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FIRST REGULAR SESSION
17th Legislative Day
Tuesday, February 22, 2005

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

Prayer by Chaplain Warren Doersam, Waldo County Sheriff's Department, Director of Prison Ministry Vision New England, Belfast.

National Anthem by Windham Primary School Chorus.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Doctor of the day, Karen Hallee, M.D., Falmouth.

The Journal of Wednesday, February 16, 2005 was read and approved.

SENATE PAPERS

Bill "An Act To Prevent Price Gouging and To Stabilize Prices in the Sale of Milk"

(S.P. 281) (L.D. 842)

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.

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Provide for Protected Reserve Funds
(S.P. 282) (L.D. 843)

Bill "An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue to Stimulate Maine's Economy"

(S.P. 283) (L.D. 844)

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.

Resolve, Regarding a New Certification for Health Care Attendants

(S.P. 276) (L.D. 837)

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 Reduce Hardships to Small Community Hospitals Resulting from the Hospital Tax" (EMERGENCY)
(S.P. 278) (L.D. 839)

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 Amend the Uniform Unclaimed Property Act As It Applies to Gift Cards"

(S.P. 277) (L.D. 838)

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 Distribute Costs for the Funding of Pensions and Health Insurance for Retired Teachers"

(S.P. 279) (L.D. 840)

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 Reform the Taxation of Malt Liquor and Wine"

(S.P. 280) (L.D. 841)

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

Representative DUPLESSIE of Westbrook asked the chair to **RULE** if the Bill was properly before the body.

Subsequently, the Bill was **TABLED** by the Speaker pending a **RULING OF THE CHAIR**.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: (H.C. 60)

STATE OF MAINE

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

February 15, 2005

Honorable Beth Edmonds, President of the Senate

Honorable John Richardson, Speaker of the House

122nd Maine Legislature

State House

Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Edmonds and Speaker Richardson:

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 bill out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 457 An Act To Remove an Access Gate from State-owned Land in Pittston Academy Grant, T2 R4 NBKP

We have also notified the sponsor and cosponsors of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. John M. Nutting

Senate Chair

S/Rep. John F. Piotti

House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 61)

STATE OF MAINE

**ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND VETERANS AFFAIRS**

February 15, 2005

Honorable Beth Edmonds, President of the Senate
Honorable John Richardson, Speaker of the House
122nd Maine Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Edmonds and Speaker Richardson:
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. 221 An Act To Restrict Placement of Political Signs
L.D. 323 An Act To Limit the Time a Campaign Sign May Be Displayed

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. John L. Patrick
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 62)

STATE OF MAINE

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

February 10, 2005

Honorable Beth Edmonds, President of the Senate
Honorable John Richardson, Speaker of the House
122nd Maine Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Edmonds and Speaker Richardson:
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. 4 RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Change the Property Valuation Process

L.D. 75 An Act To Authorize Municipalities To Give Property Tax Relief to Volunteer Firefighters and Emergency Medical Services Personnel

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

Sincerely,
S/Sen. Joseph Charles Perry
Senate Chair
S/Rep. Richard G. Woodbury
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 63)

STATE OF MAINE

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

February 10, 2005

Honorable Beth Edmonds, President of the Senate
Honorable John Richardson, Speaker of the House
122nd Maine Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Edmonds and Speaker Richardson:
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 bill out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 49 Resolve, To Reduce Forgery and Fraud in Obtaining Prescription Drugs

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

Sincerely,
S/Sen. Lynn Bromley
Senate Chair
S/Rep. Nancy E. Smith
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 64)

STATE OF MAINE

**ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON UTILITIES AND ENERGY**

February 10, 2005

Honorable Beth Edmonds, President of the Senate
Honorable John Richardson, Speaker of the House
122nd Maine Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Edmonds and Speaker Richardson:
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 bill out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 46 An Act To Require Permission of Customers before a Phone Company Can Bill Retroactively

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

Sincerely,
S/Sen. Philip L. Bartlett II
Senate Chair
S/Rep. Lawrence Bliss
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

PETITIONS, BILLS AND RESOLVES REQUIRING REFERENCE

The following Bills, Resolves and Resolution were received, and upon the recommendation of the Committee on Reference of Bills were REFERRED to the following Committees, ordered printed and sent for concurrence:

AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY

Resolve, To Transfer Ownership of Certain Public Reserved Lands to the Town of Allagash

(H.P. 653) (L.D. 934)

Sponsored by Representative JACKSON of Fort Kent. Cosponsored by Senator BRYANT of Oxford and Representatives: JENNINGS of Leeds, LUNDEEN of Mars Hill, PINEAU of Jay, PIOTTI of Unity, SHERMAN of Hodgdon, SMITH of Van Buren, TWOMEY of Biddeford.

APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

Bill "An Act Authorizing a General Fund Bond Issue To Encourage Development of Maine's Traditional Industries"

(H.P. 626) (L.D. 876)

Sponsored by Representative PINGREE of North Haven. Cosponsored by Speaker RICHARDSON of Brunswick, Senator RAYE of Washington and Representatives: ASH of Belfast, BOWEN of Rockport, KAELIN of Winterport, PERCY of Phippsburg, PIOTTI of Unity, Senators: ANDREWS of York, DAMON of Hancock, NUTTING of Androscoggin.

Bill "An Act Authorizing a General Fund Bond Issue To Preserve Maine's Traditional Working Waterfront and Farming Economies by Ensuring Access to Working Waterfront and Farmland"

(H.P. 645) (L.D. 926)

Sponsored by Representative PERCY of Phippsburg. Under suspension of the rules, cosponsored by Representative PIOTTI of Unity, Senator MILLS of Somerset and Representatives: ADAMS of Portland, AUSTIN of Gray, BABBIDGE of Kennebunk, BARSTOW of Gorham, BISHOP of Boothbay, BOWEN of Rockport, BRAUTIGAM of Falmouth, BROWN of South Berwick, BURNS of Berwick, CANAVAN of Waterville, CARR of Lincoln, CUMMINGS of Portland, DAIGLE of Arundel, DAVIS of Augusta, DUPLESSIE of Westbrook, EDER of Portland, EMERY of Cutler, FAIRCLOTH of Bangor, FINCH of Fairfield, FISCHER of Presque Isle, FITTS of Pittsfield, FLETCHER of Winslow, GERZOFISKY of Brunswick, HANLEY of Gardiner, HOTHAM of Dixfield, JACKSON of Fort Kent, JENNINGS of Leeds, JODREY of Bethel, JOY of Crystal, KAELIN of Winterport, LERMAN of Augusta, LUNDEEN of Mars Hill, MAKAS of Lewiston, MAREAN of Hollis, MARLEY of Portland, MAZUREK of Rockland, MILLER of Somerville, MILLS of Farmington, MOODY of Manchester, MUSE of Fryeburg, NASS of Acton, NORTON of Bangor, PATRICK of Rumford, PINEAU of Jay, PINGREE of North Haven, RECTOR of Thomaston, Speaker RICHARDSON of Brunswick, ROSEN of Bucksport, SAVIELLO of Wilton, SHERMAN of Hodgdon, SMITH of Van Buren, THOMPSON of China, TRAHAN of Waldoboro, TWOMEY of Biddeford, VALENTINO of Saco, Senators: ANDREWS of York, COWGER of Kennebec, DAMON of Hancock, DOW of Lincoln, President EDMONDS of Cumberland, HOBBS of York, MAYO of Sagadahoc, MITCHELL of Kennebec, NUTTING of Androscoggin, PERRY of Penobscot, RAYE of Washington, SCHNEIDER of Penobscot, WESTON of Waldo.

Bill "An Act To Require That the Name and Address of an Owner of a Limited Liability Company Be in the Articles of Organization"

(H.P. 643) (L.D. 924)

Sponsored by Representative CARR of Lincoln. Cosponsored by Senator CLUKEY of Aroostook and Representatives: CLARK of Millinocket, DUPLESSIE of Westbrook, JACKSON of Fort Kent, LORING of the Penobscot Nation, SHERMAN of Hodgdon, Senators: BRYANT of Oxford, DAVIS of Piscataquis.

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

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

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

Bill "An Act To Extend Registration for Violent Sex Offenders"

(H.P. 622) (L.D. 872)

Sponsored by Representative GERZOFISKY of Brunswick. Under suspension of the rules, cosponsored by Senator BRYANT of Oxford and Representatives: ADAMS of Portland, ASH of Belfast, BLANCHETTE of Bangor, BURNS of Berwick, CAIN of Orono, CARR of Lincoln, DAVIS of Augusta, FINCH of Fairfield, GREELEY of Levant, HANLEY of Gardiner, MAKAS of Lewiston, MERRILL of Appleton, PLUMMER of Windham, Speaker RICHARDSON of Brunswick, SYKES of Harrison, Senator: CLUKEY of Aroostook.

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Concealed Firearms Permits"

(H.P. 624) (L.D. 874)

Sponsored by Representative CEBRA of Naples. Cosponsored by Representative VAUGHAN of Durham and Representatives: BERUBE of Lisbon, CRESSEY of Cornish, FLETCHER of Winslow, HAMPER of Oxford, LANSLEY of Sabattus, ROBINSON of Raymond, Senator: SNOWE-MELLO of Androscoggin.

Bill "An Act Amending Public Notification Laws for Sex Offenders Living Near Schools and Day-care Centers"

(H.P. 638) (L.D. 919)

Sponsored by Representative FAIRCLOTH of Bangor. Cosponsored by Senator NUTTING of Androscoggin and Representatives: BERUBE of Lisbon, VAUGHAN of Durham.

Bill "An Act To Decrease the Burden on Jails and Improve Treatment for People Living with Mental Illness by Fostering Jail Diversion"

(H.P. 646) (L.D. 927)

Sponsored by Representative FAIRCLOTH of Bangor.

Resolve, To Establish the Commission To Study the Commitment Process for Persons Adjudged Not Criminally Responsible (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 647) (L.D. 928)

Sponsored by Representative BARSTOW of Gorham.
Cosponsored by Senator HOBBS of York and Representatives: BLANCHARD of Old Town, BLANCHETTE of Bangor, CLOUGH of Scarborough, CUMMINGS of Portland, CURLEY of Scarborough, PELLETIER-SIMPSON of Auburn, PERCY of Phippsburg, PINGREE of North Haven.

EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

Bill "An Act To Change the Procedure When a Maine School Administrative District Budget Fails"

(H.P. 625) (L.D. 875)

Sponsored by Representative CEBRA of Naples.
Cosponsored by Representatives: BERUBE of Lisbon, CRESSEY of Cornish, FLETCHER of Winslow, HAMPER of Oxford, LANSLEY of Sabattus, ROBINSON of Raymond, VAUGHAN of Durham, Senator: SNOWE-MELLO of Androscoggin.

Bill "An Act To Restructure the Board of Trustees of the Maine School of Science and Mathematics"

(H.P. 640) (L.D. 921)

Sponsored by Representative CUMMINGS of Portland.
Cosponsored by Senator BRYANT of Oxford and Representatives: BRYANT of Windham, DUPLESSIE of Westbrook, GOLDMAN of Cape Elizabeth, KOFFMAN of Bar Harbor, LUNDEEN of Mars Hill, PERRY of Calais, THOMPSON of China.

Bill "An Act To Ensure Equitable Treatment of Students by Private Secondary Schools with a Majority of Students Funded by the State"

(H.P. 650) (L.D. 931)

Sponsored by Representative WALCOTT of Lewiston.
Cosponsored by Representatives: CANAVAN of Waterville, CRAVEN of Lewiston, GOLDMAN of Cape Elizabeth, LERMAN of Augusta, MAKAS of Lewiston, O'BRIEN of Lewiston, Senators: MITCHELL of Kennebec, SCHNEIDER of Penobscot.

Bill "An Act To Amend Adjustments to Transportation Costs under the School Funding Formula"

(H.P. 661) (L.D. 951)

Sponsored by Representative MILLS of Farmington.

INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE

Bill "An Act To Give 2 Moose Hunting Permits to Hunt of a Lifetime"

(H.P. 623) (L.D. 873)

Sponsored by Representative JACKSON of Fort Kent.
Cosponsored by Senator MARTIN of Aroostook and Representatives: BRYANT of Windham, CARR of Lincoln, LUNDEEN of Mars Hill, PINEAU of Jay, RICHARDSON of Carmel, WHEELER of Kittery, Senator: WOODCOCK of Franklin.

Bill "An Act To Allow Hunting on Sunday for Resident Landowners"

(H.P. 636) (L.D. 917)

Sponsored by Representative FITTS of Pittsfield.
Cosponsored by Senator BRYANT of Oxford and Representatives: FLETCHER of Winslow, RICHARDSON of Greenville, TARDY of Newport.

Resolve, To Begin and End the Fall Wild Turkey Hunting Season One Week Earlier

(H.P. 642) (L.D. 923)

Sponsored by Representative VAUGHAN of Durham.

Bill "An Act To Allow Hunters in Maine To Take 2 Deer per Year"

(H.P. 654) (L.D. 935)

Sponsored by Representative TUTTLE of Sanford.

Bill "An Act To Amend the Law Pertaining to All-terrain Vehicle Violations"

(H.P. 659) (L.D. 940)

Sponsored by Representative JOY of Crystal. (BY REQUEST)
Cosponsored by Representatives: LINDELL of Frankfort, VAUGHAN of Durham.

INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES

Bill "An Act To Help Home Day Care Providers Obtain Homeowners and Liability Insurance"

(H.P. 628) (L.D. 909)

Sponsored by Representative DUPREY of Hampden.
Cosponsored by Senator PLOWMAN of Penobscot and Representatives: GLYNN of South Portland, PELLETIER-SIMPSON of Auburn, VAUGHAN of Durham.

Bill "An Act To Require Insurance Companies To Provide Truthful Information"

(H.P. 639) (L.D. 920)

Sponsored by Representative BRYANT-DESCHENES of Turner.

Bill "An Act Regarding Insurance Payments When an Automobile Is Totaled"

(H.P. 641) (L.D. 922)

Sponsored by Representative BRYANT-DESCHENES of Turner.

Bill "An Act To Amend the Maine Life and Health Insurance Guaranty Association Act"

(H.P. 652) (L.D. 933)

Sponsored by Representative BEAUDETTE of Biddeford.
Cosponsored by Senator SULLIVAN of York and Representative: PILON of Saco, Senator: HOBBS of York.

JUDICIARY

Bill "An Act To Protect Homosexuals from Discrimination"
(H.P. 627) (L.D. 908)

Sponsored by Representative DUPREY of Hampden.

Bill "An Act To Include Regional Transportation Systems
under the Maine Tort Claims Act"
(H.P. 629) (L.D. 910)

Sponsored by Representative SAVIELLO of Wilton.

Cosponsored by Senator BRYANT of Oxford and
Representatives: FISCHER of Presque Isle, MARLEY of
Portland, Senator: NUTTING of Androscoggin.

Bill "An Act To Provide for the Payment of Attorney's Fees
in a Parental Rights and Responsibilities Action"
(H.P. 637) (L.D. 918)

Sponsored by Representative TARDY of Newport.

Cosponsored by Senator HOBBS of York and Representatives:
BIERMAN of Sorrento, BOWLES of Sanford, BRYANT-
DESCHENES of Turner, CARR of Lincoln, NASS of Acton,
PELLETIER-SIMPSON of Auburn, Speaker RICHARDSON of
Brunswick, SHERMAN of Hodgdon.

Bill "An Act To Clearly Identify Maine Corporations"
(H.P. 651) (L.D. 932)

Sponsored by Representative LINDELL of Frankfort.

Cosponsored by Representatives: AUSTIN of Gray, RECTOR of
Thomaston, VAUGHAN of Durham.

Bill "An Act To Amend the Maine Tort Claims Act"
(H.P. 655) (L.D. 936)

Sponsored by Representative MILLS of Farmington.

Cosponsored by Representatives: GERZOFKY of Brunswick,
PELLETIER-SIMPSON of Auburn, Senator: MILLS of Somerset.

LABOR

Bill "An Act Regarding Noncompete Agreements"
(H.P. 631) (L.D. 912)

Sponsored by Representative MOORE of Standish.

Cosponsored by Representative: RICHARDSON of Skowhegan.

Bill "An Act To Amend the Workers' Compensation Medical
Fee Schedule To Include Hospital Charges"
(H.P. 635) (L.D. 916)

Sponsored by Representative SMITH of Van Buren.

Cosponsored by Senator STRIMLING of Cumberland and
Representatives: HUTTON of Bowdoinham, PATRICK of
Rumford, PERRY of Calais, PINEAU of Jay, WATSON of Bath.

LEGAL AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

Bill "An Act To Prohibit Campaign Expenditures except
during an Established Campaign Season"
(H.P. 633) (L.D. 914)

Sponsored by Representative CLARK of Millinocket.

Bill "An Act To Create Freedom of Citizen Information
Regarding Ballot Questions and Political Action Committees"
(H.P. 648) (L.D. 929)

Sponsored by Representative FAIRCLOTH of Bangor.

Cosponsored by Senator GAGNON of Kennebec and
Representative: PATRICK of Rumford.

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the
Constitution of Maine To Preserve the Integrity of the Citizen-
initiated Petition Process

(H.P. 658) (L.D. 939)

Sponsored by Representative BOWLES of Sanford.

Cosponsored by Senator WESTON of Waldo and
Representatives: GERZOFKY of Brunswick, MILLS of
Farmington, SAVIELLO of Wilton, SHERMAN of Hodgdon,
Senators: PLOWMAN of Penobscot, WOODCOCK of Franklin.

Bill "An Act To Regulate Political Advertising"
(H.P. 662) (L.D. 952)

Sponsored by Representative THOMPSON of China.

Cosponsored by Representatives: BLISS of South Portland,
CAIN of Orono, EBERLE of South Portland, EMERY of Cutler,
FLETCHER of Winslow, MILLER of Somerville, MOULTON of
York, Senator: PERRY of Penobscot.

Bill "An Act To Make an Exception to the Law Regarding
Licensing of Fair Vendors Selling Tobacco Products"
(EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 660) (L.D. 941)

Sponsored by Representative RICHARDSON of Skowhegan.

Cosponsored by Representatives: MOORE of Standish,
PINKHAM of Lexington Township, SYKES of Harrison.

Committee on **LEGAL AND VETERANS AFFAIRS**
suggested.

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

MARINE RESOURCES

Resolve, To Restore the Atlantic Salmon Population on the
Pleasant River

(H.P. 657) (L.D. 938)

Sponsored by Representative JOY of Crystal.

Cosponsored by Representatives: LINDELL of Frankfort,
VAUGHAN of Durham.

STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Bill "An Act To Promote Green Power Use at State
Buildings"

(H.P. 632) (L.D. 913)

Sponsored by Representative PIOTTI of Unity.

Cosponsored by Senator COWGER of Kennebec and
Representatives: BLISS of South Portland, KOFFMAN of Bar
Harbor, PERCY of Phippsburg.

Bill "An Act To Fairly Apportion the Cost of Sheriff Patrol Services"

(H.P. 644) (L.D. 925)

Sponsored by Representative BARSTOW of Gorham.
Cosponsored by Representatives: BEAUDETTE of Biddeford, BLANCHARD of Old Town, BLISS of South Portland, CUMMINGS of Portland, DUPLESSIE of Westbrook, MARLEY of Portland, Senator: BRENNAN of Cumberland.

Resolve, To Study the Feasibility of Dividing Maine into 2 States

(H.P. 656) (L.D. 937)

Sponsored by Representative JOY of Crystal.
Cosponsored by Representative: LINDELL of Frankfort.

TRANSPORTATION

Bill "An Act To Honor Air Force Veterans"

(H.P. 630) (L.D. 911)

Sponsored by Representative BARSTOW of Gorham.
Cosponsored by Senator SAVAGE of Knox and Representatives: BLANCHARD of Old Town, BLISS of South Portland, DUPLESSIE of Westbrook, EBERLE of South Portland, FISCHER of Presque Isle, FISHER of Brewer, MARLEY of Portland, MERRILL of Appleton.

Bill "An Act To Amend the Motor Vehicle Habitual Offender Law"

(H.P. 634) (L.D. 915)

Sponsored by Representative CLARK of Millinocket.
Cosponsored by Representatives: JACKSON of Fort Kent, TUTTLE of Sanford.

Bill "An Act To Amend the Procedure for Election of the Casco Bay Island Transit District Board"

(H.P. 649) (L.D. 930)

Sponsored by Representative MARLEY of Portland.

ENACTORS Emergency Measure

Resolve, Authorizing the City of Gardiner To Refinance Certain Temporary Bond Anticipation Notes Issued for Its Wastewater Project

(H.P. 102) (L.D. 126)

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. 135 voted in favor of the same and 0 against, and accordingly the Resolve was **FINALLY PASSED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate. **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH.**

Resolves

Resolve, To Designate a Certain Intersection in Sidney as the Trooper Jeffrey S. Parola Memorial

(H.P. 114) (L.D. 163)

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

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The following matters, in the consideration of which the House was engaged at the time of adjournment Wednesday, February 16, 2005, had preference in the Orders of the Day and continued with such preference until disposed of as provided by House Rule 502.

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Allow the Legislature To Authorize a Growth Limitation on the Taxable Value of Homestead Land
(H.P. 7) (L.D. 2)
(C. "A" H-3)

- In House, **FINALLY PASSED** on January 27, 2005.
- In Senate, RESOLUTION and accompanying papers **COMMITTED** to the Committee on **TAXATION** in **NON-CONCURRENCE.**
TABLED - February 8, 2005 (Till Later Today) by Representative WOODBURY of Yarmouth.
PENDING - **FURTHER CONSIDERATION.**
The House voted to **RECEDE AND CONCUR.**

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Permit the Legislature To Allow the Current Use Valuation of Waterfront Land Used for or That Supports Commercial Fishing Activities
(H.P. 224) (L.D. 299)

- In House, **FINALLY PASSED** on January 27, 2005.
- In Senate, RESOLUTION and accompanying papers **COMMITTED** to the Committee on **TAXATION** in **NON-CONCURRENCE.**
TABLED - February 8, 2005 (Till Later Today) by Representative WOODBURY of Yarmouth.
PENDING - **FURTHER CONSIDERATION.**
Was reported by the Committee on **Engrossed Bills** as truly and strictly engrossed. This being a Constitutional Amendment, and a two-thirds vote of the House being necessary, a total was taken. 124 voted in favor of the same and 3 against, and accordingly the House **INSISTED** to **FINAL PASSAGE.**

Bill "An Act To Maintain Traditional Recreational Uses in Maine's Forests"
(H.P. 602) (L.D. 851)

(Committee on **TAXATION** suggested)
TABLED - February 16, 2005 (Till Later Today) by Representative WOODBURY of Yarmouth.
PENDING - **REFERENCE.**

Subsequently, the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TAXATION**, ordered printed and sent for concurrence

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

Change of Committee

Representative MARLEY from the Committee on
TRANSPORTATION on Bill "An Act To Enhance Highway
Safety"

(H.P. 171) (L.D. 232)

Reporting that it be **REFERRED** to the Committee on
CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY.

Report was **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill
REFERRED to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND
PUBLIC SAFETY**.

Sent for concurrence.

SPECIAL SENTIMENT CALENDAR

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

Recognizing:

Assistant Attorney General Melissa Reynolds O'Dea, of
Richmond, recipient of the 2004 Loveland Tobacco Award. She
was recognized for her leadership while serving as Chair of the
National Association of Attorney Generals' Tobacco Enforcement
Working Group. She coordinated investigations and litigation,
ensuring that tobacco manufacturers met their legal obligations.
Melissa is a national leader and legal expert on tobacco health-
related issues and it is through her efforts that the State
continues to receive more than 50 million dollars annually under
the Master Settlement Agreement. We congratulate her on her
award and applaud her contributions to our State;

(SLS 110)

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

READ

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

Representative **NORTON**: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and
Gentlemen of the House. It is with great pride that I rise to
recognize Assistant Attorney General Melissa Reynolds O'Dea. I
know how proud her family is of her and I have to share in that
pride. It is wonderful young people like this that we try to keep in
the State of Maine after they are educated and we have been
successful in doing that with this one. As I said, I know her
parents are extremely proud of her, but since she is a former
student of mine I want you to know that I share almost as much
pride and so I want to congratulate her and her family and
perhaps we could recognize her. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Subsequently, **PASSED** in concurrence.

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

On motion of Representative JOY of Crystal, the House
adjourned at 11:05 a.m., until 10:00 a.m., Thursday, February 24,
2005 in honor and lasting tribute to Anna Russell Greenlaw, of
Island Falls and Orono.