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ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE
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16th Legislative Day
Tuesday, March 6, 2007

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

Prayer by Evangelist Buddy Coffren, Oxford Hills Church of Christ, South Paris.

National Anthem by Farmington Emblem Club.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Doctor of the day, Marshall Chamberlain, M.D., Sanford.

The Journal of Thursday, March 1, 2007 was read and approved.

SENATE PAPERS
Non-Concurrent Matter

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

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

Came from the Senate **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LEGAL AND VETERANS AFFAIRS** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

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

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: (H.C. 93)

STATE OF MAINE

ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES

March 1, 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 Insurance and Financial Services has voted unanimously to report the following bill out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 371 An Act To Protect Young Consumers

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

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Nancy B. Sullivan

Senate Chair

S/Rep. John R. Brautigam

House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 94)

STATE OF MAINE

ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

March 1, 2007

Honorable Beth Edmonds, President of the Senate

Honorable Glenn Cummings, Speaker of the House

123rd Maine Legislature

State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Edmonds and Speaker Cummings:

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that the Joint Standing Committee on Legal and Veterans Affairs has voted unanimously to report the following bills out "Ought Not to Pass":

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

L.D. 310 An Act To Ensure the Integrity of Maine's Electoral Process by Requiring Physical Ballots

L.D. 396 An Act To Provide Additional Funding for the Maine Clean Election Act

L.D. 434 An Act To Allow a Voter To Preserve the Confidentiality of That Voter's Presence at the Polls

L.D. 458 An Act To Prevent Persons Convicted of Child Molestation from Being Buried in a Maine Veterans' Cemetery

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

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Lisa T. Marrache

Senate Chair

S/Rep. John L. Patrick

House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 95)

STATE OF MAINE

ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

March 1, 2007

Honorable Beth Edmonds, President of the Senate

Honorable Glenn Cummings, Speaker of the House

123rd Maine Legislature

State House

Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Edmonds and Speaker Cummings:

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that the Joint Standing Committee on Natural Resources has voted unanimously to report the following bills out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 333 An Act To Reward Cooperation in Comprehensive Planning

L.D. 359 An Act To Link Sewer Extension Funding to Comprehensive Planning

L.D. 493 Resolve, To Require the Department of Environmental Protection To Provide Engineering and Permitting Assistance To Clean Up Toothaker Pond

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

Sincerely,

S/Sen. John L. Martin

Senate Chair

S/Rep. Theodore S. Koffman

House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 96)

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

March 1, 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. 19 Resolve, To Reduce Traffic Congestion and Improve Safety on Interstate 295

L.D. 407 An Act To Allow the Use of Flashing Red Lights by State Emergency Management Agency Directors

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

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Dennis S. Damon

Senate Chair

S/Rep. Boyd P. Marley

House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (S.P. 308)

**STATE OF MAINE
123RD MAINE LEGISLATURE**

February 28, 2007

Sen. Barry Hobbins

Senate Chair, Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary

Rep. Deborah Simpson

House Chair, Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary

123rd Legislature

Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Senator Hobbins and Representative Simpson:
Please be advised that Governor John E. Baldacci has nominated Andrew Mead of Bangor for appointment to the Maine Supreme Court.

Pursuant to Constitution of the State of Maine Article 5, Part 1, Section 8, this nomination will require review by the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary 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 **JUDICIARY**.

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

**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 Amend Certain Animal Health Laws"

(H.P. 731) (L.D. 971)

Sponsored by Representative PIEH of Bremen.

Cosponsored by Senator NUTTING of Androscoggin and Representatives: CRAY of Palmyra, PIOTTI of Unity, PRATT of Eddington.

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

Bill "An Act To More Clearly Define Maple Syrup"

(H.P. 743) (L.D. 983)

Sponsored by Representative PIOTTI of Unity.

Resolve, To Preserve the Saco River (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 752) (L.D. 1034)

Sponsored by Representative MUSE of Fryeburg.

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

Bill "An Act To Create the Maine Agriculture in the Classroom Council"

(H.P. 788) (L.D. 1070)

Sponsored by Representative PIEH of Bremen.

Cosponsored by Senator SHERMAN of Aroostook and Representatives: CRAY of Palmyra, LUNDEEN of Mars Hill, MAREAN of Hollis, NORTON of Bangor, PRATT of Eddington, Senators: GOOLEY of Franklin, MARRACHÉ of Kennebec, NUTTING of Androscoggin.

Resolve, To Study the Promotion, Expansion and Regulation of the Harness Racing Industry (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 791) (L.D. 1073)

Sponsored by Representative MAREAN of Hollis.

Cosponsored by Senator SAVAGE of Knox and Representatives: CRAY of Palmyra, GIFFORD of Lincoln, LUNDEEN of Mars Hill, PIOTTI of Unity, PRATT of Eddington, SYKES of Harrison, Senators: RAYE of Washington, SHERMAN of Aroostook.

Bill "An Act To Amend the Maine Commercial Fertilizer Law"

(H.P. 792) (L.D. 1074)

Sponsored by Representative LUNDEEN of Mars Hill.

Cosponsored by Senator SHERMAN of Aroostook and Representatives: CRAY of Palmyra, MAREAN of Hollis, PIEH of Bremen, PIOTTI of Unity, Senator: NUTTING of Androscoggin.

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

Bill "An Act To Establish the Maine Local Land Trust Fund"

(H.P. 793) (L.D. 1075)

Sponsored by Representative ADAMS of Portland.

Cosponsored by Representatives: BRYANT of Windham, CANAVAN of Waterville, CARTER of Bethel, CONNOR of Kennebunk, GROSE of Woolwich, WALCOTT of Lewiston.

APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

Bill "An Act To Increase Wheelchair Van Services Reimbursement Rates"

(H.P. 753) (L.D. 1035)

Sponsored by Representative TUTTLE of Sanford.

Cosponsored by Senator MITCHELL of Kennebec and Representatives: CAMPBELL of Newfield, Speaker CUMMINGS of Portland, FISCHER of Presque Isle, LEWIN of Eliot, MILLER of Somerville, PERRY of Calais, PINGREE of North Haven, VALENTINO of Saco.

Resolve, To Enhance the Education Opportunities for Maine's Early Childhood Workers

(H.P. 783) (L.D. 1065)

Sponsored by Representative SILSBY of Augusta.

Cosponsored by Representatives: BARSTOW of Gorham, MAKAS of Lewiston, PERCY of Phippsburg, PINGREE of North

Haven, PRESCOTT of Topsham, Senators: BENOIT of Sagadahoc, BROMLEY of Cumberland, COURTNEY of York.

Bill "An Act To Appropriate Funds To Restore Clam Flats in Stockton Harbor"

(H.P. 754) (L.D. 1036)

Sponsored by Representative WEDDELL of Frankfort. (BY REQUEST)

Cosponsored by Representative: PRATT of Eddington.

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

On motion of Representative ROBINSON of Raymond, **TABLED** pending **REFERENCE** and later today assigned.

BUSINESS, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Bill "An Act To Exempt Maintenance Workers from Licensure for General Electrical Maintenance"

(H.P. 755) (L.D. 1037)

Sponsored by Representative FLOOD of Winthrop.

Cosponsored by Senator COURTNEY of York and Representative: CROCKETT of Augusta.

Bill "An Act To License Home Building and Improvement Contractors"

(H.P. 756) (L.D. 1038)

Sponsored by Representative HINCK of Portland.

Cosponsored by Representatives: FLETCHER of Winslow, PILON of Saco and Representatives: BEAUDETTE of Biddeford, BRAUTIGAM of Falmouth, JACKSON of Allagash, SAMSON of Auburn, SMITH of Monmouth, Senators: BARTLETT of Cumberland, SCHNEIDER of Penobscot.

Bill "An Act Concerning the Economic and Business Climate"

(H.P. 775) (L.D. 1057)

Sponsored by Representative BLISS of South Portland.

Bill "An Act To Increase Funding To Support Research and Development in the University of Maine System"

(H.P. 782) (L.D. 1064)

Sponsored by Representative FAIRCLOTH of Bangor.

Cosponsored by Senator TURNER of Cumberland and Representatives: BEAUDETTE of Biddeford, CAIN of Orono, FISCHER of Presque Isle, PINGREE of North Haven, SMITH of Monmouth, TARDY of Newport, Senators: MARTIN of Aroostook, MITCHELL of Kennebec.

Bill "An Act To Encourage Expansion and Development of Maine Tourism"

(H.P. 794) (L.D. 1076)

Sponsored by Representative MIRAMANT of Camden.

Cosponsored by President EDMONDS of Cumberland and Representatives: ANNIS of Dover-Foxcroft, CONNOR of Kennebunk, Speaker CUMMINGS of Portland, DUCHESNE of Hudson, FAIRCLOTH of Bangor, KOFFMAN of Bar Harbor, PINGREE of North Haven, Senator: NASS of York.

Bill "An Act To Create a Seasonal Vendor Sales Tax Revolving Loan Fund"

(H.P. 795) (L.D. 1077)

Sponsored by Representative MacDONALD of Boothbay.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

Bill "An Act Regarding the Determination of the Predominant Aggressor in Domestic Violence Situations"

(H.P. 757) (L.D. 1039)

Sponsored by Representative SIMPSON of Auburn.

Cosponsored by Senator STRIMLING of Cumberland and Representatives: CONOVER of Oakland, GERZOFKY of Brunswick, GROSE of Woolwich, HILL of York, MILLS of Farmington, MUSE of Fryeburg, TARDY of Newport, Senators: DIAMOND of Cumberland, McCORMICK of Kennebec.

Bill "An Act To Amend the OUI Laws Regarding the Use of Immunoassays"

(H.P. 796) (L.D. 1078)

Sponsored by Representative CLEARY of Houlton.

Cosponsored by Senator MARTIN of Aroostook and Representatives: EATON of Sullivan, TARDY of Newport, Senator: SHERMAN of Aroostook.

EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

Bill "An Act To Amend the Certification Requirements for Special-purpose School Teachers"

(H.P. 734) (L.D. 974)

Sponsored by Representative NASS of Acton.

Cosponsored by Senator STRIMLING of Cumberland and Representatives: Speaker CUMMINGS of Portland, LANSLEY of Sabattus, MOORE of Standish, RECTOR of Thomaston, RICHARDSON of Carmel, Senators: COURTNEY of York, NASS of York, TURNER of Cumberland.

Bill "An Act To Encourage Cost Efficiency in Administration of and Contribution to Tax Burden Reduction by School Districts"

(H.P. 736) (L.D. 976)

Sponsored by Representative WOODBURY of Yarmouth.

Cosponsored by Senator TURNER of Cumberland and Representatives: EDGECOMB of Caribou, RECTOR of Thomaston, STRANG BURGESS of Cumberland, Senator: MILLS of Somerset.

Bill "An Act To Adjust the Calculation of the Essential Programs and Services Pupil Count to Accurately Reflect Population Change"

(H.P. 739) (L.D. 979)

Sponsored by Representative TARDY of Newport.

Bill "An Act To Include Family Life Skills in the System of Learning Results"

(H.P. 745) (L.D. 985)

Sponsored by Representative NASS of Acton.

Cosponsored by Senator STRIMLING of Cumberland and Representatives: Speaker CUMMINGS of Portland, EDGECOMB of Caribou, LANSLEY of Sabattus, RICHARDSON of Carmel, WOODBURY of Yarmouth, Senators: COURTNEY of York, MITCHELL of Kennebec, TURNER of Cumberland.

Bill "An Act To Increase College Attainment"

(H.P. 758) (L.D. 1040)

Sponsored by Speaker CUMMINGS of Portland.

Cosponsored by Senator MITCHELL of Kennebec and Representatives: BEAULIEU of Auburn, BURNS of Berwick, CROCKETT of Augusta, DRISCOLL of Westbrook, DUNN of Bangor, FARRINGTON of Gorham, FINCH of Fairfield, FINLEY of Skowhegan, MAKAS of Lewiston, MARLEY of Portland, MIRAMANT of Camden, PERRY of Calais, PIOTTI of Unity, SIMPSON of Auburn, STRANG BURGESS of Cumberland, SUTHERLAND of Chapman, VALENTINO of Saco, Senators: BOWMAN of York, BRYANT of Oxford, SNOWE-MELLO of Androscoggin.

Bill "An Act To Improve the Essential Programs and Services Funding Formula"

(H.P. 759) (L.D. 1041)

Sponsored by Representative FINCH of Fairfield.

Cosponsored by Senator MARRACHÉ of Kennebec.

Bill "An Act To Establish Uniformity in School Building Construction"

(H.P. 760) (L.D. 1042)

Sponsored by Representative WEDDELL of Frankfort. (BY REQUEST)

Bill "An Act Regarding Requirements for the Issuance and Renewal of Teaching Certificates"

(H.P. 761) (L.D. 1043)

Sponsored by Representative HOLMAN of Fayette.

Resolve, Establishing the Commission To Study Biofuel Use in School Districts (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 797) (L.D. 1079)

Sponsored by Representative PRIEST of Brunswick.

Cosponsored by Senator SNOWE-MELLO of Androscoggin and Representatives: BERRY of Bowdoinham, BRAUTIGAM of Falmouth, CONOVER of Oakland, CROCKETT of Augusta, GERZOFKY of Brunswick, PRESCOTT of Topsham, SAVAGE of Falmouth, TREAT of Farmingdale.

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

On motion of Representative NORTON of Bangor, **TABLED** pending **REFERENCE** and later today assigned.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Bill "An Act To Eliminate the Estate Recovery Delayed Claims Exemption"

(H.P. 730) (L.D. 970)

Sponsored by Representative WEBSTER of Freeport.

Cosponsored by Senator MARTIN of Aroostook.

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

Bill "An Act To Require the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention To Publish Abortion Statistics"

(H.P. 733) (L.D. 973)

Sponsored by Representative NASS of Acton.

Cosponsored by Senator SHERMAN of Aroostook and Representatives: AUSTIN of Gray, CEBRA of Naples, CROSTHWAITE of Ellsworth, HAMPER of Oxford, MCKANE of Newcastle, Senator: COURTNEY of York.

Resolve, To Provide Reimbursement for Residential Care Facilities for Rising Heating Costs and Cost-of-living Adjustments

(H.P. 735) (L.D. 975)

Sponsored by Representative PERRY of Calais.

Cosponsored by Representatives: CLARK of Millinocket, CONNOR of Kennebunk, DRISCOLL of Westbrook, GROSE of Woolwich, MILLER of Somerville, PEOPLES of Westbrook, TUTTLE of Sanford.

Bill "An Act To Address the Funding Needs of Air and Ground Emergency Medical Services"

(H.P. 737) (L.D. 977)

Sponsored by Representative PINGREE of North Haven.

Cosponsored by Senator McCORMICK of Kennebec and Representatives: BARSTOW of Gorham, BEAUDOIN of Biddeford, Speaker CUMMINGS of Portland, EMERY of Cutler, FISCHER of Presque Isle, WATSON of Bath, Senators: DOW of Lincoln, MITCHELL of Kennebec.

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Burial or Cremation of Certain Persons"

(H.P. 740) (L.D. 980)

Sponsored by Representative CROSTHWAITE of Ellsworth.

Cosponsored by Senator ROSEN of Hancock and Representatives: ROSEN of Bucksport, TARDY of Newport, Senator: SHERMAN of Aroostook.

Bill "An Act Concerning the Supervision of Nursing Support Staff"

(H.P. 741) (L.D. 981)

Sponsored by Representative PERRY of Calais.

Cosponsored by Representatives: CONNOR of Kennebunk, GROSE of Woolwich, PENDLETON of Scarborough.

Resolve, To Evaluate MaineCare Finances

(H.P. 744) (L.D. 984)

Sponsored by Representative WOODBURY of Yarmouth.

Cosponsored by Senator DOW of Lincoln and Representatives: MILLETT of Waterford, MILLS of Farmington, RECTOR of Thomaston, Senator: TURNER of Cumberland.

Bill "An Act To Provide Gambling Addiction Counseling Services through the Office of Substance Abuse"

(H.P. 747) (L.D. 987)

Sponsored by Representative PERRY of Calais.

Cosponsored by Senator MARRACHÉ of Kennebec and Representatives: GROSE of Woolwich, WALCOTT of Lewiston.

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

Bill "An Act To Assist Children Who Are Not Receiving Court-ordered Child Support Payments"

(H.P. 750) (L.D. 990)

Sponsored by Representative CRESSEY of Cornish.

Cosponsored by President EDMONDS of Cumberland and Representatives: BARSTOW of Gorham, CAIN of Orono, GOULD of South Berwick, MILLER of Somerville, NORTON of Bangor, SIMPSON of Auburn, SMITH of Monmouth, Senator: WESTON of Waldo.

Bill "An Act To Address Eating Disorders in Maine"

(H.P. 762) (L.D. 1044)

Sponsored by Representative TUTTLE of Sanford.

INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE

Bill "An Act To Encourage Youth Hunting"

(H.P. 742) (L.D. 982)

Sponsored by Representative CARTER of Bethel.

Cosponsored by Senator SHERMAN of Aroostook and Representatives: JACKSON of Allagash, PRATT of Eddington, SAVAGE of Falmouth, TIBBETTS of Columbia.

Bill "An Act To Establish the Coyote Award Program"

(H.P. 763) (L.D. 1045)

Sponsored by Representative TUTTLE of Sanford.

Bill "An Act To Increase Public Participation in the Maine Outdoor Heritage Fund Board"

(H.P. 798) (L.D. 1080)

Sponsored by Representative ADAMS of Portland.

Cosponsored by Representatives: BERRY of Bowdoinham, HINCK of Portland, TUTTLE of Sanford.

Bill "An Act To Protect Wild Trout from Exotic Species"

(H.P. 799) (L.D. 1081)

Sponsored by Representative KOFFMAN of Bar Harbor.

Cosponsored by Senator DAMON of Hancock and Representative: WATSON of Bath.

Bill "An Act To Amend the Process for Making Certain Changes to State-owned Land"

(H.P. 738) (L.D. 978)

Sponsored by Representative JACKSON of Allagash.

Cosponsored by Senator BRYANT of Oxford and Representatives: RICHARDSON of Carmel, SAVIELLO of Wilton, Senator: MARTIN of Aroostook.

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

On motion of Representative JACKSON of Allagash, **TABLED** pending **REFERENCE** and later today assigned.

INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES

Bill "An Act To Clarify the Security Requirements for Self-insurers"

(H.P. 751) (L.D. 991)

Sponsored by Representative PRIEST of Brunswick.

Cosponsored by Senator SNOWE-MELLO of Androscoggin and Senator: PERRY of Penobscot.

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

Bill "An Act To Make Changes to Maine's Homeowner Property Insurance Laws"

(H.P. 764) (L.D. 1046)

Sponsored by Representative McKANE of Newcastle.

Bill "An Act To Lower the Cost of Health Insurance"

(H.P. 765) (L.D. 1047)

Sponsored by Representative VAUGHAN of Durham.

Bill "An Act To Protect Consumers in the Insurance Industry"

(H.P. 784) (L.D. 1066)

Sponsored by Representative BLISS of South Portland.

Cosponsored by Senator BARTLETT of Cumberland and Representatives: CONOVER of Oakland, CROCKETT of Augusta, MIRAMANT of Camden, SIROIS of Turner, TRINWARD of Waterville.

Bill "An Act To Establish a Single-payor Health Care System"

(H.P. 790) (L.D. 1072)

Sponsored by Representative BEAUDOIN of Biddeford.

Cosponsored by Senator SCHNEIDER of Penobscot and Representatives: ADAMS of Portland, GROSE of Woolwich, WALCOTT of Lewiston.

Bill "An Act To Create a Maine-based Independent Nonprofit Health Insurance Company" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 800) (L.D. 1082)

Sponsored by Representative PRIEST of Brunswick.

Cosponsored by Senator MARTIN of Aroostook and Representatives: BRAUTIGAM of Falmouth, CONOVER of Oakland, CROCKETT of Augusta, GERZOFISKY of Brunswick, MILLER of Somerville, PIEH of Bremen, TREAT of Farmingdale, WEBSTER of Freeport.

Bill "An Act To Clarify the Use of Insurance Scores"

(H.P. 801) (L.D. 1083)

Sponsored by Representative CANAVAN of Waterville.

Cosponsored by Senator SNOWE-MELLO of Androscoggin and Representatives: CROCKETT of Augusta, VALENTINO of Saco, Senator: MARRACHÉ of Kennebec.

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

JUDICIARY

Bill "An Act To Improve the Protection from Abuse Laws"

(H.P. 748) (L.D. 988)

Sponsored by Representative SIMPSON of Auburn.

Cosponsored by Senator HOBBSINS of York and Representatives: BRYANT of Windham, CASAVANT of Biddeford, DILL of Cape Elizabeth, DUNN of Bangor, MILLS of Farmington, NASS of

Acton, Senators: HASTINGS of Oxford, MARRACHÉ of Kennebec.

Submitted by the Department of the Attorney General pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Bill "An Act To Extend Parental Support Obligations for College Students"

(H.P. 749) (L.D. 989)

Sponsored by Representative HAYES of Buckfield.

Cosponsored by Representatives: DILL of Cape Elizabeth, RECTOR of Thomaston, SILSBY of Augusta, SIMPSON of Auburn, WAGNER of Lewiston, Senator: HOBBSINS of York.

Bill "An Act To Provide Greater Permanency for Children in Child Protection Proceedings"

(H.P. 766) (L.D. 1048)

Sponsored by Representative FAIRCLOTH of Bangor.

Cosponsored by Senator COURTNEY of York and Representatives: CONOVER of Oakland, HILL of York, TARDY of Newport.

Bill "An Act To Provide Adult Adoptees Access to Their Original Birth Certificates"

(H.P. 802) (L.D. 1084)

Sponsored by Representative FARRINGTON of Gorham.

Cosponsored by Senator SHERMAN of Aroostook and Representatives: CASAVANT of Biddeford, Speaker CUMMINGS of Portland, HAMPER of Oxford, SOCTOMAH of the Passamaquoddy Tribe, TUTTLE of Sanford, Senators: BENOIT of Sagadahoc, BROMLEY of Cumberland, NUTTING of Androscoggin.

Bill "An Act To Improve the Laws Concerning the Management by Law Enforcement Agencies of Unclaimed, Lost or Stolen Personal Property"

(H.P. 803) (L.D. 1085)

Sponsored by Representative GERZOFISKY of Brunswick.

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

Committee on **JUDICIARY** suggested.

On motion of Representative SIMPSON of Auburn, the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY**, ordered printed and sent for concurrence.

LABOR

Bill "An Act To Establish the Hearing Assistance Program for Low-income Persons Who Are Elderly or Disabled"

(H.P. 773) (L.D. 1055)

Sponsored by Representative WEBSTER of Freeport.

Cosponsored by Representatives: ADAMS of Portland, MILLER of Somerville, PRIEST of Brunswick.

Resolve, To Study the State's Career Center Network and Create a Sustainable System

(H.P. 778) (L.D. 1060)

Sponsored by Representative SAVIELLO of Wilton.

Cosponsored by Representatives: CARTER of Bethel, MILLS of Farmington, Senator: GOOLEY of Franklin.

Bill "An Act To Clarify Worker Payment for Clothing and Equipment"

(H.P. 804) (L.D. 1086)

Sponsored by Representative SMITH of Monmouth.

Cosponsored by Senator SCHNEIDER of Penobscot and Representatives: BLANCHETTE of Bangor, GROSE of Woolwich, MIRAMANT of Camden, RINES of Wiscasset, VALENTINO of Saco, Senators: BRYANT of Oxford, DOW of Lincoln, NUTTING of Androscoggin.

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

Bill "An Act To Facilitate Debarment of State Contractors with Serious or Repeated Labor Violations"

(H.P. 805) (L.D. 1087)

Sponsored by Representative TUTTLE of Sanford.

Cosponsored by Senator STRIMLING of Cumberland and Representatives: BLANCHETTE of Bangor, DRISCOLL of Westbrook, FISHER of Brewer, GERZOFKY of Brunswick, HANLEY of Gardiner, JACKSON of Allagash, PILON of Saco, Senator: BRYANT of Oxford.

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

Committee on **LABOR** suggested.

On motion of Representative TUTTLE of Sanford, **TABLED** pending **REFERENCE** and later today assigned.

LEGAL AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

Bill "An Act To Require Wholesale Distributors of Alcoholic Beverages To Report the Quantity of Liquor Sold to Individual Licensees"

(H.P. 767) (L.D. 1049)

Sponsored by Representative WEBSTER of Freeport.

Cosponsored by President EDMONDS of Cumberland and Representatives: CAIN of Orono, CRAVEN of Lewiston, FAIRCLOTH of Bangor, PINGREE of North Haven.

Bill "An Act To Prohibit Payment for the Gathering of Petition Signatures"

(H.P. 768) (L.D. 1050)

Sponsored by Representative TUTTLE of Sanford.

Bill "An Act To Provide Information to the Public Regarding Lobbying and Lobbyists"

(H.P. 769) (L.D. 1051)

Sponsored by Representative WEBSTER of Freeport.

Cosponsored by Representatives: CLEARY of Houlton, FAIRCLOTH of Bangor.

Bill "An Act To Require the Reporting of Executive Branch Lobbying"

(H.P. 776) (L.D. 1058)

Sponsored by Representative CANAVAN of Waterville.

Cosponsored by Senator MITCHELL of Kennebec and Representatives: ADAMS of Portland, BABBIDGE of Kennebunk, FLETCHER of Winslow, HOLMAN of Fayette, Senators: BARTLETT of Cumberland, COURTNEY of York, MARRACHÉ of Kennebec, STRIMLING of Cumberland.

Bill "An Act To Ban Payment-per-signature for Initiative and Referenda Petition Circulators"

(H.P. 777) (L.D. 1059)

Sponsored by Representative ADAMS of Portland.

Cosponsored by Representatives: BERRY of Bowdoinham, BRAUTIGAM of Falmouth, BRYANT of Windham, CARTER of Bethel, CONNOR of Kennebunk, GROSE of Woolwich, HINCK of Portland, WALCOTT of Lewiston.

Bill "An Act To Amend Various Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management Laws"

(H.P. 806) (L.D. 1088)

Sponsored by Representative PATRICK of Rumford.

Cosponsored by Senator MARRACHÉ of Kennebec and Representatives: FISHER of Brewer, HOLMAN of Fayette, Senator: PLOWMAN of Penobscot.

Submitted by the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

NATURAL RESOURCES

Bill "An Act To Create the Maine Natural Resource and Environment Efficiency Commission"

(H.P. 807) (L.D. 1089)

Sponsored by Representative MacDONALD of Boothbay. (BY REQUEST)

Bill "An Act To Authorize the State's Participation in the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative"

(H.P. 808) (L.D. 1090)

Sponsored by Representative KOFFMAN of Bar Harbor.

Cosponsored by Senator BARTLETT of Cumberland and Representatives: BERRY of Bowdoinham, BLISS of South Portland, BRAUTIGAM of Falmouth, CONOVER of Oakland, Speaker CUMMINGS of Portland, DUCHESNE of Hudson, EATON of Sullivan, EBERLE of South Portland, HINCK of Portland, MARLEY of Portland, MIRAMANT of Camden, PENDLETON of Scarborough, PINGREE of North Haven, PIOTTI of Unity, SIMPSON of Auburn, TREAT of Farmingdale, WATSON of Bath, Senators: BENOIT of Sagadahoc, DAMON of Hancock, DOW of Lincoln, President EDMONDS of Cumberland, MARTIN of Aroostook, MILLS of Somerset, TURNER of Cumberland.

Committee on **NATURAL RESOURCES** suggested.

On motion of Representative DUCHESNE of Hudson, **TABLED** pending **REFERENCE** and later today assigned.

STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Bill "An Act To Change Building Requirements for County Buildings and Land"

(H.P. 774) (L.D. 1056)

Sponsored by Representative CROCKETT of Augusta.

Cosponsored by Senator MITCHELL of Kennebec and Representatives: BLANCHARD of Old Town, CANAVAN of Waterville, CONOVER of Oakland, FLOOD of Winthrop, HANLEY of Gardiner, SILSBY of Augusta, Senators: McCORMICK of Kennebec, SHERMAN of Aroostook.

Bill "An Act To Accept the Determination of Public Opinion on Municipal Projects"

(H.P. 779) (L.D. 1061)

Sponsored by Representative McFADDEN of Dennysville. (BY REQUEST)

Cosponsored by Senator RAYE of Washington and Representatives: BLANCHARD of Old Town, EDGECOMB of Caribou, JOY of Crystal, SAVIELLO of Wilton, SCHATZ of Blue Hill, TIBBETTS of Columbia, VAUGHAN of Durham.

Resolve, To Establish the Maine Civil War Sesquicentennial Commission

(H.P. 809) (L.D. 1091)

Sponsored by Representative ADAMS of Portland.

Cosponsored by Representative: CANAVAN of Waterville.

TAXATION

Bill "An Act To Extend Eligibility for the Trade-in Credit to All Trailers"

(H.P. 770) (L.D. 1052)

Sponsored by Representative BROWNE of Vassalboro.

Cosponsored by Senator SAVAGE of Knox and Representatives: CLEARY of Houlton, CURTIS of Madison, MARLEY of Portland,

ROSEN of Bucksport, THERIAULT of Madawaska, THOMAS of Ripley.

Bill "An Act To Provide Tax-exempt Status to Service Dog Trainers"

(H.P. 780) (L.D. 1062)

Sponsored by Representative BLISS of South Portland.

Bill "An Act To Require the Payment of Property Taxes before a Refund May Be Issued under the Circuitbreaker Program"

(H.P. 785) (L.D. 1067)

Sponsored by Representative WEBSTER of Freeport.

Cosponsored by Senator: ROSEN of Hancock.

Bill "An Act To Provide a Property Tax Exemption for Nonprofit Technology Centers" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 787) (L.D. 1069)

Sponsored by Representative FINCH of Fairfield.

Bill "An Act To Exempt from the Excise Tax Fuel Used in Certain Farm Trucks"

(H.P. 810) (L.D. 1092)

Sponsored by Representative PIOTTI of Unity.

Cosponsored by Representatives: CRAY of Palmyra, PRATT of Eddington.

Bill "An Act To Exempt Fuels Used in Farm Tractors from the Sales Tax"

(H.P. 811) (L.D. 1093)

Sponsored by Representative PIOTTI of Unity.

Cosponsored by Representatives: CRAY of Palmyra, PRATT of Eddington.

Bill "An Act To Exempt from the Sales Tax Water Used in Agricultural Production"

(H.P. 812) (L.D. 1094)

Sponsored by Representative PIOTTI of Unity.

Cosponsored by Representatives: CRAY of Palmyra, PRATT of Eddington.

Bill "An Act To Enhance the Maine Residents Property Tax Program"

(H.P. 813) (L.D. 1095)

Sponsored by Representative FARRINGTON of Gorham.

Cosponsored by Senator STRIMLING of Cumberland and Representatives: BARSTOW of Gorham, MUSE of Fryeburg, PILON of Saco, PIOTTI of Unity.

Bill "An Act To Make Circuitbreaker Program Benefits Proportional If a Resident Moves"

(H.P. 814) (L.D. 1096)

Sponsored by Representative PRESCOTT of Topsham.

Cosponsored by Senator COURTNEY of York and Representatives: AUSTIN of Gray, BEAUDETTE of Biddeford, BEAULIEU of Auburn, CLEARY of Houlton, MacDONALD of Boothbay, PRIEST of Brunswick, SILSBY of Augusta, SMITH of Monmouth.

TRANSPORTATION

Bill "An Act To Delay the Fiscal Sustainability of the Highway Fund"

(H.P. 732) (L.D. 972)

Sponsored by Representative MARLEY of Portland.

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

Bill "An Act To Establish an Agriculture Education Registration Plate"

(H.P. 746) (L.D. 986)

Sponsored by Representative PIEH of Bremen.

Cosponsored by Senator SHERMAN of Aroostook and Representatives: CRAY of Palmyra, FISHER of Brewer, LUNDEEN of Mars Hill, MAREAN of Hollis, PRATT of Eddington,

THOMAS of Ripley, Senators: BRYANT of Oxford, NUTTING of Androscoggin.

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

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Placement of an On-premises Sign"

(H.P. 771) (L.D. 1053)

Sponsored by Representative THOMAS of Ripley.

Cosponsored by Senator DOW of Lincoln and Representatives: CEBRA of Naples, CRAY of Palmyra, CURTIS of Madison, GIFFORD of Lincoln, HOGAN of Old Orchard Beach, LEWIN of Eliot, PEOPLES of Westbrook, THIBODEAU of Winterport.

Resolve, Directing the Department of Transportation To Repair Underground Pipes on Main Street and Church Street in Stockton Springs

(H.P. 772) (L.D. 1054)

Sponsored by Representative WEDDELL of Frankfort. (BY REQUEST)

Bill "An Act Relating to Safe and Effective Use of Casco Bay Bridge"

(H.P. 815) (L.D. 1097)

Sponsored by Representative BLISS of South Portland.

Cosponsored by Senator BROMLEY of Cumberland and Representatives: DILL of Cape Elizabeth, EBERLE of South Portland, KAENRATH of South Portland, McDONOUGH of Scarborough, PENDLETON of Scarborough, Senator: BARTLETT of Cumberland.

UTILITIES AND ENERGY

Bill "An Act Regarding Cable Television Service Outages"

(H.P. 781) (L.D. 1063)

Sponsored by Representative ADAMS of Portland.

Cosponsored by Representatives: BERRY of Bowdoinham, BRYANT of Windham, CARTER of Bethel, CONNOR of Kennebunk, CONOVER of Oakland, GROSE of Woolwich, HINCK of Portland, WALCOTT of Lewiston.

Bill "An Act To Enhance Maine's Energy Independence and Security"

(H.P. 786) (L.D. 1068)

Sponsored by Representative PIEH of Bremen.

Cosponsored by Senator BARTLETT of Cumberland and Representatives: ADAMS of Portland, BLANCHARD of Old Town, BLISS of South Portland, FITTS of Pittsfield, FLETCHER of Winslow, HINCK of Portland, Senators: MARRACHÉ of Kennebec, RAYE of Washington.

Bill "An Act Regarding Energy-generating Facilities"

(H.P. 789) (L.D. 1071)

Sponsored by Representative ADAMS of Portland.

Cosponsored by Senator BARTLETT of Cumberland and Representatives: BABBIDGE of Kennebunk, BERRY of Bowdoinham, EATON of Sullivan, EBERLE of South Portland, FLETCHER of Winslow, MacDONALD of Boothbay, MIRAMANT of Camden, RINES of Wiscasset.

Bill "An Act To Promote Electricity Transmission Independence"

(H.P. 816) (L.D. 1098)

Sponsored by Representative BLISS of South Portland.

Pursuant to Statute

Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources

Representative PIEH for the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 8072 asks leave to report that the accompanying Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of

Portions of Chapter 328: Rules Governing the Licensing and Inspection of Farm Cheese, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 725) (L.D. 965)

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

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

Sent for concurrence.

Pursuant to Statute

Criminal Law Advisory Commission

Representative GERZOFKY for the **Criminal Law Advisory Commission** pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 17-A, section 1354, subsection 2 asks leave to report that the accompanying Bill "An Act To Make Part 1 of the Maine Criminal Code Gender-neutral"

(H.P. 726) (L.D. 966)

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

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

Sent for concurrence.

Pursuant to Statute

Department of Education

Representative NORTON for the **Department of Education** pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 8072 asks leave to report that the accompanying Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 007: Implementation of the Essential Programs and Services Funding Model, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Education (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 727) (L.D. 967)

Be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** and printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

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

Sent for concurrence.

Pursuant to Statute

Department of Environmental Protection

Representative KOFFMAN for the **Department of Environmental Protection** pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 8072 asks leave to report that the accompanying Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 587: In-stream Flow and Water Level Standards, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Environmental Protection (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 728) (L.D. 968)

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

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

Sent for concurrence.

Pursuant to Statute
Public Utilities Commission

Representative BLISS for the **Public Utilities Commission** pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 8072 asks leave to report that the accompanying Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 316, Long Term Contracting and Resource Adequacy, a Major Substantive Rule of the Public Utilities Commission (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 729) (L.D. 969)

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

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

Sent for concurrence.

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

Second Day

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

(S.P. 17) (L.D. 23) Bill "An Act To Clarify the Use and Purpose of Center Turn Lanes"

(S.P. 59) (L.D. 177) Bill "An Act To Clarify the Requirements for Temporary Licensure of Psychologists"

(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

(S.P. 49) (L.D. 141) Bill "An Act To Clarify the Process for Public Improvement Construction Contracts" (C. "A" S-7)

(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" (C. "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" (C. "A" H-9)

(H.P. 173) (L.D. 202) Bill "An Act Requiring the Municipal Clerk To Inspect Municipal Election Ballots" (C. "A" H-8)

(H.P. 223) (L.D. 267) Bill "An Act To Ensure Proper Funding of the Public Utilities Commission" (EMERGENCY) (C. "A" H-11)

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

ENACTORS

Acts

An Act To List the Shortnose Sturgeon as a Marine Endangered Species

(S.P. 48) (L.D. 140)

An Act To Modify the Laws Regarding Garnishment of Wages

(S.P. 69) (L.D. 231)

Reported by the Committee on **Engrossed Bills** as truly and strictly engrossed, **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 Thursday, March 1, 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 Prevent Infant Exposure to Harmful Hormone-disrupting Substances"

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

(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.

Expression of Legislative Sentiment Recognizing Katherine "Kay" Coffin Mills of Farmington

(HLS 119)

TABLED - February 27, 2007 (Till Later Today) by Representative PERCY of Phippsburg.

PENDING - **PASSAGE**.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Farmington, Representative Mills.

Representative **MILLS**: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Men and Women of the House. It is a distinct and unusual honor and pleasure to honor one's own mother, on the passing of a milestone that is her 90th birthday.

As you heard, my mother grew up in rural Aroostook County, if that is not a redundancy. She picked potatoes most of her early years and she learned work the hard way, learned the value of hard work and tried to instill that in us, still trying to instill that in us. Also tried to instill in us the value of words and the value of syntax and grammar and good spelling, which I am still trying to master. I guess the compulsion to diagram sentences lives with me still, and still directs some of my awkward behavior. But she has been a teacher of thousands and a role model for many and continues to contribute so much to our community, to our town, to our state. And we appreciate all that she has done. So it is a privilege to wish Happy Birthday once again to my mother, my teacher, my mentor, my best friend, Kay Mills.

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

Representative **PINGREE**: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Men and Women of the House. I just wanted to briefly rise and add a "Happy Birthday" greeting to Mrs. Mills. I have only met her briefly, but I have to say that this woman is a powerhouse. It is no wonder that the Mills family emerged from this woman.

I spent a little bit of time on the campaign trail with the good Representative from Farmington, Representative Mills, and we were at a forum about women in politics. Representative Mills was talking about her experience and the first question, the hand rose, and it was Mrs. Mills grilling her own daughter and chiding her to tell a story about her experience. This woman does not miss a beat. I have to say that if the entire Mills family lasts in public service until their 90th year, we will all be very lucky. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Phippsburg, Representative Percy.

Representative **PERCY**: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. One of the things you learn and are learning as a public servant up in Augusta, is how much you are a part of an extended family. And I got really lucky as a freshman Representative here when it was the year that Senator Peter Mills turned 60. His mother and his family threw a party here at the State House in Legislative Council and we got to sing to Peter Mills. At that point my friendship began with Mrs. Mills.

She is a staunch advocate for women and she is also a musician. Ladies and Gentlemen, she is actually one of the few people, I bet in this room, who knows the words to the song, "Last Night on the Back Porch". So I would love, if you don't have a chance immediately this afternoon, at some point, make sure you get in touch with Mrs. Mills. Have coffee with her. Go up to Farmington. Court her. Invite her back down here to the State House. What I would like to do, Mrs. Mills, is invite everybody in the House to stand up and join me in singing, "Happy Birthday".

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Penobscot Nation, Representative Loring.

Representative **LORING**: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I would like to just take this opportunity to wish Mrs. Mills a "Happy Birthday". I did get to know her during Peter's campaign and she is a tremendous lady and was really gracious in helping me out. And actually gave me a ride one day. Happy Birthday, Mrs. Mills.

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

HOUSE DIVIDED REPORT - Majority (7) **Ought Not to Pass** - Minority (5) **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-7)** - Committee on **MARINE RESOURCES** on Bill "An Act To Provide for the Safety of Elver Fishermen Using Dip Nets"

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

TABLED - March 1, 2007 (Till Later Today) by Representative McDONOUGH of Scarborough.

PENDING - Motion of same Representative to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report.

Subsequently, the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report was **ACCEPTED** and sent for concurrence.

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEE
Divided Report**

Majority Report of the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-12)** on Bill "An Act To Initiate the Intergovernmental Advisory Commission's Blueprint for Government"

(H.P. 185) (L.D. 214)

Signed:

Senators:

SCHNEIDER of Penobscot
BRANNIGAN of Cumberland
BENOIT of Sagadahoc

Representatives:

BOLAND of Sanford
WEAVER of York
BEAUDETTE of Biddeford
SIROIS of Turner
CURTIS of Madison

JOY of Crystal
HAYES of Buckfield
COTTA of China
SCHATZ of Blue Hill

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "B" (H-13)** on same Bill.

Signed:
Representative:
BARSTOW of Gorham

READ.

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

The Bill was **READ ONCE**. **Committee Amendment "A" (H-12)** was **READ** by the Clerk and **ADOPTED**. The Bill was assigned for **SECOND READING** Thursday, March 8, 2007.

SENATE PAPERS

Bill "An Act To Reduce the Expense of Health Care Treatment and Protect the Health of Maine Citizens by Providing Early Screening, Detection and Prevention of Cancer"

(S.P. 312) (L.D. 995)

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

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

Bill "An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Replenish the School Revolving Renovation Fund"

(S.P. 336) (L.D. 1019)

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 Inspections and Operating Costs for Elevators"

(S.P. 343) (L.D. 1026)

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.

Resolve, To Increase Highway Safety by Establishing a Dangerous Driver Hotline

(S.P. 309) (L.D. 992)

Bill "An Act To Increase Firearm Safety on College Campuses"

(S.P. 317) (L.D. 1000)

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 Offer Tuition Waivers for State Higher Education Facilities to Eligible Veterans"

(S.P. 330) (L.D. 1013)

Bill "An Act To Renew the Promise of Higher Education"

(S.P. 337) (L.D. 1020)

Bill "An Act To Reform Essential Programs and Services"

(S.P. 342) (L.D. 1025)

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 Support Medical Practice Protocols in Patient Care"

(S.P. 313) (L.D. 996)

Bill "An Act To Clarify the Authority of the Department of Health and Human Services To License Residential Parenting Facilities"

(S.P. 333) (L.D. 1016)

Bill "An Act Regarding the Mandatory Administration of Medication in Hospitals Serving Psychiatric Patients"

(S.P. 350) (L.D. 1033)

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 Reform Dirigo Health"

(S.P. 345) (L.D. 1028)

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 Enhance Child Support Collections in Maine" (EMERGENCY)

(S.P. 328) (L.D. 1011)

Bill "An Act To Clarify the Definition of 'Physical or Mental Disability' in the Maine Human Rights Act"

(S.P. 344) (L.D. 1027)

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 Further Facilitate the Regionalization of Emergency Communications Dispatching Services" (EMERGENCY)

(S.P. 315) (L.D. 998)

Bill "An Act To Amend the Unemployment Laws"

(S.P. 332) (L.D. 1015)

Bill "An Act To Address Labor Practices with On-call Workers"

(S.P. 341) (L.D. 1024)

Bill "An Act To Improve Employment Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities in Maine"

(S.P. 349) (L.D. 1032)

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

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

Bill "An Act To Make Minor Changes to the Gambling Control Board Laws"

(S.P. 311) (L.D. 994)

Bill "An Act To Improve Transportation for Veterans"

(S.P. 316) (L.D. 999)

Bill "An Act To Improve the Legislative Ethics Laws"

(S.P. 325) (L.D. 1008)

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 Ensure Reasonable and Equitable Land Use Opportunities near Shorebird, Wading Bird and Waterfowl Habitat" (EMERGENCY)

(S.P. 331) (L.D. 1014)

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 Eliminate the Property Tax on Business Equipment Owned by Small Retailers"

(S.P. 318) (L.D. 1001)

Bill "An Act To Improve Access to and Awareness of the Circuitbreaker Program"

(S.P. 319) (L.D. 1002)

Bill "An Act To Amend the Tax Credit for Biofuel Production"

(S.P. 320) (L.D. 1003)

Bill "An Act To Amend the Tax Laws Concerning Certain Motor Vehicle Dealership Transactions"

(S.P. 322) (L.D. 1005)

Bill "An Act To Ensure Fairness for Maine Businesses"

(S.P. 323) (L.D. 1006)

Bill "An Act To Ensure That Military Services Members Receive Deferment of Their Property Tax Obligations"

(S.P. 327) (L.D. 1010)

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

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

Resolve, To Lower the Cost of State Government (EMERGENCY)

(S.P. 338) (L.D. 1021)

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 Require That a State Road Be in Good Condition before Being Turned over to a Municipality"

(S.P. 335) (L.D. 1018)

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Pertaining to the Removal of Submerged Vehicles"

(S.P. 339) (L.D. 1022)

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 Amend the Charter of the Winterport Water District"

(S.P. 310) (L.D. 993)

Resolve, To Require the Emergency Services Communication Bureau To Send E-9-1-1 Changes of Address Information to State Licensing Agencies (EMERGENCY)

(S.P. 329) (L.D. 1012)

Bill "An Act To Encourage Cogeneration"

(S.P. 347) (L.D. 1030)

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

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

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

On motion of Representative CLARK of Millinocket, the House adjourned at 11:24 a.m., until 10:00 a.m., Thursday, March 8, 2007 in honor and lasting tribute to William H. Craig, of Millinocket and Eleanor Files Nelson, of Stoneham.