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ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION
12th Legislative Day
Tuesday, February 13, 2007

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

Prayer by Reverend Tim Wilcox, Fairfield United Methodist Church.

National Anthem by Lawrence High School Band, Fairfield.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Doctor of the day, Jackie Cawley, D.O., Yarmouth.

The Journal of Thursday, February 8, 2007 was read and approved.

SENATE PAPERS

Resolve, To Regulate Blasting Operators

(S.P. 189) (L.D. 597)

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

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **BUSINESS, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **BUSINESS, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Address the Issue of Drive-offs from Service Stations"

(S.P. 210) (L.D. 673)

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

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 Eliminate the Interest on Security Deposits for Mobile Homes"

(S.P. 212) (L.D. 675)

Committee on **BUSINESS, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** suggested and ordered printed.

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.

Non-Concurrent Matter

Bill "An Act To Protect Beef Producers"

(H.P. 438) (L.D. 571)

REFERRED to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** in the House on February 6, 2007.

Came from the Senate **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

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

Non-Concurrent Matter

Bill "An Act To Allow for Corporate Ownership of Dental Practices"

(H.P. 431) (L.D. 553)

REFERRED to the Committee on **BUSINESS, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** in the House on February 6, 2007.

Came from the Senate **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

The House voted to **INSIST**.

Non-Concurrent Matter

Bill "An Act To Protect Minors from Certain Bill Collectors"

(H.P. 96) (L.D. 104)

REFERRED to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** in the House on January 9, 2007.

Came from the Senate **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

The House voted to **INSIST**.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: (H.C. 64)

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

February 6, 2007

Hon. Millicent M. MacFarland

Clerk of the House

2 State House Station

Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Clerk MacFarland:

Pursuant to my authority under Title 3, §168-A, I am pleased to appoint Alex Cornell du Houx of Brunswick to the Legislative Youth Advisory Council.

If you have any questions regarding this appointment, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

S/Glenn Cummings

Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 65)

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

February 6, 2007

Hon. Millicent M. MacFarland

Clerk of the House

2 State House Station

Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Clerk MacFarland:

Pursuant to my authority under Title 5, §3371, I am pleased to appoint Representative Dean A. Cray of Palmyra to the Maine Fire Protection Services Commission.

If you have any questions regarding this appointment, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

S/Glenn Cummings

Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 66)

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

February 6, 2007
Hon. Millicent M. MacFarland
Clerk of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Clerk MacFarland:
Pursuant to my authority under Title 3, §168-A, I am pleased to appoint Representative Roberta M. Muse of Fryeburg to the Legislative Youth Advisory Council.

If you have any questions regarding this appointment, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,
S/Glenn Cummings
Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 67)

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

February 7, 2007
Honorable Beth Edmonds, President of the Senate
Honorable Glenn Cummings, Speaker of the House
123rd Maine Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

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

L.D. 48 An Act To Exempt Training and Educational Research Costs from the Voluntary Spending Cap

L.D. 97 An Act Regarding Prescription Drug Expiration Dates

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

Sincerely,
S/Sen. Joseph C. Brannigan
Senate Chair
S/Rep. Anne C. Perry
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 68)

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

February 8, 2007
Honorable Beth Edmonds, President of the Senate
Honorable Glenn Cummings, Speaker of the House
123rd Maine Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Edmonds and Speaker Cummings:
Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services has

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

L.D. 22 An Act To Require Health Care Practitioners to Distribute Free Samples of Medication in Certain Circumstances

L.D. 43 Resolve, To Direct the Department of Health and Human Services To Exclude Veterans Education Assistance from Income in Determining Eligibility for the Food Stamp

L.D. 87 Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services To Provide Printed Informational Handouts on Child Care Guidelines

L.D. 414 An Act To Decrease Cervical Cancer in Maine Girls

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

Sincerely,
S/Sen. Joseph C. Brannigan
Senate Chair
S/Rep. Anne C. Perry
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 69)

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY**

February 6, 2007
Honorable Beth Edmonds, President of the Senate
Honorable Glenn Cummings, Speaker of the House
123rd Maine Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Edmonds and Speaker Cummings:
Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary has voted unanimously to report the following bill out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 103 An Act To Give Children Equal Priority in Creditor Situations Consistent with Bankruptcy

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

Sincerely,
S/Sen. Barry J. Hobbins
Senate Chair
S/Rep. Deborah Simpson
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 70)

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

February 8, 2007
Honorable Beth Edmonds, President of the Senate
Honorable Glenn Cummings, Speaker of the House
123rd Maine Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Edmonds and Speaker Cummings:
Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that the Joint Standing Committee on Legal and Veterans Affairs has

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

L.D. 35 An Act To Require Approval by the Gambling Control Board for the Transfer of Ownership of an Off-track Betting Facility

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

Sincerely,
S/Sen. Lisa T. Marraché
Senate Chair
S/Rep. John L. Patrick
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 71)

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

February 6, 2007

Honorable Beth Edmonds, President of the Senate
Honorable Glenn Cummings, Speaker of the House
123rd Maine Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

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

L.D. 78 An Act To Protect Neighborhoods from Scrap Metal Pollution

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

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

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 72)

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

February 6, 2007

Honorable Beth Edmonds, President of the Senate
Honorable Glenn Cummings, Speaker of the House
123rd Maine Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

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

L.D. 83 An Act To Provide Equity for the Penobscot Nation in the Return of Tax Revenue

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

Sincerely,
S/Sen. Joseph C. Perry
Senate Chair
S/Rep. John F. Piotti
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 73)

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION**

February 7, 2007

Honorable Beth Edmonds, President of the Senate
Honorable Glenn Cummings, Speaker of the House
123rd Maine Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

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

L.D. 13 Resolve, To Return Swanville Road in Frankfort to State Road Classification

L.D. 14 Resolve, To Direct the Department of Transportation To Better Ensure the Safety of Students Traveling to and from School in Waterboro

L.D. 18 An Act To Streamline Permitting for and Encourage the Business of Showing Vehicles

L.D. 181 Resolve, To Reduce the Cost of Moving Modular Homes and Increase Traffic Safety

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

Sincerely,
S/Sen. Dennis S. Damon
Senate Chair
S/Rep. Boyd P. Marley
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (S.P. 203)

**STATE OF MAINE
123RD MAINE LEGISLATURE**

February 7, 2007

Sen. Philip L. Bartlett II
Senate Chair, Joint Standing Committee on Utilities and Energy
Rep. Lawrence Bliss
House Chair, Joint Standing Committee on Utilities and Energy
123rd Legislature
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Senator Bartlett and Representative Bliss:

Please be advised that Governor John E. Baldacci has nominated Vendean Vafiades of Hallowell for appointment to the Public Utilities Commission.

Pursuant to M.R.S.A. Title 35-A §105, this nomination will require review by the Joint Standing Committee on Utilities and Energy and confirmation by the Senate.

Sincerely,
S/Beth Edmonds
President of the Senate
S/Glenn Cummings
Speaker of the House

Came from the Senate, **READ and REFERRED** to the Committee on **UTILITIES AND ENERGY**.

READ and REFERRED to the Committee on **UTILITIES AND ENERGY** in concurrence.

The Following Communication: (S.P. 204)

**STATE OF MAINE
123RD MAINE LEGISLATURE**

February 7, 2007

Sen. Bill Diamond

Senate Chair, Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety

Rep. Stan Gerzofsky

House Chair, Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety

123rd Legislature

Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Senator Diamond and Representative Gerzofsky:

Please be advised that Governor John E. Baldacci has nominated Anne Jordan of South Portland for appointment as Commissioner of Public Safety.

Pursuant to M.R.S.A. Title 25 §2901, this nomination will require review by the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety and confirmation by the Senate.

Sincerely,

S/Beth Edmonds

President of the Senate

S/Glenn Cummings

Speaker of the House

Came from the Senate, **READ** and **REFERRED** to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY**.

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

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 Concerning Applications Processed by the Maine Land Use Regulation Commission"

(H.P. 526) (L.D. 695)

Sponsored by Representative DUCHESNE of Hudson.

Cosponsored by Senator BRYANT of Oxford and Representatives: CARTER of Bethel, FLOOD of Winthrop, LUNDEEN of Mars Hill, MAREAN of Hollis, PINEAU of Jay, PRATT of Eddington, SAVIELLO of Wilton, Senator: NUTTING of Androscoggin.

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

APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

Bill "An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Stimulate the Midcoast Economy"

(H.P. 539) (L.D. 718)

Sponsored by Representative GERZOFKY of Brunswick.

Cosponsored by President EDMONDS of Cumberland and Representatives: BERRY of Bowdoinham, BERUBE of Lisbon, PERCY of Phippsburg, PRESCOTT of Topsham, PRIEST of Brunswick, RINES of Wiscasset, WATSON of Bath, WEBSTER of Freeport.

Bill "An Act To Restore Support for HIV and AIDS Treatment and Prevention"

(H.P. 542) (L.D. 721)

Sponsored by Representative CAIN of Orono.

Cosponsored by Senator TURNER of Cumberland and Representatives: CAMPBELL of Newfield, GROSE of Woolwich, MILLER of Somerville, WALKER of Lincolnville, Senators: BARTLETT of Cumberland, MARRACHÉ of Kennebec, ROTUNDO of Androscoggin, STRIMLING of Cumberland.

Bill "An Act To Stabilize and Expand Funding for the Graduate School of Biomedical Science at the University of Maine"

(H.P. 565) (L.D. 744)

Sponsored by Representative CAIN of Orono.

Cosponsored by Senator BROMLEY of Cumberland and Representatives: DUNN of Bangor, FAIRCLOTH of Bangor, RECTOR of Thomaston, SMITH of Monmouth, STRANG BURGESS of Cumberland, Senators: SCHNEIDER of Penobscot, TURNER of Cumberland.

Bill "An Act To Expand the Maine Economic Improvement Fund"

(H.P. 566) (L.D. 745)

Sponsored by Representative CAIN of Orono.

Cosponsored by Senator TURNER of Cumberland and Representatives: DUNN of Bangor, FAIRCLOTH of Bangor, RECTOR of Thomaston, SMITH of Monmouth, STRANG BURGESS of Cumberland, Senators: BROMLEY of Cumberland, SCHNEIDER of Penobscot.

Bill "An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Finance the Acquisition of Land and Water Access and To Access Matching Contributions"

(H.P. 567) (L.D. 746)

Sponsored by Representative PINGREE of North Haven.

Cosponsored by Senator TURNER of Cumberland and Representatives: Speaker CUMMINGS of Portland, FISCHER of Presque Isle, LUNDEEN of Mars Hill, MAREAN of Hollis, MIRAMANT of Camden, SMITH of Monmouth, WOODBURY of Yarmouth, Senator: MITCHELL of Kennebec.

Bill "An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for the Municipal Investment Trust Fund"

(H.P. 568) (L.D. 747)

Sponsored by Representative CROCKETT of Augusta.

Cosponsored by Senator MITCHELL of Kennebec and Representatives: CAIN of Orono, CANAVAN of Waterville, CRAVEN of Lewiston, GOULD of South Berwick, SILSBY of Augusta, VALENTINO of Saco, Senators: SAVAGE of Knox, SNOWE-MELLO of Androscoggin.

BUSINESS, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Bill "An Act To Ensure Truth in Music Advertising"

(H.P. 517) (L.D. 686)

Sponsored by Representative MAKAS of Lewiston.

Cosponsored by Senator BARTLETT of Cumberland and Representatives: BEAUDETTE of Biddeford, Speaker CUMMINGS of Portland, FAIRCLOTH of Bangor, HARLOW of Portland, MUSE of Fryeburg, ROSEN of Bucksport, SAMSON of Auburn, SMITH of Monmouth.

Bill "An Act To Encourage Manufacturing by Expanding Pine Tree Development Zones"

(H.P. 540) (L.D. 719)

Sponsored by Representative HARLOW of Portland.

Cosponsored by Senator DAMON of Hancock and Representatives: BRAUTIGAM of Falmouth, EBERLE of South Portland, HASKELL of Portland, PIOTTI of Unity, SIMPSON of Auburn, WEDDELL of Frankfort, WOODBURY of Yarmouth.

Bill "An Act To Expand the Recycling of Beverage Containers"
(H.P. 569) (L.D. 748)

Sponsored by Representative NORTON of Bangor. (BY REQUEST)

Cosponsored by Representative: FINCH of Fairfield.

Bill "An Act To Dedicate Unclaimed Beverage Deposits to Beverage Container Recycling Development"

(H.P. 570) (L.D. 749)

Sponsored by Representative NORTON of Bangor. (BY REQUEST)

Bill "An Act To Support Realize!Maine To Attract and Retain Young People in the State's Workforce"

(H.P. 571) (L.D. 750)

Sponsored by Representative PINGREE of North Haven.

Cosponsored by Senator RAYE of Washington and Representatives: BARSTOW of Gorham, CAIN of Orono, FISCHER of Presque Isle, KAENRATH of South Portland, PERCY of Phippsburg, PRATT of Eddington, ROBINSON of Raymond, Senator: BARTLETT of Cumberland.

Bill "An Act To Modernize Maine's Accountancy Laws"

(H.P. 572) (L.D. 751)

Sponsored by Representative RECTOR of Thomaston.

Cosponsored by Senator COURTNEY of York and Representatives: BEAULIEU of Auburn, CLEARY of Houlton, GOULD of South Berwick, PRESCOTT of Topsham, RICHARDSON of Warren, ROBINSON of Raymond, SAMSON of Auburn, WOODBURY of Yarmouth.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

Bill "An Act To Require Credentials for Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Volunteers"

(H.P. 527) (L.D. 696)

Sponsored by Representative GERZOFKY of Brunswick.

Cosponsored by Senator DIAMOND of Cumberland and Representatives: BEAUDOIN of Biddeford, BLANCHETTE of Bangor, CANAVAN of Waterville, NORTON of Bangor, PERCY of Phippsburg, RAND of Portland, SIMPSON of Auburn, SMITH of Monmouth.

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

(H.P. 528) (L.D. 697)

Sponsored by Representative GERZOFKY of Brunswick.

Cosponsored by Senator DIAMOND of Cumberland and Representatives: BLANCHETTE of Bangor, CANAVAN of Waterville, CLARK of Millinocket, CROCKETT of Augusta, PRATT of Eddington, RINES of Wiscasset, SMITH of Monmouth, WHEELER of Kittery.

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

Bill "An Act To Clarify What Constitutes a Schedule W Drug"

(H.P. 541) (L.D. 720)

Sponsored by Representative PERRY of Calais.

Cosponsored by Representatives: GROSE of Woolwich, McFADDEN of Dennysville, MILLER of Somerville.

Bill "An Act To Establish the Missing Senior Citizen Alert Program"

(H.P. 587) (L.D. 769)

Sponsored by Representative CAMPBELL of Newfield.

Cosponsored by Senator BRANNIGAN of Cumberland and Representatives: CONNOR of Kennebunk, FINLEY of Skowhegan, GROSE of Woolwich, LEWIN of Eliot, PERRY of Calais, WALKER of Lincolnville, Senators: NASS of York, RAYE of Washington.

EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

Bill "An Act To Streamline Licensure for Sign Language Interpreters"

(H.P. 573) (L.D. 752)

Sponsored by Representative NORTON of Bangor.

Cosponsored by Representative: SILSBY of Augusta.

Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** suggested.

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

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Bill "An Act To Create the Acquired Brain Injury Fund"

(H.P. 543) (L.D. 722)

Sponsored by Representative CRAVEN of Lewiston.

Cosponsored by Representative MAKAS of Lewiston, Senator NUTTING of Androscoggin and Representatives: BRYANT of Windham, DUNN of Bangor, FAIRCLOTH of Bangor, GROSE of Woolwich, PERRY of Calais, WAGNER of Lewiston, WALCOTT of Lewiston, WEBSTER of Freeport.

Bill "An Act To Integrate Chronic Disease Prevention and Care into the MaineCare Program"

(H.P. 544) (L.D. 723)

Sponsored by Representative PERRY of Calais.

Cosponsored by Senator BRANNIGAN of Cumberland and Representatives: GROSE of Woolwich, MILLER of Somerville, PENDLETON of Scarborough, PINGREE of North Haven, TREAT of Farmingdale.

Resolve, To Direct the Department of Health and Human Services To Provide Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Benefits to Certain Guardians of Minors

(H.P. 545) (L.D. 724)

Sponsored by Representative HAYES of Buckfield.

Cosponsored by Representatives: CLEARY of Houlton, MILLETT of Waterford.

Bill "An Act To Ensure Retail Tobacco License Compliance"

(H.P. 546) (L.D. 725)

Sponsored by Representative RAND of Portland.

Cosponsored by Representatives: ADAMS of Portland, CANAVAN of Waterville, SIMPSON of Auburn.

Bill "An Act To Provide Services for Adults with Diagnoses of Mental Retardation and Other Developmental Disabilities"

(H.P. 547) (L.D. 726)

Sponsored by Representative MILLER of Somerville.

Cosponsored by Senator MARRACHÉ of Kennebec and Representatives: FAIRCLOTH of Bangor, GROSE of Woolwich, PERRY of Calais, WALCOTT of Lewiston.

Bill "An Act To Expand the Definition of Health Care Facility under the Maine Health and Higher Educational Facilities Authority Act"

(H.P. 548) (L.D. 727)

Sponsored by Representative MILLER of Somerville.

Cosponsored by Senator TURNER of Cumberland and Representatives: PERRY of Calais, PINGREE of North Haven, Senators: RAYE of Washington, ROSEN of Hancock.

Resolve, To Invest in Children and Families through Family Resource Centers

(H.P. 574) (L.D. 753)

Sponsored by Representative FAIRCLOTH of Bangor.

Cosponsored by President EDMONDS of Cumberland and

Representatives: EATON of Sullivan, GILES of Belfast, GROSE of Woolwich, MILLER of Somerville, PINGREE of North Haven, Senators: BARTLETT of Cumberland, MARRACHÉ of Kennebec.
Bill "An Act To Allow Physician Assistants To Sign Death Certificates"

(H.P. 575) (L.D. 754)

Sponsored by Representative PERRY of Calais.
Cosponsored by Representative RICHARDSON of Greenville and Representative: MILLER of Somerville.

Bill "An Act To Ensure the Success of All Maine Families through Early Care and Education"

(H.P. 576) (L.D. 755)

Sponsored by Representative FAIRCLOTH of Bangor.
Cosponsored by President EDMONDS of Cumberland and Representatives: CONOVER of Oakland, CRAVEN of Lewiston, GROSE of Woolwich, PINGREE of North Haven, Senators: BARTLETT of Cumberland, MITCHELL of Kennebec.

Bill "An Act To Clarify Application of the Medical Marijuana Law"

(H.P. 588) (L.D. 770)

Sponsored by Representative HARLOW of Portland. (BY REQUEST)

INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE

Bill "An Act To Increase the Seal Fee for Registration of a Harvested Animal"

(H.P. 529) (L.D. 698)

Sponsored by Representative JOY of Crystal. (BY REQUEST)
Cosponsored by Representatives: AYOTTE of Caswell, EMERY of Cutler, GIFFORD of Lincoln, VAUGHAN of Durham.

Bill "An Act To Enhance the Wise Use and Sound Management of Maine's Wildlife Resources"

(H.P. 549) (L.D. 728)

Sponsored by Representative FLOOD of Winthrop.
Cosponsored by Senator TURNER of Cumberland and Representatives: JACKSON of Allagash, SAVIELLO of Wilton, WATSON of Bath.

Bill "An Act To Allow a Hunter To Retrieve a Dog from Posted Property"

(H.P. 589) (L.D. 771)

Sponsored by Representative PIEH of Bremen.
Cosponsored by Senator NUTTING of Androscoggin and Representative: JACKSON of Allagash, Senator: BRYANT of Oxford.

Bill "An Act To Track and Record All Fishing-related Rules Changes"

(H.P. 590) (L.D. 772)

Sponsored by Representative WATSON of Bath.
Cosponsored by Senator PERRY of Penobscot and Representative: HANLEY of Gardiner.

INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES

Bill "An Act To Amend the Law Regarding Transactions at Financial Institutions"

(H.P. 518) (L.D. 687)

Sponsored by Representative SAVAGE of Falmouth. (BY REQUEST)

Bill "An Act To Establish a Universal Health Care Program"

(H.P. 519) (L.D. 688)

Sponsored by Representative TUTTLE of Sanford.
Cosponsored by Representative PRIEST of Brunswick, Senator SULLIVAN of York and Representatives: BRAUTIGAM of Falmouth, CANAVAN of Waterville, CROCKETT of Augusta,

Speaker CUMMINGS of Portland, FAIRCLOTH of Bangor, MILLER of Somerville, PATRICK of Rumford, PINGREE of North Haven.

Bill "An Act To Preserve Dirigo Choice"

(H.P. 591) (L.D. 773)

Sponsored by Representative BRYANT of Windham.
Cosponsored by Senator BRYANT of Oxford and Representatives: ADAMS of Portland, CARTER of Bethel, GERZOFKY of Brunswick, GROSE of Woolwich, PATRICK of Rumford, PINEAU of Jay, WHEELER of Kittery.

JUDICIARY

Bill "An Act To Enhance and Clarify the Small Claims System"

(H.P. 577) (L.D. 756)

Sponsored by Representative THERIAULT of Madawaska. (BY REQUEST)

Cosponsored by Senator MARTIN of Aroostook and Representative: DILL of Cape Elizabeth.

LABOR

Bill "An Act To Facilitate MaineCare Reimbursement in Workers' Compensation Cases"

(H.P. 520) (L.D. 689)

Sponsored by Representative WATSON of Bath.
Cosponsored by Senator STRIMLING of Cumberland and Representatives: MILLS of Farmington, PATRICK of Rumford, PRIEST of Brunswick, SIMPSON of Auburn, WEBSTER of Freeport.

Bill "An Act To Compensate Employees Required To Be 'On-call' by Their Employers"

(H.P. 550) (L.D. 729)

Sponsored by Representative GREELEY of Levant.
Cosponsored by Representative: BLANCHETTE of Bangor.

Bill "An Act To Improve the Ability of Superintendents To Act in the Best Interests of Students"

(H.P. 578) (L.D. 757)

Sponsored by Representative TUTTLE of Sanford.
Cosponsored by Representatives: Speaker CUMMINGS of Portland, FARRINGTON of Gorham, FINCH of Fairfield, HARLOW of Portland, MAKAS of Lewiston, NORTON of Bangor, SUTHERLAND of Chapman.

LEGAL AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

Bill "An Act To Limit Expenditures by Political Action Committees"

(H.P. 531) (L.D. 700)

Sponsored by Representative GROSE of Woolwich.
Cosponsored by Representatives: ADAMS of Portland, BLANCHETTE of Bangor, MacDONALD of Boothbay, PERRY of Calais, RINES of Wiscasset, SMITH of Monmouth, VALENTINO of Saco, WATSON of Bath.

Bill "An Act To Authorize the Operation of Slot Machines on Indian Island in Old Town"

(H.P. 532) (L.D. 701)

Sponsored by Representative LORING of the Penobscot Nation.
Cosponsored by Senator SCHNEIDER of Penobscot and Representatives: BLANCHARD of Old Town, CAMPBELL of Newfield, JACKSON of Allagash, MOORE of Standish, SIMPSON of Auburn, TUTTLE of Sanford, Senators: MITCHELL of Kennebec, SNOWE-MELLO of Androscoggin.

Resolve, Authorizing Matthew Haskell To Sue the State
(H.P. 551) (L.D. 730)

Sponsored by Representative CAIN of Orono.
Cosponsored by Senator SCHNEIDER of Penobscot.
Bill "An Act To Preserve the Integrity of Elections by
Removing the Requirement for a Challenge Affidavit"
(H.P. 552) (L.D. 731)

Sponsored by Representative FLETCHER of Winslow.
Bill "An Act To Improve the Candidate Nomination and
Replacement Process"
(H.P. 553) (L.D. 732)

Sponsored by Representative FLETCHER of Winslow.

Resolve, Establishing the Commission To Improve Certain
Aspects of the Citizen Initiative Process (EMERGENCY)
(H.P. 530) (L.D. 699)

Sponsored by Representative CRAVEN of Lewiston.
Cosponsored by Senator MARTIN of Aroostook and
Representatives: CANAVAN of Waterville, DUNN of Bangor,
HAYES of Buckfield, MAKAS of Lewiston, PATRICK of Rumford,
WAGNER of Lewiston, WALCOTT of Lewiston, Senator:
MARRACHÉ of Kennebec.

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

On motion of Representative HOLMAN of Fayette, **TABLED**
pending **REFERENCE** and later today assigned.

MARINE RESOURCES

Bill "An Act To Modify Lobster License Fees"
(H.P. 522) (L.D. 691)

Sponsored by Representative EATON of Sullivan.
Cosponsored by Senator DAMON of Hancock and
Representatives: EMERY of Cutler, PENDLETON of
Scarborough, TUTTLE of Sanford.

NATURAL RESOURCES

Bill "An Act To Eradicate Invasive Aquatic Plants and
Nuisance Species"
(H.P. 523) (L.D. 692)

Sponsored by Representative CEBRA of Naples.
Cosponsored by Senator COURTNEY of York and
Representatives: AUSTIN of Gray, BARSTOW of Gorham,
BERUBE of Lisbon, COTTA of China, CRESSEY of Cornish,
CROSTHWAITE of Ellsworth, FARRINGTON of Gorham, FLOOD
of Winthrop, HAMPER of Oxford, HOLMAN of Fayette, HOTHAM
of Dixfield, JACKSON of Allagash, LANSLEY of Sabattus, LEWIN
of Eliot, MILLETT of Waterford, MOORE of Standish, MUSE of
Fryeburg, NASS of Acton, PIOTTI of Unity, PLUMMER of
Windham, PRESCOTT of Topsham, ROBINSON of Raymond,
SAVIELLO of Wilton, SYKES of Harrison, TARDY of Newport,
TUTTLE of Sanford, VAUGHAN of Durham, WOODBURY of
Yarmouth, Senators: BRYANT of Oxford, DIAMOND of
Cumberland, DOW of Lincoln, HASTINGS of Oxford, NASS of
York, SAVAGE of Knox, SNOWE-MELLO of Androscoggin.

Bill "An Act Concerning Ductibles for Underground Oil
Storage Facilities and Tanks"
(H.P. 554) (L.D. 733)

Sponsored by Representative JACKSON of Allagash.
Cosponsored by Senator MARTIN of Aroostook.

Bill "An Act To Protect Household Pets and Other Animals
from Poisoning"
(H.P. 579) (L.D. 758)

Sponsored by Representative CAIN of Orono.
Cosponsored by Senator PERRY of Penobscot and
Representatives: CARTER of Bethel, DILL of Cape Elizabeth,
EATON of Sullivan, HINCK of Portland, KAENRATH of South
Portland, PEOPLES of Westbrook, PRATT of Eddington,
SAMSON of Auburn.

Bill "An Act To Coordinate the Implementation of the In-
stream Flow and Water Level Rules among the Department of
Environmental Protection, the Drinking Water Program of the
Department of Health and Human Services and the Public
Utilities Commission"
(H.P. 592) (L.D. 774)

Sponsored by Representative KOFFMAN of Bar Harbor.
Cosponsored by Senator BARTLETT of Cumberland and
Representatives: BABBIDGE of Kennebec, FLOOD of Winthrop.
Submitted by the Department of Environmental Protection
pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Bill "An Act To Allow Municipalities To Establish Foundations
To Support Education"
(H.P. 533) (L.D. 702)

Sponsored by Representative HOLMAN of Fayette.
Cosponsored by Senator McCORMICK of Kennebec and
Representatives: CROSTHWAITE of Ellsworth, Speaker
CUMMINGS of Portland, FAIRCLOTH of Bangor, FLOOD of
Winthrop, JOY of Crystal, TARDY of Newport, Senators: BENOIT
of Sagadahoc, BRANNIGAN of Cumberland.

Bill "An Act To Improve Public Understanding in Rulemaking"
(H.P. 555) (L.D. 734)

Sponsored by Representative FLETCHER of Winslow.
Cosponsored by Senator SHERMAN of Aroostook and
Representatives: CLARK of Millinocket, GERZOFISKY of
Brunswick, HAMPER of Oxford, HANLEY of Gardiner, JOY of
Crystal, MOORE of Standish, RICHARDSON of Greenville,
Senator: DOW of Lincoln.

TAXATION

Bill "An Act Regarding the Sales Tax"
(H.P. 521) (L.D. 690)

Sponsored by Representative PIEH of Bremen.
RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution
of Maine To Authorize the Legislature To Allow Municipalities To
Exempt from Property Tax a Portion of the Value of Homesteads
(H.P. 524) (L.D. 693)

Sponsored by Representative PIEH of Bremen.
Cosponsored by Senator ROTUNDO of Androscoggin.
Bill "An Act To Provide an Income Tax Exemption for Active
Duty Military Pay and Disability Military Pay"
(H.P. 556) (L.D. 735)

Sponsored by Representative VAUGHAN of Durham.
Cosponsored by Senator SULLIVAN of York and
Representatives: ANNIS of Dover-Foxcroft, BURNS of Berwick,
CEBRA of Naples, CLARK of Millinocket, CRESSEY of Cornish,
CROSTHWAITE of Ellsworth, EDGEComb of Caribou,
FLETCHER of Winslow, FLOOD of Winthrop, GROSE of
Woolwich, HAMPER of Oxford, HANLEY of Gardiner,
JACOBSEN of Waterboro, KNIGHT of Livermore Falls,
LANSLEY of Sabattus, MacDONALD of Boothbay, McKANE of
Newcastle, MILLER of Somerville, MOORE of Standish,
SAVAGE of Falmouth, SIROIS of Turner, STRANG BURGESS of
Cumberland, WEAVER of York, Senators: SAVAGE of Knox,

SMITH of Piscataquis, SNOWE-MELLO of Androscoggin, TURNER of Cumberland.

Bill "An Act To Protect Small Woodland Owners"
(H.P. 557) (L.D. 736)

Sponsored by Representative WATSON of Bath.
Cosponsored by Senator MARTIN of Aroostook and Representatives: CARTER of Bethel, FLOOD of Winthrop, JOY of Crystal, PRATT of Eddington, SAVIELLO of Wilton, SMITH of Monmouth.

Bill "An Act To Promote Forest Management Planning and Certification"
(H.P. 558) (L.D. 737)

Sponsored by Representative WATSON of Bath.
Cosponsored by Senator MARTIN of Aroostook and Representatives: CARTER of Bethel, FLOOD of Winthrop, JOY of Crystal, PRATT of Eddington, SAVIELLO of Wilton, SMITH of Monmouth.

Bill "An Act To Assist Communities Affected by Base Closures"
(H.P. 559) (L.D. 738)

Sponsored by Representative GERZOFKY of Brunswick.
Cosponsored by President EDMONDS of Cumberland and Representatives: BERUBE of Lisbon, GROSE of Woolwich, PERCY of Phippsburg, PRESCOTT of Topsham, PRIEST of Brunswick, RINES of Wiscasset, VAUGHAN of Durham, WATSON of Bath.

Resolve, Directing the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Revenue Services To Study and Develop a Tax Increment Financing Program To Fund the Washington County Development Authority
(H.P. 560) (L.D. 739)

Sponsored by Representative PERRY of Calais.
Cosponsored by Senator RAYE of Washington and Representatives: EMERY of Cutler, McFADDEN of Dennysville, TIBBETTS of Columbia.

Bill "An Act To Reduce the Excise Tax on Certain Commercial Vehicles"
(H.P. 581) (L.D. 760)

Sponsored by Representative JACKSON of Allagash.
Cosponsored by Senator MARTIN of Aroostook and Representative: CLARK of Millinocket, Senators: BRYANT of Oxford, SHERMAN of Aroostook, STRIMLING of Cumberland.

Bill "An Act To Enable Municipalities To Establish Municipal Land Banks Funded by Local Option Real Estate Transfer Taxes"
(H.P. 582) (L.D. 761)

Sponsored by Representative RECTOR of Thomaston.
Cosponsored by Senator SAVAGE of Knox and Representatives: BEAUDETTE of Biddeford, EBERLE of South Portland, KOFFMAN of Bar Harbor, LORING of the Penobscot Nation, PINGREE of North Haven, SAMSON of Auburn.

Bill "An Act To Enhance a Community's Capacity To Support Affordable Housing"
(H.P. 583) (L.D. 762)

Sponsored by Representative PINGREE of North Haven.
Cosponsored by Senator RAYE of Washington and Representatives: CANAVAN of Waterville, Speaker CUMMINGS of Portland, KOFFMAN of Bar Harbor, MIRAMANT of Camden, PIOTTI of Unity, RECTOR of Thomaston, SMITH of Monmouth, WOODBURY of Yarmouth.

Bill "An Act To Repeal the Tax on Private Nonmedical Institutions"
(H.P. 534) (L.D. 703)

Sponsored by Representative MILLER of Somerville.

Cosponsored by Senator DOW of Lincoln and Representatives: MILLS of Farmington, PERRY of Calais, PINGREE of North Haven, Senator: ROSEN of Hancock.

Committee on **TAXATION** suggested.
On motion of Representative HOTHAM of Dixfield, the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**, ordered printed and sent for concurrence.

TRANSPORTATION

Bill "An Act Regarding Fines for Overweight Trucks"
(H.P. 525) (L.D. 694)

Sponsored by Representative JACKSON of Allagash.
Bill "An Act To Promote the Safety of Deaf or Hard-of-hearing Drivers"
(H.P. 561) (L.D. 740)

Sponsored by Representative GROSE of Woolwich.
Cosponsored by Senator NUTTING of Androscoggin and Representatives: BRYANT of Windham, CAMPBELL of Newfield, GERZOFKY of Brunswick, MILLER of Somerville, MUSE of Fryeburg, PRIEST of Brunswick, WALCOTT of Lewiston, WEBSTER of Freeport.

Bill "An Act Regarding When an Overweight Truck May Be Required To Unload"
(H.P. 562) (L.D. 741)

Sponsored by Representative JACKSON of Allagash.
Cosponsored by Senator BRYANT of Oxford and Representatives: BROWNE of Vassalboro, HOGAN of Old Orchard Beach, Senators: MARTIN of Aroostook, SHERMAN of Aroostook.

Bill "An Act To Allow Early Retirement for Captains in the Maine State Ferry Service"
(H.P. 584) (L.D. 763)

Sponsored by Representative PINGREE of North Haven.
Cosponsored by Senator DAMON of Hancock and Senator: SAVAGE of Knox.

Bill "An Act To Create a Special License Plate To Support Breast Cancer Support Services"
(H.P. 593) (L.D. 775)

Sponsored by Representative STRANG BURGESS of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Senator DAMON of Hancock and Representatives: ANNIS of Dover-Foxcroft, AUSTIN of Gray, BABBIDGE of Kennebunk, BEAUDOIN of Biddeford, BERUBE of Lisbon, BRYANT of Windham, CAIN of Orono, CASAVANT of Biddeford, CHASE of Wells, CLARK of Millinocket, CLEARY of Houlton, CONOVER of Oakland, CRAVEN of Lewiston, CRESSEY of Cornish, CROCKETT of Augusta, Speaker CUMMINGS of Portland, DUPREY of Hampden, EATON of Sullivan, EDGECOMB of Caribou, FINLEY of Skowhegan, FISCHER of Presque Isle, FLETCHER of Winslow, FLOOD of Winthrop, GILES of Belfast, HAMPER of Oxford, HASKELL of Portland, HILL of York, MacDONALD of Boothbay, MAKAS of Lewiston, MILLER of Somerville, MUSE of Fryeburg, NASS of Acton, PERCY of Phippsburg, PILON of Saco, PINKHAM of Lexington Township, PLUMMER of Windham, PRATT of Eddington, PRESCOTT of Topsham, PRIEST of Brunswick, ROSEN of Bucksport, SAMSON of Auburn, SCHATZ of Blue Hill, SIMPSON of Auburn, SIROIS of Turner, SMITH of Monmouth, SUTHERLAND of Chapman, TARDY of Newport, TRINWARD of Waterville, WEBSTER of Freeport, WHEELER of Kittery, WOODBURY of Yarmouth, Senators: BARTLETT of Cumberland, BENOIT of Sagadahoc, BOWMAN of York, BROMLEY of Cumberland, HOBBS of York, NUTTING of

Androscoggin, ROTUNDO of Androscoggin, SAVAGE of Knox, SCHNEIDER of Penobscot, SNOWE-MELLO of Androscoggin, TURNER of Cumberland, WESTON of Waldo.

UTILITIES AND ENERGY

Bill "An Act Concerning Wholesale Power Purchases by Consumer-owned Transmission and Distribution Utilities"

(H.P. 563) (L.D. 742)

Sponsored by Representative FLETCHER of Winslow.
Cosponsored by Senator SHERMAN of Aroostook and Representative: JOY of Crystal.

Bill "An Act To Allow Transmission and Distribution Utilities To Generate and Sell Power"

(H.P. 564) (L.D. 743)

Sponsored by Representative TUTTLE of Sanford.
Cosponsored by Representative JOY of Crystal, Senator SMITH of Piscataquis and Representatives: ADAMS of Portland, CLARK of Millinocket, FLETCHER of Winslow, GIFFORD of Lincoln, RICHARDSON of Carmel, THOMAS of Ripley, VAUGHAN of Durham.

Bill "An Act To Increase the Percentage of Renewable Power in Systems of Very Large Investor-owned Transmission and Distribution Utilities"

(H.P. 580) (L.D. 759)

Sponsored by Representative MacDONALD of Boothbay.
Cosponsored by Senator BARTLETT of Cumberland and Representatives: ADAMS of Portland, BERRY of Bowdoinham, BOLAND of Sanford, FLETCHER of Winslow, HINCK of Portland, MIRAMANT of Camden, PIEH of Bremen, PINGREE of North Haven.

Bill "An Act To Clarify Standards for Issuance of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity"

(H.P. 585) (L.D. 764)

Sponsored by Representative FAIRCLOTH of Bangor.
Cosponsored by Senator BARTLETT of Cumberland and Representatives: BLANCHARD of Old Town, BRAUTIGAM of Falmouth, FLETCHER of Winslow.

Pursuant to Statute

Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources

Representative PIEH for the **Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources** pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 8072 asks leave to report that the accompanying Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 329: Rules Governing Milk and Milk Products, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 536) (L.D. 705)

Be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** and printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Report was **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **REFERRED** to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Sent for concurrence.

Pursuant to Statute

Maine Land Use Regulation Commission

Representative PIEH for the **Maine Land Use Regulation Commission** pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 8072 asks leave to report that the accompanying

Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 1: General Provisions and Chapter 10: Land Use Districts and Standards, Major Substantive Rules of the Maine Land Use Regulation Commission (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 538) (L.D. 717)

Be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** and printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Report was **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **REFERRED** to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Sent for concurrence.

Pursuant to Statute

Department of Health and Human Services

Representative PERRY for the **Department of Health and Human Services** pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 8072 asks leave to report that the accompanying Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Section 97, Private Non-medical Institution Services, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Health and Human Services (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 535) (L.D. 704)

Be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** and printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

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

Sent for concurrence.

Pursuant to Statute

Maine Revenue Services

Representative PIOTTI for the **Maine Revenue Services** pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 8072 asks leave to report that the accompanying Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 324: ConnectME Tax Reimbursements, a Major Substantive Rule of Maine Revenue Services (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 537) (L.D. 716)

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

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

Sent for concurrence.

Pursuant to Statute

Governor's Office

Representative BLISS for the **Governor's Office** pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 8072 asks leave to report that the accompanying Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of ConnectME Authority, Chapter 101, a Major Substantive Rule of the Governor's Office (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 586) (L.D. 765)

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

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

Sent for concurrence.

SPECIAL SENTIMENT CALENDAR

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

Recognizing:

the Lawrence High School Football Team, of Fairfield, for winning the 2006 Class A State Championship. The Lawrence Bulldogs were undefeated in 2006. In addition, the team was chosen to receive the Doc Rancourt Sportsmanship Award given by the Eastern Maine Class A football officials. We extend our congratulations to the Lawrence High School Football Team for its outstanding season and send our best wishes for its continued success;

(HLS 90)

Presented by Representative FINCH of Fairfield. Cosponsored by Senator MILLS of Somerset, Representative FITTS of Pittsfield, Representative COTTA of China, Representative FLETCHER of Winslow, Senator MARRACHÉ of Kennebec.

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

READ.

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

Representative **FINCH**: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I have the rare opportunity today to stand and recognize the 2006 State Class A Football Champions, the Lawrence Bulldogs. The team, which includes players from Albion, Benton, Clinton, and Fairfield, completed an undefeated season by defeating an outstanding team from Gorham High School in a well-played game that was not decided until the final moments. I especially consider this a rare opportunity because in the 20 years that this game has been played, this is only the second time that the winner has come from Eastern Maine.

Not only should the team be congratulated for winning the State Title, but especially for the way in which they did it. From day one, they emphasized that they were a team and not just a collection of good players. Therefore, this sentiment mentions no individual by name. In the words of a great basketball coach, John Wooden, "It is amazing how much can be accomplished when no one cares who gets credit."

Secondly, on most occasions they were smaller physically than their opponents. There is, however, an old adage that says, "What counts isn't the size of the dog in the fight, but the size of the fight in the dog." This was especially true this year when that dog was a Lawrence Bulldog.

Finally, our community is proud of the way in which the team and coaches conducted themselves during the season. We were not alone in that admiration, as evidenced by the fact that the Eastern Maine football officials selected Lawrence as the winner of the Doc Rancourt Sportsmanship Award.

In recognition of their victory, but more importantly in recognition of the way in which they achieved that victory, I am proud this morning to simply say to our team and coaches, "Well done."

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

Recognizing:

Evan Doyle, of Falmouth, who has received the distinguished Falmouth Rotary Youth Community Service Award. Evan is a senior at Falmouth High School, where he is president of the

National Honor Society and captain of the Falmouth Alpine Ski Team. In addition to his extracurricular school activities, Evan is an active community leader who volunteers at the Wayside Soup Kitchen in Portland and with Catholic Charities Maine's refugee resettlement program. We extend our congratulations to Evan on his achievements and wish him well in his future endeavors;

(HLS 91)

Presented by Representative SAVAGE of Falmouth. Cosponsored by Senator TURNER of Cumberland, Representative BRAUTIGAM of Falmouth.

On **OBJECTION** of Representative SAVAGE of Falmouth, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

READ.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Falmouth, Representative Savage.

Representative **SAVAGE**: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I would just like to speak briefly about Evan Doyle of Falmouth, one of the 14 students who participated in the Falmouth High School Safe Passage trip to Guatemala. Evan has achieved many accomplishments as the President of the National Honor Society, Captain of the Ski Team, and is a community leader. I just want to add my special congratulations on his receiving the first ever, distinguished Falmouth Rotary Youth Community Service Award in January of this year, bestowed by the Falmouth Rotary Club. Thank you.

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

Recognizing:

the members of the Safe Passage Service Group of Falmouth High School: Emily Bowden, Eileen Brandes, Taylor Burns, Evan Doyle, Amy Eklund, Lauren Girouard, Christina Jones, Logan Keeler, Jack Keeley, Brit Langford, Chelsea Locke, Emily Otte, Olivia Rowse and Alex Westervelt. The group organized, raised funds and traveled to Guatemala to volunteer its time with the Safe Passage program. Safe Passage was founded by Hanley Denning and provides hundreds of children and families living at the Guatemala City garbage dump with educational, medical, nutritional and social services. We extend our congratulations to the members of the Safe Passage Service Group of Falmouth High School on their achievement and wish them well in their future endeavors.

(HLS 94)

Presented by Representative SAVAGE of Falmouth. Cosponsored by Senator TURNER of Cumberland, Representative BRAUTIGAM of Falmouth.

On **OBJECTION** of Representative SAVAGE of Falmouth, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

READ.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Falmouth, Representative Savage.

Representative **SAVAGE**: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. Most of you here today are familiar with the work of Hanley Denning and her organization called Safe Passage, an organization to aid the children of the garbage dumps of Guatemala.

A Safe Passage trip to Guatemala was organized and begun in September 2006 by the Falmouth students here with us today. They raised a significant portion of the funds through part-time jobs and fundraising efforts. Tragically, Hanley Denning was killed in an automobile accident in January 2007, the day the students were to leave for Guatemala. Shaken but determined,

these Falmouth students continued on with their trip of dedication of a week to brightening the lives of these children of the dump. It has been a life changing experience and many of the students are planning a return to Guatemala. I am truly honored by their visit to our Gallery. Of the 14 students, I think that there are 10 here today, parents and teachers who have joined us, thank you.

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

In Memory of:

Hanley Graham Denning, of Yarmouth, founder and Executive Director of Safe Passage, an organization dedicated to providing an education to children of the families who live and work at the garbage dump of Guatemala City, Guatemala. Known to many in Guatemala as Angel del Basuero or the Angel of the Garbage Dump, Ms. Denning spent the last seven years working to build a better future for some of Guatemala City's poorest people. She became involved in humanitarian efforts after graduating from Bowdoin College and then attaining a Master's Degree from Wheelock College in Boston. Ms. Denning worked with children affected with AIDS in Roxbury, Massachusetts and taught poor children in North Carolina before traveling to Guatemala. It was there that she became inspired to help the children she found scouring the Guatemala City dump. Ms. Denning is the key figure in a documentary film nominated for an Academy Award, "Recycled Life," which is about the Guatemalans who live and work at the dump. Ms. Denning was a true humanitarian whose spirit and dedication are an inspiration for all. She will be greatly missed and long remembered by her family, her friends and all of the people whose lives she touched with her work;

(HLS 92)

Presented by Representative HARLOW of Portland.

Cosponsored by Senator TURNER of Cumberland, Representative WOODBURY of Yarmouth, Representative WEBSTER of Freeport.

On **OBJECTION** of Representative HARLOW of Portland, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

READ.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Yarmouth, Representative Woodbury.

Representative **WOODBURY**: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Men and Women of the House. I had the privilege to have been touched deeply, personally, spiritually, by the life of Hanley Denning. She was an extraordinary human being, an inspirational example of compassion, commitment, and engagement in the fullest of life's possibilities.

It was less than a year ago that Hanley was here in this Chamber and we, on behalf of the people of Maine, recognized her formally for her incredible gifts to this world. The story of her founding of Safe Passage, and its impact on an increasing number of people around the world, is one of the most inspiring stories I know. A young woman visiting Guatemala City to work on her Spanish, seeing a community of people in extreme poverty, and deciding she could not in good conscience walk away from it. Instead, she committed herself to making a permanent change in the lives of the people she met living in the Guatemala City garbage dump.

And what an impact she has had. From the 500 children currently participating in Safe Passage programs who have a better future from the educational opportunities created through Hanley's inspirational leadership, to the families whose lives have been transformed by Safe Passage. To the many people from Maine and elsewhere who have volunteered at Safe Passage or

been touched by Safe Passage. To the organization that survives Hanley and continues the work she started; and its perpetual ripple effect on the lives of people in Guatemala City, in Maine, and around the world.

Among the many friends and neighbors I know who have been to Guatemala City to support Safe Passage programs, it is not an overstatement to hear them talk about their experiences as life transforming, as if their eyes have been opened to something they just didn't get before they went.

Hanley was a phenomenon. It took about 15 seconds after meeting her to feel first, her profound sense of passion, compassion and caring for people and for her work. And second, her incredible competence and commitment and leadership capabilities. She was, in person, as inspiring as her story.

We celebrate today her incredible spirit, the depth of her love and compassion, her profound gifts to this world, and her inspirational example of how to make a difference in the world in the short time we live on this earth. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Portland, Representative Harlow.

Representative **HARLOW**: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. We often times think that young people can have an affect, and sometimes they don't. Hanley Denning on the other hand, we thought could have an affect and did. She was always number one in everything that she did. She was an outstanding person. I really didn't know her that well, I know her family better than I knew her, but I did know of her. My daughter knew her and ran with her to the various races. We went with the family to New York to run a race down there one time, and she was a perfect lady, an unbelievable young girl. I couldn't believe her. That's why it's unbelievable.

The other thing that happened, and this is not meant to be humorous, but it will give you an idea of what type of girl she is, or was. They went to Dartmouth to run a race and on the way back they got arrested by the State Police for driving too slow. Now, I don't want to say that she's an angel. I think she's a saint. In the hierarchy of religion, I think a saint is in the hierarchy of it. She was number one at Bowdoin, number one runner, and just a wonderful person coming from a wonderful family, and gave everything to this country and this world that could be given. And will always be remembered long after all of us are gone, she'll be remembered. Thank you Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen

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

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

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 Thursday, February 8, 2007, had preference in the Orders of the Day and continued with such preference until disposed of as provided by House Rule 502.

Expression of Legislative Sentiment in Memory of Sonny Pomerleau of Augusta

(SLS 36)

- In Senate, **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

TABLED - February 6, 2007 (Till Later Today) by Representative CROCKETT of Augusta.

PENDING - ADOPTION.

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Augusta, Representative Crockett.

Representative **CROCKETT**: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Men and Women of the House. It is my honor to speak about Arthur "Sonny" Pomerleau. Sonny was born and raised on Sand Hill in Augusta and graduated from Cony High School. Sonny was a member of the Calumet Club and served as President in 1990. He was also a member of the Elks Club and was very proud to be a member of both organizations.

In 1968, Sonny married his best friend and soul mate, Claire. They have a son, Jeff, and a daughter, Tammy. Their son Jeff and his wife Betty-Jo and their daughter Jessica, reside on the same lane as Sonny and Claire. Their daughter Tammy, her husband and their unborn daughter live on Sand Hill, not far from Sonny and Claire.

Sonny passed his love for nature and the outdoors on to his children and granddaughter. Folks tell me that many good times were had at Sonny and Claire's camp on Torsey Shores in Readfield. They hosted many family reunions and had an open-door policy for family and friends.

I had the pleasure to meet Sonny when I was campaigning door to door. He was truly as his name indicates, "sunny." He was upbeat as we talked about the good things taking place in Augusta, about my campaign, and the elections across Maine. Of course, he lit up and laughed as we talked about his children and as all grandparents do, about his granddaughter Jessica. I also have a granddaughter Jessica. It was easy to see how important family was to Sonny.

I, like most of the people on this side of the aisle, are pleased to call Claire a friend. She has worked for many years for the Maine Democratic Party as Bookkeeper and Comptroller. But even more than that, Claire has been the one constant in our Party Office. She is diligent and committed. Claire, our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family, as you face the loss of your true love. Mr. Speaker, when we adjourn today, I ask that that we do so in honor and lasting tribute to Arthur "Sonny" Pomerleau.

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from South Portland, Representative Bliss.

Representative **BLISS**: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I, too, want to rise to extend my condolences to Claire. It is a thankless job to try to keep track of the bills and the expenditures and the comings and goings of an organization as large and disorganized as one of the political parties that we all represent. I know that she struggled with that over a long time, and certainly took those concerns home to share with her family.

As someone who contributed to that massive mess over the last few years, I want to extend my condolences to Claire and with respect thank her and her family for the work that she did and the tolerance that her husband must have had to put up with us all. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

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

ENACTORS
Emergency Measure

An Act To Clarify the Confirmation Process of the Director of the Maine Emergency Management Agency

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

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. 144 voted in favor of the same and 1 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 Thursday, February 8, 2007, had preference in the Orders of the Day and continued with such preference until disposed of as provided by House Rule 502.

Resolve, To Assist Veterans in Need of Shelter
(H.P. 511) (L.D. 662)

(Committee on **LEGAL AND VETERANS AFFAIRS** suggested)
TABLED - February 8, 2007 (Till Later Today) by Representative GOULD of South Berwick.

PENDING - REFERENCE.

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

SENATE PAPERS

Bill "An Act To Increase Funding for the Spaying and Neutering of Companion Animals"

(S.P. 217) (L.D. 680)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Fund the Fractionation Development Center"
(S.P. 224) (L.D. 707)

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 Regarding Notice That Must Be Provided by a Psychiatric Facility Concerning Certain Patients"

(S.P. 228) (L.D. 711)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Allow Schools in the State To Self-insure for Fire, Property and Theft Insurance"

(S.P. 219) (L.D. 682)

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

On motion of Representative BRAUTIGAM of Falmouth, **TABLED** pending **REFERENCE** and later today assigned.

Bill "An Act To Create the Insurance Fraud Division within the Bureau of Insurance"

(S.P. 230) (L.D. 713)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** and ordered printed.
REFERRED to the Committee on **INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act Concerning the Examination of Persons in Protective Custody"
(S.P. 218) (L.D. 681)

Bill "An Act To Permit Medical Providers an Opportunity To Express Regret for a Medical Error"
(S.P. 221) (L.D. 684)

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Concerning the Emancipation of Minors"
(S.P. 225) (L.D. 708)

Bill "An Act To Promote Efficiency in the District Court"
(S.P. 231) (L.D. 714)

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 Continue To Allow Public Retiree Organizations Access to the Maine State Retirement System's List of All State Retirees" (EMERGENCY)
(S.P. 229) (L.D. 712)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LABOR** and ordered printed.
REFERRED to the Committee on **LABOR** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Limit the Activities of Political Candidates at Polling Places to Voting"
(S.P. 220) (L.D. 683)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LEGAL AND VETERANS AFFAIRS** and ordered printed.
REFERRED to the Committee on **LEGAL AND VETERANS AFFAIRS** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Clarify Portions of the Laws Governing InforME"
(S.P. 216) (L.D. 679)

Bill "An Act To Disclose Legislative Spending"
(S.P. 232) (L.D. 715)

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.

Bill "An Act To Support New Drivers"
(S.P. 223) (L.D. 706)

Bill "An Act To Permit Operation of a Modified Show Vehicle on a Public Way"
(S.P. 233) (L.D. 766)

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

Bill "An Act To Limit the Eminent Domain Authority of a Transmission and Distribution Utility"
(S.P. 215) (L.D. 678)

Bill "An Act To Promote Rural Broadband Access"
(S.P. 227) (L.D. 710)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **UTILITIES AND ENERGY** and ordered printed.
REFERRED to the Committee on **UTILITIES AND ENERGY** in concurrence.

Pursuant to Statute
Community Preservation Advisory Committee
Report of the **Community Preservation Advisory Committee** pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 30-A, section 4350, subsection 10 asks leave to report that the accompanying Resolve, Directing the Development of a Building Code and Building Rehabilitation Code Implementation Plan
(S.P. 214) (L.D. 677)

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 Resolve **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 Resolve **REFERRED** to the Committee on **BUSINESS, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** in concurrence.

Pursuant to Statute
Maine Human Rights Commission
Report of the **Maine Human Rights Commission** pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 4566, subsection 11 asks leave to report that the accompanying Bill "An Act To Amend the Maine Human Rights Act"
(S.P. 222) (L.D. 685)

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

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

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

Bill "An Act To Strengthen the Scientific Research Support Capability of the Maine State Museum"
(S.P. 209) (L.D. 672)

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.

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

Resolve, Establishing the Commission To Improve Certain Aspects of the Citizen Initiative Process (EMERGENCY)
(H.P. 530) (L.D. 699)

Which was **TABLED** by Representative HOLMAN of Fayette pending **REFERENCE**.

On motion of Representative PATRICK of Rumford, the Resolve was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LEGAL AND VETERANS AFFAIRS**, ordered printed and sent for concurrence.

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

First Day

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

(H.P. 262) (L.D. 327) 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) Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-5)**

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

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

On motion of Representative HARLOW of Portland, the House adjourned at 11:27 a.m., until 10:00 a.m., Thursday, February 15, 2007 in honor and lasting tribute to Hanley Graham Denning, of Yarmouth and Sonny Pomerleau, of Augusta.