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Tuesday, February 27, 2007

Representative PINGREE of North Haven assumed the Chair.

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

Prayer by Reverend Susan Stonestreet, United Christian Church, Lincolnville Center.

National Anthem by Jill Duson, Portland.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Doctor of the day, Janis Petzel, M.D., Hallowell.

The Journal of Thursday, February 15, 2007 was read and approved.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: (H.P. 628)

**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
CLERK'S OFFICE
2 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333**

February 15, 2007

Hon. Glenn Cummings

Speaker of the House

123rd Legislature

Hon. Beth Edmonds

President of the Senate

123rd Legislature

Dear Mr. Speaker and Madam President:

On February 15, 2007, 7 bills were received by the Clerk of the House.

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, these bills were referred to the Joint Standing Committees on February 15, 2007, as follows:

Appropriations and Financial Affairs

Bill "An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for the Maine Biomedical Research Fund to Create Jobs and Strengthen Maine's Economy" (H.P. 606) (L.D. 806) (Sponsored by Representative TARDY of Newport) (Cosponsored by Senator DAMON of Hancock and Representatives: CROSTHWAITE of Ellsworth, Speaker CUMMINGS of Portland, FISCHER of Presque Isle, Senators: ROSEN of Hancock, TURNER of Cumberland)

Business, Research and Economic Development

Bill "An Act To Prevent Overcharging for Prescription Drug Copayments" (H.P. 607) (L.D. 807) (Sponsored by Representative TREAT of Farmingdale) (Cosponsored by Senator MARRACHÉ of Kennebec and Representatives: BEAUDOIN of Biddeford, CAMPBELL of Newfield, CARTER of Bethel, CLEARY of Houlton, MAZUREK of Rockland, MILLER of Somerville, Senators: President EDMONDS of Cumberland, SULLIVAN of York)

Health and Human Services

Resolve, To Establish the Study Group To Examine Strategies for Integrating Nutritional Wellness and Prevention Measures into Maine's Health Care System (H.P. 608) (L.D. 808) (Sponsored by Representative BOLAND of Sanford) (Cosponsored by Senator COURTNEY of York and Representatives: BEAUDOIN of Biddeford, BRAUTIGAM of Falmouth, CANAVAN of Waterville, COTTA of China, CROCKETT of Augusta, Speaker CUMMINGS of Portland, DILL of Cape Elizabeth, DUNN of Bangor, EBERLE

of South Portland, FAIRCLOTH of Bangor, FINLEY of Skowhegan, GERZOFISKY of Brunswick, HAYES of Buckfield, HILL of York, HINCK of Portland, PERRY of Calais, PINGREE of North Haven, SIROIS of Turner, THERIAULT of Madawaska, TRINWARD of Waterville, TUTTLE of Sanford, WEAVER of York, Senator: HOBBS of York)

Judiciary

Bill "An Act To Amend the Adverse Possession Law" (H.P. 609) (L.D. 809) (Sponsored by Representative SIMPSON of Auburn) (Cosponsored by Senator HOBBS of York)

Natural Resources

Bill "An Act To Improve Solid Waste Management" (H.P. 610) (L.D. 810) (Sponsored by Representative DUCHESNE of Hudson) (Cosponsored by Senator SMITH of Piscataquis and Representatives: ANNIS of Dover-Foxcroft, BABBIDGE of Kennebec, EBERLE of South Portland, KOFFMAN of Bar Harbor, McDONOUGH of Scarborough, WAGNER of Lewiston)

Taxation

Bill "An Act To Exempt Dietary Supplements from the Sales Tax" (H.P. 611) (L.D. 811) (Sponsored by Representative BOLAND of Sanford)

Transportation

Bill "An Act To Amend the Driver's License Laws" (H.P. 612) (L.D. 812) (Sponsored by Representative MARLEY of Portland) (Cosponsored by Senator DAMON of Hancock and Representatives: HOGAN of Old Orchard Beach, MAZUREK of Rockland, PEOPLES of Westbrook, ROSEN of Bucksport, THOMAS of Ripley, Senators: DIAMOND of Cumberland, SAVAGE of Knox) (Submitted by the Secretary of State pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Sincerely,

S/Millicent M. MacFarland

Clerk of the House

S/Joy J. O'Brien

Secretary of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

Sent for concurrence.

The Following Communication: (H.P. 629)

**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
CLERK'S OFFICE
2 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333**

February 16, 2007

Hon. Glenn Cummings

Speaker of the House

123rd Legislature

Hon. Beth Edmonds

President of the Senate

123rd Legislature

Dear Mr. Speaker and Madam President:

On February 16, 2007, 15 bills were received by the Clerk of the House.

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, these bills were referred to the Joint Standing Committees on February 16, 2007, as follows:

Appropriations and Financial Affairs

Bill "An Act To Support the Maine Keeping Seniors Home Program" (H.P. 614) (L.D. 817) (Sponsored by Representative CAMPBELL of Newfield) (Cosponsored by Senator MARRACHÉ of Kennebec and Representatives: BEAUDOIN of Biddeford, CONNOR of Kennebec, FINLEY of Skowhegan, GROSE of

Woolwich, LEWIN of Eliot, PERRY of Calais, WALCOTT of Lewiston, Senator: RAYE of Washington)

Bill "An Act To Provide Support for the Volunteer Medical Ride Network" (H.P. 615) (L.D. 818) (Sponsored by Representative CAMPBELL of Newfield) (Cosponsored by Senator MARTIN of Aroostook and Representatives: BEAUDOIN of Biddeford, CONNOR of Kennebunk, FINLEY of Skowhegan, GROSE of Woolwich, LEWIN of Eliot, PERRY of Calais, WALCOTT of Lewiston, WALKER of Lincolnville)

Bill "An Act To Provide Supplemental Funding for Mileage Reimbursement for Volunteers for Meals on Wheels Programs" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 616) (L.D. 819) (Sponsored by Representative CAMPBELL of Newfield) (Cosponsored by Senator RAYE of Washington and Representatives: BEAUDOIN of Biddeford, CONNOR of Kennebunk, FINLEY of Skowhegan, GROSE of Woolwich, LEWIN of Eliot, PERRY of Calais, WALCOTT of Lewiston, WALKER of Lincolnville)

Business, Research and Economic Development

Bill "An Act To Amend the Funeral Service Licensing Laws" (H.P. 617) (L.D. 820) (Sponsored by Representative PENDLETON of Scarborough) (Cosponsored by Senator SHERMAN of Aroostook and Representatives: AUSTIN of Gray, BEAUDETTE of Biddeford, RECTOR of Thomaston, SMITH of Monmouth)

Education and Cultural Affairs

Resolve, To Make University of Maine System Tuition Affordable (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 618) (L.D. 821) (Sponsored by Representative MOORE of Standish)

Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

Bill "An Act To Eliminate Fees for Resident Junior Hunters" (H.P. 619) (L.D. 822) (Sponsored by Representative PRATT of Eddington) (Cosponsored by Representatives: CLARK of Millinocket, CLEARY of Houlton, CRAY of Palmyra, CURTIS of Madison, GIFFORD of Lincoln, JACKSON of Allagash, THERIAULT of Madawaska, WATSON of Bath)

Resolve, To Create an Effective Coyote Control Program (H.P. 620) (L.D. 823) (Sponsored by Representative CLARK of Millinocket) (Cosponsored by Senator BRYANT of Oxford and Representatives: BRYANT of Windham, JACKSON of Allagash, LUNDEEN of Mars Hill, WHEELER of Kittery)

Resolve, Directing the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife To Extend the Coyote Night Hunting Season (H.P. 621) (L.D. 824) (Sponsored by Representative CLARK of Millinocket) (Cosponsored by Senator BRYANT of Oxford and Representatives: JACKSON of Allagash, LUNDEEN of Mars Hill, WHEELER of Kittery)

Bill "An Act To Allow Special Olympics Maine To Conduct an Open Bass Fishing Tournament" (H.P. 622) (L.D. 825) (Sponsored by Representative JACKSON of Allagash) (Cosponsored by Senator SHERMAN of Aroostook and Representatives: BARSTOW of Gorham, CAIN of Orono, CASAVANT of Biddeford, CLARK of Millinocket, CLEARY of Houlton, CONOVER of Oakland, CRESSEY of Cornish, CROCKETT of Augusta, DRISCOLL of Westbrook, EATON of Sullivan, FINLEY of Skowhegan, FLOOD of Winthrop, HILL of York, HOGAN of Old Orchard Beach, MILLS of Farmington, PATRICK of Rumford, PEOPLES of Westbrook, PILON of Saco, PINKHAM of Lexington Township, PRATT of Eddington, SIROIS of Turner, SMITH of Monmouth, SUTHERLAND of Chapman, THERIAULT of Madawaska, TUTTLE of Sanford, WEBSTER of Freeport, WHEELER of Kittery)

Bill "An Act To Protect Inland Waters and Property Owners" (H.P. 623) (L.D. 826) (Sponsored by Representative MOORE of Standish)

Labor

Bill "An Act To Allow Certain Special Education Teachers To Acquire Time from the Maine State Retirement System" (H.P. 624) (L.D. 827) (Sponsored by Representative DRISCOLL of Westbrook) (Cosponsored by Senator STRIMLING of Cumberland and Representatives: CLARK of Millinocket, FAIRCLOTH of Bangor, JACKSON of Allagash, PEOPLES of Westbrook, PINGREE of North Haven, TUTTLE of Sanford)

Taxation

Bill "An Act To Change the Process for Applying for Reimbursement of Fuel Taxes" (H.P. 625) (L.D. 828) (Sponsored by Representative CURTIS of Madison) (Cosponsored by Representative: CRAY of Palmyra)

Bill "An Act To Create a Back-to-school Sales Tax-free Weekend Each Year" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 626) (L.D. 829) (Sponsored by Representative McLEOD of Lee) (Cosponsored by Representative CEBRA of Naples and Representatives: AYOTTE of Caswell, BROWNE of Vassalboro, FLETCHER of Winslow, JACOBSEN of Waterboro, LEWIN of Eliot, SYKES of Harrison, THIBODEAU of Winterport, TIBBETTS of Columbia)

Transportation

Bill "An Act To Permit the Use of Pictorial Graphics and Photographs on Changeable Signs" (H.P. 627) (L.D. 830) (Sponsored by Representative BROWNE of Vassalboro) (Cosponsored by Senator GOOLEY of Franklin and Representatives: AYOTTE of Caswell, CEBRA of Naples, FITTS of Pittsfield, HOGAN of Old Orchard Beach, McLEOD of Lee, THOMAS of Ripley, Senator: SHERMAN of Aroostook)

Utilities and Energy

Bill "An Act To Provide an Energy Allowance to At-home Patients Using Ventilators" (H.P. 613) (L.D. 813) (Sponsored by Representative BROWNE of Vassalboro) (Cosponsored by Senator RAYE of Washington and Representatives: AUSTIN of Gray, CAMPBELL of Newfield, HAMPER of Oxford, LEWIN of Eliot, PRESCOTT of Topsham, SMITH of Monmouth, WATSON of Bath, Senator: McCORMICK of Kennebec)

Sincerely,

S/Millicent M. MacFarland

Clerk of the House

S/Joy J. O'Brien

Secretary of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

Sent for concurrence.

The Following Communication: (H.P. 664)

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333**

February 6, 2007

Honorable Millicent M. MacFarland

Clerk of the House

2 State House Station

Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Clerk MacFarland:

Enclosed please find my official certification to the 123rd Legislature of the citizen initiative petition entitled "An Act to Authorize a Tribal Commercial Track and Slot Machines in Washington County."

Sincerely,

S/Matthew Dunlap

Secretary of State

**STATE OF MAINE
DEPARTMENT OF STATE**

I, Matthew Dunlap, Secretary of State, hereby certify that written petitions bearing signatures of 51,096 electors of this State were addressed to the Legislature of the State of Maine and were filed in the office of the Secretary of State as of August 15, 2006, requesting that the Legislature consider an act entitled, "An Act to Authorize a Tribal Commercial Track and Slot Machines in Washington County." These included petitions which were already on file as of January 31, 2006, plus new petitions submitted on July 10, 2006, August 3, 2006, and August 15, 2006.

I further certify that the number of signatures submitted is in excess of ten percent of the total votes cast in the last gubernatorial election preceding the filing of such petitions, as required by Article IV, Part Third, Section 18 of the Constitution of Maine, that number being 50,519.

I further certify this initiative petition to be valid and attach herewith the text of the legislation circulated on the petition's behalf.

In testimony whereof, I have caused the Great Seal of the State of Maine to be hereunto affixed. Given under my hand at Augusta on the first day of February in the year two thousand and seven.

S/MATTHEW DUNLAP
Secretary of State

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

Sent for concurrence.

On motion of Representative PATRICK of Rumford, the accompanying Bill "An Act To Authorize a Tribal Commercial Track and Slot Machines in Washington County"

(I.B. 1) (L.D. 805)

REFERRED to the Committee on **LEGAL AND VETERANS AFFAIRS**, ordered printed and sent for concurrence.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 84)

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

February 20, 2007
Hon. Millicent M. MacFarland
Clerk of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Clerk MacFarland:

Pursuant to my authority under Article III, Section 3.01 of the National Legislative Association on Prescription Drug Prices bylaws, I am pleased to appoint Representative James J. Campbell, Sr. of Newfield to the National Legislative Association on Prescription Drug Prices.

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. 85)

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE**

COMMITTEE ON CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

February 15, 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 Criminal Justice and Public Safety has voted unanimously to report the following bill out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 91

An Act To Provide Regulation of the Department of Corrections Telephone System by the Public Utilities Commission

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

Sincerely,
S/Sen. Bill Diamond
Senate Chair
S/Rep. Stanley J. Gerzofsky
House Chair

READ and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

The Following Communication: (H.C. 86)

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

February 15, 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 bill out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 273

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

We have also notified the sponsor and cosponsors 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. 87)

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE**

February 15, 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 Inland Fisheries and Wildlife has

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

- L.D. 126 Resolve, To Increase Public Access to Glazier Lake
- L.D. 162 An Act To Require the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife To Track All Stocking and Transfers of Fish
- L.D. 166 An Act To Require the Standardization of Fishing Rules
- L.D. 197 An Act To Prevent the Domestication of Wild Turkey and Deer

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

Sincerely,
S/Sen. Bruce Bryant
Senate Chair
S/Rep. Troy D. Jackson
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 88)

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

February 15, 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. 237 An Act To Amend the Maine Tree Growth Tax Law

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. 89)

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

February 15, 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. 7 Resolve, To Require the Department of Transportation To Accept a Traffic Light in Portland

- L.D. 17 Resolve, To Transfer the Cliff Island Wharf from the City of Portland to the Department of Transportation
- L.D. 133 An Act To Require Seat Belts on All School Buses

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: (H.C. 90)

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

February 20, 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. 159 RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Dedicate a Portion of Vehicle Registration Fees To Fund Veterans' Cemeteries

L.D. 180 An Act To Provide for a Change in Gender Designation on a Driver's License BY REQUEST

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: (H.C. 91)

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

February 20, 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 Utilities and Energy has voted unanimously to report the following bills out "Ought Not to Pass":
L.D. 33 An Act To Simplify Wireless Telecommunications

L.D. 290 An Act To Encourage the Use of Solar Energy

L.D. 352 An Act To Provide an Appeal Process Regarding Rate Increases of Certain Quasi-municipal Districts and Corporations

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

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

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (S.P. 254)

**STATE OF MAINE
123RD MAINE LEGISLATURE**

February 13, 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 Robert McAleer of Harpswell for appointment as Director of the Maine Emergency Management Agency. Pursuant to M.R.S.A. Title 37-B §704, 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.

The Following Communication: (S.P. 255)

**STATE OF MAINE
123RD MAINE LEGISLATURE**

February 13, 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 Richard Davies of Hallowell for appointment as Public Advocate. Pursuant to M.R.S.A. Title 35-A §1701, 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. 256)

**STATE OF MAINE
123RD MAINE LEGISLATURE**

February 14, 2007
Sen. Ethan Strimling
Senate Chair, Joint Standing Committee on Labor
Rep. John L. Tuttle
House Chair, Joint Standing Committee on Labor
123rd Legislature
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Senator Strimling and Representative Tuttle:
Please be advised that Governor John E. Baldacci has nominated the following to the Maine State Retirement System Board of Trustees:

Peter Leslie of Waterford for reappointment
Benedetto Viola of Scarborough for reappointment
Kenneth Williams of Damariscotta for reappointment
Richard Metivier of Lewiston for appointment
Carol Mitchell of Portland for appointment
Pursuant to Title 5 M.R.S.A. §17102, these nominations will require review by the Joint Standing Committee on Labor 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 **LABOR**.

READ and REFERRED to the Committee on **LABOR** in concurrence.

Under suspension of the rules, members were allowed to remove their jackets.

**PETITIONS, BILLS AND RESOLVES REQUIRING
REFERENCE**

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

AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY

Bill "An Act To Require a Commercial Applicator's License To Use Pesticides in Food-handling Establishments"

(H.P. 650) (L.D. 861)

Sponsored by Representative SAVIELLO of Wilton.
Submitted by the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Resolve, To Study Maine's Agricultural Creative Economy Sector

(H.P. 666) (L.D. 876)

Sponsored by Representative PIEH of Bremen.
Cosponsored by Senator NUTTING of Androscoggin and Representatives: CRAY of Palmyra, GIFFORD of Lincoln, HOLMAN of Fayette, PERCY of Phippsburg, PIOTTI of Unity, SMITH of Monmouth, Senators: RAYE of Washington, SHERMAN of Aroostook.

APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

Bill "An Act To Improve Health Care for Maine Children through the Expansion of School-based Health Care Centers"

(H.P. 651) (L.D. 862)

Sponsored by Representative HARLOW of Portland.

Cosponsored by Senator MITCHELL of Kennebec and Representatives: BRAUTIGAM of Falmouth, CANAVAN of Waterville, CLARK of Millinocket, Speaker CUMMINGS of Portland, FAIRCLOTH of Bangor, FLOOD of Winthrop, HASKELL of Portland, LUNDEEN of Mars Hill, MARLEY of Portland, McDONOUGH of Scarborough, PATRICK of Rumford, PERRY of Calais, PIOTTI of Unity, WEDDELL of Frankfort, Senators: DAMON of Hancock, MARRACHÉ of Kennebec, RAYE of Washington, SNOWE-MELLO of Androscoggin.

Bill "An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for Acquiring Land and Water Access through the Land for Maine's Future Program"

(H.P. 652) (L.D. 863)

Sponsored by Speaker CUMMINGS of Portland.

Cosponsored by President EDMONDS of Cumberland and Representatives: BARSTOW of Gorham, BERRY of Bowdoinham, CRAVEN of Lewiston, DUCHESNE of Hudson, FISCHER of Presque Isle, HINCK of Portland, HOLMAN of Fayette, MAZUREK of Rockland, MILLS of Farmington, PIEH of Bremen, PIOTTI of Unity, PRIEST of Brunswick, RECTOR of Thomaston, SILSBY of Augusta, WEBSTER of Freeport, Senators: BARTLETT of Cumberland, MITCHELL of Kennebec.

Bill "An Act To Provide Funding for the Low-income Home Energy Assistance Program" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 663) (L.D. 874)

Sponsored by Representative BRYANT of Windham.

Cosponsored by Senator BRYANT of Oxford and Representatives: ADAMS of Portland, AUSTIN of Gray, BABBIDGE of Kennebunk, BARSTOW of Gorham, BEAUDETTE of Biddeford, BEAUDOIN of Biddeford, BEAULIEU of Auburn, BERRY of Bowdoinham, BLANCHARD of Old Town, BLANCHETTE of Bangor, BLISS of South Portland, BOLAND of Sanford, BRAUTIGAM of Falmouth, BROWNE of Vassalboro, BURNS of Berwick, CAIN of Orono, CANAVAN of Waterville, CARTER of Bethel, CASAVANT of Biddeford, CLARK of Millinocket, CLEARY of Houlton, CONNOR of Kennebunk, CONOVER of Oakland, CRAVEN of Lewiston, CRAY of Palmyra, CROCKETT of Augusta, Speaker CUMMINGS of Portland, DILL of Cape Elizabeth, DRISCOLL of Westbrook, DUCHESNE of Hudson, DUNN of Bangor, EATON of Sullivan, EBERLE of South Portland, EMERY of Cutler, FAIRCLOTH of Bangor, FARRINGTON of Gorham, FINCH of Fairfield, FINLEY of Skowhegan, GERZOFSKY of Brunswick, GROSE of Woolwich, HARLOW of Portland, HASKELL of Portland, HAYES of Buckfield, HILL of York, HINCK of Portland, HOGAN of Old Orchard Beach, JACKSON of Allagash, JACOBSEN of Waterboro, KAENRATH of South Portland, KOFFMAN of Bar Harbor, LUNDEEN of Mars Hill, MacDONALD of Boothbay, MAKAS of Lewiston, MARLEY of Portland, MAZUREK of Rockland, MILLER of Somerville, MILLS of Farmington, MIRAMANT of Camden, MUSE of Fryeburg, NORTON of Bangor, PATRICK of Rumford, PEOPLES of Westbrook, PERCY of Phippsburg, PERRY of Calais, PIEH of Bremen, PILON of Saco, PINEAU of Jay, PINGREE of North Haven, PINKHAM of Lexington Township, PIOTTI of Unity, PLUMMER of Windham, PRATT of Eddington, PRIEST of Brunswick, RAND of Portland, RICHARDSON of Greenville, RINES of Wiscasset, ROSEN of Bucksport, SAMSON of Auburn, SCHATZ of Blue Hill, SIMPSON

of Auburn, SIROIS of Turner, SMITH of Monmouth, THERIAULT of Madawaska, TREAT of Farmingdale, TRINWARD of Waterville, TUTTLE of Sanford, VALENTINO of Saco, WALCOTT of Lewiston, WATSON of Bath, WEBSTER of Freeport, WHEELER of Kittery, Senators: BARTLETT of Cumberland, BENOIT of Sagadahoc, BOWMAN of York, BRANNIGAN of Cumberland, BROMLEY of Cumberland, COURTNEY of York, DAMON of Hancock, DIAMOND of Cumberland, DOW of Lincoln, President EDMONDS of Cumberland, GOOLEY of Franklin, HASTINGS of Oxford, HOBBS of York, MARRACHÉ of Kennebec, MARTIN of Aroostook, MILLS of Somerset, MITCHELL of Kennebec, NUTTING of Androscoggin, PERRY of Penobscot, RAYE of Washington, ROSEN of Hancock, ROTUNDO of Androscoggin, SAVAGE of Knox, SCHNEIDER of Penobscot, SHERMAN of Aroostook, SNOWE-MELLO of Androscoggin, STRIMLING of Cumberland, SULLIVAN of York, TURNER of Cumberland, WESTON of Waldo.

BUSINESS, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Bill "An Act Regarding Ticket Refunds"

(H.P. 630) (L.D. 831)

Sponsored by Representative ADAMS of Portland.

Cosponsored by Senator BARTLETT of Cumberland and Representatives: BEAUDOIN of Biddeford, BRYANT of Windham, CONNOR of Kennebunk, CROCKETT of Augusta, PATRICK of Rumford, SILSBY of Augusta, SMITH of Monmouth, VALENTINO of Saco.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

Resolve, Directing the Department of Public Safety To Convene a Working Group To Review the Functioning of College and University Law Enforcement Departments

(H.P. 631) (L.D. 832)

Sponsored by Representative BARSTOW of Gorham.

Cosponsored by Senator SCHNEIDER of Penobscot and Representatives: CAIN of Orono, FARRINGTON of Gorham, FISCHER of Presque Isle, GERZOFSKY of Brunswick, SILSBY of Augusta.

Bill "An Act To Protect Local Police Departments"

(H.P. 653) (L.D. 864)

Sponsored by Representative ANNIS of Dover-Foxcroft.

Cosponsored by Senator SMITH of Piscataquis and Representatives: DUCHESNE of Hudson, HAMPER of Oxford, LEWIN of Eliot, McDONOUGH of Scarborough, MIRAMANT of Camden, RICHARDSON of Carmel, RICHARDSON of Greenville, THOMAS of Ripley.

EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

Resolve, To Create a Study Commission To Review and Report on the Possibility of Making All Public School Teachers in Maine Employees of the State

(H.P. 633) (L.D. 834)

Sponsored by Representative HOTHAM of Dixfield.

Cosponsored by Senator MILLS of Somerset and Representative: TARDY of Newport, Senators: McCORMICK of Kennebec, PERRY of Penobscot.

Bill "An Act To Encourage School Administrative Units To Collaborate with Other School Administrative Units"

(H.P. 634) (L.D. 835)

Sponsored by Representative SILSBY of Augusta.

Cosponsored by Senator MITCHELL of Kennebec and Representatives: BARSTOW of Gorham, BERRY of

Bowdoinham, CLEARY of Houlton, CONNOR of Kennebunk, CROCKETT of Augusta, FAIRCLOTH of Bangor, NORTON of Bangor, TRINWARD of Waterville.

Bill "An Act To Enhance Special Education"

(H.P. 635) (L.D. 836)

Sponsored by Representative MAKAS of Lewiston.

Cosponsored by Senator TURNER of Cumberland and Representatives: CAIN of Orono, EDGECOMB of Caribou, WEBSTER of Freeport, Senator: DIAMOND of Cumberland.

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

Bill "An Act To Provide Funding to Postsecondary Marine Training Programs"

(H.P. 669) (L.D. 884)

Sponsored by Representative EMERY of Cutler.

Cosponsored by Senator RAYE of Washington and Representatives: EDGECOMB of Caribou, FISCHER of Presque Isle, MAZUREK of Rockland, PENDLETON of Scarborough, PINGREE of North Haven, TIBBETTS of Columbia, Senators: DAMON of Hancock, ROSEN of Hancock.

Bill "An Act To Support the Maine Patent Program"

(H.P. 632) (L.D. 833)

Sponsored by Representative FISCHER of Presque Isle.

Cosponsored by Senator HOBBS of York and Representatives: BABIDGE of Kennebunk, BRYANT of Windham, Speaker CUMMINGS of Portland, Senator: SHERMAN of Aroostook.

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

On motion of Representative EDGECOMB of Caribou, 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 Protecting the Confidentiality of Prescription Information"

(H.P. 637) (L.D. 838)

Sponsored by Representative TREAT of Farmingdale.

Cosponsored by Representative CAMPBELL of Newfield, Senator SCHNEIDER of Penobscot and Representatives: BRAUTIGAM of Falmouth, FAIRCLOTH of Bangor, HINCK of Portland, JOY of Crystal, PENDLETON of Scarborough, PERRY of Calais, PRIEST of Brunswick, RAND of Portland.

Bill "An Act To Prevent Infant Exposure to Harmful Hormone-disrupting Substances"

(H.P. 636) (L.D. 837)

Sponsored by Representative HINCK of Portland.

Cosponsored by Senator DOW of Lincoln and Representatives: FAIRCLOTH of Bangor, KOFFMAN of Bar Harbor, MILLER of Somerville, MOORE of Standish, PERRY of Calais, PINGREE of North Haven, WALCOTT of Lewiston, Senator: MARTIN of Aroostook.

Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** suggested.

On motion of Representative PERRY of Calais, **TABLED** pending **REFERENCE** and later today assigned.

Bill "An Act To Establish a Prescription Drug Academic Detailing Program"

(H.P. 638) (L.D. 839)

Sponsored by Representative TREAT of Farmingdale.

Cosponsored by Senator SCHNEIDER of Penobscot and Representatives: BRAUTIGAM of Falmouth, CAMPBELL of Newfield, CONOVER of Oakland, MILLER of Somerville, PERRY of Calais.

Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** suggested.

On motion of Representative PERRY of Calais, **TABLED** pending **REFERENCE** and later today assigned.

INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE

Bill "An Act To Reduce the Cost of Hunting and Fishing Licenses for Certain Veterans and Members of the Military Service"

(H.P. 654) (L.D. 865)

Sponsored by Representative MILLETT of Waterford.

Cosponsored by Representative McLEOD of Lee, Senator MARTIN of Aroostook and Representatives: CARTER of Bethel, FLOOD of Winthrop.

INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES

Bill "An Act To Update the Authority of the Maine Employers' Mutual Insurance Company To Better Serve the Needs of Maine Employers"

(H.P. 639) (L.D. 840)

Sponsored by Representative BRAUTIGAM of Falmouth.

Cosponsored by Senator SULLIVAN of York and Representatives: HOLMAN of Fayette, PRIEST of Brunswick.

Bill "An Act To Extend Health Insurance Coverage for Dependent Children up to 25 Years of Age"

(H.P. 640) (L.D. 841)

Sponsored by Representative BARSTOW of Gorham.

Cosponsored by Representatives: TREAT of Farmingdale, VALENTINO of Saco, Senator STRIMLING of Cumberland and Representatives: BRAUTIGAM of Falmouth, CAIN of Orono, Speaker CUMMINGS of Portland, GERZOFKY of Brunswick, PINGREE of North Haven, SILSBY of Augusta, Senators: BARTLETT of Cumberland, SCHNEIDER of Penobscot.

Bill "An Act To Require Insurance Coverage for Infertility Treatments"

(H.P. 641) (L.D. 842)

Sponsored by Representative ROBINSON of Raymond.

Cosponsored by Representatives: CAIN of Orono, GILES of Belfast.

JUDICIARY

Bill "An Act To Provide Immunity from Tort Claims against the State of New Hampshire Department of Transportation when Performing Maintenance Operations within the State of Maine"

(H.P. 642) (L.D. 843)

Sponsored by Representative SIMPSON of Auburn.

Cosponsored by Senator DAMON of Hancock.

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

Bill "An Act To Amend the Wrongful Death Laws"

(H.P. 655) (L.D. 866)

Sponsored by Representative FAIRCLOTH of Bangor.

Cosponsored by Representative: GROSE of Woolwich, Senator: BARTLETT of Cumberland.

Bill "An Act To Implement the Recommendations of a Joint Task Force on Fraudulent Uniform Commercial Code Filings as Adopted by the National Association of Secretaries of State and the International Association of Commercial Administrators"

(H.P. 656) (L.D. 867)

Sponsored by Representative SIMPSON of Auburn.

Cosponsored by Senator HOBBS of York and Representatives: CASAVANT of Biddeford, LORING of the Penobscot Nation.

Submitted by the Secretary of State pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Bill "An Act To Amend the Civil Foreclosure Laws"

(H.P. 657) (L.D. 868)

Sponsored by Representative SIMPSON of Auburn.

Cosponsored by Senator HOBBS of York and Representatives: BERUBE of Lisbon, DILL of Cape Elizabeth, HOLMAN of Fayette, JACOBSEN of Waterboro, MILLS of Farmington, NASS of Acton, Senators: HASTINGS of Oxford, NUTTING of Androscoggin.

LABOR

Bill "An Act To Change the Name of the Division of Labor Market Information Services to the Center for Workforce Research and Information"

(H.P. 643) (L.D. 844)

Sponsored by Representative RECTOR of Thomaston.

Cosponsored by Senator DIAMOND of Cumberland and Representatives: AUSTIN of Gray, DUNN of Bangor, JACKSON of Allagash, LANSLEY of Sabattus, SAVIELLO of Wilton, SYKES of Harrison, Senator: SNOWE-MELLO of Androscoggin.

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

Bill "An Act To Tie the Percentage of Health Insurance Benefits for Retired Teachers to That of Retired Legislators"

(H.P. 644) (L.D. 845)

Sponsored by Representative EDGECOMB of Caribou.

Cosponsored by Senator BOWMAN of York and Representatives: BEAULIEU of Auburn, McFADDEN of Dennysville, MUSE of Fryeburg, SAVIELLO of Wilton.

Resolve, Directing the Maine State Retirement System To Recalculate the Retirement Benefits of D'Lila Terracin

(H.P. 658) (L.D. 869)

Sponsored by Representative TUTTLE of Sanford.

Cosponsored by Representatives: BOLAND of Sanford, CAMPBELL of Newfield, Senator: COURTNEY of York.

Bill "An Act To Enhance Education Services for Blind and Visually Impaired Children"

(H.P. 659) (L.D. 870)

Sponsored by Representative FAIRCLOTH of Bangor.

Cosponsored by Senator DOW of Lincoln and Representative: GROSE of Woolwich, Senators: BARTLETT of Cumberland, PERRY of Penobscot.

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Relating to the Treatment of Maine State Retirement System Contributions for Terminated Members"

(H.P. 660) (L.D. 871)

Sponsored by Representative CLARK of Millinocket.

Cosponsored by Senator STRIMLING of Cumberland and Representatives: BURNS of Berwick, DRISCOLL of Westbrook, JACKSON of Allagash, THOMAS of Ripley, TUTTLE of Sanford, Senators: DOW of Lincoln, SULLIVAN of York.

Submitted by the Maine State Retirement System pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

LEGAL AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

Bill "An Act To Increase the Distance from a School within Which an Agency Liquor Store May Not Be Located"

(H.P. 645) (L.D. 846)

Sponsored by Representative MacDONALD of Boothbay.

Cosponsored by Senator DOW of Lincoln and Representatives: GROSE of Woolwich, McKANE of Newcastle, MIRAMANT of Camden, PIEH of Bremen, WALCOTT of Lewiston.

MARINE RESOURCES

Bill "An Act To Support the Commercial Groundfish Industry" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 646) (L.D. 847)

Sponsored by Representative RECTOR of Thomaston.

Cosponsored by Senator DAMON of Hancock and Representatives: GILES of Belfast, MacDONALD of Boothbay, MAZUREK of Rockland, McKANE of Newcastle, PERCY of Phippsburg, PINGREE of North Haven, Senators: DOW of Lincoln, TURNER of Cumberland.

NATURAL RESOURCES

Bill "An Act To Encourage Greater Public Input into the State Environmental Licensing Process"

(H.P. 647) (L.D. 848)

Sponsored by Representative ANNIS of Dover-Foxcroft.

Cosponsored by Senator BARTLETT of Cumberland and Representatives: DUCHESNE of Hudson, KOFFMAN of Bar Harbor, Senators: MILLS of Somerset, SMITH of Piscataquis.

Submitted by the Department of Environmental Protection pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

TAXATION

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Eligibility for the Maine Residents Property Tax Program"

(H.P. 648) (L.D. 849)

Sponsored by Representative PERCY of Phippsburg.

Bill "An Act To Reduce Taxes"

(H.P. 649) (L.D. 850)

Sponsored by Representative WATSON of Bath.

Cosponsored by President EDMONDS of Cumberland and Representatives: BEAUDOIN of Biddeford, BERRY of Bowdoinham, BLANCHETTE of Bangor, Speaker CUMMINGS of Portland, PERCY of Phippsburg, PIOTTI of Unity, SMITH of Monmouth, Senator: PERRY of Penobscot.

Bill "An Act To Exempt Military Pensions and Survivors' Benefit Payments from State Income Tax"

(H.P. 661) (L.D. 872)

Sponsored by Representative LANSLEY of Sabattus.

Cosponsored by Representative CRESSEY of Cornish, Senator COURTNEY of York and Representatives: CEBRA of Naples, CROSTHWAITE of Ellsworth, EDGECOMB of Caribou, HOTHAM of Dixfield, RICHARDSON of Warren, ROBINSON of Raymond, SAVIELLO of Wilton, VAUGHAN of Durham.

Bill "An Act Regarding the Homestead Exemption as It Applies to Certain Housing Cooperatives"

(H.P. 667) (L.D. 877)

Sponsored by Representative TARDY of Newport.

TRANSPORTATION

Bill "An Act To Require Economic Analysis and Public Comment for Road Construction Projects"

(H.P. 662) (L.D. 873)

Sponsored by Representative FISCHER of Presque Isle.

UTILITIES AND ENERGY

Bill "An Act To Amend the Charter of the Harrison Water District" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 668) (L.D. 878)

Sponsored by Representative SYKES of Harrison.

Cosponsored by Senator HASTINGS of Oxford and Representative: CRESSEY of Cornish.

Pursuant to Public Law

Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

Representative PIEH for the **Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry** pursuant to Public Law 2005, chapter 553, section 4 asks leave to report that the accompanying Bill "An Act To Continue the Protection of Marine Waters and Organisms from the Risks Posed by the Applications of Pesticides" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 665) (L.D. 875)

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

Report was **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **REFERRED** to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** 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:

Barry Cote, of Augusta, on the occasion of his retirement after 35 years of service to the State of Maine. As the Superintendent of Buildings, Mr. Cote was responsible for overseeing the proper and safe operation of all state-owned buildings. This included coordinating all custodial work in state buildings as well as grounds work and building control, and overseeing work performed by tradesmen such as electricians, plumbers and carpenters. Mr. Cote has been a dedicated and hard-working employee and his shoes will be very hard to fill. We congratulate Mr. Cote on this new phase of his life and send our best wishes for his continued prosperity;

(SLS 39)

On **OBJECTION** of Representative SILSBY of Augusta, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

READ.

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

Representative **SILSBY**: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Men and Women of the House. It is my honor to recognize the retirement of Barry Cote, of Augusta, after 35 years of service to the State of Maine as Superintendent of Buildings.

Barry's employment history with the state is one of a success story. He started in the paint shop and continued to be promoted until he served as Superintendent. His institutional memory and knowledge of the state buildings and grounds has been an incredible asset to our state and will be a huge hole to fill. He is

reliable and always willing to help, personable, and is 100% dedicated to our state. Barry retired once from the state and came back to help us out. He tells me this time, he is going to really get involved in the woodworking projects that he has always wanted to do, but never had time.

In addition to his contributions to the state, Barry is a vital member of the Augusta community. He is kindhearted and compassionate. I ask the members of the House to join me in congratulating Barry Cote, of Augusta, on his retirement and thank him for his dedicated service to our state. Thank you.

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

Representative **CROCKETT**: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I want to add my congratulations to Barry on this occasion of his retirement from state government. I've known Barry for many years and I'm sure this will just be the start of his next adventure.

In addition to Barry's dedication to state government, he has dedicated many hours to the City of Augusta, by serving on the Augusta Planning Board. Barry, on behalf of Augusta residents, I want to thank you for your many late night sessions and your thoughtful work planning for Augusta to become to the place where we want to live, work, and play. Thank you and good luck. I hope you enjoy many years of good health and happiness in your retirement.

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

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

Recognizing:

Biddeford High School Cheerleading Squad, of Biddeford, which won the Western Maine Class A Championship in cheerleading for 2007. Led by Coach Debbie Lebel, the team brought home its first Class A state championship since 2002. We congratulate the Biddeford High School Cheerleading Squad and send our best wishes for its continued success;

(SLS 43)

On **OBJECTION** of Representative BEAUDETTE of Biddeford, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

READ.

On motion of the same Representative, **TABLED** pending **PASSAGE** and later today assigned.

Recognizing:

the Honorable A. David Trahan, of Waldoboro, for his outstanding service and dedication during his 8 years as a member of the Maine State Legislature in the House of Representatives. Mr. Trahan worked hard not only for the communities in District 50 but for the entire State. He served on the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and was the ranking Republican for two terms. Mr. Trahan was an advocate of getting cameras in the House chamber to increase public awareness of the legislative process. Mr. Trahan may be best known for his tireless work to establish the Office of Program Evaluation and Government Accountability, which assists the Legislature in its government oversight duties by performing independent reviews of state programs, agencies and activities. For his generous contributions to the people of Maine and his commitment to the betterment of his community, we recognize and thank Mr. Trahan and offer our best wishes for his continued success;

(HLS 113)

Presented by Representative McKANE of Newcastle.
Cosponsored by Senator DOW of Lincoln, Representative PIEH of Bremen, Representative TARDY of Newport, Representative CROTHWAITE of Ellsworth.

On **OBJECTION** of Representative McKANE of Newcastle, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

READ.

The **SPEAKER PRO TEM**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Newcastle, Representative McKane.

Representative **McKANE**: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. The Honorable David Trahan was termed out last year after four terms in this body. Through my work and collaborations with David, I have found that I don't know anybody who works harder for the people of his district or the state.

As a professional logger and someone who works in the Maine woods on a daily basis, David brought his experience and deep knowledge of Maine's woods and Maine's natural resources to the Inland, Fisheries and Wildlife Committee, where he served as Republican lead for four years. He was, and still is, a well-known face at the Fiscal Office, where he has become intimately familiar with our state budget. He loves research and has worked tirelessly to educate himself, his colleagues, and his constituents on the intricacies and idiosyncrasies of the Maine state budget.

It was also David's commitment to opening the legislative process to the people of Maine that brought cameras into this body. His hard work and dedication to honest, open, accountable state government brought us the bipartisan OPEGA Committee, which gives us a powerful tool to help find waste and inefficiencies in this state government. On behalf of this body and the State of Maine, I'd like to say thank you to the Honorable David Trahan for these commitments, for his due diligence, and his tireless efforts on behalf of the state.

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

Recognizing:

Katherine "Kay" Coffin Mills, of Farmington, who is celebrating her 90th birthday, February 24, 2007. Born into a frontier farm family in rural Aroostook County, Mrs. Mills graduated from Ashland High School and Colby College before embarking on her high school teaching career. She married Sumner Peter Mills and raised 5 children: State Senator S. Peter Mills III of Cornville; David Mills of Farmington; State Representative Janet T. Mills of Farmington; attorney and historian Paul H. Mills of Farmington; and Dr. Dora Anne Mills of Brunswick, Maine Public Health Director. Mrs. Mills returned to teaching after the birth of her youngest child and continued to teach English in local high schools until her retirement in 1990. In her retirement she has remained an active and vital contributor to her community through her participation in many civic organizations, such as retired teachers associations, serving as President of the Women's Legislative Council and working in the political campaigns of her children, Peter and Janet. Mrs. Mills merits not only our best wishes but also our commendation and congratulations for her 90 years of life and for her generous service to the State;

(HLS 119)

Presented by Representative MILLS of Farmington.
Cosponsored by Senator MILLS of Somerset, Senator GOOLEY of Franklin.

On **OBJECTION** of Representative PERCY of Phippsburg, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

READ.

On motion of the same Representative, **TABLED** pending **PASSAGE** and later today assigned.

Recognizing:

the Frederick Hutchinson Center at the University of Maine, in Belfast, on its receiving the 2007 Robert J. McKenna Award for program achievement from the New England Board of Higher Education. The center opened in 2000 with a mission to provide high-quality undergraduate, graduate and professional development education, as well as cultural opportunities, in a supportive and flexible environment for the people of midcoast Maine. We extend our congratulations to the University of Maine Frederick Hutchinson Center on this occasion;

(HLS 120)

Presented by Representative GILES of Belfast.
Cosponsored by Senator WESTON of Waldo, Representative CAIN of Orono, Representative WALKER of Lincolnville, Senator MITCHELL of Kennebec.

On **OBJECTION** of Representative GILES of Belfast, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

READ.

The **SPEAKER PRO TEM**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Belfast, Representative Giles.

Representative **GILES**: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I would like to speak to item 5-17.

The Hutchinson Center is six years old now and is an excellent example of a successful partnership between the private and public sectors in our community. MBNA, which is now owned by Bank of America, worked with the University of Maine at Orono to build and create the Frederick Hutchinson Center, and opened it six years ago. Under the leadership of directors, Dr. James Patterson and Dr. Meg Malmberg, the Center has grown to become a vital part of the educational and cultural parts of our community today.

Prior to having the Center, residents in the Belfast and Waldo County area had to drive long distances to further their education. Today, the "Hutch" as we fondly call it, provides higher education for over 1,000 students per semester, a 500 member Senior College, and has 20,000 participants annually in a variety of conferences and forums. The Hutchinson Center is truly an example of, "If you build it, they will come." It is with great pride that I speak to this award and to personally thank the New England Board of Higher Education for this recognition. Thank you.

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

In Memory of:

James Melhorn, a lifelong resident of Kittery and a veteran of World War II. Mr. Melhorn served his country in the United States during World War II, as well as in the Navy and the Coast Guard Auxiliary. He was married to Lucille Burbank Melhorn for 50 years, and together they raised 5 children. Mr. Melhorn was an active member of the community and volunteered for countless organizations. He was an employee of the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard for 36 years and served the Kittery Fire Department in almost every position, including chief, for 57 years. Mr. Melhorn was always there to lend a helping hand to his neighbors or as a mentor to young firefighters. Mr. Melhorn will be greatly missed and long remembered by his family, his friends and the community that he served selflessly;

(HLS 117)

Presented by Representative WHEELER of Kittery.
Cosponsored by Senator BOWMAN of York, Representative HILL of York.

On **OBJECTION** of Representative WHEELER of Kittery, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

READ.

On motion of the same Representative, **TABLED** pending **ADOPTION** and later today assigned.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

Change of Committee

Representative GERZOFKY from the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** on Bill "An Act To Prohibit the Promotion of Travel for Sex Tourism"

(H.P. 45) (L.D. 47)

Reporting that it be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY**.

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

Sent for concurrence.

Representative KOFFMAN from the Committee on **NATURAL RESOURCES** on Resolve, To Study Alternative Fuel Use by Schools and Public Buildings

(H.P. 325) (L.D. 409)

Reporting that it be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **UTILITIES AND ENERGY**.

Report was **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **REFERRED** to the Committee on **UTILITIES AND ENERGY**.

Sent for concurrence.

Divided Report

Majority Report of the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on Bill "An Act To Allow County Commissioners To Appoint Registers of Deeds"

(H.P. 122) (L.D. 130)

Signed:

Senators:

SCHNEIDER of Penobscot
BRANNIGAN of Cumberland

Representatives:

BARSTOW of Gorham
BOLAND of Sanford
WEAVER of York
BEAUDETTE of Biddeford
SIROIS of Turner
CURTIS of Madison
JOY of Crystal
HAYES of Buckfield
COTTA of China

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-6)** on same Bill.

Signed:

Senator:

BENOIT of Sagadahoc

Representative:

SCHATZ of Blue Hill

READ.

On motion of Representative BARSTOW of Gorham, the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report was **ACCEPTED** and sent for concurrence.

CONSENT CALENDAR

First Day

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

(H.P. 39) (L.D. 38) Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 250: Rules Relating to Smoking in the Workplace, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Health and Human Services, Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention, Partnership for a Tobacco-free Maine (EMERGENCY) Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** reporting **Ought to Pass**

(H.P. 83) (L.D. 85) Resolve, To Designate a Portion of U.S. Route 1 in Indian Township Passamaquoddy Indian Reservation as the Captain Tomah Lewey Memorial Highway Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** reporting **Ought to Pass**

(H.P. 114) (L.D. 122) Bill "An Act To Amend the Authority of a Motor Vehicle Investigator" Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** reporting **Ought to Pass**

(H.P. 126) (L.D. 142) Resolve, To Improve the Professional Development of County Officials Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** reporting **Ought to Pass**

(H.P. 155) (L.D. 173) Bill "An Act To Allow a Newspaper Carrier To Use Flashing Amber Lights on That Carrier's Vehicle" Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** reporting **Ought to Pass**

(H.P. 188) (L.D. 217) Bill "An Act Regarding Penalties for Payments Made to the State That Are Rejected by a Financial Institution" Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** reporting **Ought to Pass**

(H.P. 205) (L.D. 271) Bill "An Act To Permit Andover College To Issue Degrees under New Ownership" (EMERGENCY) Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** reporting **Ought to Pass**

(H.P. 266) (L.D. 332) Bill "An Act To Update References to Federal Laws in the Maine Uniform Securities Act and To Make Other Technical Corrections to the Act" (EMERGENCY) Committee on **INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** reporting **Ought to Pass**

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

(H.P. 361) (L.D. 462) Bill "An Act Authorizing the Institute for Doctoral Studies in the Visual Arts To Confer the Degree of Doctor of Visual Arts" (EMERGENCY) Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** reporting **Ought to Pass**

On motion of Representative EDGECOMB of Caribou, was **REMOVED** from the First Day Consent Calendar.

The Unanimous Committee Report was **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

The Bill was **READ** once.

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** and sent for concurrence. **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH.**

The Speaker resumed the Chair.
The House was called to order by the Speaker.

The Chair laid before the House the following item which was **TABLED** and today assigned:

TABLED AND TODAY ASSIGNED

HOUSE REPORT - **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-5)** - Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** on Bill "An Act To Make Supplemental Allocations from the Highway Fund and Other Funds for the Expenditures of State Government and To Change Certain Provisions of State Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2007" (EMERGENCY)

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

TABLED - February 15, 2007 by Representative MARLEY of Portland.

PENDING - ACCEPTANCE OF COMMITTEE REPORT.

On motion of Representative MARLEY of Portland, the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended Report was ACCEPTED.**

The Bill was **READ ONCE.**

Committee Amendment "A" (H-5) was **READ** by the Clerk

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

Representative **MARLEY**: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. All the members of the Committee that voted for this Unanimous Report, this is the Transportation Supplemental Budget, did so very, very, very reluctantly. You may have heard and seen some first accounts. We actually cut \$14 million from the Supplemental Budget and Capital Projects. If any of you were here last session when we were talking about bond proposals and projects, we had to cut more from them. I just wanted to give you some idea because this is sort of the tip of the iceberg of where the Highway Fund is currently going.

So, this is the teacher in me, but if you took a piece of paper and drew a pretty straight line across the bottom, that would be the Highway Fund revenues with indexing. You might give it a slight, "couldn't even see the increase in the revenues." That is how the Highway Fund, the gas tax primarily, is growing, for the revenue that is more than 75%, I think it's about 75%, of the Highway Fund that funds these. That is where the majority of the cuts came from. The Revenue Forecasting Committee reduced the projected highway fund revenues by \$9.6 million in fiscal year '07, and by \$11.7 million in '08-'09.

So, you've got that line with indexing, which obviously has been a controversial subject that we're going to be revisiting this session. From that straight line, draw about a 45-degree line, and that's the construction increase that we've been facing in the industry. You're talking about double-digit inflation for steel, concrete, any petroleum based product. Just to give you some examples, we actually had \$5 million in unexpected costs, or increase costs, on such things as, fuel, and maintenance replacement materials. A lot of those replacement materials were obviously petroleum based too, like even tires on public safety vehicles.

So that's why we had to cut the \$14 million. It's a struggle for us because as we go into the next biennium, you're going to hear us talk more and more and more about the Highway Fund.

You're going to hear us talking about, we need new ways to fund the way we construct roads and bridges. And then, don't forget all the other type of transportation that is suffering. Public transportation, rail, anything else, because we really don't have money to take care of the infrastructure we currently have.

Just to give you an idea, last week we had a briefing from the department that talked about 288 bridges state wide, and we can get you that information, that are poor or less. That's about \$500 million in cost to replace these bridges. This is anything over 10 feet or larger. That's \$500 million. We'll be able to fund about half of those bridges. The bridges we can't fund, we're going to have to expect a life expectancy of about 185 years on, absolutely impossible to do. We're lucky if we can get 80 years out of one of these. So we are desperately looking for ways to fund our highway system more efficiently. The Committee, on both sides of the aisle, looked for every cent we could squeeze out of this.

You may have seen on your desks today, from Pike Industries, a calendar that shows you some of the deplorable conditions around the State of Maine in paving. We just are not being able to maintain our infrastructure and we're losing jobs. Pike actually laid off about 10% of their workforce. So not only are we not able to maintain the projects we need, we're not able to build the projects we need to for economic and safety reasons. And then we're losing jobs, and these are good paying jobs with health benefits, around the state.

As I said, it's very heavyhearted that we passed this supplemental budget, but that's just a small picture into the future. We're going to be talking about a very significant transportation bond, hopefully in June, to get some of these projects up and going. This is an email from Pike Industries I got, "The situation is so grave that at this point the department does not know when they will advertise any new projects. No one in industry can remember when we had such a small backlog of work combined with a complete absence of projects to bid. Pike Industries is now considering drastic measures we have never talked or thought about before to salvage the 2007 paving season. We cannot stress enough, the importance of a large Highway Fund Bond in June."

I don't think any member of the Committee can say enough, how desperate the Highway Fund is as far as looking for ways to reduce costs and grow that fund so that we can put the money in to make our roads safe, get the freight through our state, and then do a great deal of economic development that these roads and transportation infrastructure provide. Thank you.

Subsequently, **Committee Amendment "A" (H-5)** was **ADOPTED.** The Bill was assigned for **SECOND READING** Thursday, March 1, 2007.

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

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: (S.P. 260)

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

February 15, 2007

Hon. Beth Edmonds
President of the Senate
123rd Legislature
Hon. Glenn Cummings
Speaker of the House
123rd Legislature

Dear Madam President and Mr. Speaker:

On February 15, 2007, 7 bills were received by the Secretary of the Senate.

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, these bills were referred to the Joint Standing Committees on February 15, 2007, as follows:

Appropriations and Financial Affairs

Bill "An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for Infrastructure Improvements for Canton Village and To Provide Funding for the Career Center in Rumford" (S.P. 250) (L.D. 801) (Sponsored by Senator BRYANT of Oxford) (Cosponsored by Representative BRYANT of Windham and Representative: PATRICK of Rumford)

Bill "An Act To Ensure Responsible Government Spending, Investment and Educational Efficiency" (S.P. 253) (L.D. 804) (Sponsored by President EDMONDS of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by Representative WOODBURY of Yarmouth and Senators: DAMON of Hancock, PERRY of Penobscot, Representative: Speaker CUMMINGS of Portland)

Business, Research and Economic Development

Bill "An Act To Stimulate the Economy in the St. John Valley" (S.P. 252) (L.D. 803) (Sponsored by Senator MARTIN of Aroostook) (Cosponsored by Representative THERIAULT of Madawaska and Representatives: JACKSON of Allagash, SUTHERLAND of Chapman, FISCHER of Presque Isle, LUNDEEN of Mars Hill)

Criminal Justice and Public Safety

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Establishment of Residency for Convicted Sex Offenders after Release from Prison" (S.P. 258) (L.D. 815) (Sponsored by Senator NASS of York) (Cosponsored by Representatives: VAUGHAN of Durham, CRESSEY of Cornish and Senator: PLOWMAN of Penobscot, Representative: MUSE of Fryeburg)

Labor

Bill "An Act To Incorporate Binding Arbitration for Monetary Issues in Collective Bargaining for All State, County and Municipal Employees" (S.P. 257) (L.D. 814) (Sponsored by Senator STRIMLING of Cumberland)

Taxation

Bill "An Act To Ensure the Income Tax for Pensions Is Applied Fairly by Eliminating Reductions of Social Security and Railroad Benefits" (S.P. 251) (L.D. 802) (Sponsored by Senator STRIMLING of Cumberland)

Bill "An Act To Improve the Historic Preservation Tax Credit" (S.P. 259) (L.D. 816) (Sponsored by Senator MARRACHÉ of Kennebec) (Cosponsored by Representative TRINWARD of Waterville and Senators: MITCHELL of Kennebec, President EDMONDS of Cumberland, Representatives: FLETCHER of Winslow, CANAVAN of Waterville, FINCH of Fairfield, CONOVER of Oakland)

Sincerely,
S/Joy J. O'Brien
Secretary of the Senate
S/Millicent M. MacFarland
Clerk of the House

Came from the Senate, **READ** and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**.

READ and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE** in concurrence.

SENATE PAPERS

Bill "An Act To Raise Benefits for Farmers under the Milk Subsidy Program and To Prevent Price Gouging in the Sale of Milk"

(S.P. 262) (L.D. 852)

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 Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for the University of Maine for Research and Development"

(S.P. 268) (L.D. 858)

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

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

Bill "An Act To Facilitate the Upgrading and Preservation of Existing Building Structures"

(S.P. 261) (L.D. 851)

Bill "An Act To Require the Maine State Housing Authority To Perform a Comprehensive Resource and Needs Assessment for Housing for Special Needs Populations That Are Not Homeless"

(S.P. 265) (L.D. 855)

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

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

Bill "An Act To Reduce Drunk Driving"

(S.P. 266) (L.D. 856)

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 Encourage Efficiency in School Administration"

(S.P. 263) (L.D. 853)

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

REFERRED to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Restrict the Smoking Exemption for Tobacco Specialty Stores"

(S.P. 269) (L.D. 859)

Bill "An Act To Increase the Amount of Money a Resident in a Nursing Home May Spend on Personal Expenses"

(S.P. 273) (L.D. 880)

Bill "An Act To Allow a Self-pay Patient To Choose between Generic and Brand-name Medications"

(S.P. 281) (L.D. 883)

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.

Resolve, To Create A Medical Malpractice Study Group
(S.P. 267) (L.D. 857)

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 Extend Term Limits for the House of Representatives"
(S.P. 264) (L.D. 854)

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 Create a 5-year Statute of Limitations for Environmental Violations"
(S.P. 275) (L.D. 882)

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

On motion of Representative PINGREE of North Haven, **TABLED** pending **REFERENCE** in concurrence and later today assigned.

Bill "An Act To Authorize a Local Option Homestead Exemption"
(S.P. 272) (L.D. 879)

Bill "An Act To Create a Tax Break for Families That Make Less Than \$25,000 Annually"
(S.P. 274) (L.D. 881)

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

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

Bill "An Act To Amend Certain Laws Affecting Transportation"
(S.P. 270) (L.D. 860)

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

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

The following Joint Order: (S.P. 271)

ORDERED, the House concurring, that the Joint Standing Committee on Business, Research and Economic Development may submit, to the Senate, a bill to implement the report of the Office of Program Evaluation and Government Accountability on economic development programs in the State.

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

READ.

On motion of Representative PINGREE of North Haven, **TABLED** pending **PASSAGE** and later today assigned.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

Change of Committee

Report of the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** on Bill "An Act To Require the Collection of Information on Vehicle Accidents on Private Property"

(S.P. 30) (L.D. 86)

Reporting that it be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY**.

Came from the Senate with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY**.

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

First Day

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

(S.P. 48) (L.D. 140) Bill "An Act To List the Shortnose Sturgeon as a Marine Endangered Species" Committee on **MARINE RESOURCES** reporting **Ought to Pass**

(S.P. 69) (L.D. 231) Bill "An Act To Modify the Laws Regarding Garnishment of Wages" Committee on **INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** reporting **Ought to Pass**

There being no objections, the above items were 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 GILES of Belfast, the House adjourned at 11:25 a.m., until 10:00 a.m., Thursday, March 1, 2007 in honor and lasting tribute to Cora Philpot Bates, of Patten, United States Army Staff Sergeant Eric Ross, of Texas, Fred Rines, of Gardiner, Cecile Collin Dufour, of Madawaska and Harry O. Gordon, of Strong.