.D. 536 An Act To Hold a Sales Agent Harmless for the Theft of Lottery Tickets if It Reports the Crime Immediately
L.D. 915 An Act Regarding Gaming Conducted by Nonprofit Organizations

We have also notified the sponsors and cosponsors of each bill listed of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,
S/Sen. Kenneth T. Gagnon
Senate Chair
S/Rep. Joseph E. Clark
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 108)

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON MARINE RESOURCES**

March 26, 2003

Honorable Beverly C. Daggett, President of the Senate
Honorable Patrick Colwell, Speaker of the House
121st Maine Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Daggett and Speaker Colwell:

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that the Joint Standing Committee on Marine Resources has voted unanimously to report the following bills out "Ought Not to Pass":

- L.D. 70 Resolve, to Provide for the Effective Implementation of Anadromous Fish Restoration on the Upper Kennebec River System
L.D. 598 An Act To Protect the Public from Paralytic Shellfish Poisoning
L.D. 871 An Act To Amend the Shellfish Harvesting Laws Regarding Closed Areas for Clam Digging
L.D. 1003 An Act To Protect the Public from Floodwater Contamination in Shellfish

We have also notified the sponsors and cosponsors of each bill listed of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,
S/Sen. Dennis Damon
Senate Chair
S/Rep. Thomas Bull
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 109)

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES**

March 26, 2003

Honorable Beverly C. Daggett, President of the Senate
Honorable Patrick Colwell, Speaker of the House

121st Maine Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Daggett and Speaker Colwell:
Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that the Joint Standing Committee on Natural Resources has voted unanimously to report the following bills out "Ought Not to Pass":

- L.D. 651 An Act To Address Reporting of Certain Low-quantity Oil Releases
L.D. 927 An Act To Require an Impact Statement on Legislation Relating to the Department of Environmental Protection and the Executive Department, State Planning Office
L.D. 1011 An Act To Establish Minimum Environmental Compliance Standards for Subsidized Employers
L.D. 1034 An Act To Require Certain Agencies To Track Votes of Board and Commission Members

We have also notified the sponsors and cosponsors of each bill listed of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,
S/Sen. John L. Martin
Senate Chair
S/Rep. Theodore Koffman
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 110)

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON TAXATION**

March 26, 2003
Honorable Beverly C. Daggett, President of the Senate
Honorable Patrick Colwell, Speaker of the House
121st Maine Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Daggett and Speaker Colwell:
Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that the Joint Standing Committee on Taxation has voted unanimously to report the following bills out "Ought Not to Pass":

- L.D. 109 An Act to Exempt from Tax State-mandated Fish Passage Facilities
L.D. 911 An Act To Exempt All Casual Sales from Taxation
L.D. 914 An Act To Provide Certain Veterans an Excise Tax Deduction in Lieu of the Homestead Exemption

We have also notified the sponsors and cosponsors of each bill listed of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,
S/Sen. Stephen Stanley
Senate Chair
S/Rep. David G. Lemoine
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 111)

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON UTILITIES AND ENERGY**

March 26, 2003

Honorable Beverly C. Daggett, President of the Senate
Honorable Patrick Colwell, Speaker of the House
121st Maine Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Daggett and Speaker Colwell:
Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that the Joint Standing Committee on Utilities and Energy has voted unanimously to report the following bills out "Ought Not to Pass":

- L.D. 90 An Act To Create Broadband Internet Access in Rural Areas of the State
L.D. 437 An Act To Ensure Opportunity for Public Comment at Meetings of Sanitary Districts
L.D. 481 An Act To Preserve Competition in the Long-distance Telephone Market
L.D. 569 An Act To Allow the Public Utilities Commission To Exempt Certain Telephone Utilities from the Requirement To Obtain Approval for Special Contracts
L.D. 577 An Act To Facilitate Access to Dial-up Internet Service for Telephone Customers throughout the State
L.D. 1148 Resolve, To Establish the Maine Networked Services Task Force

We have also notified the sponsors and cosponsors of each bill listed of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,
S/Sen. Christopher Hall
Senate Chair
S/Rep. Lawrence Bliss
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

**PETITIONS, BILLS AND RESOLVES REQUIRING
REFERENCE**

Bill "An Act To Amend the Maine Juvenile Code"
(H.P. 1093) (L.D. 1496)

Sponsored by Representative BUNKER of Kossuth Township.
Cosponsored by Senator CARPENTER of York and Representatives: CHURCHILL of Washburn, LESSARD of Topsham, SNOWE-MELLO of Poland.
Submitted by the Department of Corrections pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Pertaining to the Department of Corrections"

(H.P. 1094) (L.D. 1497)
Sponsored by Representative BUNKER of Kossuth Township.
Cosponsored by Senator STRIMLING of Cumberland and Representatives: CHURCHILL of Washburn, GERZOFISKY of Brunswick, LESSARD of Topsham, MAIETTA of South Portland.
Submitted by the Department of Corrections pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

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 Amend the Laws with Regard to Legislative Reports on Children's Mental Health Services"

(H.P. 1082) (L.D. 1477)
Sponsored by Representative KANE of Saco.

Cosponsored by Representatives: CAMPBELL of Newfield, CRAVEN of Lewiston, EARLE of Damariscotta, LAVERRIERE-BOUCHER of Biddeford, LEWIN of Eliot, WALCOTT of Lewiston, Senator: WESTON of Waldo.
Submitted by the Department of Behavioral and Developmental Services pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Bill "An Act To Change the Membership of the Review Team for Aversive Behavior Modifications for Persons with Mental Retardation or Autism"

(H.P. 1083) (L.D. 1478)

Sponsored by Representative CRAVEN of Lewiston.
Cosponsored by Senator BRENNAN of Cumberland and Representatives: DUGAY of Cherryfield, FAIRCLOTH of Bangor, KANE of Saco, LAVERRIERE-BOUCHER of Biddeford, LERMAN of Augusta, MILLETT of Waterford, WALCOTT of Lewiston, Senator: WESTON of Waldo.
Submitted by the Department of Behavioral and Developmental Services pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Bill "An Act To Change the Time Requirement for Mental Retardation Evaluations"

(H.P. 1085) (L.D. 1480)

Sponsored by Representative WALCOTT of Lewiston.
Cosponsored by Representatives: CRAVEN of Lewiston, DUGAY of Cherryfield, FAIRCLOTH of Bangor, KANE of Saco, LAVERRIERE-BOUCHER of Biddeford, LERMAN of Augusta, MILLETT of Waterford, Senator: WESTON of Waldo.
Submitted by the Department of Behavioral and Developmental Services pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

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 Concerning Public Boat Launch Sites"

(H.P. 1079) (L.D. 1474)

Sponsored by Representative McKEE of Wayne.
Cosponsored by Representatives: ANNIS of Dover-Foxcroft, DUNLAP of Old Town, EDER of Portland, TOBIN of Windham.

Bill "An Act To Revise Certain Provisions of Maine's Fish and Wildlife Laws" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 1087) (L.D. 1482)

Sponsored by Representative DUNLAP of Old Town.
Cosponsored by Senator BRYANT of Oxford and Representatives: HONEY of Boothbay, PELLON of Machias, TRAHAN of Waldoboro, USHER of Westbrook, WATSON of Bath, WHEELER of Kittery, WOTTON of Littleton, Senator: CARPENTER of York.
Submitted by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

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 Clarify Provisions Governing Corporate-owned Life Insurance Policies"

(H.P. 1086) (L.D. 1481)

Sponsored by Representative O'NEIL of Saco.
Cosponsored by Senator LaFOUNTAIN of York.
Submitted by the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

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 Protect Maine Consumers from Hidden Fees and Charges"

(H.P. 1084) (L.D. 1479)

Sponsored by Representative BRANNIGAN of Portland.
Cosponsored by Representatives: DUPREY of Medway, JODREY of Bethel.

Submitted by the Office of the Treasurer of State pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

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

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

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Improve Timeliness of Unemployment Trust Fund Deposits"

(H.P. 1081) (L.D. 1476)

Sponsored by Representative SMITH of Van Buren.
Cosponsored by Senator: BLAIS of Kennebec.
Submitted by the Department of Labor pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

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

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

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Correct Certain Errors and Inconsistencies in Laws Relating to Marine Resources"

(H.P. 1076) (L.D. 1471)

Sponsored by Representative BULL of Freeport.
Submitted by the Department of Marine Resources pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

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

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

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Protect Maine's Water as a Natural Resource"

(H.P. 1077) (L.D. 1472)

Sponsored by Representative DUPLESSIE of Westbrook.
Cosponsored by Senator MARTIN of Aroostook and Representative: KOFFMAN of Bar Harbor.

Bill "An Act To Expedite the Removal of Overboard Discharge"

(H.P. 1090) (L.D. 1493)

Sponsored by Representative DAIGLE of Arundel.
Cosponsored by Representatives: BULL of Freeport, DUNLAP of Old Town, Senator: SAWYER of Penobscot.
Submitted by the Department of Environmental Protection pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

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

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

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Public Easements"

(H.P. 1078) (L.D. 1473)

Sponsored by Representative McKEE of Wayne.

Cosponsored by Senator KNEELAND of Aroostook and Representatives: NORBERT of Portland, SAVIELLO of Wilton.

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

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

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

Bill "An Act To Promote the Production and Use of Fuels Derived from Agricultural and Forest Products"

(H.P. 1089) (L.D. 1492)

Sponsored by Representative SUSLOVIC of Portland.

Cosponsored by Representatives: JOY of Crystal, KOFFMAN of Bar Harbor, SMITH of Monmouth, Senators: KNEELAND of Aroostook, MARTIN of Aroostook.

Submitted by the Department of Environmental Protection pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

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

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

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing School Bus Headlights"

(H.P. 1080) (L.D. 1475)

Sponsored by Representative CANAVAN of Waterville.

Cosponsored by Representatives: BERUBE of Lisbon, BRYANT-DESCHENES of Turner, CRAVEN of Lewiston, CROSTHWAITE of Ellsworth, MARRACHÉ of Waterville, SAMPSON of Auburn.

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

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

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

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Improve the Ability of the Public Utilities Commission To Enforce State Laws, Rules and Requirements"

(H.P. 1088) (L.D. 1483)

Sponsored by Representative BLISS of South Portland.

Cosponsored by Senator HALL of Lincoln.

Submitted by the Public Utilities Commission pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

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 Statute
Public Utilities Commission**

Representative BLISS for the **Public Utilities Commission** pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 8072 asks leave to report that the accompanying Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 306: Information Disclosure Rule Amendment, a Major Substantive Rule of the Public Utilities Commission (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 1091) (L.D. 1494)

Be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **UTILITIES AND ENERGY** and printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Report was **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **REFERRED** to the Committee on **UTILITIES AND ENERGY** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Sent for concurrence.

**Pursuant to Statute
Public Utilities Commission**

Representative BLISS for the **Public Utilities Commission** pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 8072 asks leave to report that the accompanying Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 311: Eligible Resource Portfolio Requirements Rule Amendment, a Major Substantive Rule of the Public Utilities Commission (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 1092) (L.D. 1495)

Be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **UTILITIES AND ENERGY** and printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Report was **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **REFERRED** to the Committee on **UTILITIES AND ENERGY** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Sent for concurrence.

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

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEE
Divided Report**

Majority Report of the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on Bill "An Act Concerning Boards of Assessment Review"

(S.P. 103) (L.D. 267)

Signed:

Senators:

ROTUNDO of Androscoggin

LaFOUNTAIN of York

GILMAN of Cumberland

Representatives:

McLAUGHLIN of Cape Elizabeth

PEAVEY-HASKELL of Greenbush

STONE of Berwick

KETTERER of Madison

CROSTHWAITE of Ellsworth

BUNKER of Kossuth Township

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-12)** on same Bill.

Signed:

Representatives:

BARSTOW of Gorham

BOWEN of Rockport
SUSLOVIC of Portland
SUKEFORTH of Union

Came from the Senate with the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.
READ.

On motion of Representative McLAUGHLIN of Cape Elizabeth, the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report was **ACCEPTED** in concurrence. **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH.**

Majority Report of the Committee on **LABOR** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A"** (H-57) on Bill "An Act To Improve the Operation of the Workers' Compensation Board"

(H.P. 488) (L.D. 658)

Signed:

Senators:

EDMONDS of Cumberland
STANLEY of Penobscot

Representatives:

SMITH of Van Buren
HUTTON of Bowdoinham
HATCH of Skowhegan
PATRICK of Rumford
JACKSON of Fort Kent
WATSON of Bath

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on same Bill.

Signed:

Senator:

BLAIS of Kennebec

Representatives:

TREADWELL of Carmel
CRESSEY of Baldwin
HEIDRICH of Oxford
NUTTING of Oakland

READ.

Representative SMITH of Van Buren moved that the House **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report.

On further motion of the same Representative, **TABLED** pending his motion to **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report and later today assigned.

CONSENT CALENDAR

First Day

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

(H.P. 575) (L.D. 776) Bill "An Act To Eliminate Potential Restrictions to the Establishment of an Alternative Form of Regulation for Some Telephone Utilities" (EMERGENCY) Committee on **UTILITIES AND ENERGY** reporting **Ought to Pass**

(H.P. 17) (L.D. 10) Bill "An Act to Amend the Laws Governing the Extension of Benefits for Partial Incapacity Under the Maine Workers' Compensation Act of 1992" Committee on **LABOR** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A"** (H-62)

(H.P. 18) (L.D. 11) Bill "An Act to Establish the Administrative Operating Budget for the Maine State Retirement System for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2004" (EMERGENCY) Committee on **LABOR** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A"** (H-63)

(H.P. 54) (L.D. 46) Bill "An Act To Allow Free Clinics To Purchase Medications and Supplies through State Contracts" Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A"** (H-73)

(H.P. 61) (L.D. 53) Bill "An Act to Allow Experimentation in the Cultivation of Agricultural Hemp" Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A"** (H-61)

(H.P. 90) (L.D. 81) Bill "An Act to Increase the Minimum Ring Size of Legal Scallops" Committee on **MARINE RESOURCES** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A"** (H-58)

(H.P. 129) (L.D. 170) Bill "An Act To Improve the Health and Safety of Young Workers" Committee on **LABOR** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A"** (H-64)

(H.P. 280) (L.D. 360) Bill "An Act To Strengthen the Animal Control Laws" Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A"** (H-60)

(H.P. 330) (L.D. 422) Bill "An Act To Honor Purple Heart Award Recipients" Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A"** (H-68)

(H.P. 426) (L.D. 563) Bill "An Act To Require That Mental Health Workers with LCPC Licenses Are Recognized as Licensed Professionals for Purposes of Insurance Reimbursement" Committee on **INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A"** (H-72)

(H.P. 535) (L.D. 729) Bill "An Act To Clarify the Standard for Review of Preconviction Bail" Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A"** (H-71)

(H.P. 1014) (L.D. 1379) Bill "An Act To Make Additional Allocations From the Highway Fund and Other Funds for the Expenditures of State Government and To Change Certain Provisions of State Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2003" (EMERGENCY) Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A"** (H-69)

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

(H.P. 434) (L.D. 571) Bill "An Act To Improve the Safety of Public Roads" Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A"** (H-74)

On motion of Representative USHER of Westbrook, was **REMOVED** from the First Day Consent Calendar.

The Committee Report was **READ** and **ACCEPTED**. The Bill was **READ ONCE**. **Committee Amendment "A"** (H-74) was **READ** by the Clerk and **ADOPTED**.

Under suspension of the rules, the Bill was given its **SECOND READING WITHOUT REFERENCE** to the Committee on **Bills in the Second Reading**.

Under further suspension of the rules, the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED as Amended by Committee Amendment "A"** (H-74) and sent for concurrence.

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

**CONSENT CALENDAR
Second Day**

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

(S.P. 339) (L.D. 995) Bill "An Act To Exempt a Person Who Performs Work on Certain Vessels from the Laws Governing Professional Engineers"

(S.P. 26) (L.D. 40) Resolve, to Extend the Reporting Deadline of the Commission to Recognize Veterans of World War II and the Korean War in the State House Hall of Flags (EMERGENCY) (C. "A" S-4)

(S.P. 31) (L.D. 79) Bill "An Act Regarding the Enforcement Powers of the Office of the State Fire Marshal" (C. "A" S-3)

(H.P. 369) (L.D. 477) Bill "An Act To Establish the Maine Week of Heroes"

(H.P. 412) (L.D. 527) Bill "An Act To Improve the Method of Reapportionment of School Boards" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 451) (L.D. 621) Bill "An Act To Increase the Debt Limit of the Rockland Port District"

(H.P. 455) (L.D. 625) Bill "An Act Regarding the Sale of Hard Cider"

(H.P. 13) (L.D. 6) Bill "An Act to Amend the Child Labor Laws" (C. "A" H-56)

(H.P. 39) (L.D. 32) Bill "An Act to Provide a 5% Increase in the State's Contribution for Insurance for Retired Teachers" (C. "A" H-55)

(H.P. 56) (L.D. 48) Bill "An Act to Reduce Jail Overcrowding" (C. "A" H-52)

(H.P. 109) (L.D. 100) Bill "An Act to Repeal the Presidential Preference Primary Elections Process" (EMERGENCY) (C. "A" H-34)

(H.P. 319) (L.D. 411) Bill "An Act To Provide Employees Fair Access to Personnel Files" (C. "A" H-54)

(H.P. 352) (L.D. 460) Bill "An Act To Encourage Dog Tracking of Wounded Big Game Animals" (C. "A" H-39)

(H.P. 383) (L.D. 494) Bill "An Act To Enhance Consumer Protections in Relation to Certain Mortgages" (C. "A" H-53)

No objections having been noted at the end of the Second Legislative Day, the Senate Papers were **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED** or **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED** in concurrence and the House Papers were **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED** or **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED** and sent for concurrence. **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH**.

**BILLS IN THE SECOND READING
House as Amended**

Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 130: Implementation of the State Purchasing Code of Conduct for Suppliers of Apparel, Footwear and Textiles, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Administrative and Financial Services (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 26) (L.D. 19)
(C. "A" H-50)

Reported by the Committee on **Bills in the Second Reading**, read the second time, the House Paper was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED** and sent for concurrence. **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH**.

ENACTORS

Emergency Measure

An Act To Expand Unemployment Benefits

(H.P. 92) (L.D. 83)
(C. "A" H-16; H. "A" H-21)

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

Representative DUPLESSIE of Westbrook **REQUESTED** a roll call on **PASSAGE TO BE ENACTED**.

More than one-fifth of the members present expressed a desire for a roll call which was ordered.

The **SPEAKER**: A roll call has been ordered. The pending question before the House is Enactment. All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

This being an emergency measure, a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to the House being necessary, a total was taken.

ROLL CALL NO. 21

YEA - Adams, Andrews, Annis, Ash, Austin, Barstow, Bennett, Bierman, Bowen, Bowles, Brannigan, Breault, Brown R, Browne W, Bruno, Bull, Bunker, Campbell, Canavan, Carr, Churchill E, Churchill J, Clark, Clough, Collins, Courtney, Cowger, Craven, Cressey, Crosthwaite, Cummings, Curley, Daigle, Davis, Dudley, Dugay, Dunlap, Duplessie, Duprey B, Duprey G, Earle, Eder, Faircloth, Finch, Fischer, Fletcher, Gagne-Friel, Glynn, Goodwin, Greeley, Grose, Hatch, Heidrich, Honey, Hotham, Jackson, Jacobsen, Jennings, Jodrey, Joy, Kaelin, Kane, Koffman, Landry, Laverriere-Boucher, Ledwin, Lemoine, Lerman, Lessard, Lewin, Maietta, Mailhot, Makas, Marley, McCormick, McGowan, McKee, McKenney, McLaughlin, McNeil, Millett, Mills S, Moody, Murphy, Muse, Norbert, O'Brien J, O'Brien L, O'Neil, Paradis, Peavey-Haskell, Percy, Perry A, Pineau, Pingree, Piotti, Rector, Richardson E, Richardson J, Rogers, Rosen, Sampson, Saviello, Sherman, Shields, Simpson, Smith N, Smith W, Snowe-Mello, Stone, Sukeforth, Sullivan, Suslovic, Sykes, Tardy, Thomas, Thompson, Tobin D, Tobin J, Trahan, Treadwell, Twomey, Usher, Vaughan, Walcott, Wheeler, Woodbury, Wotton, Young, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - Richardson M.

ABSENT - Berry, Berube, Blanchette, Bliss, Bryant-Deschenes, Gerzofsky, Hutton, Ketterer, Lundeen, Marraché, McGlocklin, Mills J, Moore, Norton, Nutting, Patrick, Pellon, Perry J, Rines, Watson.

Yes, 130; No, 1; Absent, 20; Excused, 0.

130 having voted in the affirmative and 1 voted in the negative, with 20 being absent, and accordingly the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate. **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH**.

Emergency Measure

An Act to Further Define a Strain of Maine Standardbred Horses

(H.P. 94) (L.D. 85)
(C. "A" H-17)

Reported by the Committee on **Engrossed Bills** as truly and strictly engrossed. This being an emergency measure, a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to the House being necessary, a total was taken. 128 voted in favor of the same and 0 against, and accordingly the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate. **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH**.

Acts

- An Act to Clarify the Laws Relating to Public Water Systems
(S.P. 56) (L.D. 133)
- An Act to Clarify the Ability of the Maine Forest Service and
Tax Assessors to View Private Landowners' Forest Management
Plans
(H.P. 143) (L.D. 184)
(C. "A" H-20)
- An Act To Amend Certain Aspects of Post-conviction Review
Procedure
(H.P. 269) (L.D. 340)
(H. "A" H-28)
- An Act To Simplify the Bonding Limitations of the Maine
Turnpike Authority
(S.P. 212) (L.D. 603)
- An Act Regarding Case Management Officers
(H.P. 537) (L.D. 731)
- 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.

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

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

Divided Report

Majority Report of the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION**
reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee**
Amendment "A" (H-67) on Bill "An Act Making Unified
Appropriations and Allocations for the Expenditures of State
Government and Highway Funds and Changing Certain
Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of
State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2004 and
June 30, 2005" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 978) (L.D. 1324)

Signed:

Senators:

HATCH of Somerset
DAMON of Hancock
SAVAGE of Knox

Representatives:

USHER of Westbrook
MARLEY of Portland
PARADIS of Frenchville
MARRACHÉ of Waterville
SAMPSON of Auburn
McKENNEY of Cumberland
COLLINS of Wells
JODREY of Bethel
BROWNE of Vassalboro

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought Not**
to Pass on same Bill.

Signed:

Representative:

McNEIL of Rockland

READ.

On motion of Representative USHER of Westbrook, the
Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report was **ACCEPTED**.

The Bill was **READ ONCE**. **Committee Amendment "A" (H-67)** was **READ** by the Clerk and **ADOPTED**.

Under suspension of the rules the Bill was given its **SECOND**
READING WITHOUT REFERENCE to the Committee on **Bills in**
the Second Reading.

Representative USHER of Westbrook **REQUESTED** a roll call
on **PASSAGE TO BE ENGROSSED as Amended by**
Committee Amendment "A" (H-67).

The **SPEAKER**: A roll call has been ordered. The pending
question before the House is Passage to be Engrossed as
Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-67). All those in
favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

More than one-fifth of the members present expressed a
desire for a roll call which was ordered.

ROLL CALL NO. 22

YEA - Adams, Annis, Ash, Barstow, Bennett, Bliss, Bowen,
Bowles, Brannigan, Breault, Brown R, Browne W, Bruno, Bull,
Bunker, Campbell, Carr, Churchill E, Churchill J, Clark, Collins,
Courtney, Cowger, Craven, Cummings, Curley, Daigle, Davis,
Dudley, Dunlap, Duplessie, Duprey G, Earle, Eder, Faircloth,
Finch, Fischer, Fletcher, Gagne-Friel, Glynn, Greeley, Grose,
Hatch, Heidrich, Honey, Hotham, Jackson, Jacobsen, Jennings,
Jodrey, Kaelin, Kane, Koffman, Landry, Laverriere-Boucher,
Ledwin, Lemoine, Lerman, Lessard, Lundeen, Mailhot, Makas,
Marley, McCormick, McGowan, McKee, McKenney, McLaughlin,
Millett, Mills S, Muse, Norbert, O'Brien J, O'Neil, Paradis, Percy,
Perry A, Pineau, Pingree, Piotti, Richardson E, Richardson J,
Richardson M, Rogers, Rosen, Sampson, Saviello, Shields,
Simpson, Smith N, Smith W, Stone, Sukeforth, Sullivan, Suslovic,
Sykes, Tardy, Thomas, Thompson, Tobin D, Usher, Walcott,
Wheeler, Woodbury, Wotton, Young, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - Andrews, Austin, Bierman, Clough, Cressey,
Crosthwaite, Duprey B, Joy, Lewin, Maietta, McNeil, Murphy,
Peavey-Haskell, Rector, Sherman, Snowe-Mello, Tobin J,
Trahan, Treadwell, Twomey, Vaughan.

ABSENT - Berry, Berube, Blanchette, Bryant-Deschenes,
Canavan, Dugay, Gerzofsky, Goodwin, Hutton, Ketterer,
Marraché, McGlocklin, Mills J, Moody, Moore, Norton, Nutting,
O'Brien L, Patrick, Pellon, Perry J, Rines, Watson.

Yes, 107; No, 21; Absent, 23; Excused, 0.

107 having voted in the affirmative and 21 voted in the
negative, with 23 being absent, and accordingly the Bill was
PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED as Amended by Committee
Amendment "A" (H-67) and sent for concurrence. **ORDERED**
SENT FORTHWITH.

SENATE PAPERS

Bill "An Act To Improve Access by the Department of
Corrections to Federal Funds under Title IV-E of the federal
Social Security Act"

(S.P. 498) (L.D. 1498)

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 Amend the School Construction Program"

(S.P. 490) (L.D. 1484)

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.

Bill "An Act To Extend Licensing Periods for Agencies Providing Mental Health Services"

(S.P. 494) (L.D. 1488)

Bill "An Act To Delay the Repeal of Laws Governing the State's Response to an Extreme Public Health Emergency"

(S.P. 497) (L.D. 1491)

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 Update and Amend the Revised Maine Securities Act"

(S.P. 495) (L.D. 1489)

Bill "An Act To Update and Clarify the Law Regarding the Conversion of a Nonprofit Hospital and Medical Service Organization to a Domestic Stock Insurer"

(S.P. 496) (L.D. 1490)

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 Allow Judges' Faxed Signatures in Involuntary Psychiatric Commitment Proceedings"

(S.P. 493) (L.D. 1487)

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 Comply with Federal Election Laws Including the Help America Vote Act of 2002"

(S.P. 492) (L.D. 1486)

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.

Bill "An Act To Update Water Quality Criteria"

(S.P. 491) (L.D. 1485)

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

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

Divided Report

Majority Report of the Committee on **LABOR** reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on Bill "An Act Regarding an Employee's Access to Personnel Files"

Signed:

Senators:

EDMONDS of Cumberland

STANLEY of Penobscot

BLAIS of Kennebec

Representatives:

CRESSEY of Baldwin

HEIDRICH of Oxford

NUTTING of Oakland

TREADWELL of Carmel

HUTTON of Bowdoinham

HATCH of Skowhegan

PATRICK of Rumford

JACKSON of Fort Kent

WATSON of Bath

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought to Pass** on same Bill.

Signed:

Representative:

SMITH of Van Buren

READ.

On motion of Representative HATCH of Skowhegan, the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report was **ACCEPTED** and sent for concurrence. **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH.**

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: (H.C. 112)

STATE OF MAINE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SPEAKER'S OFFICE

AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0002

March 31, 2003

Honorable Millicent M. MacFarland

Clerk of the House

2 State House Station

Augusta, ME 04333-0002

Dear Clerk MacFarland:

Pursuant to my authority under House Rule 201.1 (I), I have temporarily appointed Representative Robert Duplessie of Westbrook as a member of the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety for the duration of the absence of Representative Stan Gerzofsky of Brunswick.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

S/Patrick Colwell

Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

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

On motion of Representative USHER of Westbrook, the House adjourned at 11:15 a.m., until 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, April 1, 2003.