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Thursday, March 1, 2007

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

Prayer by Pastor Russell Bailey, Lincolnville-Bayshore Baptist Church, Lincolnville.

National Anthem by Courtney Graves, Newport.

Pledge of Allegiance.

The Journal of Tuesday, February 27, 2007 was read and approved.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: (H.C. 83)

**STATE OF MAINE SENATE
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
MAINE STATE PLANNING OFFICE
38 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, ME 04333**

February 21, 2007

President Beth Edmonds, Chair

Speaker Glenn Cummings, Vice Chair

Members, Legislative Council of the 123rd Legislature

Maine Legislature

115 State House Station

Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Edmonds and Speaker Cummings:

The State Planning Office is pleased to provide copies of its report, titled 2007 Report on Poverty, in response to Resolve 1997, Chapter 36 to Implement the Recommendations of the Commission to Study Poverty Among Working Parents with Regard to an Annual Report Card on Poverty.

We are most willing to present the report to you and happy to answer any questions that you may have.

Sincerely,

S/Martha E. Freeman

Director

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

The Following Communication: (H.C. 92)

**STATE OF MAINE
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
104 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0104**

February 20, 2007

Honorable Millicent M. MacFarland

Clerk of the House

Room 300, State House

2 State House Station

Augusta, Maine 04333-0002

Dear Clerk MacFarland:

Please find enclosed a copy of the application submitted to the Bureau of Justice Assistance for funding of the FY2007 Byrne Justice Assistance Grant Program.

The program requires that the application be submitted to the State Legislature or its designated body for review.

Unless I receive further instructions, I will consider that the Department of Public Safety has fulfilled its obligation in this area.

Sincerely,

S/Colonel Craig Poulin

Acting Commissioner

READ and with accompanying papers **REFERRED** to the Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS.**

The Following Communication: (S.P. 276)

**STATE OF MAINE
123RD MAINE LEGISLATURE**

February 23, 2007

Sen. John M. Nutting

Senate Chair, Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

Rep. Wendy Pieh

House Chair, Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

123rd Legislature

Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Senator Nutting and Representative Pieh:

Please be advised that Governor John E. Baldacci has nominated Carol Eckert of Windsor and John Jemison of Orono for reappointment to the Board of Pesticides Control.

Pursuant to M.R.S.A. Title 22 §1471-B, these nominations will require review by the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry 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 **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY.**

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

The Following Communication: (S.P. 277)

**STATE OF MAINE
123RD MAINE LEGISLATURE**

February 23, 2007

Sen. Nancy B. Sullivan

Senate Chair, Joint Standing Committee on Insurance and Financial Services

Rep. John R. Brautigam

House Chair, Joint Standing Committee on Insurance and Financial Services

123rd Legislature

Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Senator Sullivan and Representative Brautigam:

Please be advised that Governor John E. Baldacci has nominated Edward David of Bangor and Dana Connors of East Winthrop for appointment to the Dirigo Health Board of Directors.

Pursuant to M.R.S.A. Title 24-A §6904, these nominations will require review by the Joint Standing Committee on Insurance and Financial Services 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 **INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES.**

READ and **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** in concurrence.

The Following Communication: (S.P. 278)

**STATE OF MAINE
123RD MAINE LEGISLATURE**

February 23, 2007

Sen. John L. Martin

Senate Chair, Joint Standing Committee on Natural Resources

Rep. Theodore S. Koffman

House Chair, Joint Standing Committee on Natural Resources

123rd Legislature

Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Senator Martin and Representative Koffman:

Please be advised that Governor John E. Baldacci has nominated Aram Calhoun of Milford for appointment to the Maine Outdoor Heritage Fund.

Pursuant to M.R.S.A. Title 12 §10308, this nomination will require review by the Joint Standing Committee on Natural Resources 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 **NATURAL RESOURCES**.

READ and **REFERRED** to the Committee on **NATURAL RESOURCES** in concurrence.

The Following Communication: (S.P. 279)

**STATE OF MAINE
123RD MAINE LEGISLATURE**

February 22, 2007

Sen. Bruce S. Bryant

Senate Chair, Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

Rep. Troy Dale Jackson

House Chair, Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

123rd Legislature

Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Senator Bryant and Representative Jackson:

Please be advised that Governor John E. Baldacci has nominated Albion Goodwin of Pembroke and Frank Dunbar of Bucksport for appointment to the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Advisory Council.

Pursuant to M.R.S.A. Title 12 §10151, these nominations will require review by the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife 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 **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE**.

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

The Following Communication: (S.P. 280)

**STATE OF MAINE
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February 26, 2007

Sen. Peter B. Bowman

Senate Chair, Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs

Rep. Jacqueline R. Norton

House Chair, Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs

123rd Legislature

Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Senator Bowman and Representative Norton:

Please be advised that Governor John E. Baldacci has nominated William Johnson of Saco for reappointment and Wayne Newell of Princeton for appointment to the University of Maine System Board of Trustees.

Pursuant to Title P&SL 1865, c. 532, these nominations will require review by the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs 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 **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS**.

READ and **REFERRED** to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** 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 To Prohibit the Surgical Removal of Vocal Cords in Dogs"

(H.P. 698) (L.D. 923)

Sponsored by Representative WATSON of Bath.

Cosponsored by Representatives: BLANCHETTE of Bangor, PERCY of Phippsburg, PIEH of Bremen, PIOTTI of Unity, SMITH of Monmouth, WOODBURY of Yarmouth.

Bill "An Act To Preserve Agricultural Fairs in Rural Maine" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 699) (L.D. 924)

Sponsored by Representative LUNDEEN of Mars Hill.

Cosponsored by Senator MARTIN of Aroostook and Representatives: EDGECOMB of Caribou, FISCHER of Presque Isle, JACKSON of Allagash, MAREAN of Hollis, SUTHERLAND of Chapman, THERIAULT of Madawaska, Senators: NUTTING of Androscoggin, SHERMAN of Aroostook.

APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

Bill "An Act To Provide Funds To Support Residential Programs for People with Developmental Disabilities"

(H.P. 700) (L.D. 925)

Sponsored by Representative CRAVEN of Lewiston.

Cosponsored by Representatives: BRYANT of Windham, CAIN of Orono, CONNOR of Kennebunk, MAKAS of Lewiston, WALCOTT of Lewiston.

Bill "An Act To Support the Marine Law Institute"

(H.P. 701) (L.D. 926)

Sponsored by Representative PERCY of Phippsburg.

Cosponsored by Senator DAMON of Hancock and Representatives: MacDONALD of Boothbay, MCKANE of

Newcastle, WOODBURY of Yarmouth, Senators: BOWMAN of York, RAYE of Washington, SAVAGE of Knox, SULLIVAN of York, TURNER of Cumberland.

BUSINESS, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Bill "An Act To Preserve Historic Architecture by Encouraging Owner-occupied Small Business Conversion"

(H.P. 702) (L.D. 927)

Sponsored by Representative ANNIS of Dover-Foxcroft.

Bill "An Act To Amend the Maine Administrative Procedure Act To Strengthen Safeguards for Small Businesses"

(H.P. 680) (L.D. 905)

Sponsored by Representative RECTOR of Thomaston.

Cosponsored by Senator RAYE of Washington and Representatives: BARSTOW of Gorham, BEAUDETTE of Biddeford, ROBINSON of Raymond, SMITH of Monmouth, TARDY of Newport, WOODBURY of Yarmouth, Senators: BROMLEY of Cumberland, SCHNEIDER of Penobscot.

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

On motion of Representative BEAULIEU of Auburn, the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT**, ordered printed and sent for concurrence.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

Bill "An Act To Clarify Certain Laws Related to Fire Safety"

(H.P. 671) (L.D. 886)

Sponsored by Representative RINES of Wiscasset.

Cosponsored by Senator BARTLETT of Cumberland and Representative: WEAVER of York.

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

Bill "An Act To Ensure the Safety of Facilities Dispensing Flammable Liquids"

(H.P. 682) (L.D. 907)

Sponsored by Representative HASKELL of Portland.

Cosponsored by Representative: SIMPSON of Auburn.

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

Bill "An Act To Ensure Safety at Motor Vehicle Events"

(H.P. 683) (L.D. 908)

Sponsored by Representative HASKELL of Portland.

Cosponsored by Representative: HANLEY of Gardiner.

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

EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

Bill "An Act To Support Central Maine Community College"

(H.P. 684) (L.D. 909)

Sponsored by Representative SAVIELLO of Wilton.

Cosponsored by Representatives: CARTER of Bethel, CLARK of Millinocket, FINCH of Fairfield, Senator: GOOLEY of Franklin.

Bill "An Act To Support Regionalization of Public Schools and Achieve Efficiency and Improve Quality"

(H.P. 685) (L.D. 910)

Sponsored by Representative PERCY of Phippsburg.

Cosponsored by Senator BENOIT of Sagadahoc and Representatives: GROSE of Woolwich, MacDONALD of Boothbay, WATSON of Bath.

Bill "An Act To Make Higher Education More Efficient and More Economical"

(H.P. 703) (L.D. 928)

Sponsored by Representative MILLS of Farmington.

Cosponsored by Senator MARTIN of Aroostook and Representatives: CAIN of Orono, FISCHER of Presque Isle, MILLETT of Waterford, SIMPSON of Auburn, WOODBURY of Yarmouth, Senators: MILLS of Somerset, TURNER of Cumberland.

Bill "An Act To Promote Legal Services in Rural Maine"

(H.P. 704) (L.D. 929)

Sponsored by Representative SAVIELLO of Wilton.

Cosponsored by Senator SHERMAN of Aroostook and Representatives: AYOTTE of Caswell, CLARK of Millinocket, CLEARY of Houlton, FINLEY of Skowhegan, GIFFORD of Lincoln, McLEOD of Lee, MILLER of Somerville, PATRICK of Rumford.

Bill "An Act To Regionalize Supervision of Students in the Unorganized Territory"

(H.P. 705) (L.D. 930)

Sponsored by Representative SAVIELLO of Wilton.

Cosponsored by Senator SHERMAN of Aroostook and Representatives: AYOTTE of Caswell, CARTER of Bethel, CLARK of Millinocket, CLEARY of Houlton, FINLEY of Skowhegan, GIFFORD of Lincoln, McLEOD of Lee, PATRICK of Rumford.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Resolve, To Examine Eligibility for MaineCare Long-term Care Services

(H.P. 706) (L.D. 931)

Sponsored by Representative MILLS of Farmington.

Cosponsored by Senator: GOOLEY of Franklin.

Bill "An Act To Enact a Five-point Welfare Reform Plan"

(H.P. 717) (L.D. 957)

Sponsored by Representative LANSLEY of Sabattus.

Cosponsored by Representative SAVIELLO of Wilton, Senator SNOWE-MELLO of Androscoggin and Representatives: CEBRA of Naples, HAMPER of Oxford, HOTHAM of Dixfield, PRESCOTT of Topsham, SAMSON of Auburn, TARDY of Newport, VAUGHAN of Durham, WOODBURY of Yarmouth.

INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE

Bill "An Act To Reduce Watercraft Noise Levels on Lakes"

(H.P. 672) (L.D. 887)

Sponsored by Representative BRYANT of Windham.

Cosponsored by Representative FITTS of Pittsfield and Senator: BENOIT of Sagadahoc.

Bill "An Act To Clarify the Definition of 'Personal Watercraft'"

(H.P. 673) (L.D. 888)

Sponsored by Representative MILLS of Farmington.

Cosponsored by Senator BRYANT of Oxford and Representatives: BRYANT of Windham, PATRICK of Rumford, PINEAU of Jay, THERIAULT of Madawaska, WATSON of Bath, Senator: GOOLEY of Franklin.

Resolve, To Study Incentives To Encourage All-terrain Vehicle Registrants To Join Local All-terrain Vehicle Clubs

(H.P. 707) (L.D. 932)

Sponsored by Representative HOTHAM of Dixfield.

Cosponsored by Senator MILLS of Somerset and Representatives: CEBRA of Naples, PATRICK of Rumford, WATSON of Bath, Senator: RAYE of Washington.

Resolve, To Protect the Future of the Sebago Lake Water Supply

(H.P. 715) (L.D. 940)

Sponsored by Representative CRESSEY of Cornish.

Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** suggested.

On motion of Representative JACKSON of Allagash, the Resolve was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **UTILITIES AND ENERGY**, ordered printed and sent for concurrence.

INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES

Bill "An Act To Provide Health Care Insurance to Volunteer Public Safety Personnel"

(H.P. 686) (L.D. 911)

Sponsored by Representative BURNS of Berwick.

Cosponsored by Senator STRIMLING of Cumberland and Representatives: CANAVAN of Waterville, CARTER of Bethel, GROSE of Woolwich, MARLEY of Portland, RAND of Portland, RINES of Wiscasset, WHEELER of Kittery.

Bill "An Act To Return Affordable Health Insurance to the State"

(H.P. 687) (L.D. 912)

Sponsored by Representative WALKER of Lincolnville.

Cosponsored by Senator BOWMAN of York and Representatives: AUSTIN of Gray, FITTS of Pittsfield, LEWIN of Eliot, VAUGHAN of Durham, Senators: MARRACHÉ of Kennebec, RAYE of Washington, SULLIVAN of York.

Bill "An Act To Protect Maine Citizens' Credit"

(H.P. 718) (L.D. 958)

Sponsored by Representative SIMPSON of Auburn.

Cosponsored by Senator SULLIVAN of York and Representatives: BRAUTIGAM of Falmouth, HILL of York, HINCK of Portland, KOFFMAN of Bar Harbor, PILON of Saco, Senators: HOBBS of York, STRIMLING of Cumberland.

Bill "An Act To Require Insurers To Use Savings from Dirigo Health To Reduce Premiums"

(H.P. 719) (L.D. 959)

Sponsored by Representative HOLMAN of Fayette.

Cosponsored by Senator NUTTING of Androscoggin and Representatives: NASS of Acton, RECTOR of Thomaston, Senator: RAYE of Washington.

JUDICIARY

Bill "An Act To Allow Apartment Building Owners To Prevent Damage to Property in the Installation of Over-the-air Reception Devices"

(H.P. 674) (L.D. 889)

Sponsored by Representative MILLS of Farmington.

Bill "An Act To Base Value in Eminent Domain Takings of Businesses on Going Concern Value"

(H.P. 720) (L.D. 960)

Sponsored by Representative GILES of Belfast.

Cosponsored by Representatives: FLOOD of Winthrop, ROSEN of Bucksport, STRANG BURGESS of Cumberland, THIBODEAU of Winterport, Senator: SAVAGE of Knox.

LABOR

Bill "An Act To Amend State Employees' Bargaining Agents' Election Contributions"

(H.P. 688) (L.D. 913)

Sponsored by Representative ROBINSON of Raymond.

Cosponsored by Senator DOW of Lincoln and Representatives: CEBRA of Naples, CROSTHWAITE of Ellsworth, DUPREY of Hampden, HAMPER of Oxford, MILLETT of Waterford, SAVAGE of Falmouth, SYKES of Harrison, THOMAS of Ripley.

Bill "An Act To Authorize the Certification of Workplace Safety Programs Offered by Workers' Compensation Insurers"

(H.P. 708) (L.D. 933)

Sponsored by Representative WATSON of Bath.

Cosponsored by Representatives: BRAUTIGAM of Falmouth, FISCHER of Presque Isle, MILLS of Farmington, WOODBURY of Yarmouth.

Bill "An Act To Establish Working Hours and Wages for Teenagers"

(H.P. 709) (L.D. 934)

Sponsored by Representative CURTIS of Madison.

Cosponsored by Representative: CRAY of Palmyra.

LEGAL AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

Bill "An Act To Allow the Awarding of Prize Money from Gambling Machines Run by Nonprofit Organizations"

(H.P. 675) (L.D. 890)

Sponsored by Representative PATRICK of Rumford.

Cosponsored by Senator BRYANT of Oxford and Representatives: BLANCHARD of Old Town, CROCKETT of Augusta, HOGAN of Old Orchard Beach, MAZUREK of Rockland, TARDY of Newport, TUTTLE of Sanford, Senators: MARRACHÉ of Kennebec, MITCHELL of Kennebec.

Bill "An Act To Allow and Regulate Additional Pari-mutuel Wagering at Commercial Tracks"

(H.P. 676) (L.D. 891)

Sponsored by Representative PATRICK of Rumford.

Cosponsored by Senator BRYANT of Oxford and Representatives: BRYANT of Windham, JACKSON of Allagash, MAREAN of Hollis, McDONOUGH of Scarborough, MOORE of Standish, PINEAU of Jay, SAVIELLO of Wilton, THERIAULT of Madawaska.

Bill "An Act To Authorize Nonprofit Organizations To Conduct Tournament Games"

(H.P. 677) (L.D. 892)

Sponsored by Representative PATRICK of Rumford.

Cosponsored by Senator BRYANT of Oxford and Representatives: BLANCHARD of Old Town, BROWNE of Vassalboro, CROCKETT of Augusta, HOGAN of Old Orchard Beach, MOORE of Standish, PINKHAM of Lexington Township, THERIAULT of Madawaska, Senator: STRIMLING of Cumberland.

Bill "An Act To Extend the Hours for Sale and Delivery of Alcohol"

(H.P. 689) (L.D. 914)

Sponsored by Representative JACKSON of Allagash.

Cosponsored by Senator MARRACHÉ of Kennebec and Representatives: BROWNE of Vassalboro, CARTER of Bethel, HOLMAN of Fayette, MARLEY of Portland, PATRICK of Rumford, PRESCOTT of Topsham.

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Bingo"

(H.P. 690) (L.D. 915)

Sponsored by Representative EDGECOMB of Caribou.

Cosponsored by Senator SCHNEIDER of Penobscot and Representatives: AYOTTE of Caswell, LANSLEY of Sabattus, McFADDEN of Dennysville.

NATURAL RESOURCES

Bill "An Act To Permit the Sale of Antique Barometers"
(H.P. 691) (L.D. 916)

Sponsored by Representative RICHARDSON of Warren.

Bill "An Act To Continue To Ensure the Long-term Capacity of Municipal Landfills"
(H.P. 710) (L.D. 935)

Sponsored by Representative MAKAS of Lewiston.

Cosponsored by Senator BARTLETT of Cumberland and Representatives: CRAVEN of Lewiston, DUCHESNE of Hudson, EBERLE of South Portland, HINCK of Portland, KOFFMAN of Bar Harbor, MIRAMANT of Camden, SAMSON of Auburn, WAGNER of Lewiston.

STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Reduce the Size of the Legislature to 132 Members
(H.P. 692) (L.D. 917)

Sponsored by Representative PENDLETON of Scarborough.

Cosponsored by Representative JOY of Crystal, Senator SAVAGE of Knox and Representatives: LANSLEY of Sabattus, VAUGHAN of Durham.

Resolve, Directing the Commissioner of Economic and Community Development To Convene a Working Group To Explore Regionalization
(H.P. 693) (L.D. 918)

Sponsored by Representative BARSTOW of Gorham.

Cosponsored by Senator STRIMLING of Cumberland and Representatives: BABBIDGE of Kennebunk, BRYANT of Windham, CAIN of Orono, FAIRCLOTH of Bangor, FARRINGTON of Gorham, LANSLEY of Sabattus, PINGREE of North Haven, RECTOR of Thomaston.

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

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

TAXATION

Bill "An Act To Exempt from Excise Tax Maine Military Personnel Who Are Serving Their Tours of Duty in Maine"
(H.P. 678) (L.D. 893)

Sponsored by Representative FLOOD of Winthrop.

Cosponsored by Senator McCORMICK of Kennebec and Representatives: CAIN of Orono, CRAVEN of Lewiston, GILES of Belfast.

Bill "An Act To Clarify the Sales Tax and Service Provider Tax Exemptions for Nonprofit Ambulance Services"
(H.P. 694) (L.D. 919)

Sponsored by Representative MILLETT of Waterford.

Cosponsored by Senator RAYE of Washington and Representatives: BROWNE of Vassalboro, CLARK of Millinocket, CRAY of Palmyra, MOORE of Standish, PIOTTI of Unity, THOMAS of Ripley, Senator: PERRY of Penobscot.

Bill "An Act To Repeal the Maine Use Tax"
(H.P. 695) (L.D. 920)

Sponsored by Representative CEBRA of Naples.

Cosponsored by Senator SNOWE-MELLO of Androscoggin and Representatives: ANNIS of Dover-Foxcroft, AYOTTE of Caswell, JOY of Crystal, LANSLEY of Sabattus, LEWIN of Eliot, ROBINSON of Raymond, TARDY of Newport, VAUGHAN of Durham.

Bill "An Act To Protect the Housing Opportunities for Maine Fund"
(H.P. 711) (L.D. 936)

Sponsored by Representative BRYANT of Windham.

Cosponsored by Senator BRYANT of Oxford and Representatives: CONOVER of Oakland, CRAVEN of Lewiston, GROSE of Woolwich, HASKELL of Portland, HOGAN of Old Orchard Beach, JACOBSEN of Waterboro, PINEAU of Jay, SIMPSON of Auburn.

Bill "An Act To Exempt Qualifying Snowmobile Trail Grooming Equipment from State Sales Tax"
(H.P. 712) (L.D. 937)

Sponsored by Representative CLARK of Millinocket.

Cosponsored by Senator SHERMAN of Aroostook and Representatives: AYOTTE of Caswell, CLEARY of Houlton, JACKSON of Allagash, McLEOD of Lee, THERIAULT of Madawaska, Senators: MARTIN of Aroostook, RAYE of Washington, SMITH of Piscataquis.

Bill "An Act To Authorize an Alternative Calculation of the Property Growth Factor for Industrial Municipalities"
(H.P. 721) (L.D. 961)

Sponsored by Representative THERIAULT of Madawaska.

Cosponsored by Senator MARTIN of Aroostook and Representatives: BLANCHARD of Old Town, CARTER of Bethel, CLARK of Millinocket, GIFFORD of Lincoln, PATRICK of Rumford, PEOPLES of Westbrook, PINEAU of Jay, Senator: BRYANT of Oxford.

Bill "An Act To Reform and Lower Maine Taxes"
(H.P. 722) (L.D. 962)

Sponsored by Representative CROCKETT of Augusta.

Cosponsored by Representatives: CANAVAN of Waterville, Speaker CUMMINGS of Portland, FAIRCLOTH of Bangor, PIOTTI of Unity, RAND of Portland, SILSBY of Augusta, WOODBURY of Yarmouth, Senator: MITCHELL of Kennebec.

TRANSPORTATION

Bill "An Act To Establish a 6-month Registration Period for Farm Truck License Plates"
(H.P. 679) (L.D. 894)

Sponsored by Representative THOMAS of Ripley.

Cosponsored by Senator PLOWMAN of Penobscot and Representatives: BROWNE of Vassalboro, CURTIS of Madison, FISHER of Brewer, McKANE of Newcastle, RICHARDSON of Greenville, THERIAULT of Madawaska, Senators: SCHNEIDER of Penobscot, SHERMAN of Aroostook.

Bill "An Act To Clarify Municipal Responsibility in Providing Emergency Service during a Declared Emergency"
(H.P. 681) (L.D. 906)

Sponsored by Representative BURNS of Berwick.

Cosponsored by Senator STRIMLING of Cumberland and Representatives: CANAVAN of Waterville, CARTER of Bethel, GROSE of Woolwich, HILL of York, MARLEY of Portland, WALCOTT of Lewiston, WHEELER of Kittery.

Bill "An Act To Allow a Landowner To Alter Land within a Highway Right-of-way Held by the Department of Transportation"
(H.P. 696) (L.D. 921)

Sponsored by Representative JACKSON of Allagash.

Cosponsored by Senator MARTIN of Aroostook and Representatives: MARLEY of Portland, PATRICK of Rumford,

THERIAULT of Madawaska, Senators: BRYANT of Oxford, DAMON of Hancock.

Bill "An Act To Permit a Noncommercial Agricultural Designation for Certain License Plates"

(H.P. 697) (L.D. 922)

Sponsored by Representative CRESSEY of Cornish.

Cosponsored by Representatives: CURTIS of Madison, FITTS of Pittsfield, MAREAN of Hollis, McKANE of Newcastle, SYKES of Harrison, THOMAS of Ripley.

Bill "An Act To Delay Implementation of Motor Vehicle Inspection Rules until Inspectors Have Rules in Hand for 5 Days"

(H.P. 713) (L.D. 938)

Sponsored by Representative MIRAMANT of Camden.

Cosponsored by Senator SAVAGE of Knox and Representatives: ANNIS of Dover-Foxcroft, BEAUDOIN of Biddeford, CONNOR of Kennebunk, EBERLE of South Portland, HAMPER of Oxford, MacDONALD of Boothbay, WAGNER of Lewiston, Senator: SMITH of Piscataquis.

Bill "An Act To Permit Front-wheel Drive Vehicles To Have Front Studded Snow Tires Only"

(H.P. 714) (L.D. 939)

Sponsored by Representative PINKHAM of Lexington Township.

Cosponsored by Representatives: JOY of Crystal, THOMAS of Ripley, TIBBETTS of Columbia.

Bill "An Act To Prohibit Construction Companies from Using Certain Heavy Equipment in Residential Neighborhoods"

(H.P. 723) (L.D. 963)

Sponsored by Representative McDONOUGH of Scarborough.

Cosponsored by Senator DOW of Lincoln and Representatives: ANNIS of Dover-Foxcroft, FLETCHER of Winslow, GERZOFSKY of Brunswick, PATRICK of Rumford, PENDLETON of Scarborough.

Bill "An Act To Establish a Special License Plate To Honor Maine Residents Serving Our Country" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 724) (L.D. 964)

Sponsored by Representative PILON of Saco.

Cosponsored by Senator DAMON of Hancock and Representatives: FISHER of Brewer, HOGAN of Old Orchard Beach, MARLEY of Portland, MAZUREK of Rockland, TARDY of Newport, THOMAS of Ripley, Senators: DIAMOND of Cumberland, SAVAGE of Knox.

UTILITIES AND ENERGY

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

(H.P. 716) (L.D. 941)

Sponsored by Representative EATON of Sullivan.

Pursuant to Resolve

Commission to Study the Costs of Providing Certain Services in the Unorganized Territories

Representative DUCHESNE for the **Commission to Study the Costs of Providing Certain Services in the Unorganized Territories** pursuant to Resolve 2005, chapter 125 asks leave to report that the accompanying Bill "An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Commission To Study the Costs of Providing Certain Services in the Unorganized Territories"

(H.P. 670) (L.D. 885)

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

Report was **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TAXATION** 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 item:

Recognizing:

Mike Twitchell, of Turner, who is the 2nd-generation owner of Twitchell's Airport and Seaplane Base in Turner, which has operated for 60 years in the area, providing excellence in the aviation industry in Maine. Mr. Twitchell's father founded the airport, which offers flight training, private instruction and airplane rentals, and his son works there as well. Mr. Twitchell is a generous member of the community and he has mentored many pilots through the years. We acknowledge his exemplary contributions to aviation in Maine and we send him our best wishes and our congratulations for the 60 years of quality flight service that Twitchell's Airport and Seaplane Base has provided;

(HLS 127)

Presented by Representative MIRAMANT of Camden.

Cosponsored by Representative SIROIS of Turner, Senator NUTTING of Androscoggin.

On **OBJECTION** of Representative MIRAMANT of Camden, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

READ.

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Camden, Representative Miramant.

Representative **MIRAMANT**: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Men and Women of the House. Thanks for letting me take a couple of minutes. Mr. Twitchell wouldn't come today and that is just the nature of him and why he needs to be honored. He spent his time at that airport since he was a small boy and that has become a hub of the aviation community in Maine. It was for a long time, when aviation was thriving. We have seen a decline, but the community, it represents the community of Turner and that area, represents a community of aviation that stretches from Florida to Labrador, and east and west as well.

Twitchell's Seaplane Base, as well as the ground airport, were a hub of many journeys. Myself, I staged a trip to Québec to kayak a first river. We staged a trip to Memphremagog in Québec, right on the border, to look at the sea monster that they claim there. One of our reporters from Maine says he saw it, the *Providence Journal* claimed not to. But some interesting things. Everyday, a lot going on, but through it all, Mike's father died at that airport, serving these interests. We've supported the forest service and airflow planes, fire patrol everyday in the summer so we can get ahead of those fires. That's why we don't have many, because of our fire patrol service. Twitchell helped us support all of that. But in the heart of it, and why I want to speak, and why Mike is not here, is because he is a humble person with many gifts.

When I stumbled into Twitchell's Airport, I found a man not only willing to help his community by providing the things that I mentioned, but he became a mentor and teacher to many of us. Representative Hayes from Buckfield as well, has flown out of there. And Mike has a style of teaching you the common sense, helping you to understand what is important, knowing that you'll learn the rules as well. But doing it in a gentle and kind way, very thoroughly, and providing not just a whole package that every pilot should have, but that every person should have. A gentle, nurturing teacher, a kind and compassionate man, and a man who looks to help his community and the larger community with asking nothing from himself.

We all tried to get him here because I wanted you to meet him. He just won't take that kind of recognition, so I wanted to

say a few words. Thank you for your patience. Thank you, Mike Twitchell, and Turner's airport.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Buckfield, Representative Hayes.

Representative HAYES: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. Mike Twitchell is one of the bravest men I have ever met. Mike got in a single engine plane with me and let me fly it. Now how many of you have taught a teenager how to drive? White knuckled, Mike does that with folks. At 40 years old I learned how to fly a plane because he was willing to take me up. I called it my "mental health break".

He is a wonderful man. He is an institution in Turner, Maine, as has been Twitchell's Airport. I'm proud to say that I have a private pilot's license. It was the hardest thing that I ever learned how to do. I said that before getting elected to here, multi-tasking at this level is now, I think, overcome learning how to fly a plane. I am pleased and very honored that Representative Miramant would think to initiate this sentiment, and proud that this institution would back that. I am hoping that Representative Sirois, from Turner, will join us when we travel to Turner to convey this sentiment in person. Thank you folks, very much, for your time.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Turner, Representative Sirois.

Representative SIROIS: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I personally do not know Mike, but just from everything that I have heard from Representative Hayes and Representative Miramant, I would just be proud to travel along with them when they present this to him. Thank you.

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

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEE
Divided Report**

Majority Report of the Committee on **MARINE RESOURCES** reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on Bill "An Act To Provide for the Safety of Elver Fishermen Using Dip Nets"

(H.P. 75) (L.D. 77)

Signed:

Senators:

DAMON of Hancock

DOW of Lincoln

SNOWE-MELLO of Androscoggin

Representatives:

EATON of Sullivan

FLETCHER of Winslow

MAZUREK of Rockland

ADAMS of Portland

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-7)** on same Bill.

Signed:

Representatives:

PENDLETON of Scarborough

MacDONALD of Boothbay

McDONOUGH of Scarborough

PERCY of Phippsburg

EMERY of Cutler

READ.

Representative MCDONOUGH of Scarborough moved that the House **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report.

On further motion of the same Representative, **TABLED** pending his motion to **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report and later today assigned.

**CONSENT CALENDAR
First Day**

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

(H.P. 37) (L.D. 36) Bill "An Act To Transfer the Administration of the Renewable Resource Fund from the State Planning Office to the Public Utilities Commission" Committee on **UTILITIES AND ENERGY** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-10)**

(H.P. 136) (L.D. 154) Bill "An Act To Provide Reinstatement of Group Life Insurance for Public Employees Returning from Unpaid Military Leave" Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-9)**

(H.P. 173) (L.D. 202) Bill "An Act Requiring the Municipal Clerk To Inspect Municipal Election Ballots" Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-8)**

(H.P. 223) (L.D. 267) Bill "An Act To Ensure Proper Funding of the Public Utilities Commission" (EMERGENCY) Committee on **UTILITIES AND ENERGY** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-11)**

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

**CONSENT CALENDAR
Second Day**

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

(S.P. 48) (L.D. 140) Bill "An Act To List the Shortnose Sturgeon as a Marine Endangered Species"

(S.P. 69) (L.D. 231) Bill "An Act To Modify the Laws Regarding Garnishment of Wages"

(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)

(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

(H.P. 114) (L.D. 122) Bill "An Act To Amend the Authority of a Motor Vehicle Investigator"

(H.P. 126) (L.D. 142) Resolve, To Improve the Professional Development of County Officials

(H.P. 155) (L.D. 173) Bill "An Act To Allow a Newspaper Carrier To Use Flashing Amber Lights on That Carrier's Vehicle"

(H.P. 188) (L.D. 217) Bill "An Act Regarding Penalties for Payments Made to the State That Are Rejected by a Financial Institution"

(H.P. 205) (L.D. 271) Bill "An Act To Permit Andover College To Issue Degrees under New Ownership" (EMERGENCY)

(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)

No objections having been noted at the end of the Second Legislative Day, the Senate Papers were **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED** in concurrence and the House Papers were **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED** and sent for concurrence.

BILLS IN THE SECOND READING
House as Amended

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)
(C. "A" H-5)

Reported by the Committee on **Bills in the Second Reading**, read the second time, the House Paper was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED as Amended** and sent for concurrence.

ENACTORS
Emergency Measure

An Act Authorizing the Institute for Doctoral Studies in the Visual Arts To Confer the Degree of Doctor of Visual Arts

(H.P. 361) (L.D. 462)

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. 137 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 matters, in the consideration of which the House was engaged at the time of adjournment Tuesday, February 27, 2007, had preference in the Orders of the Day and continued with such preference until disposed of as provided by House Rule 502.

Bill "An Act To Promote Economic Growth through Entrepreneurship, the Creative Economy and Rural Economic Development"

(S.P. 207) (L.D. 670)

- In Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS**.

TABLED - February 15, 2007 (Till Later Today) by Representative SMITH of Monmouth.

PENDING - **REFERENCE IN CONCURRENCE**.

Subsequently, the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Increase Funding for the State's Immunization Program" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 441) (L.D. 574)

- In House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on February 6, 2007.

- In Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

TABLED - February 15, 2007 (Till Later Today) by Representative PINGREE of North Haven.

PENDING - **FURTHER CONSIDERATION**.

House voted to **INSIST**.

Bill "An Act To Protect Children from Lead Exposure by Requiring Sufficient Notice of Renovations"

(H.P. 433) (L.D. 555)

- In House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** on February 6, 2007.

- In Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **NATURAL RESOURCES** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

TABLED - February 15, 2007 (Till Later Today) by Representative PINGREE of North Haven.

PENDING - **FURTHER CONSIDERATION**.

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

Bill "An Act To Provide Funding for Transitional Employment Training Opportunities for Persons with Mental Illness"

(H.P. 506) (L.D. 657)

- In House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on February 8, 2007.

- In Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

TABLED - February 15, 2007 (Till Later Today) by Representative BARSTOW of Gorham.

PENDING - **FURTHER CONSIDERATION**.

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

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

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

- In House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **BUSINESS, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** on February 13, 2007.

- In Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TAXATION** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

TABLED - February 15, 2007 (Till Later Today) by Representative PINGREE of North Haven.

PENDING - **FURTHER CONSIDERATION**.

House voted to **INSIST**.

Bill "An Act To Repeal the Tax on Private Nonmedical Institutions"

(H.P. 534) (L.D. 703)

- In House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on February 13, 2007.

- In Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

TABLED - February 15, 2007 (Till Later Today) by Representative PINGREE of North Haven.

PENDING - **FURTHER CONSIDERATION**.

House voted to **INSIST**.

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

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

(Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** suggested)
TABLED - February 27, 2007 (Till Later Today) by Representative PERRY of Calais.

PENDING - **REFERENCE**.

Subsequently, the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**, ordered printed and sent for concurrence.

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

- In Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **NATURAL RESOURCES**.
TABLED - February 27, 2007 (Till Later Today) by Representative PINGREE of North Haven.
PENDING - **REFERENCE IN CONCURRENCE**.

Subsequently, the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY**, in **NON-CONCURRENCE** and sent for concurrence.

Joint Order Authorizing the Joint Standing Committee on Business, Research and Economic Development to Submit a Bill Implementing the Report of OPEGA (S.P. 271)

- In Senate, **READ** and **PASSED**.
TABLED - February 27, 2007 (Till Later Today) by Representative PINGREE of North Haven.
PENDING - **PASSAGE**.
Subsequently, the Joint Order was **PASSED** in concurrence.

SENATE PAPERS

The following Joint Order: (S.P. 282)
ORDERED, the House concurring, that when the House and Senate adjourn, they do so until Tuesday, March 6, 2007, at 10:00 in the morning.
Came from the Senate, **READ** and **PASSED**.
READ and **PASSED** in concurrence.

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

Bill "An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for the Cleanup of Hazardous Waste Sites" (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 284) (L.D. 896)

Bill "An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for Educational Facilities and Research and Development Facilities for the University of New England" (S.P. 293) (L.D. 942)

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 Reduce Regulatory Costs for Maine Businesses" (S.P. 295) (L.D. 944)

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 Prevent Smoke Detector Tampering" (S.P. 297) (L.D. 946)

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Concerning Public Fighting" (S.P. 300) (L.D. 949)

Bill "An Act To Amend the Endangering the Welfare of a Child Laws" (S.P. 301) (L.D. 950)

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

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

Bill "An Act To Increase Educational Opportunities in the Kennebec Valley Region" (S.P. 286) (L.D. 898)

Resolve, To Prepare Students for Success in the Twenty-first Century (S.P. 298) (L.D. 947)

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.

Resolve, To Establish a Committee To Examine the Impacts of the 1993 Amendments to General Assistance Program Eligibility (S.P. 287) (L.D. 899)

Bill "An Act To Amend the Maine Health Data Organization Laws" (S.P. 290) (L.D. 902)

Resolve, To Create a Look-back Rule for Residential Care Facilities (S.P. 294) (L.D. 943)

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 Make Technical and Supervisory Amendments to the Banking Laws" (S.P. 292) (L.D. 904)

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Credit Card Companies" (S.P. 302) (L.D. 951)

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 To Assist Maine Military Families" (S.P. 291) (L.D. 903)

Bill "An Act To Amend the Employment Practices Law Regarding Substance Abuse Testing of Temporary Workers" (S.P. 306) (L.D. 955)

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

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

Bill "An Act Relating to Trains and Train Service in the State" (EMERGENCY)

(S.P. 285) (L.D. 897)

Bill "An Act To Require Legislative Review before a Road's Designation or Classification May Be Changed" (EMERGENCY)

(S.P. 289) (L.D. 901)

Bill "An Act To Increase Compliance with Truck Weight Limits"

(S.P. 307) (L.D. 956)

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 Require the State's Share of Local Aid to Education To Be Used for Property Tax Relief"

(S.P. 296) (L.D. 945)

Bill "An Act To Provide Relief to Maine Residents from Postsecondary Tuition Costs"

(S.P. 299) (L.D. 948)

Bill "An Act To Reduce the Income Tax"

(S.P. 303) (L.D. 952)

Bill "An Act To Reduce the Sales Tax on Business Energy"

(S.P. 305) (L.D. 954)

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

REFERRED to the Committee on **TAXATION** 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. 17) (L.D. 23) Bill "An Act To Clarify the Use and Purpose of Center Turn Lanes" Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** reporting **Ought to Pass**

(S.P. 59) (L.D. 177) Bill "An Act To Clarify the Requirements for Temporary Licensure of Psychologists" Committee on **BUSINESS, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** reporting **Ought to Pass**

(S.P. 70) (L.D. 232) Resolve, To Direct the Department of Transportation to Establish the Elton R. Brooks Memorial Rest Area and Boat Launching Facility Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** reporting **Ought to Pass**

(S.P. 49) (L.D. 141) Bill "An Act To Clarify the Process for Public Improvement Construction Contracts" Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-7)**

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

SENATE PAPERS

Bill "An Act Concerning Blasting near Residential Areas" (EMERGENCY)

(S.P. 283) (L.D. 895)

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

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

REFERRED to the Committee on **NATURAL RESOURCES** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Provide for Nonpartisan Elections for Sheriffs" (S.P. 304) (L.D. 953)

Committee on **LEGAL AND VETERANS AFFAIRS** suggested and ordered printed.

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 Reduce the Capital Gains Tax"

(S.P. 288) (L.D. 900)

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

Came from the Senate, with the Bill and accompanying papers **INDEFINITELY POSTPONED**.

Subsequently, the Bill and all accompanying papers were **INDEFINITELY POSTPONED** in concurrence.

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

On motion of Representative CHASE of Wells, the House adjourned at 11:21 a.m., until 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, March 5, 2007 pursuant to the Joint Order (S.P. 282).