

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**One Hundred and Twenty-Third Legislature**  
**State of Maine**

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ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION  
11th Legislative Day  
Thursday, February 8, 2007

37 COLLEGE AVENUE  
GORHAM, ME 04038

January 30, 2007

Dear Policymaker,

We are pleased to present you with the eleventh edition of *The Condition of K-12 Public Education in Maine*, a publication of the Maine Education Policy Research Institute, a joint institute funded by the Maine Legislature and the University of Maine System. Under the direction of the Institute's Steering Committee, the Institute is charged with developing a system for monitoring the progress of Maine K-12 public education, and for conducting policy and research studies.

This book is designed to provide you with a yearly report on the state of Maine public schools and education. We hope you find this information helpful. If you have any questions please feel free to contact us.

Sincerely,

S/David L. Silvernail

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

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

Prayer by Pastor Mark Stockwell, Hope Community Bible Church.

National Anthem by Erica DiCeglie, Indian Rocks Beach, Florida.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Doctor of the day, Katherine Pope, M.D., Cumberland Foreside.

The Journal of Tuesday, February 6, 2007 was read and approved.

The following item was taken up out of order by unanimous consent:

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The following matter, in the consideration of which the House was engaged at the time of adjournment Tuesday, February 6, 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 Make Supplemental Appropriations and Allocations for the Expenditures of State Government and To Change Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2007" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 186) (L.D. 215)

TABLED - February 6, 2007 (Till Later Today) by Representative PINGREE of North Haven.

PENDING - **ADOPTION OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-3).**

Subsequently, **Committee Amendment "A" (H-3)** was **ADOPTED.**

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

Under further suspension of the rules, the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-3)** and sent for concurrence. **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH.**

#### SENATE PAPERS

##### Non-Concurrent Matter

Bill "An Act To Improve the Driver Education and Evaluation Programs"

(H.P. 303) (L.D. 387)

**REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** in the House on January 30, 2007.

Came from the Senate **REFERRED** to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** in **NON-CONCURRENCE.**

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

#### COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: (H.C. 63)

**UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN MAINE  
CENTER FOR EDUCATION POLICY,  
APPLIED RESEARCH & EVALUATION**

#### 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 Create the Sebago Lake Village State Park

(H.P. 478) (L.D. 629)

Sponsored by Representative CRESSEY of Cornish.

Cosponsored by Senator SNOWE-MELLO of Androscoggin and Representatives: CEBRA of Naples, SYKES of Harrison.

Bill "An Act To Maintain the Amount of State Land That Is Open for Hunting"

(H.P. 497) (L.D. 648)

Sponsored by Representative JACKSON of Allagash.

Cosponsored by Representative TARDY of Newport, Senator BRYANT of Oxford and Representatives: BRYANT of Windham, RICHARDSON of Carmel, SAVIELLO of Wilton, TUTTLE of Sanford, Senators: GOOLEY of Franklin, MARTIN of Aroostook, SHERMAN of Aroostook.

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

On motion of Representative PIEH of Bremen, **TABLED** pending **REFERENCE** and later today assigned.

#### APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

Bill "An Act To Generate Entrepreneurship, Small Business Development and Employment among Women and Rural Residents through Training and Technical Support"

(H.P. 460) (L.D. 611)

Sponsored by Representative PERCY of Phippsburg.

Cosponsored by President EDMONDS of Cumberland and Representatives: BLANCHETTE of Bangor, BURNS of Berwick, CANAVAN of Waterville, CEBRA of Naples, CLARK of Millinocket, CONOVER of Oakland, CROSTHWAITE of

Ellsworth, FAIRCLOTH of Bangor, FLETCHER of Winslow, GILES of Belfast, GROSE of Woolwich, McDONOUGH of Scarborough, MILLS of Farmington, MUSE of Fryeburg, NASS of Acton, PINGREE of North Haven, PLUMMER of Windham, PRESCOTT of Topsham, RECTOR of Thomaston, SAVIELLO of Wilton, SIMPSON of Auburn, SMITH of Monmouth, THOMAS of Ripley, TREAT of Farmingdale, WATSON of Bath, WHEELER of Kittery, WOODBURY of Yarmouth, Senators: BROMLEY of Cumberland, DOW of Lincoln, MARRACHÉ of Kennebec, MILLS of Somerset, MITCHELL of Kennebec, PERRY of Penobscot, PLOWMAN of Penobscot, ROSEN of Hancock, STRIMLING of Cumberland, TURNER of Cumberland.

Bill "An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for Capital Improvements for the Maine Community College System" (H.P. 461) (L.D. 612)

Sponsored by Representative FINCH of Fairfield.  
Cosponsored by Senator BOWMAN of York and Representatives: FLETCHER of Winslow, NORTON of Bangor, RECTOR of Thomaston, SAVIELLO of Wilton, SUTHERLAND of Chapman, Senators: McCORMICK of Kennebec, MITCHELL of Kennebec, RAYE of Washington.

Bill "An Act To Support and Expand Regional Teacher Development Centers and Early College Readiness Programs" (H.P. 495) (L.D. 646)

Sponsored by Representative MILLS of Farmington.  
Cosponsored by Senator GOOLEY of Franklin and Representatives: CAIN of Orono, SAVIELLO of Wilton.

Bill "An Act To Encourage Economic Development" (H.P. 496) (L.D. 647)

Sponsored by Representative MILLS of Farmington.  
Cosponsored by Senator GOOLEY of Franklin and Representatives: FINLEY of Skowhegan, PATRICK of Rumford, PINKHAM of Lexington Township, SAVIELLO of Wilton.

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#### **BUSINESS, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Resolve, Directing the Commissioner of Professional and Financial Regulation To Strengthen Safety Inspection Requirements Governing Industrial Elevators (H.P. 479) (L.D. 630)

Sponsored by Representative PATRICK of Rumford.  
Cosponsored by Senator BRYANT of Oxford and Representatives: BLANCHARD of Old Town, BRYANT of Windham, CLARK of Millinocket, DRISCOLL of Westbrook, JACKSON of Allagash, PINEAU of Jay, TUTTLE of Sanford, VALENTINO of Saco.

Bill "An Act to Focus State Agency Efforts in Economic Development on Entrepreneurial Sustainability and Growth" (H.P. 505) (L.D. 656)

Sponsored by Representative PERRY of Calais.  
Cosponsored by Senator RAYE of Washington and Representatives: GROSE of Woolwich, McFADDEN of Dennysville, PIEH of Bremen, PINGREE of North Haven, PRATT of Eddington, SAMSON of Auburn, Senator: DAMON of Hancock.

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#### **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY**

Bill "An Act To Protect Children from Sexual Predators" (H.P. 462) (L.D. 613)

Sponsored by Representative CANAVAN of Waterville.  
Cosponsored by Senator BRYANT of Oxford and Representatives: BOLAND of Sanford, GERZOFKY of Brunswick, KAENRATH of South Portland, PLUMMER of Windham, TIBBETTS of Columbia, TRINWARD of Waterville, Senators: BROMLEY of Cumberland, COURTNEY of York.

Bill "An Act To Strengthen OUI Laws As They Pertain to Drugs" (H.P. 480) (L.D. 631)

Sponsored by Representative CLEARY of Houlton.  
Cosponsored by Senator SHERMAN of Aroostook and Representatives: DILL of Cape Elizabeth, FAIRCLOTH of Bangor, GERZOFKY of Brunswick, JOY of Crystal, PRIEST of Brunswick, SAMSON of Auburn, Senator: COURTNEY of York.

Bill "An Act To Reduce Maine's Property Tax Burden by Funding County Jails" (H.P. 481) (L.D. 632)

Sponsored by Representative GILES of Belfast. (BY REQUEST)  
Cosponsored by Representatives: KNIGHT of Livermore Falls, THIBODEAU of Winterport, WALKER of Lincolnville, WEDDELL of Frankfort.

Resolve, To Ensure Pet Safety during Emergencies (H.P. 498) (L.D. 649)

Sponsored by Representative BRYANT of Windham.  
Cosponsored by Senator BRYANT of Oxford and Representatives: CARTER of Bethel, EBERLE of South Portland, PATRICK of Rumford, PINEAU of Jay, RICHARDSON of Carmel.

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#### **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS**

Bill "An Act To Modify the Essential Programs and Services Formula To Aid Rural School Districts" (H.P. 463) (L.D. 614)

Sponsored by Representative SAVIELLO of Wilton.  
Cosponsored by Representatives: CEBRA of Naples, CLARK of Millinocket, CRAY of Palmyra, JACKSON of Allagash, JOY of Crystal, LUNDEEN of Mars Hill, Senators: GOOLEY of Franklin, MILLS of Somerset.

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#### **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

Bill "An Act To Authorize the Use of the Department of Health and Human Services Staff as Hearing Officers" (H.P. 464) (L.D. 615)

Sponsored by Representative MILLER of Somerville.  
Cosponsored by Senator BRANNIGAN of Cumberland.  
Submitted by the Department of Health and Human Services pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Bill "An Act To Equalize MaineCare Reimbursements to Hospitals" (H.P. 499) (L.D. 650)

Sponsored by Representative MILLS of Farmington.  
Cosponsored by Senator GOOLEY of Franklin.  
Bill "An Act To Support Small, Local and Efficient Hospitals" (H.P. 500) (L.D. 651)

Sponsored by Representative MILLS of Farmington.  
Cosponsored by Senator GOOLEY of Franklin and Representative: SAVIELLO of Wilton.

Resolve, To Ensure Appropriate Personal Needs Allowances for Persons Residing in Long-term Care Facilities (H.P. 501) (L.D. 652)

Sponsored by Representative BEAUDOIN of Biddeford.  
Cosponsored by Senator BENOIT of Sagadahoc and Representatives: BOLAND of Sanford, CASAVANT of Biddeford, GERZOFKY of Brunswick, HARLOW of Portland, PERCY of Phippsburg, TRINWARD of Waterville, TUTTLE of Sanford, VALENTINO of Saco.

Bill "An Act To Provide Funding for Transitional Employment Training Opportunities for Persons with Mental Illness" (H.P. 506) (L.D. 657)

Sponsored by Representative CANAVAN of Waterville.

Cosponsored by Senator NUTTING of Androscoggin and Representatives: BROWNE of Vassalboro, CROCKETT of Augusta, FLETCHER of Winslow, SILSBY of Augusta, TREAT of Farmingdale, Senators: DOW of Lincoln, MARRACHÉ of Kennebec, MITCHELL of Kennebec.

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**INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE**

Bill "An Act To Allow the Transfer of an Antlerless Deer Permit to a Child with a Disability"

(H.P. 465) (L.D. 616)

Sponsored by Representative ANNIS of Dover-Foxcroft.

Cosponsored by Representatives: JOY of Crystal, LEWIN of Eliot, RICHARDSON of Carmel, RICHARDSON of Greenville, THOMAS of Ripley.

Bill "An Act To Promote Moose Hunting"

(H.P. 466) (L.D. 617)

Sponsored by Representative ANNIS of Dover-Foxcroft.

Bill "An Act To Increase the Amount Retained by Agents Who Issue Hunting and Fishing Licenses"

(H.P. 467) (L.D. 618)

Sponsored by Representative CRESSEY of Cornish. (BY REQUEST)

Bill "An Act To Improve Funding for the State Snowmobile Trail System"

(H.P. 482) (L.D. 633)

Sponsored by Representative CLARK of Millinocket.

Cosponsored by Senator SHERMAN of Aroostook and Representatives: BROWNE of Vassalboro, GIFFORD of Lincoln, JACKSON of Allagash, JOY of Crystal, PATRICK of Rumford, SAVIELLO of Wilton, THERIAULT of Madawaska, THOMAS of Ripley.

Bill "An Act To Encourage Landowners To Allow Hunting"

(H.P. 483) (L.D. 634)

Sponsored by Representative CEBRA of Naples.

Bill "An Act Regarding Proof of a Violation of the Laws against Hunting on Sunday"

(H.P. 502) (L.D. 653)

Sponsored by Representative JACKSON of Allagash.

Cosponsored by Senator BRYANT of Oxford and Representatives: BRYANT of Windham, PATRICK of Rumford, RICHARDSON of Carmel, SAVIELLO of Wilton, WHEELER of Kittery, Senator: MARTIN of Aroostook.

Bill "An Act To Make License Requirements and Rules Consistent for Young Anglers"

(H.P. 503) (L.D. 654)

Sponsored by Representative BRYANT of Windham.

Cosponsored by Senator BRYANT of Oxford and Representatives: CARTER of Bethel, EBERLE of South Portland, JACKSON of Allagash, PATRICK of Rumford, PINEAU of Jay, RICHARDSON of Carmel, RICHARDSON of Greenville.

Bill "An Act To Change the Firearms Season on Deer"

(H.P. 504) (L.D. 655)

Sponsored by Representative HANLEY of Gardiner.

Cosponsored by Senator McCORMICK of Kennebec and Representatives: BLANCHETTE of Bangor, CLARK of Millinocket, CONNOR of Kennebunk, LUNDEEN of Mars Hill, PINKHAM of Lexington Township, SYKES of Harrison, TIBBETTS of Columbia, WATSON of Bath.

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**INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES**

Bill "An Act To Amend the Banking Laws Regarding Industrial Loan Company Reciprocity across State Lines"

(H.P. 484) (L.D. 635)

Sponsored by Representative KNIGHT of Livermore Falls.

Cosponsored by Senator PERRY of Penobscot and Representatives: CHASE of Wells, GILES of Belfast, PIOTTI of Unity, RAND of Portland, RICHARDSON of Warren, SAMSON of Auburn, Senator: NASS of York.

Bill "An Act To Protect the Health of Infants"

(H.P. 507) (L.D. 658)

Sponsored by Representative CURTIS of Madison.

Cosponsored by Senator SHERMAN of Aroostook and Representatives: GIFFORD of Lincoln, JOY of Crystal.

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Bill "An Act To Require All State Employees To Carry State Health Insurance"

(H.P. 468) (L.D. 619)

Sponsored by Representative SAVIELLO of Wilton.

Cosponsored by Representatives: CEBRA of Naples, CRAY of Palmyra, LANSLEY of Sabattus, ROBINSON of Raymond, Senator: COURTNEY of York.

Committee on **INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** suggested.

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

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**JUDICIARY**

Bill "An Act To Establish a Mediation Process for Landlord-tenant Disputes"

(H.P. 508) (L.D. 659)

Sponsored by Representative WAGNER of Lewiston.

Cosponsored by Senator ROTUNDO of Androscoggin and Representatives: CRAVEN of Lewiston, FAIRCLOTH of Bangor, HASKELL of Portland, HAYES of Buckfield, SAMSON of Auburn, SIMPSON of Auburn, TARDY of Newport, WALCOTT of Lewiston.

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**LABOR**

Bill "An Act To Change the Qualifications for the Chair of the Maine Unemployment Insurance Commission"

(H.P. 509) (L.D. 660)

Sponsored by Representative TUTTLE of Sanford.

Cosponsored by Senator STRIMLING of Cumberland and Representatives: BURNS of Berwick, CLARK of Millinocket, DRISCOLL of Westbrook, HASKELL of Portland, PATRICK of Rumford, Senator: SULLIVAN of York.

Bill "An Act To Maintain Retirement Health Benefits for State Retirees"

(H.P. 510) (L.D. 661)

Sponsored by Representative TUTTLE of Sanford.

Cosponsored by Senator STRIMLING of Cumberland and Representatives: BURNS of Berwick, CLARK of Millinocket, DRISCOLL of Westbrook, PATRICK of Rumford, Senator: SULLIVAN of York.

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**LEGAL AND VETERANS AFFAIRS**

Bill "An Act Relating to Liquor Samples"

(H.P. 469) (L.D. 620)

Sponsored by Representative PATRICK of Rumford.

Cosponsored by Senator MITCHELL of Kennebec and Representatives: CHASE of Wells, JACKSON of Allagash,

ROSEN of Bucksport, THERIAULT of Madawaska, TUTTLE of Sanford, WHEELER of Kittery, Senators: HASTINGS of Oxford, TURNER of Cumberland.

Bill "An Act To Create Optional Public Financing of Legislative Leadership Elections"

(H.P. 485) (L.D. 636)

Sponsored by Representative VALENTINO of Saco.

Cosponsored by Representatives: BEAUDOIN of Biddeford, BURNS of Berwick, CASAVANT of Biddeford, CONNOR of Kennebunk, GROSE of Woolwich, JACKSON of Allagash, MUSE of Fryeburg, PERCY of Phippsburg.

Bill "An Act To Update Absentee Ballot Procedures" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 512) (L.D. 663)

Sponsored by Representative BARSTOW of Gorham.

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Resolve, To Assist Veterans in Need of Shelter

(H.P. 511) (L.D. 662)

Sponsored by Representative MILLS of Farmington.

Cosponsored by Senator McCORMICK of Kennebec and Representatives: DILL of Cape Elizabeth, FISHER of Brewer, FLOOD of Winthrop, HANLEY of Gardiner, PRATT of Eddington, WATSON of Bath, Senators: DAMON of Hancock, GOOLEY of Franklin.

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

On motion of Representative GOULD of South Berwick, **TABLED** pending **REFERENCE** and later today assigned.

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#### **MARINE RESOURCES**

Resolve, To Establish a Lobster Trap Tag Transfer Program

(H.P. 470) (L.D. 621)

Sponsored by Representative TUTTLE of Sanford.

Cosponsored by Senator SNOWE-MELLO of Androscoggin and Representatives: ADAMS of Portland, CRESSEY of Cornish, EATON of Sullivan, FLETCHER of Winslow, MAZUREK of Rockland, McDONOUGH of Scarborough, PENDLETON of Scarborough.

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#### **NATURAL RESOURCES**

Bill "An Act To Limit Mercury Exposure" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 486) (L.D. 637)

Sponsored by Representative CLEARY of Houlton.

Cosponsored by Senator MARTIN of Aroostook and Representatives: HARLOW of Portland, HAYES of Buckfield, SUTHERLAND of Chapman, WAGNER of Lewiston.

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#### **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

Resolve, To Study the Need for and Placement of a Child Care Center in or near the State House Complex

(H.P. 471) (L.D. 622)

Sponsored by Representative CRESSEY of Cornish.

Cosponsored by Senator SCHNEIDER of Penobscot and Representatives: HASKELL of Portland, MUSE of Fryeburg, PENDLETON of Scarborough, PERCY of Phippsburg, ROSEN of Bucksport, Senators: SAVAGE of Knox, SNOWE-MELLO of Androscoggin, SULLIVAN of York.

Bill "An Act To Require Joint Planning and Development Board Review for Proposed Developments That Abut Municipal Boundaries"

(H.P. 487) (L.D. 638)

Sponsored by Representative EBERLE of South Portland.

Cosponsored by Senator SHERMAN of Aroostook and Representatives: BLISS of South Portland, CHASE of Wells, DUCHESNE of Hudson, MARLEY of Portland, PERCY of Phippsburg, RICHARDSON of Warren, Senator: TURNER of Cumberland.

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Require That Members of the House and Senate Be Assigned Seats That Correlate with Each Member's District for the Purpose of Enhancing Communications and Reducing the Perception of Partisan Gridlock

(H.P. 513) (L.D. 664)

Sponsored by Representative BURNS of Berwick.

Cosponsored by Senator BARTLETT of Cumberland and Representatives: BRAUTIGAM of Falmouth, CANAVAN of Waterville, DRISCOLL of Westbrook, GROSE of Woolwich, HAYES of Buckfield, MAKAS of Lewiston, MAZUREK of Rockland, WALCOTT of Lewiston.

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#### **TAXATION**

Bill "An Act To Change the Standard State Tax Deduction for Married People Filing Jointly to \$10,000"

(H.P. 472) (L.D. 623)

Sponsored by Representative FLOOD of Winthrop.

Cosponsored by Senator McCORMICK of Kennebec and Representatives: CEBRA of Naples, HOLMAN of Fayette, MCKANE of Newcastle, THOMAS of Ripley.

Bill "An Act To Increase the Maine Resident Homestead Property Tax Exemption Amount to \$25,000"

(H.P. 473) (L.D. 624)

Sponsored by Representative SIROIS of Turner.

Cosponsored by Representatives: GILES of Belfast, MARLEY of Portland, PINGREE of North Haven, Senator NUTTING of Androscoggin and Representatives: CRAVEN of Lewiston, EATON of Sullivan, FAIRCLOTH of Bangor, HAYES of Buckfield.

Bill "An Act To Clarify the Application of the Real Estate Transfer Tax in Regards to Section 1031 Exchanges"

(H.P. 488) (L.D. 639)

Sponsored by Representative CRESSEY of Cornish.

Cosponsored by Senator DOW of Lincoln and Representatives: BERUBE of Lisbon, LANSLEY of Sabattus, ROSEN of Bucksport, SAVIELLO of Wilton, Senators: COURTNEY of York, HASTINGS of Oxford, NASS of York, ROSEN of Hancock.

Bill "An Act To Assess Farm Buildings at Current Use Value"

(H.P. 489) (L.D. 640)

Sponsored by Representative HOLMAN of Fayette.

Cosponsored by Senator NUTTING of Androscoggin and Representatives: KNIGHT of Livermore Falls, MILLS of Farmington, PIOTTI of Unity, Senator: COURTNEY of York.

Bill "An Act To Amend the Nonresident Income Tax Filing Requirements"

(H.P. 490) (L.D. 641)

Sponsored by Representative WOODBURY of Yarmouth.

Cosponsored by Senator NASS of York and Representatives: Speaker CUMMINGS of Portland, HOTHAM of Dixfield, LANSLEY of Sabattus, PILON of Saco, PIOTTI of Unity, RECTOR of Thomaston, SAVIELLO of Wilton, Senator: PERRY of Penobscot.

Bill "An Act Regarding the Calculation of Tree Growth Reimbursements to Municipalities" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 514) (L.D. 665)

Sponsored by Representative MILLETT of Waterford.

Cosponsored by Senator NASS of York and Representatives:

HAMPER of Oxford, HAYES of Buckfield, HOTHAM of Dixfield.

**TRANSPORTATION**

Resolve, To Establish a Commission To Study the Feasibility of the State's Acquiring the Golden Road (EMERGENCY)  
(H.P. 474) (L.D. 625)

Sponsored by Representative PINEAU of Jay.  
Cosponsored by Representatives: BURNS of Berwick, CARTER of Bethel, HILL of York, LUNDEEN of Mars Hill, MARLEY of Portland, MILLS of Farmington, WHEELER of Kittery.

Bill "An Act To Require Warning Lights at All Railroad Crossings"  
(H.P. 475) (L.D. 626)

Sponsored by Representative McKANE of Newcastle. (BY REQUEST)

Bill "An Act to Clarify Certain Laws Concerning Posted Speed Limit"  
(H.P. 491) (L.D. 642)

Sponsored by Representative FITTS of Pittsfield.  
Bill "An Act To Clarify Certain Equipment Provisions for Motor Vehicles"  
(H.P. 492) (L.D. 643)

Sponsored by Representative CHASE of Wells.  
Cosponsored by Senator NASS of York and Representatives: AUSTIN of Gray, EBERLE of South Portland, HOTHAM of Dixfield, KNIGHT of Livermore Falls, MAZUREK of Rockland, ROSEN of Bucksport, TIBBETTS of Columbia, Senator: COURTNEY of York.

Bill "An Act To Amend the Motor Vehicle Laws"  
(H.P. 493) (L.D. 644)

Sponsored by Representative CHASE of Wells.  
Cosponsored by Senator NASS of York and Representatives: AUSTIN of Gray, EBERLE of South Portland, FISHER of Brewer, HOTHAM of Dixfield, KNIGHT of Livermore Falls, MAZUREK of Rockland, ROSEN of Bucksport, Senator: COURTNEY of York.

Bill "An Act To Amend Maine's Abandoned Vehicle Laws"  
(H.P. 515) (L.D. 666)

Sponsored by Representative FISHER of Brewer.  
Bill "An Act To Modify the Motor Vehicle Insurance Cancellation Notification Law"  
(H.P. 516) (L.D. 667)

Sponsored by Representative CANAVAN of Waterville.  
Cosponsored by Representative DRISCOLL of Westbrook, Senator BARTLETT of Cumberland and Representatives: BROWNE of Vassalboro, FISHER of Brewer, HARLOW of Portland, MAZUREK of Rockland, McDONOUGH of Scarborough, PLUMMER of Windham, Senators: DIAMOND of Cumberland, PLOWMAN of Penobscot.

**UTILITIES AND ENERGY**

Bill "An Act To Ensure Uniform Emergency Medical Dispatch Services in Maine" (EMERGENCY)  
(H.P. 476) (L.D. 627)

Sponsored by Representative RINES of Wiscasset.  
Cosponsored by Representatives: ADAMS of Portland, BLISS of South Portland, FLETCHER of Winslow, THIBODEAU of Winterport.

Submitted by the Department of Public Safety pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Bill "An Act To Promote Municipal Energy Conservation"  
(H.P. 494) (L.D. 645)

Sponsored by Representative EBERLE of South Portland.

Cosponsored by Senator BARTLETT of Cumberland and Representatives: BEAUDETTE of Biddeford, BLISS of South Portland, DILL of Cape Elizabeth, DUCHESNE of Hudson, KAENRATH of South Portland, MARLEY of Portland, PERCY of Phippsburg, WOODBURY of Yarmouth.

**Pursuant to Statute  
Family Law Advisory Commission**

Representative SIMPSON for the **Family Law Advisory Commission** pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 19-A, section 354, subsection 2 asks leave to report that the accompanying Bill "An Act To Permit Modification of Department-initiated Paternity Judgments Concerning Parental Rights"

(H.P. 477) (L.D. 628)  
Be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** and printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

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

Sent for concurrence.

**ORDERS**

On motion of Representative SILSBY of Augusta, the following Joint Resolution: (H.P. 459) (Cosponsored by Senator MITCHELL of Kennebec and Representatives: BABBIDGE of Kennebunk, CLEARY of Houlton, CONNOR of Kennebunk, CROCKETT of Augusta)

**JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING FEBRUARY 8TH  
AS CUB SCOUT DAY**

WHEREAS, the Boy Scouts of America have provided youth with character-building programs for nearly 100 years; and  
WHEREAS, the Boy Scouts of America fosters friendships and dedication to participatory citizenship; and

WHEREAS, the Boy Scouts of America encourages its nearly 3 million members nationwide to be fit in body and spirit; and

WHEREAS, the Boy Scouts in Maine have rendered outstanding service to our communities through good deeds such as food drives, neighborhood cleanups, Eagle Scout service projects and visits to the elderly; and

WHEREAS, the Boy Scouts in Maine have developed outstanding leaders through their programs; and

WHEREAS, the Cub Scout program was introduced by the Boy Scouts of America in 1930, although its roots go back to the first days of Scouting when the "Wolf Cub" program for younger boys was established; and

WHEREAS, more than 50,000,000 members have joined the Cub Scouts of America since its inception and no other program in history has had as far-ranging an impact on American youth as the Cub Scouts; now, therefore be it

**RESOLVED:** That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Twenty-third Legislature, now assembled in the First Regular Session, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity on the anniversary of the founding of the Cub Scouts of America to express our appreciation to all the boys in Maine who are and who have been Cub Scouts, for their valuable contributions to their community, their State and their Nation; and be it further

**RESOLVED:** That suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the Pine Tree Council and the Katahdin Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America with our appreciation.

**READ.**

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Augusta, Representative Silsby.

Representative **SILSBY**: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. It is my pleasure to recognize the anniversary of Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts today, with a Joint Resolution recognizing February 8th as Cub Scout Day in the 123rd Maine Legislature. It is particularly exciting for me because I have had the great pleasure of serving as a Den Leader for eight boys for the last five years. These fifth graders are actually serving as honorary pages today, one of which is my son, Nathan Silsby.

Cub Scouts has been an amazing experience for my Den and several other Dens who are here with us today from Augusta, York, Waterboro, Old Town, and Manchester. By participating in Cub Scouts, boys learn about working within a team. They learn about the importance of being an involved citizen and helping others. They learn about compassion and friendship. In addition, they get to participate in wonderful events like the Klondike Derby, the Pinewood Derby Cars, which I'm sure many of you have made in the past in your lives. And this summer, we actually had the great opportunity to participate in summer camps where we learned to make fire, swim at 6 am, cook food over a stove, whittle and talk about legends around the campfire.

In an era of declining civic engagement nationwide, the Cub Scout program continues to encourage tomorrow's leaders by asking them to make the world a better place. Of course programs like this are not possible without the strong supports of parents and leaders, who voluntarily give their time and resources. My thanks to those special adults. Congratulations to both the Pine Tree Council and the Katahdin Area Council of Boy Scouts, for their support and dedication to the growth and development of boys. Please join me in recognizing February 8th as Cub Scout Day. Thank you.

Subsequently, the Joint Resolution was **ADOPTED**.  
Sent for concurrence.

On motion of Representative WHEELER of Kittery, the following House Order: (H.O. 15)

**ORDERED**, that Representative Robert A. Berube of Lisbon be excused January 3 for personal reasons.

**AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED**, that Representative Herbert E. Clark of Millinocket be excused January 16 for personal reasons.

**AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED**, that Representative Harold Ian Emery of Cutler be excused January 30 for health reasons.

**AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED**, that Representative W. Bruce MacDonald of Boothbay be excused January 9 for personal reasons.

**AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED**, that Representative Elaine Makas of Lewiston be excused January 30 for personal reasons.

**AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED**, that Representative Elizabeth S. Miller of Somerville be excused January 4 for legislative business.

**AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED**, that Representative Wesley E. Richardson of Warren be excused January 30 for health reasons.

**AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED**, that Representative Linda M. Valentino of Saco be excused January 3 and 4 for legislative business.

**READ and PASSED.**

**ENACTORS**

**Emergency Measure**

An Act Regarding the Certification of the Required Driving Time for a License for Certain Persons under 21 Years of Age  
(H.P. 362) (L.D. 478)  
(H. "A" H-4)

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. 141 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.

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

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

The following matter, in the consideration of which the House was engaged at the time of adjournment Tuesday, February 6, 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 Protect the Machiasport Clam Flats along the Machias River from Effluent Contamination"

(H.P. 415) (L.D. 537)

(Committee on **UTILITIES AND ENERGY** suggested)

**TABLED** - February 6, 2007 (Till Later Today) by Representative BERRY of Bowdoinham.

**PENDING - REFERENCE.**

On motion of Representative BLISS of South Portland, the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **NATURAL RESOURCES**, ordered printed and sent for concurrence.

**SENATE PAPERS**

The following Joint Order: (S.P. 188)

**ORDERED**, the House concurring, that when the House and Senate adjourn, they do so until Tuesday, February 13, 2007, at 10:00 in the morning.

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

**READ and PASSED** in concurrence.

The Chair laid before the House the following item which was **TABLED** earlier in today's session:

Bill "An Act To Maintain the Amount of State Land That Is Open for Hunting"

(H.P. 497) (L.D. 648)

Which was **TABLED** by Representative PIEH of Bremen pending **REFERENCE**.

Subsequently, on motion of Representative PIEH of Bremen, the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** and the Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE**, ordered printed and sent for concurrence.

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

**ENACTORS**

**Emergency Measure**

An Act To Make Supplemental Appropriations and Allocations for the Expenditures of State Government and To Change



Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2007

(H.P. 186) (L.D. 215)  
(C. "A" H-3)

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

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Presque Isle, Representative Fischer.

Representative **FISCHER**: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Men and Women of the House. It brings me great pride to bring you a unanimous recommendation from our Committee on the FY07 Supplemental Budget. This budget is not about government programs. It is not about dollars and cents. But rather it is about the people and the purposes that our government is organized to serve.

This budget strengthens our State's safety net for the most vulnerable members of our society: poor children, the elderly, and the disabled. And for the community-based organizations that serve them. Funds provided in this budget will ensure adequate funding for essentials services for both consumers and providers in the MaineCare system, for the remainder of this fiscal year.

This budget begins to fulfill our commitment to pay our debts to Maine's hospitals. It appropriates \$20 million for past settlements. It also increases prospective interim payments to hospitals, effective July 1, 2007, to reflect actual utilization rates. And it provides up to \$82 million to do so.

This budget provides Disaster Relief of \$1.8 million for those affected by floods in Canton and in York County. It provides \$1 million for Environmental Protection to clean up the polluted and dangerous Callahan Mine Site. It enhances public safety, by providing emergency appropriations of \$1.8 million for fuel, utility, and transportation costs at Maine's correctional facilities.

Finally, the budget enables increase research and development activity here in our state, by appropriating \$3 million to help build a high-speed optical network from Jackson Labs, to Orono, to Portland, and ultimately to Cambridge, Massachusetts. The project is a public-private partnership between the State of Maine, the University of Maine System, and Jackson Labs.

I must say that this finished product would not have been possible, but for the very hard work of the 13 members of our Committee. I would especially like to thank the Representative from Waterford, Representative Millett, for his extraordinarily leadership throughout this process. I would also like to thank both floor leaders and the Speaker of this House, for granting our Committee the autonomy and the independence necessary to negotiate this unanimous report that we see today. 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. My words will compliment and not contradict at all, the comments of the good House Chair from Presque Isle. This is an interesting bill. It is one that we deal with usually each year, but uniquely at the end of a biennium, it is all about balancing a budget with just three or four months to go in the fiscal year.

It is a bit larger than normal, in the sense that we are cleaning up a lot of issues as Representative Fischer has mentioned, that date back to the beginnings of this biennium, particularly in the area of paying our MaineCare payments to providers, both hospital and medical, in a variety of categories. Some of these are debts that go back in years, settling hospital audits and making payments that have been delayed under the MaineCare

Claims Management System, which we all know about. Its dimensions are a bit larger than usual and I won't deal with the contents in any more detail than Representative Fischer has.

I would point to a document on your desks from Tuesday that you may want to look at in your leisure. It really describes on page 2, a summary of the spending that is really \$127 million between now and June 30th. On page 3 it identifies where most of that spending is going. In fact, if you look on page 3 and you look at the first five items, you'll find that out of the \$127 million, \$116 is all related to Health and Human Services. So we are doing a lot of things to honor our past promises, make our commitments real, and make those payments in a timely fashion. I truly hope that we can get the system in order and be ready to go into the biennium without any carry forward of obligations.

With that in mind, this became the initial sticking point within the Committee because we are attempting to honor the Chief Executive's commitment to the hospitals and also to pay the weekly payments to the variety of providers, 7,000 in total, and not have them wait longer than they need for their payment for services. It doesn't appear that the budget for that large account, so-called Medical Assistance Payments to Provider's Account, will stay in balance for the rest of this fiscal year. We don't know. We hope it will, but we don't know that it will. So we built in a safeguard, in Part L of the bill, that says that we will be tracking this on a weekly basis and if it happens to fall short, we will not let payments slide to the providers. We will look to the Administration for a second Supplemental Budget. I think that is a compromise that reassured the members of my side of the aisle and made us feel comfortable, that we're not going to walk away from previous promises.

A word or two about the process, and I would echo the words again of Representative Fischer. We have six new members on the Appropriations Committee from the body, three from each side of the aisle. I wanted to say that on my side of the aisle, I am particularly pleased and impressed with the work of Representatives Flood, Robinson, and Giles, for their quick study efforts to get up to speed on this budget. To be tireless workers in questioning and understanding what has been before us. And I think this bodes well for the future.

Looking to the future, let me just say that the challenges that lie ahead of us are real and serious. We know that this is a first step. It's a good first step and I am pleased with the outcome. But the real challenge will be for all of us, not just the members of Appropriations, but the Policy Committee members, and this entire body along with its counterpart on the other end of the hall, to accept the challenge of living within our means. Setting real priorities, looking to the long-term, and making investments where we can afford them, but realizing that we all have to step up to the plate and make some very difficult decisions over the months ahead.

I could talk at length about the new format, which we're just beginning, but I would just say to all of you, new members and older members alike, it's a simpler document and please do your homework because we will need your help in balancing this upcoming biennial budget. You need to look at the format, understand the description of each budget item, each account, the initiatives that will change on the baseline budget, and the justification statements. Because we desperately want your help and I think that we're off to a pretty good start.

I want to say one last thing to the members of the Transportation Committee. I am bothered by the fact that we're spending a fair amount of money on the General Fund, at the same time that the Highway Budget is being cut because highway revenues are falling short of estimates. The

Transportation Committee came to Appropriations at the eleventh hour with a request for help and we were unable to deliver on that. I feel badly about it, but there was nothing much that we could do. I did talk with Representative Fischer and I think that we have a general understanding that if the revenue estimates that are going to come to us, updating our forecast for both General Fund and Highway Fund later this month, allow us any room at all. We need to look at the relationship between the General Fund and the Highway Fund, not as enemy funds, but as funds in need and try to be reasonable and responsible in balancing priorities. My hope is that we can address some of the Highway Fund problems in the course of the weeks and months ahead.

Once again, I want to thank Representative Fischer, the entire membership of the Committee. We have worked well and I think that we are off to a good start. I hope with your support we can continue in that way. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Newport, Representative Tardy.

Representative **TARDY**: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Men and Women of the House. I first would like to thank the members of the Appropriations Committee, in particular the Representative from Presque Isle and the Representative from Waterford, for their hard work and leadership. Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank you and members of Democratic leadership, for honoring your commitment to work in a bi-partisan manner. I want to thank you for conducting yourselves consistent with your public statements, that a two-thirds bi-partisan budget is a better budget for Maine.

It has been a long held tradition, unfortunately lost in recent years, to past budgets without a two-thirds majority. But by working towards a supermajority budget, we assure that negotiations are inclusive and that priorities we set are true priorities for all of Maine. I am hopeful that this spirit of bi-partisanship will continue as we craft the upcoming biennial budget. I would like to challenge every member of this body to continue working in this manner and spirit, on the serious issues and challenges that are ahead of us. Not just on budget and bond issues, but on all issues, as we fulfill our duties as state legislators.

This supplemental budget is symbolic of a better approach to better policy for the State of Maine. It shows the State of Maine that we are doing our jobs, Mr. Speaker. Now I want to renew and continue our pledge on this side of the aisle that we are ready to go to work using this same approach. I thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from North Haven, Representative Pingree.

Representative **PINGREE**: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Men and Women of the House. I first just wanted to comment on the good Chair of Appropriations, the good Representative from Presque Isle's comment about the autonomy that the Appropriations Committee had working on this budget. Just for any of you who weren't carefully listening to this, he was basically saying, thank you leadership for leaving us alone and letting us go to work. I do have to again just echo the words of a number of my colleagues, that we have a great Appropriations Committee. This is a very tough Committee and their hard work is really now just beginning. Long, long hours, very difficult decisions, and they have to come back and be accountable to all of us when they put a budget document forward. The budget is more important than anything else that we do in this body. We put a lot of faith in the members of the Appropriations Committee to get it right.

So just following up on what the good Minority Leader said, I think that we are looking forward to working on what is going to

be a much more difficult budget. This budget before us, I think that we can all feel good about, the work we're doing with the hospitals, to providers, for flood victims, etc. I think that this is a great document in front of us, but the hard work is ahead of us. We are looking at a very, very difficult budget where there are going to be plenty of tough decisions. I think it is good that we are starting off in the spirit of bi-partisanship, figuring out a way to work together, and all understanding that it is not going to be easy.

There have been, already, hearings where many, many members of the public have come forward and told us what they like and don't like. That will go on for at least five more weeks. So I wish the Appropriations Committee luck. We, as leadership, will try to stay out of it, but I have a feeling that there will be a little more involvement in this big budget. I certainly look forward to working with both of our caucuses, in making sure that we continue to get it right in the coming months. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Rockland, Representative Mazurek.

Representative **MAZUREK**: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. As a member of the Transportation Committee, I would just like to take this opportunity to thank Representative Millett for those words he spoke at the end of his speech. I took it as a very encouraging sign and I thank him very much. Thank you.

Representative PIEH of Bremen **REQUESTED** a roll call on **PASSED 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 Passage to be Enacted. 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. 5

YEA - Adams, Annis, Austin, Ayotte, Babbidge, Barstow, Beaudette, Beaudoin, Beaulieu, Berry, Berube, Blanchard, Blanchette, Bliss, Boland, Brautigam, Browne W, Bryant, Burns, Cain, Campbell, Canavan, Carter, Casavant, Cebra, Chase, Clark, Cleary, Connor, Conover, Cotta, Craven, Cray, Cressey, Crockett, Crosthwaite, Curtis, Dill, Driscoll, Duchesne, Dunn, Duprey, Eaton, Eberle, Edgecomb, Emery, Faircloth, Farrington, Finch, Finley, Fischer, Fletcher, Flood, Gerzofsky, Gifford, Giles, Gould, Greeley, Grose, Hamper, Hanley S, Harlow, Haskell, Hayes, Hill, Hinck, Hogan, Holman, Hotham, Jackson, Jacobsen, Kaenrath, Knight, Koffman, Lundeen, MacDonald, Makas, Marean, Mazurek, McDonough, McFadden, McKane, McLeod, Miller, Millett, Mills, Miramant, Moore, Muse, Nass, Norton, Patrick, Peoples, Percy, Perry, Pieh, Pilon, Pineau, Pingree, Pinkham, Piotti, Plummer, Pratt, Prescott, Priest, Rand, Rector, Richardson E, Richardson W, Rines, Roberson, Rosen, Samson, Savage, Saviello, Schatz, Silsby, Simpson, Sirois, Smith N, Strang Burgess, Sutherland, Sykes, Tardy, Theriault, Trinward, Tuttle, Valentino, Wagner, Walcott, Walker, Watson, Weaver, Webster, Weddell, Wheeler, Woodbury, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - Joy, Lansley, Lewin, Tibbetts, Vaughan.

ABSENT - Fisher, Fitts, Marley, Pendleton, Richardson D, Thibodeau, Thomas, Treat.

Yes, 138; No, 5; Absent, 8; Excused, 0.

138 having voted in the affirmative and 5 voted in the negative, with 8 being absent, and accordingly the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate. **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH**.

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

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**SENATE PAPERS**

Bill "An Act To Clarify the Confirmation Process of the Director of the Maine Emergency Management Agency" (EMERGENCY)

(S.P. 196) (L.D. 604)

Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** suggested and ordered printed.

Came from the Senate, under suspension of the rules and **WITHOUT REFERENCE** to a Committee, the Bill **READ TWICE** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**.

Under suspension of the rules and **WITHOUT REFERENCE** to a Committee, the Bill was **READ TWICE** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED** in concurrence.

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Resolve, To Allow Municipalities To Purchase Burn Permit Software

(S.P. 190) (L.D. 598)

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.

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Bill "An Act To Support the Capital Riverfront Improvement District" (EMERGENCY)

(S.P. 195) (L.D. 603)

Bill "An Act To Restore Funding to the Maine Joint Environmental Training Coordinating Committee"

(S.P. 211) (L.D. 674)

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.

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Bill "An Act To Improve Electrical Safety"

(S.P. 199) (L.D. 607)

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Dealing with the Posting of Gas Prices"

(S.P. 208) (L.D. 671)

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.

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Bill "An Act To Protect Licensed Pawnbrokers"

(S.P. 198) (L.D. 606)

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.

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Resolve, To Preserve and Support Community Treatment Options for Children's Behavioral Health Needs

(S.P. 201) (L.D. 609)

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.

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Bill "An Act To Eliminate the Super Pack Hunting License"

(S.P. 197) (L.D. 605)

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.

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Bill "An Act To Clarify Confidentiality in Child Protective Proceedings"

(S.P. 194) (L.D. 602)

Bill "An Act To Extend the Statute of Limitations for Certain Medical Malpractice Cases"

(S.P. 200) (L.D. 608)

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

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

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Resolve, To Direct the Bureau of General Services To Develop a Purchasing Pool for Political Subdivisions of the State and School Administrative Units

(S.P. 193) (L.D. 601)

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.

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**Pursuant to Resolve**

**Task Force to Study Maine's Homeland Security Needs**

Report of the **Task Force to Study Maine's Homeland Security Needs** pursuant to Resolve 2005, chapter 126 asks leave to report that the accompanying Bill "An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Task Force To Study Maine's Homeland Security Needs" (EMERGENCY)

(S.P. 213) (L.D. 676)

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

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

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

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Bill "An Act To Improve Revenue Sharing"

(S.P. 192) (L.D. 600)

Bill "An Act To Reallocate Revenues from the Real Estate Transfer Tax" (EMERGENCY)

(S.P. 205) (L.D. 668)

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

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

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Bill "An Act To Create an Airport Authority"

(S.P. 191) (L.D. 599)

Resolve, To Direct the Department of Transportation To Make  
Improvements to U.S. Route 2-A

(S.P. 206) (L.D. 669)

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

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

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

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On motion of Representative MILLETT of Waterford, the  
House adjourned at 11:40 a.m., until 10:00 a.m., Tuesday,  
February 13, 2007 pursuant to the Joint Order (S.P. 188).