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32nd Legislative Day
Tuesday, April 1, 2003

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

Prayer by Reverend Gregory S. Young, East Baldwin and Denmark Congregational Churches, and Sebago Center Community Church.

National Anthem by Vikettes and Viking Voices, Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School, South Paris.

Pledge of Allegiance.

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: (H.C. 113)

STATE OF MAINE

**ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND
FORESTRY**

March 27, 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 Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry has voted unanimously to report the following bills out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 315 An Act To Provide a Discount to Farmers Who Are Certified as Organic Farmers and Lease Land from the State

L.D. 717 An Act Related to the Sale of Personal Sports Mobiles

L.D. 759 An Act Concerning Public Members of the Board of Pesticides Control

L.D. 933 An Act To Require Public Notification of Herbicide Applications in the State's Great Ponds

L.D. 952 An Act To Establish a Maine-resident-only Reservation Period for State Park Campsites

L.D. 1142 An Act To Restructure the Power and Duties within the Animal Welfare Act

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. Linda Rogers McKee

House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 114)

STATE OF MAINE

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

March 27, 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 bill out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 544 An Act To Improve Rights to Marine Resources

We have also notified the sponsor and cosponsors 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. 115)

STATE OF MAINE

**ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

March 27, 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 State and Local Government has voted unanimously to report the following bills out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 683 An Act To Require the State To Assume All Costs for Corrections Currently Paid by Local Taxpayers

L.D. 1074 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

L.D. 1126 An Act to Ensure Consistency in the Records and Documents of State and Local Government

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

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Margaret Rotundo

Senate Chair

S/Rep. Janet L. McLaughlin

House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 116)

STATE OF MAINE

**ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON TAXATION**

March 27, 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. 191 An Act to Amend the Definition of "Commercial Agricultural Production"
 L.D. 574 An Act To Clarify the Definition of Commercial Agricultural Production

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.

PETITIONS, BILLS AND RESOLVES REQUIRING REFERENCE

Bill "An Act To Amend the Licensing Requirements for Veterinarians"

(H.P. 1098) (L.D. 1505)

Sponsored by Representative SULLIVAN of Biddeford.
 Cosponsored by Senator SHOREY of Washington.
 Submitted by the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Bill "An Act To Make Technical Changes to Statutes Regarding Regulatory Boards and Registrations"

(H.P. 1099) (L.D. 1506)

Sponsored by Representative SULLIVAN of Biddeford.
 Cosponsored by Senator SHOREY of Washington.
 Submitted by the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

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 Limit the Size of Motorboat Engines Used on Paradise Pond"

(H.P. 1096) (L.D. 1503)

Sponsored by Representative EARLE of Damariscotta.
 Cosponsored by Senator HALL of Lincoln.
 Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

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 the Exclusion of Assumed Reinsurance from Policy Claims Priority"

(H.P. 1095) (L.D. 1502)

Sponsored by Representative YOUNG of Limestone.
 Cosponsored by Senator MAYO of Sagadahoc and Representative: O'NEIL of Saco.
 Submitted by the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Bill "An Act To Clarify and Update the Laws Related to Health Insurance"

(H.P. 1100) (L.D. 1507)

Sponsored by Representative CANAVAN of Waterville.
 Cosponsored by Senator MAYO of Sagadahoc and Representative: O'NEIL of Saco.
 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 Clarify the Work Center Purchases Committee Requirements for Work Centers and Competitive Bidding"

(H.P. 1097) (L.D. 1504)

Sponsored by Representative McLAUGHLIN of Cape Elizabeth.
 Cosponsored by Senator ROTUNDO of Androscoggin and Senator: WESTON of Waldo.
 Submitted by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

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.

**Pursuant to Statute
 Department of Labor**

Representative CUMMINGS for the **Department of Labor** pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 8072 asks leave to report that the accompanying Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 7: Rules Advancing the Performance of Sound Student Safety Practices in Maine's Public Schools and Colleges, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Standards (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 1101) (L.D. 1508)

Be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** and printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

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

Sent for concurrence.

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

SPECIAL SENTIMENT CALENDAR

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

Recognizing:

the members of the Lawrence High School Drama Club and their director Jeff Watts, on their top place finish in the Division 1 State of Maine Drama Festival. The club is now one of 2 schools which will represent our State in the New England Drama Festival on April 24th - 26th. Special acknowledgement is extended to Dean King, April Ranger and Ricky Normandeau, each of whom received individual recognition at the festival. We send our

congratulations and best wishes to the drama club on its outstanding achievements;

(HLS 389)

Presented by Representative FINCH of Fairfield.

Cosponsored by Senator HATCH of Somerset.

On **OBJECTION** of Representative FINCH of Fairfield, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

READ.

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Fairfield, Representative Finch.

Representative **FINCH**: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I am very pleased to rise today to recognize an outstanding group of young people from my district. Every year hundreds of students from schools across Maine spend long hours of preparation for the state one act play competition. Schools compete in regional festivals with the winners in each region advancing to the state finals where two schools are chosen to represent Maine at the New England Drama Festival. For drama participants and fans, this is the equivalent of the gold ball. Two weeks ago the drama students at Lawrence High School earned this distinction. It has been my pleasure to watch these young people perform for several years. I have enjoyed the opportunity to get to know many of them on a personal basis. I am confident that their character, their work ethic and their talent will make them an outstanding representative of our state and that they will present a very positive image of Maine to the rest of New England. To them I say, Congratulations and break a leg.

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

The House recessed until the Sound of the Bell.

(After Recess)

The House was called to order by the Speaker.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

Divided Report

Majority Report of the Committee on **LABOR** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-65)** on Bill "An Act to Amend the Maine Workers' Compensation Act of 1992 as it Relates to Compensation for Amputation of a Body Part"

(H.P. 110) (L.D. 101)

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.

Majority Report of the Committee on **LABOR** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-66)** on Bill "An Act To Encourage Workers' Compensation Dispute Resolutions"

(H.P. 438) (L.D. 575)

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.

Majority Report of the Committee on **UTILITIES AND ENERGY** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-70)** on Bill "An Act to Control Internet 'Spam'"

(H.P. 210) (L.D. 255)

Signed:

Senators:

HALL of Lincoln

BROMLEY of Cumberland

Representatives:

ADAMS of Portland

RINES of Wiscasset

FLETCHER of Winslow

LUNDEEN of Mars Hill

BERRY of Belmont

BLISS of South Portland

GOODWIN of Pembroke

RICHARDSON of Skowhegan

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

Signed:

Senator:

YOUNGBLOOD of Penobscot

Representatives:

MOODY of Manchester

CRESSEY of Baldwin

READ.

On motion of Representative BLISS of South Portland, the Bill and all accompanying papers were **COMMITTED** to the Committee on **UTILITIES AND ENERGY** and sent for concurrence.

CONSENT CALENDAR

First Day

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

(S.P. 22) (L.D. 36) Bill "An Act to Protect the Privacy of Maine Nurses" Committee on **BUSINESS, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-9)**

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

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:

(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)

(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" (C. "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) (C. "A" H-63)

(H.P. 54) (L.D. 46) Bill "An Act To Allow Free Clinics To Purchase Medications and Supplies through State Contracts" (C. "A" H-73)

(H.P. 61) (L.D. 53) Bill "An Act to Allow Experimentation in the Cultivation of Agricultural Hemp" (C. "A" H-61)

(H.P. 90) (L.D. 81) Bill "An Act to Increase the Minimum Ring Size of Legal Scallops" (C. "A" H-58)

(H.P. 129) (L.D. 170) Bill "An Act To Improve the Health and Safety of Young Workers" (C. "A" H-64)

(H.P. 280) (L.D. 360) Bill "An Act To Strengthen the Animal Control Laws" (C. "A" H-60)

(H.P. 330) (L.D. 422) Bill "An Act To Honor Purple Heart Award Recipients" (C. "A" H-68)

(H.P. 535) (L.D. 729) Bill "An Act To Clarify the Standard for Review of Preconviction Bail" (C. "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) (C. "A" H-69)

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

(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" (C. "A" H-72)

On motion of Representative RINES of Wiscasset, was **REMOVED** from the Second Day Consent Calendar.

The Committee Report was **READ** and **ACCEPTED**. The Bill was **READ ONCE**. **Committee Amendment "A" (H-72)** 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**.

The same Representative **PRESENTED House Amendment "A" (H-84)**, which was **READ** by the Clerk.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Wiscasset, Representative Rines.

Representative **RINES**: Mr. Speaker, Men and Women of the House. This is a technical amendment being offered on behalf of the Committee on Bills in the Second Reading. It is a technical amendment only.

Subsequently, **House Amendment "A" (H-84)**, was **ADOPTED**.

The Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-72)** and **House Amendment "A" (H-84)** and sent for concurrence.

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

ENACTORS

Emergency Measure

An Act To Improve the Safety of Public Roads

(H.P. 434) (L.D. 571)

(C. "A" H-74)

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. 129 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.**

Emergency Measure

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

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

(C. "A" H-67)

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

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

Representative **USHER**: Mr. Speaker, Men and Women of the House. I want to take this opportunity to thank the Transportation Committee who worked very hard on this budget. I also want to thank each department involved with the process, which is the Secretary of State, Public Safety and the Department of Transportation. It was a learning experience for new committee members and two new commissioners. They are the new Commissioners of Public Safety and DOT. Working together we achieved our goal. The Transportation Budget as proposed by the Governor and revised by the Transportation Committee, together with bond requests will support Transportation investments in Maine of \$622 million over the next two fiscal years. This budget allocates projected highway revenue of \$594 million. Seventy-seven percent will go to DOT, 12.1 percent goes to Public Safety and 10.1 percent to the Secretary of State.

The Highway Fund allocations to Maine DOT slightly decrease in this budget, reflecting the realities of these budgetary times. This budget while requiring Maine DOT to achieve \$8 million in spending reductions will support current levels of investments in critical transportation projects around the state.

Assuming current projected revenues and bond approvals, this budget allocates the state funding needed for a \$622 million capital and paving program that includes 165 miles of arterial and collector highway reconstruction, 2,000 miles of highway resurfacing, rehabilitation of 80 bridges, continued construction funding for the new alignment projects, which includes, the Augusta third bridge, the I-295 connector in Portland, the Gray bypass, the Calais border crossing and continued studies for the new alignment projects including a Gorham bypass and an I-395 Route 9 connector and the Aroostook County I-95 north extension. The rail service from Portland to Brunswick is also included, 50 airports and related studies and projects and \$18 million for freight infrastructure.

This budget and the resulting capital program will produce thousands of jobs, reduce transportation costs for Maine families and Maine businesses and enhance economic development opportunities for communities in every one of our districts, whether investing in summer and winter maintenance or providing for state matching for millions of federal dollars for our highways, bridges, rails, airports, ferry service and bicycles and pedestrian trails, our communities are the ultimate beneficiaries of these investments. This budget represents the development and preservation of critical transportation infrastructure, which will stimulate the Maine economy at a critical time. I, therefore, urge your support for the pending motion. Thank you.

Representative McNEIL of Rockland **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. 23

YEA - Adams, Andrews, Ash, Barstow, Bennett, Berry, Bierman, Blanchette, Bliss, Bowles, Brannigan, Breault, Brown R, Browne W, Bruno, Bull, Bunker, Campbell, Canavan, Carr, Churchill E, Churchill J, Clark, Clough, Collins, Courtney, Cowger, Craven, Curley, Daigle, Davis, Dudley, Dunlap, Duplessie, Duprey B, Duprey G, Earle, Eder, Faircloth, Finch,

Fischer, Gagne-Friel, Glynn, Greeley, Grose, Hatch, Hotham, Hutton, Jackson, Jacobsen, Jennings, Jodrey, Kane, Ketterer, Koffman, Landry, Laverriere-Boucher, Ledwin, Lemoine, Lerman, Lessard, Lewin, Lundeen, Maietta, Mailhot, Makas, Marley, Marraché, McCormick, McGowan, McKee, McKenney, McLaughlin, Millett, Mills J, Mills S, Moody, Muse, Norbert, Norton, O'Brien J, O'Brien L, O'Neil, Paradis, Percy, Perry J, Pineau, Pingree, Piotti, Richardson E, Richardson J, Richardson M, Rines, Rogers, Rosen, Sampson, Saviello, Sherman, Shields, Simpson, Smith N, Smith W, Sukeforth, Sullivan, Suslovic, Sykes, Tardy, Thomas, Thompson, Tobin D, Twomey, Usher, Walcott, Watson, Wheeler, Woodbury, Wotton, Young, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - Annis, Austin, Berube, Bowen, Bryant-Deschenes, Cressey, Crosthwaite, Honey, Joy, McNeil, Murphy, Peavey-Haskell, Rector, Snowe-Mello, Stone, Trahan, Treadwell, Vaughan.

ABSENT - Cummings, Dugay, Fletcher, Gerzofsky, Goodwin, Heidrich, Kaelin, McGlocklin, Moore, Nutting, Patrick, Pellon, Perry A, Tobin J.

Yes, 119; No, 18; Absent, 14; Excused, 0.

119 having voted in the affirmative and 18 voted in the negative, with 14 being absent, and accordingly the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate. **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH**.

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

SENATE PAPERS

Bill "An Act To Protect the Small Forest Landowners"

(S.P. 500) (L.D. 1500)

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 Laws Relating to the Maine State Retirement System"

(S.P. 501) (L.D. 1501)

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 Require the Department of Transportation to Resume Maintenance of Clark's Cove Road"

(S.P. 499) (L.D. 1499)

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

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

The following Joint Resolution: (S.P. 502)

JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING JEANNE O. CROCKER, MAINE'S 2003 HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR

WHEREAS, Jeanne O. Crocker, Principal of South Portland High School has been named Maine's 2003 High School Principal of the Year by the Maine Principals' Association; and

WHEREAS, Jeanne O. Crocker received a bachelor's degree in French and Spanish in 1976 from Colby College and a

master's degree in school administration in 1979 from the University of Southern Maine; and

WHEREAS, Jeanne O. Crocker taught French and Spanish at South Portland High School and taught Spanish at Windham High School and at Waterville High School; and

WHEREAS, Jeanne O. Crocker served as assistant principal at South Portland High School from 1993 to 1994 and was appointed principal in 1998; and

WHEREAS, Jeanne O. Crocker has always served with professionalism, leadership, sincere dedication and commitment, always creating an atmosphere of accessibility to teachers and students; and

WHEREAS, Jeanne O. Crocker received this award for her accomplishments as an educational leader, her ability to resolve complex problems, her involvement of the community in the life of the school and her contributions to the Maine Principals' Association and to her profession; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Twenty-first Legislature now assembled in the First Regular Session, take this occasion to congratulate Jeanne O. Crocker and express our appreciation to her for her commitment and dedication to the students of South Portland High School and to the State of Maine; and be it further

RESOLVED: That suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to Jeanne O. Crocker.

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

READ and **ADOPTED** in concurrence.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: (H.C. 121)

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

April 1, 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 John Richardson of Brunswick as a member of the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary 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 LANDRY of Sanford, the House adjourned at 11:59 a.m., until 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, April 2, 2003 in honor and lasting tribute to the members of our military services who have died for our country in Iraq.