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FIRST REGULAR SESSION
6th Legislative Day
Tuesday, January 23, 2007

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

Prayer by Reverend Jonathan Stratton, Second Baptist Church of Bowdoinham.

National Anthem by Pamela Hawkins Poisson, Farmington.
Pledge of Allegiance.

Doctor of the day, John Van Pelt, M.D., Ellsworth.

The Journal of Tuesday, January 16, 2007 was read and approved.

SENATE PAPERS

Bill "An Act To Provide Notice to the General Public about Proposed Initiative Questions" (EMERGENCY)
(S.P. 58) (L.D. 176)

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

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.

Non-Concurrent Matter

Joint Order to Amend Joint Rule 219 to Require a 2/3 Vote on Legislation that Exceeds Spending Limitations

(S.P. 10)

INDEFINITELY POSTPONED in the House on January 16, 2007.

Came from the Senate with that Body having **INSISTED** on its former action whereby the Joint Order was **PASSED** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

Representative CUMMINGS of Portland moved that the House **INSIST**.

Representative TARDY of Newport **REQUESTED** a roll call on the motion to **INSIST**.

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 to Insist. All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 3

YEA - Adams, Babbidge, Barstow, Beaudette, Beaudoin, Berry, Blanchard, Blanchette, Bliss, Boland, Brautigam, Bryant, Burns, Canavan, Carter, Casavant, Clark, Cleary, Connor, Conover, Crockett, Dill, Driscoll, Duchesne, Eaton, Eberle, Faircloth, Finch, Fischer, Fisher, Gerzofsky, Grose, Hanley S, Harlow, Haskell, Hayes, Hinck, Hogan, Jackson, Koffman, Lundeen, MacDonald, Makas, Mazurek, Miller, Mills, Miramant, Norton, Patrick, Pendleton, Peoples, Percy, Perry, Pieh, Pilon, Pineau, Pingree, Piotti, Pratt, Priest, Rand, Rines, Samson, Schatz, Silsby, Simpson, Sirois, Smith N, Sutherland, Theriault, Treat, Tuttle, Valentino, Wagner, Walcott, Watson, Webster, Weddell, Wheeler.

NAY - Annis, Austin, Ayotte, Beaulieu, Berube, Browne W, Campbell, Cebra, Chase, Cotta, Cray, Cressey, Crosthwaite, Curtis, Duprey, Edgecomb, Emery, Finley, Fitts, Fletcher, Flood, Gifford, Giles, Gould, Holman, Hotham, Jacobsen, Joy, Knight, Lansley, Lewin, Marean, McDonough, McFadden, McKane, McLeod, Millett, Moore, Muse, Nass, Pinkham, Plummer,

Prescott, Rector, Richardson D, Richardson E, Richardson W, Robinson, Rosen, Savage, Saviello, Strang Burgess, Sykes, Tardy, Thibodeau, Thomas, Tibbetts, Vaughan, Walker, Weaver, Woodbury.

ABSENT - Cain, Craven, Dunn, Farrington, Greeley, Hamper, Hill, Kaenrath, Marley, Trinward, Mr. Speaker.

Yes, 79; No, 61; Absent, 11; Excused, 0.

79 having voted in the affirmative and 61 voted in the negative, with 11 being absent, and accordingly the House voted to **INSIST**.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: (H.C. 32)

**STATE OF MAINE
DEPARTMENT OF PROFESSIONAL
AND FINANCIAL REGULATION
BUREAU OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS
36 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0036**

January 16, 2007

The Honorable Beth Edmonds

President of the Senate

3 State House Station

Augusta, Maine 04333

The Honorable Glenn Cummings

Speaker of the House

2 State House Station

Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Edmonds and Speaker Cummings:

In accordance with Title 9-B MRSA §217, as amended, enclosed please find a copy of the "Annual Report from the Superintendent of the Bureau of Financial Institutions to the Legislature." In addition to the annual statistical information, the Report also includes informational segments which often address issues of current importance to the Legislature, the Executive Branch, and the Maine financial institution community.

If you or your staff have any questions regarding the information contained in this Report, the Bureau would be pleased to respond. This Report will also be available in electronic format on the Bureau of Financial Institution's web site at www.maine.gov/financialinstitutions.

Very truly yours,

S/Lloyd P. LaFountain III

Superintendent

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

The Following Communication: (S.C. 29)

**MAINE SENATE
123RD LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY**

January 16, 2007

Honorable Glenn Cummings

Speaker of the House

2 State House Station

Augusta, ME 04333-0002

Dear Speaker Cummings:

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A. §158 and Joint Rule 506 of the 123rd Maine Legislature, please be advised that the Senate today confirmed the following nomination:

Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Business, Research and Economic Development, the nomination of Honorable John G. Richardson of Brunswick for appointment as

Commissioner of the Department of Economic and Community Development.

Sincerely,
S/Joy J. O'Brien

Secretary of the Senate

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

Bill "An Act To Revise the Definition of Service Dog"
(H.P. 233) (L.D. 289)

Sponsored by Representative ROBINSON of Raymond.
Cosponsored by Senator HASTINGS of Oxford and Representatives: AUSTIN of Gray, BEAUDETTE of Biddeford, BEAULIEU of Auburn, FARRINGTON of Gorham, PRESCOTT of Topsham, RECTOR of Thomaston, SAVAGE of Falmouth, Senator: COURTNEY of York.

Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** suggested.

On motion of Representative PIEH of Bremen, the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **BUSINESS, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**, ordered printed and sent for concurrence.

APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

Bill "An Act To Retire the Mortgage of York County Community College"
(H.P. 203) (L.D. 269)

Sponsored by Representative BEAUDETTE of Biddeford.
Cosponsored by Senator HOBBS of York and Representatives: BABBIDGE of Kennebunk, BEAUDOIN of Biddeford, BOLAND of Sanford, BURNS of Berwick, CAMPBELL of Newfield, CASAVANT of Biddeford, CHASE of Wells, CONNOR of Kennebunk, CRAVEN of Lewiston, GOULD of South Berwick, HILL of York, HOGAN of Old Orchard Beach, KNIGHT of Livermore Falls, LEWIN of Eliot, MAREAN of Hollis, NASS of Acton, PILON of Saco, TUTTLE of Sanford, VALENTINO of Saco, WEAVER of York, WHEELER of Kittery, Senators: BOWMAN of York, COURTNEY of York, NASS of York, SULLIVAN of York.

Bill "An Act To Expand Workforce Development Programs"
(H.P. 235) (L.D. 291)

Sponsored by Representative FISCHER of Presque Isle.
Cosponsored by Senator SHERMAN of Aroostook and Representative: SUTHERLAND of Chapman.

Bill "An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Help Construct a Recreation Center for the City of Presque Isle"
(H.P. 236) (L.D. 292)

Sponsored by Representative FISCHER of Presque Isle.
Cosponsored by Senator SHERMAN of Aroostook and Representative: SUTHERLAND of Chapman.

Bill "An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for Capital Projects for the Maine Community College System and the University of Maine System"
(H.P. 248) (L.D. 304)

Sponsored by Representative RECTOR of Thomaston.
Cosponsored by Senator TURNER of Cumberland and Representatives: AYOTTE of Caswell, CAIN of Orono,

EDGECOMB of Caribou, KOFFMAN of Bar Harbor, ROBINSON of Raymond, STRANG BURGESS of Cumberland, TARDY of Newport, Senator: SHERMAN of Aroostook.

Bill "An Act To Increase the Availability of Cellular Telephone Service for Rural Residents"
(H.P. 249) (L.D. 305)

Sponsored by Representative JACKSON of Allagash.
Cosponsored by Senator MARTIN of Aroostook and Representatives: FISCHER of Presque Isle, PATRICK of Rumford, THERIAULT of Madawaska.

Bill "An Act To Encourage the Use of Solar Energy"
(H.P. 234) (L.D. 290)

Sponsored by Representative CEBRA of Naples.
Cosponsored by Senator BARTLETT of Cumberland and Representatives: CRESSEY of Cornish, DUPREY of Hampden, FLETCHER of Winslow, LANSLEY of Sabattus, McKANE of Newcastle, RINES of Wiscasset, SAVIELLO of Wilton, Senator: HASTINGS of Oxford.

Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** suggested.

On motion of Representative FISCHER of Presque Isle, the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **UTILITIES AND ENERGY**, ordered printed and sent for concurrence.

BUSINESS, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Resolve, Establishing the Task Force To Eliminate Outdated or Unnecessary Laws and Rules To Stimulate Job Creation
(H.P. 204) (L.D. 270)

Sponsored by Representative ROBINSON of Raymond.
Cosponsored by Senator BROMLEY of Cumberland and Representatives: AUSTIN of Gray, BEAULIEU of Auburn, CRAY of Palmyra, MAREAN of Hollis, RECTOR of Thomaston, SAVAGE of Falmouth, SMITH of Monmouth, SYKES of Harrison.

Bill "An Act Regarding Notification of Intent To Sell a Mobile Home Park"
(H.P. 225) (L.D. 281)

Sponsored by Representative SILSBY of Augusta.
Cosponsored by Representatives: ADAMS of Portland, BRYANT of Windham, CLEARY of Houlton, CONNOR of Kennebunk, PILON of Saco, RAND of Portland, SAMSON of Auburn, SMITH of Monmouth

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

Bill "An Act Concerning Posting the Registry of Convicted Sex Offenders"
(H.P. 238) (L.D. 294)

Sponsored by Representative KNIGHT of Livermore Falls.
Cosponsored by Senator RAYE of Washington and Representatives: BERUBE of Lisbon, CURTIS of Madison, FLETCHER of Winslow, HILL of York, SAVIELLO of Wilton, SILSBY of Augusta, WALKER of Lincolnville, WEAVER of York.

Bill "An Act To Increase the Fines for Littering"
(H.P. 239) (L.D. 295)

Sponsored by Representative CRESSEY of Cornish.
Cosponsored by Senator STRIMLING of Cumberland and Representatives: DRISCOLL of Westbrook, DUCHESNE of Hudson, JACKSON of Allagash, KOFFMAN of Bar Harbor, LORING of the Penobscot Nation, MAKAS of Lewiston, RINES of Wiscasset, WATSON of Bath.

Bill "An Act To Provide Equity in County Jail Maximum Sentences"

(H.P. 263) (L.D. 329)

Sponsored by Representative FLETCHER of Winslow.

Cosponsored by Senator McCORMICK of Kennebec and Representatives: CONOVER of Oakland, CROCKETT of Augusta, FLOOD of Winthrop, HANLEY of Gardiner, KNIGHT of Livermore Falls, THIBODEAU of Winterport, TREAT of Farmingdale.

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

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

EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

Bill "An Act To Permit Andover College To Issue Degrees under New Ownership" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 205) (L.D. 271)

Sponsored by Representative MAKAS of Lewiston.

Cosponsored by Senator ROTUNDO of Androscoggin and Representatives: BERUBE of Lisbon, CRAVEN of Lewiston, Speaker CUMMINGS of Portland, NORTON of Bangor, SAMSON of Auburn, SMITH of Monmouth, WAGNER of Lewiston, WALCOTT of Lewiston.

Bill "An Act To Create Charter Programs within Existing Schools"

(H.P. 206) (L.D. 272)

Sponsored by Representative MARLEY of Portland.

Bill "An Act To Address the Evaluations of Certain School Employees"

(H.P. 237) (L.D. 293)

Sponsored by Representative MAKAS of Lewiston.

Cosponsored by Senator BOWMAN of York and Representatives: BURNS of Berwick, CANAVAN of Waterville, DRISCOLL of Westbrook, FARRINGTON of Gorham, HARLOW of Portland, NORTON of Bangor, Senators: MITCHELL of Kennebec, TURNER of Cumberland.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Bill "An Act To Help Save the Homes of Some Persons Who Enter Nursing Facilities"

(H.P. 207) (L.D. 273)

Sponsored by Representative TUTTLE of Sanford.

Cosponsored by Senator MARRACHÉ of Kennebec and Representatives: CAMPBELL of Newfield, PERRY of Calais, WALCOTT of Lewiston.

Bill "An Act To Provide Dental Care for Pregnant Women and New Mothers Receiving MaineCare Benefits"

(H.P. 226) (L.D. 282)

Sponsored by Representative FAIRCLOTH of Bangor.

Cosponsored by President EDMONDS of Cumberland.

Bill "An Act To Require Direct Payment to Child Care Centers"

(H.P. 227) (L.D. 283)

Sponsored by Representative DUPREY of Hampden.

Cosponsored by Representatives: CAMPBELL of Newfield, CEBRA of Naples, HAMPER of Oxford, LANSLEY of Sabattus, WALKER of Lincolnville.

Bill "An Act To Provide Medically Necessary Speech Therapy Services"

(H.P. 250) (L.D. 306)

Sponsored by Representative MILLER of Somerville.

Cosponsored by Senator MARRACHÉ of Kennebec.

Submitted by the Department of Health and Human Services pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE

Bill "An Act To Promote Mandatory Assignments and Training for Assistant Game Wardens"

(H.P. 208) (L.D. 274)

Sponsored by Representative EBERLE of South Portland.

Cosponsored by Senator BRYANT of Oxford and Representatives: FLETCHER of Winslow, HAMPER of Oxford, JACKSON of Allagash, PIOTTI of Unity, RICHARDSON of Carmel, WATSON of Bath, WHEELER of Kittery, Senator: GOOLEY of Franklin.

Submitted by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Bill "An Act To Permit Archery Hunters the Opportunity To Take an Additional Deer"

(H.P. 228) (L.D. 284)

Sponsored by Representative CLEARY of Houlton.

Cosponsored by Senator MARTIN of Aroostook and Representatives: FISCHER of Presque Isle, JACKSON of Allagash, JOY of Crystal, PRATT of Eddington, SOCTOMAH of the Passamaquoddy Tribe, SUTHERLAND of Chapman, Senator: SHERMAN of Aroostook.

Bill "An Act To Designate Additional Wild Trout Waters for Recognition and Protection"

(H.P. 229) (L.D. 285)

Sponsored by Representative KOFFMAN of Bar Harbor.

Cosponsored by Senator MITCHELL of Kennebec and Representatives: BRYANT of Windham, DUCHESNE of Hudson, EBERLE of South Portland, JACKSON of Allagash, SAVIELLO of Wilton, WATSON of Bath.

Bill "An Act To Enhance Land Use Opportunities for Landowners"

(H.P. 251) (L.D. 307)

Sponsored by Representative FITTS of Pittsfield.

Cosponsored by Senator BRYANT of Oxford and Representatives: FLETCHER of Winslow, JACKSON of Allagash, RICHARDSON of Carmel, RICHARDSON of Greenville, SAVIELLO of Wilton, TARDY of Newport.

INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES

Bill "An Act To Incorporate the Federal Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act into the Maine Consumer Credit Code"

(H.P. 265) (L.D. 331)

Sponsored by Representative BRAUTIGAM of Falmouth.

Cosponsored by Senator BROMLEY of Cumberland and Representatives: PERRY of Calais, RECTOR of Thomaston, SMITH of Monmouth, WOODBURY of Yarmouth.

Submitted by the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Bill "An Act To Update References to Federal Laws in the Maine Uniform Securities Act and To Make Other Technical Corrections to the Act" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 266) (L.D. 332)

Sponsored by Representative BRAUTIGAM of Falmouth.

Cosponsored by Senator BARTLETT of Cumberland.

Submitted by the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

JUDICIARY

Bill "An Act To Restrict Takings under Eminent Domain"
(H.P. 210) (L.D. 254)

Sponsored by Representative ANNIS of Dover-Foxcroft.
Cosponsored by Senator SMITH of Piscataquis and
Representatives: AYOTTE of Caswell, FINCH of Fairfield, JOY of
Crystal, LEWIN of Eliot, RICHARDSON of Carmel,
RICHARDSON of Greenville, THOMAS of Ripley.

Bill "An Act Concerning Litigation Brought by the Attorney
General To Enforce Provisions of the Forest Practices Laws"
(H.P. 211) (L.D. 255)

Sponsored by Representative FLOOD of Winthrop.
Cosponsored by Senator HOBBS of York and Representatives:
BRYANT of Windham, MILLS of Farmington, SAVIELLO of
Wilton, SIMPSON of Auburn, SMITH of Monmouth, Senators:
NUTTING of Androscoggin, RAYE of Washington.
Submitted by the Department of Conservation pursuant to Joint
Rule 204.

Bill "An Act To Protect Child Victims of Sexual Abuse"
(H.P. 209) (L.D. 275)

Sponsored by Representative EDGEComb of Caribou.
Cosponsored by Senator PLOWMAN of Penobscot and
Representatives: HARLOW of Portland, LANSLEY of Sabattus,
McFADDEN of Dennysville.

Bill "An Act To Protect Veterinarians Providing Animal
Welfare Services for the State"
(H.P. 230) (L.D. 286)

Sponsored by Representative FLOOD of Winthrop.
Cosponsored by Senator GOOLEY of Franklin and
Representatives: EDGEComb of Caribou, FLETCHER of
Winslow, LUNDEEN of Mars Hill, MAREAN of Hollis.

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Indemnification
Agreements"
(H.P. 240) (L.D. 296)

Sponsored by Representative WHEELER of Kittery.
Cosponsored by Senator BOWMAN of York and
Representatives: BURNS of Berwick, CAMPBELL of Newfield,
Speaker CUMMINGS of Portland, HILL of York, PINGREE of
North Haven, WATSON of Bath, Senator: COURTNEY of York.

Bill "An Act To Strengthen the Whistleblowers' Protection Act"
(H.P. 247) (L.D. 303)

Sponsored by Representative HARLOW of Portland. (BY
REQUEST)

Bill "An Act To Establish the Fully Informed Jury Act"
(H.P. 252) (L.D. 308)

Sponsored by Representative JOY of Crystal. (BY REQUEST)
Cosponsored by Representatives: GIFFORD of Lincoln,
THOMAS of Ripley, VAUGHAN of Durham.

LABOR

Bill "An Act To Provide Leave to a Spouse in the Case of
Death of or Injury to a Member of the Armed Forces"
(H.P. 212) (L.D. 256)

Sponsored by Representative MARLEY of Portland.
Resolve, Authorizing Elizabeth O'Connor To Rejoin the Maine
State Retirement System
(H.P. 241) (L.D. 297)

Sponsored by Representative TUTTLE of Sanford.
Bill "An Act Permitting Substitute Teachers To Opt Out of the
Maine State Retirement System"
(H.P. 258) (L.D. 323)

Sponsored by Representative BURNS of Berwick.

Cosponsored by Senator COURTNEY of York and
Representatives: BEAUDETTE of Biddeford, BRAUTIGAM of
Falmouth, CANAVAN of Waterville, CRAVEN of Lewiston,
HARLOW of Portland, MARLEY of Portland, NORTON of
Bangor, WEBSTER of Freeport.

LEGAL AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

Bill "An Act To Limit Campaigning at Polling Places"
(H.P. 231) (L.D. 287)

Sponsored by Representative SAVAGE of Falmouth.
Cosponsored by Senator SNOWE-MELLO of Androscoggin and
Representatives: DUPREY of Hampden, FINLEY of Skowhegan,
ROBINSON of Raymond, STRANG BURGESS of Cumberland,
Senator: MILLS of Somerset.

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution
of Maine To Restrict the Voting Privileges of Certain Incarcerated
Felons
(H.P. 244) (L.D. 300)

Sponsored by Representative HANLEY of Gardiner.
Cosponsored by Representative KNIGHT of Livermore Falls,
Senator McCORMICK of Kennebec and Representatives:
BEAUDETTE of Biddeford, FLOOD of Winthrop, HARLOW of
Portland, JACKSON of Allagash, PLUMMER of Windham,
SYKES of Harrison, TARDY of Newport, WHEELER of Kittery.

Bill "An Act To Change the Laws Concerning Games of
Chance"
(H.P. 253) (L.D. 309)

Sponsored by Representative BRYANT of Windham.
Cosponsored by Senator BRYANT of Oxford and
Representatives: HOGAN of Old Orchard Beach, PLUMMER of
Windham, Senator: DIAMOND of Cumberland.

Bill "An Act To Ensure the Integrity of Maine's Electoral
Process by Requiring Physical Ballots"
(H.P. 254) (L.D. 310)

Sponsored by Representative BURNS of Berwick.
Cosponsored by Representative PINGREE of North Haven,
Senator MITCHELL of Kennebec and Representatives:
CANAVAN of Waterville, CARTER of Bethel, CRESSEY of
Cornish, DRISCOLL of Westbrook, EMERY of Cutler, GREELEY
of Levant, HILL of York, WHEELER of Kittery.

Bill "An Act To Protect the Integrity of Security Deposits"
(H.P. 264) (L.D. 330)

Sponsored by Representative ADAMS of Portland.
Cosponsored by Senator BARTLETT of Cumberland and
Representatives: CAIN of Orono, CRAVEN of Lewiston,
CROCKETT of Augusta, GERZOFKY of Brunswick, MAKAS of
Lewiston, WALCOTT of Lewiston.

MARINE RESOURCES

Bill "An Act To Allow Expense Reimbursement for the
Commercial Fishing Safety Council"
(H.P. 213) (L.D. 257)

Sponsored by Representative McDONOUGH of Scarborough.
Cosponsored by Representative: PERCY of Phippsburg.
Submitted by the Department of Marine Resources pursuant to
Joint Rule 204.

Bill "An Act To Create a Nonresident Lobster and Crab
Landing Permit"
(H.P. 255) (L.D. 311)

Sponsored by Representative WHEELER of Kittery.
Submitted by the Department of Marine Resources pursuant to
Joint Rule 204.

Resolve, To Require the Department of Marine Resources To Report on Results of Anadromous Fish Restoration on the Kennebec River System

(H.P. 259) (L.D. 324)

Sponsored by Representative FLETCHER of Winslow.

Cosponsored by Representatives: FITTS of Pittsfield, JOY of Crystal, SAVIELLO of Wilton.

NATURAL RESOURCES

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Setbacks under the Natural Resource Protection Laws"

(H.P. 214) (L.D. 258)

Sponsored by Representative EMERY of Cutler.

Cosponsored by Senator RAYE of Washington and Representatives: CROSTHWAITE of Ellsworth, Speaker CUMMINGS of Portland, DUCHESNE of Hudson, DUPREY of Hampden, KOFFMAN of Bar Harbor, McFADDEN of Dennysville, MOORE of Standish, SAVIELLO of Wilton.

Bill "An Act Relating to Alternate Directors for Public Waste Disposal Corporations"

(H.P. 245) (L.D. 301)

Sponsored by Representative AUSTIN of Gray.

Cosponsored by Senator TURNER of Cumberland and Representatives: BROWNE of Vassalboro, FITTS of Pittsfield, FLOOD of Winthrop, HAMPER of Oxford, PLUMMER of Windham, PRESCOTT of Topsham, RICHARDSON of Warren, ROBINSON of Raymond.

Bill "An Act To Enhance Implementation of the Significant Wildlife Habitat Rules" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 261) (L.D. 326)

Sponsored by Representative FLETCHER of Winslow.

Cosponsored by Senator SNOWE-MELLO of Androscoggin and Representatives: FITTS of Pittsfield, GIFFORD of Lincoln, JOY of Crystal, RICHARDSON of Carmel, SAVIELLO of Wilton, THIBODEAU of Winterport, Senator: GOOLEY of Franklin.

STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Bill "An Act To Allow Residents of a Township in the Unorganized Territory To Enact a Noise Ordinance for That Township"

(H.P. 256) (L.D. 312)

Sponsored by Representative JACKSON of Allagash.

Cosponsored by Senator MARTIN of Aroostook and Representatives: BARSTOW of Gorham, JOY of Crystal, PATRICK of Rumford, SIROIS of Turner.

Bill "An Act To Clarify the Composition of the Advisory Council on Tax-deferred Arrangements"

(H.P. 215) (L.D. 259)

Sponsored by Representative TUTTLE of Sanford.

Cosponsored by Senator STRIMLING of Cumberland.

Submitted by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

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

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

TAXATION

Bill "An Act To Provide an Income Tax Deduction for Teachers To Account for the Purchase of Supplies"

(H.P. 216) (L.D. 260)

Sponsored by Representative HARLOW of Portland.

Cosponsored by Representatives: BABBIDGE of Kennebunk, BLANCHETTE of Bangor, Speaker CUMMINGS of Portland, KOFFMAN of Bar Harbor, MAKAS of Lewiston, MARLEY of Portland, SMITH of Monmouth, SUTHERLAND of Chapman.

Bill "An Act To Define More Clearly Procedures by Which a Municipality Assesses Property"

(H.P. 217) (L.D. 261)

Sponsored by Representative TUTTLE of Sanford.

Cosponsored by Representatives: BARSTOW of Gorham, BEAUDETTE of Biddeford, JOY of Crystal, SCHATZ of Blue Hill, SIROIS of Turner.

Bill "An Act To Amend the Credit for Rehabilitation of Historic Properties"

(H.P. 218) (L.D. 262)

Sponsored by Representative KOFFMAN of Bar Harbor.

Cosponsored by Senator MARTIN of Aroostook and Representatives: ADAMS of Portland, BRAUTIGAM of Falmouth, HINCK of Portland, PILON of Saco, RECTOR of Thomaston, SIMPSON of Auburn, VALENTINO of Saco, Senator: ROTUNDO of Androscoggin.

Bill "An Act To Reduce the Property Tax Burden"

(H.P. 219) (L.D. 263)

Sponsored by Representative RAND of Portland.

Cosponsored by Representative SIROIS of Turner and Representative: WOODBURY of Yarmouth, Senator: PERRY of Penobscot.

Bill "An Act To Increase the State Share of the Homestead Exemption to 70%"

(H.P. 232) (L.D. 288)

Sponsored by Representative FLOOD of Winthrop.

Cosponsored by Representatives: CRESSEY of Cornish, MILLER of Somerville, Senator COURTNEY of York, Senator GOOLEY of Franklin and Representatives: EDGECOMB of Caribou, FLETCHER of Winslow, MAREAN of Hollis, ROBINSON of Raymond, SAVIELLO of Wilton.

Bill "An Act To Assist Higher Education Debt Reduction"

(H.P. 242) (L.D. 298)

Sponsored by Representative CRESSEY of Cornish.

Cosponsored by Senator TURNER of Cumberland and Representatives: ANNIS of Dover-Foxcroft, CEBRA of Naples, FITTS of Pittsfield, LEWIN of Eliot, MOORE of Standish, RICHARDSON of Greenville, SYKES of Harrison, TARDY of Newport.

Bill "An Act To Create an Alternative Fuel Vehicle Income Tax Credit and an Alternative Fuel Vehicle Rebate"

(H.P. 246) (L.D. 302)

Sponsored by Representative CEBRA of Naples.

Cosponsored by Senator BARTLETT of Cumberland and Representatives: ADAMS of Portland, BROWNE of Vassalboro, FLETCHER of Winslow, LANSLEY of Sabattus, RINES of Wiscasset, ROBINSON of Raymond, THOMAS of Ripley, Senator: COURTNEY of York.

Bill "An Act To Extend the Property Tax Exemption for Veterans to Persons Living in Cooperative Housing"

(H.P. 257) (L.D. 313)

Sponsored by Representative CAIN of Orono.

Cosponsored by Representative PRESCOTT of Topsham, Senator TURNER of Cumberland and Representatives: AUSTIN of Gray, FINLEY of Skowhegan, GOULD of South Berwick, HAMPER of Oxford, HOGAN of Old Orchard Beach, PIOTTI of Unity, PRATT of Eddington, SAVAGE of Falmouth.

Bill "An Act To Clarify the Tax-exempt Status of Ornamental Horticulture"

(H.P. 260) (L.D. 325)

Sponsored by Representative FINCH of Fairfield.
Cosponsored by Representative PIOTTI of Unity and Representatives: ANNIS of Dover-Foxcroft, BERRY of Bowdoinham, FLETCHER of Winslow.

TRANSPORTATION

Bill "An Act To Amend the Temporary Registration Plate Law"

(H.P. 220) (L.D. 264)

Sponsored by Representative HAMPER of Oxford.
Cosponsored by Senator HASTINGS of Oxford and Representatives: AUSTIN of Gray, CEBRA of Naples, DUPREY of Hampden, PRESCOTT of Topsham, ROBINSON of Raymond, THOMAS of Ripley, VAUGHAN of Durham.

Bill "An Act To Allow a Weight Tolerance for Vehicle Auxiliary Power Units"

(H.P. 221) (L.D. 265)

Sponsored by Representative THERIAULT of Madawaska.
Cosponsored by Senator DAMON of Hancock and Representatives: CEBRA of Naples, HOGAN of Old Orchard Beach, JACKSON of Allagash, MARLEY of Portland, MAZUREK of Rockland, THOMAS of Ripley.

Submitted by the Department of Transportation pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Bill "An Act To Fully Fund the Project To Replace the Route 302 Bridge in Naples"

(H.P. 222) (L.D. 266)

Sponsored by Representative CEBRA of Naples.
Cosponsored by Senator DIAMOND of Cumberland and Representatives: BROWNE of Vassalboro, BRYANT of Windham, CRESSEY of Cornish, MARLEY of Portland, PLUMMER of Windham, ROBINSON of Raymond, SYKES of Harrison, Senator: HASTINGS of Oxford.

Bill "An Act To Aid Municipalities Concerning Plowing Efficiency"

(H.P. 243) (L.D. 299)

Sponsored by Representative RICHARDSON of Warren.

Bill "An Act To Make Supplemental 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, 2007" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 262) (L.D. 327)

Sponsored by Representative MARLEY of Portland. (GOVERNOR'S BILL)

Cosponsored by Senator DAMON of Hancock.

UTILITIES AND ENERGY

Bill "An Act To Ensure Proper Funding of the Public Utilities Commission" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 223) (L.D. 267)

Sponsored by Representative BLISS of South Portland.
Cosponsored by Senator: BARTLETT of Cumberland.
Submitted by the Public Utilities Commission pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Bill "An Act Regarding the Long-term Contracting Authority of the Public Utilities Commission" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 224) (L.D. 268)

Sponsored by Representative BLISS of South Portland.

Cosponsored by Senator BARTLETT of Cumberland.

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

ORDERS

On motion of Representative SCHATZ of Blue Hill, the following Joint Order: (H.P. 267)

ORDERED, the Senate concurring, that the Joint Rules be amended by adding Joint Rule 305-A to read:

Rule 305-A. Research required

Nonpartisan committee staff shall conduct background research on all bills and resolves referred to a committee and shall present their research findings to the committee before a public hearing is held on those bills or resolves.

READ.

On motion of Representative CUMMINGS of Portland, **TABLED** pending **PASSAGE** and specially assigned for Thursday, January 25, 2007.

SPECIAL SENTIMENT CALENDAR

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

Recognizing:

Denise C. Ducharme, of Madison, who is leaving after over 21 years of service as a state employee to pursue a career with one of the nation's premier unclaimed property clearinghouses. Ms. Ducharme started working at the Department of Human Services in 1985 and then moved to the State Treasurer's Office to work on compliance examinations for the Unclaimed Property Division. Within four years she was promoted to the position of Abandoned Property Manager. In 1998 and 1999 Ms. Ducharme served as President of the prestigious National Association of Unclaimed Property Administrators. In 1999 she provided extensive commentary and expertise to the Judiciary Committee as it considered the new model law for unclaimed property. We thank Ms. Ducharme for her many years of outstanding service to the people of Maine and we wish her well in her next career;

(HLS 45)

Presented by Representative CURTIS of Madison.
Cosponsored by Representative ADAMS of Portland, Representative CROTHWAITE of Ellsworth, Representative MILLETT of Waterford, Representative VALENTINO of Saco, Senator MILLS of Somerset, Senator BRANNIGAN of Cumberland, Senator DIAMOND of Cumberland, Senator NASS of York.

On **OBJECTION** of Representative CURTIS of Madison, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

READ.

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Madison, Representative Curtis.

Representative **CURTIS**: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. Thank you Denise Ducharme, from those of us in this Chamber, along with your friends and neighbors in Madison. We thank you for your 20+ years as a true public servant, picking up where your dad left off and carrying that spirit of servant hood forward. Denise, as you move on from here, we ask God's blessing upon you and your dreams, that all that you do in the future will keep that spirit alive and well. Thank you Denise.

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Gorham, Representative Barstow.

Representative **BARSTOW**: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. It is my pleasure

to have worked with Denise on issues dealing with the Department of Treasury in the State and Local Government Committee. And I found her, in my four years on that committee and my time here in the Legislature, to be an outstanding resource and further in a broad respect, to be a reflection of the quality of state workers that we have here in Maine. We will miss her abilities and we wish her the best as she goes on to the private industry. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Waterford, Representative Millett

Representative MILLETT: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. It is with a good deal of pride and appreciation that I add my comments to those that have been offered on behalf of Denise Ducharme's contribution to Maine State Government. I would say as others have said that her work on the Abandoned Property Summary, which we as legislators benefit enormously from, has been a helpful tool over many, many years.

And I would finally add a couple of family connections, as has been referenced by the Representative from Madison. Her dad was a former member of this Chamber. I happened to have served with him in the early session, 1969. And many of you know him by his nickname "Spike". But I also had another family connection in that I had the privilege of teaching Denise's husband, Jack, in 8th Grade math just a few years ago. So I want to wish her well and let her know that I appreciate her work in State Government.

Subsequently, the Sentiment was **PASSED** and sent for concurrence.

Recognizing:

Emily Beaulieu, of Litchfield, for the creation of her generous project, Emily's Wish. In 2006, 7-year-old Emily told her mother that she wanted to forgo getting toys for her birthday, January 22nd. Instead she collected 928 toys to donate to the Toy Box Project of the Catholic Charities of Maine, which distributes toys to children who have lost their belongings to fire. This year she set a goal of 1,500 toys to collect by her next birthday. Emily has distributed boxes to collect the toys at various local stores and businesses, and she also collects money to buy toys. She is currently planning a walk-a-thon for next spring for the purpose of collecting and donating more toys. We applaud and thank Emily for her generous and compassionate efforts to give to the needy children of the State;

(HLS 48)

Presented by Representative SMITH of Monmouth.

Cosponsored by Senator McCORMICK of Kennebec.

On **OBJECTION** of Representative SMITH of Monmouth, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

READ.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Monmouth, Representative Smith.

Representative SMITH: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Men and Women of the House. Emily, can you stand up so everybody can see you. Can you stand up more? Emily, come and stand by the Clerk of the House so we can all see you. There we go. Emily has been so busy paging this morning, I wasn't sure where she'd be when it came time to recognize her.

Emily is an impressive young lady. She is one of my favorite constituents. Although Emily, you got me in trouble with my 10-year-old daughter yesterday, when she saw the big pink puppy I bought for Emily's Wish. She had her fingers crossed it was for her, but when I explained your charity, she was very happy to put it back in the car so that I could bring it in this morning.

As you've heard, this is the second year that Emily has forgone toys and instead set up her own charity, to donate them to a specific cause. Emily felt in particular that children who lose their homes to a fire needed new toys. And I know that stuffed animals are her favorite, so every child gets a toy appropriate for their age. But they also get a stuffed animal because I think going through a trauma like that, everybody needs a stuffed animal when that happens.

Emily came a year ago to page in the House as well. And I also invited myself to her personal one-on-one meeting with the Chief Executive, where I was truly impressed with how articulate, friendly, and gracious she was, as she discussed her plans to create her own 501(c)3. Because why donate to somebody else's charity when you can actually control your own? This is an effort driven by Emily. I want that to be clear.

Emily has a bag when we're done this morning to collect gifts. If you all remember, last week I sent out a notice letting you know that Emily would be here. I know that was a week ago and a lot happens in a week, so I thank those of you who remember them. Emily will be collecting them. For those of you who forgot, I've talked to a couple of people and their gifts are at home on the kitchen table, I'll be happy to collect them and get them to Emily later. She also accepts checks. Now since Emily's Wish is not a 501(c)3 yet, she accepts checks in any and all amounts made out to the American Red Cross. And you can put in the memo field, "Local Disaster Relief - Emily's Wish", so that they can track it separately for her. So she's in the process of collecting gifts now.

I want to close just by saying, when you hear the naysayers fret over the future of this state, of this country, of the world, remember Emily and her brothers Evin and Ryan as well. They are here today paging. I think we're going to do just fine in the State of Maine, in the country, in the world, when we have people like Emily who at age 7 and beyond, forfeits her own good for the benefit of those that she sees need her gifts more. I want to thank Emily and thank all of you for donating your gifts now and in the future. I'll make sure to get them to Emily. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Subsequently, the Sentiment was **PASSED** and sent for concurrence.

In Memory of:

Mike Landry, 58, of Saco, generally regarded as one of Maine's best high school football coaches ever. Coach Landry started his football career as a student at Biddeford High School in the 1960s and went on to play defensive end at the University of Maine, where he was an honorable mention All-New England selection as a senior. He became Biddeford's head coach in 1977 and, in his 17-year career there, won 6 state championships. After a 9-year break, Coach Landry returned in 2003 to coach at Westbrook High School. His tough coaching methods were legendary and he demanded perfection from his players. However, it was never just about football for Coach Landry and, for that reason, he had an immeasurable impact on the lives of his players. He always stressed the importance of life lessons that could be taken from the playing field and he always tried to do the right thing for the kids. With compassion and genuine caring, he set out to make men, not just football players. Coach Landry will be greatly missed and long remembered by family, friends, students and the community;

(SLS 15)

On **OBJECTION** of Representative TUTTLE of Sanford, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

READ.

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Sanford, Representative Tuttle.

Representative **TUTTLE**: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Men and Women of the House. It is indeed a sad day, but I think in a way it's a day to celebrate the life of Mike Landry. Mike was a great coach, a great man, a great father, and great husband. And will be greatly missed by all of us who knew him. Mike died too young, but his legacy will live on for all those whose lives he made better. He made a lot of people's lives better. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Biddeford, Representative Casavant.

Representative **CASAVANT**: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. Having taught at Biddeford High School with Mike Landry for over 25 years, I think that it is important to add another dimension to what was mentioned in the acknowledgement in the Calendar. And that is, he was more than a football coach. Being a football coach was just a portion of his life. He was a mentor to many individuals and faculty members. He was probably one of the top, major leaders of Biddeford High School. But also, he was a constant teacher, even in death and dying.

For those of you who attended his living wake, where he wanted to share in the joy of living while he was dying, to watch grown men and women cry when they were talking to him was just a very powerful experience. It indicated to me the reach that he had in communicating and teaching individuals over his entire lifetime. When I heard that his attempts at beating cancer were failing, I emailed him and his words were very simple, "Well you know Alan, everything works out for the best". And I think that really embodies everything about Mike Landry. He had tremendous character. He had tremendous force of will. But the bottom line was he made the world around him a better place. And for that I think that this body should recognize him, not just as a football coach, but as a complete human being. Thank you.

Subsequently, the Sentiment was **ADOPTED** in concurrence.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The following matter, in the consideration of which the House was engaged at the time of adjournment Tuesday, January 16, 2007, had preference in the Orders of the Day and continued with such preference until disposed of as provided by House Rule 502.

Bill "An Act To Establish a 'Do Not Fax' List" (S.P. 79) (L.D. 242)

- In Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **BUSINESS, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**.

TABLED - January 16, 2007 (Till Later Today) by Representative BLISS of South Portland.

PENDING - REFERENCE IN CONCURRENCE.

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

SENATE PAPERS

Bill "An Act To Provide Additional Funding for the Office of Substance Abuse"

(S.P. 81) (L.D. 244)

Bill "An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Fight Global Warming through Energy Conservation"

(S.P. 84) (L.D. 247)

Resolve, Honoring Women Veterans of Maine (EMERGENCY)

(S.P. 85) (L.D. 248)

Bill "An Act To Restore Funding for the Reading Recovery Program"

(S.P. 96) (L.D. 314)

Bill "An Act Authorizing a General Fund Bond Issue To Improve the Quality and Safety of Science and Teaching Laboratories, General Classrooms and Libraries at Maine's Public Universities"

(S.P. 97) (L.D. 315)

Bill "An Act To Provide Funds for the Coordination and Promotion of the 400th Anniversary of the Popham Colony"

(S.P. 100) (L.D. 318)

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

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

Bill "An Act To Protect the Solemnity and Dignity of a Funeral or Memorial Service in Maine"

(S.P. 83) (L.D. 246)

Bill "An Act To Make a Conviction for a 6th Operating under the Influence Charge a Class B Crime"

(S.P. 95) (L.D. 280)

Bill "An Act To Reduce Bomb Threats at Public Institutions and Businesses"

(S.P. 98) (L.D. 316)

Resolve, To Ensure More Comprehensive Investigation and Prosecution of Computer Crimes (EMERGENCY)

(S.P. 105) (L.D. 322)

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 Increase the Availability of Public Education Services from Child Development Services"

(S.P. 99) (L.D. 317)

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 Change Snowmobile Registration Requirements"

(S.P. 87) (L.D. 250)

Bill "An Act To Authorize the Bureau of Warden Service to Provide Assistance to Other Entities"

(S.P. 88) (L.D. 251)

Bill "An Act To Establish Emergency Response to Illegal Introductions of Invasive Fish Species"

(S.P. 89) (L.D. 252)

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

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

Bill "An Act To Improve the Responsiveness of Guardians Ad Litem"

(S.P. 94) (L.D. 279)

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 Establish May as Missing Persons Month" (EMERGENCY)

(S.P. 86) (L.D. 249)

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

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

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Require the Legislature To Freeze the Valuation of Maine Primary Residence Land

(S.P. 91) (L.D. 276)

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

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

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Pertaining to the Licensing of Motor Vehicle Dealerships"

(S.P. 82) (L.D. 245)

Bill "An Act To Allow the Widening of a Portion of the Maine Turnpike"

(S.P. 103) (L.D. 320)

Bill "An Act To Increase the Bonding Capacity of the Maine Turnpike Authority"

(S.P. 104) (L.D. 321)

Resolve, To Require an Engineering Study To Determine the Cost of Extending Rail Service from Portland to Fryeburg (EMERGENCY)

(S.P. 106) (L.D. 328)

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

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

**Pursuant to Joint Order
Joint Select Committee on Research, Economic
Development and the Innovation Economy**

Report of the **Joint Select Committee on Research, Economic Development and the Innovation Economy** pursuant to Joint Order 2006, S.P. 847 asks leave to report that the accompanying Bill "An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Joint Select Committee on Research, Economic Development and the Innovation Economy"

(S.P. 90) (L.D. 253)

Be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **BUSINESS, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** and printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Came from the Senate, Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **REFERRED** to the Committee on **BUSINESS, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Report was **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **REFERRED** to the Committee on **BUSINESS, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** in concurrence.

**Pursuant to Statute
Maine Turnpike Authority**

Report of the **Maine Turnpike Authority** pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 23, section 1961, subsection 6 asks leave to report that the accompanying Bill "An Act To Make Allocations from Maine Turnpike Authority Funds for the Maine Turnpike Authority for the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2008"

(S.P. 102) (L.D. 319)

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

Came from the Senate, Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Report was **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** in concurrence.

ORDERS

On motion of Representative ADAMS of Portland, the following House Order: (H.O. 13)

ORDERED, that the House Rules be amended by adding a new House Rule 108 to read:

Rule 108. Electronic communication restricted. A registered lobbyist, a person in the employ of a registered lobbyist or a person acting at the request of a registered lobbyist may not communicate in real time with any member of the House by any digital or electronic means during a public session of the House or joint session of the Legislature. "Electronic or digital means" includes, but is not limited to, the use of computers, text messages, e-mail or personal or hand-held communication devices. The presiding officer has the power to enforce this rule appropriately.

READ.

On motion of Representative ADAMS of Portland, **TABLED** pending **PASSAGE**, pursuant to House Rule 524, and specially assigned for Thursday, January 25, 2007.

ORDERS

On motion of Representative PILON of Saco, the following House Order: (H.O. 14)

ORDERED, that the House Rules be amended by adding a new House Rule 108 to read:

Rule 108. Handheld electronic devices and personal computers. Handheld electronic communications devices, such as but not limited to cellular telephones and so-called blackberries, may not be used in the House during session. Members may not use personal computers during session.

READ.

On motion of Representative PILON of Saco, **TABLED** pending **PASSAGE** pursuant to House Rule 524, and specially assigned for Thursday, January 25, 2007.

SENATE PAPERS

Resolve, To Assess the Feasibility and Efficiency of Combining All Health Insurance Funds Supported by the State (S.P. 93) (L.D. 278)

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.

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

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Bath, Representative Watson who wishes to speak on the Record.

Representative **WATSON**: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. Had I been present at the voting for Roll Call No. 2, I'd like the Record to reflect that I would have voted Yea. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

On motion of Representative VALENTINO of Saco, the House adjourned at 11:17 a.m., until 10:00 a.m., Thursday, January 25, 2007 in honor and lasting tribute to Coach Mike Landry of Saco.