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ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE
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20th Legislative Day
Tuesday, March 20, 2007

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

Prayer by The Very Reverend Lester E. York, The Anglican Cathedral of St. Paul's, Anglican Church in America, Portland.

National Anthem by Jon Bauman, Los Angeles, California.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Doctor of the day, Skip MacDonald, M.D., Dover-Foxcroft.

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

SENATE PAPERS

The following Joint Resolution: (S.P. 491)

JOINT RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING MARCH AS ACCESS TO PLASMA PROTEIN THERAPIES MONTH

WHEREAS, tens of thousands of individuals across the United States are reliant upon plasma protein therapies and recombinant analogs, known as "plasma protein therapies," to treat rare life-threatening genetic and autoimmune disorders; and

WHEREAS, several hundred individuals in the State of Maine have been diagnosed with these rare disorders; and

WHEREAS, these disorders, including hemophilia and other bleeding disorders, primary immunodeficiency diseases and alpha-1 antitrypsin deficiency, are most effectively treated with plasma protein therapies; and

WHEREAS, these individuals need access to the full range of plasma protein therapies to help ensure the best possible clinical outcomes; and

WHEREAS, these individuals require access to the appropriate providers and designated centers of excellence appropriate to their health care needs; and

WHEREAS, these individuals need access to options in pharmacy services and the delivery of home-based services; and

WHEREAS, access to comprehensive care has been shown to markedly improve patient outcomes; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred Twenty-third Legislature now assembled in the First Regular Session, on behalf of the people we represent, designate March as Access to Plasma Protein Therapies Month, and we call upon the people of Maine to observe this month with appropriate programs and activities.

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

READ and **ADOPTED** in concurrence.

The following Joint Resolution: (S.P. 492)

JOINT RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING THE PRESIDENT AND CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES TO FULLY FUND THE STATE CHILDREN'S HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM

WE, your Memorialists, the Members of the One Hundred and Twenty-third Legislature of the State of Maine now assembled in the First Regular Session, most respectfully present and petition the President and the Congress of the United States, as follows:

WHEREAS, the State of Maine and at least 13 other states have used up much of the federal subsidies for child health care even though the fiscal year is still not ended, due in part to the great need for these funds and also to the inadequate formula by which the money is apportioned; and

WHEREAS, the State Children's Health Insurance Program, known as SCHIP, was started by Congress in 1998 and is funded

by a combination of federal and state funds, as well as by the premiums of participants; and

WHEREAS, the program was envisioned as a way to provide health insurance to the children of the working poor and the current budget is \$5.5 billion, which is about \$745 million short of the needs of the states; and

WHEREAS, the State of Maine has used its SCHIP funds to help significantly with MaineCare, which has provided valuable and important health care to more than 14,850 children in our State, and without additional federal aid 3,500 to 4,000 Maine children will go uninsured; and

WHEREAS, the State of Maine needs at least \$6,500,000 to help the children at risk and to keep our children healthy, and other states have needs just as important; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That We, your Memorialists, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to request that the State Children's Health Insurance Program be fully funded not only for the children of the State of Maine, but for all of the children of the working poor in the United States; and be it further

RESOLVED: That official copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to President George W. Bush, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the President of the United States Senate and to each member of the Maine Congressional Delegation.

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

READ and **ADOPTED** in concurrence.

The following Joint Resolution: (S.P. 507)

JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING SUNSHINE WEEK

WHEREAS, the basic principles of freedom of speech and freedom of the press guaranteed in the United States Constitution are fundamental to our national heritage; and

WHEREAS, the American Society of Newspaper Editors has initiated Sunshine Week: Your Right to Know as a way of illustrating the importance of open government; and

WHEREAS, Sunshine Week 2007 participation by nonjournalism groups is growing, with national and local forums already planned by civic groups, libraries and open government and freedom of information groups, as well as by student media; and

WHEREAS, Sunshine Week was established to spark a discussion about the importance of open government and public access to government documents and meetings; and

WHEREAS, these issues are important in the State of Maine, where public access issues emerge all the time; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Twenty-third Legislature now assembled in First Regular Session, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to recognize Sunshine Week: Your Right to Know during the week of March 11-17, 2007 and confirm the basic principles of an open and accessible government in a free society, and we urge all citizens to join in this observance.

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

READ and **ADOPTED** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Assist Maine Pharmacies"

(S.P. 450) (L.D. 1287)

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

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

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

Bill "An Act To Protect against Discrimination in Housing"
(S.P. 454) (L.D. 1306)

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

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

Bill "An Act To Promote County-based Economic Development Efforts"

(S.P. 324) (L.D. 1007)

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

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

On motion of Representative BARSTOW of Gorham, the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** and the Committee on **BUSINESS, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** in concurrence.

Non-Concurrent Matter

Bill "An Act To Provide Firearms Safety Instruction for Adolescents"

(S.P. 326) (L.D. 1009)

REFERRED to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** in the House on March 13, 2007.

Came from the Senate with that Body having **INSISTED** on its former action whereby the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

On motion of Representative NORTON of Bangor, the House voted to **INSIST**.

Non-Concurrent Matter

Bill "An Act To Require the Department of Environmental Protection To Exclude Repeat Violators of Environmental Laws from Receiving State Contracts"

(S.P. 388) (L.D. 1200)

REFERRED to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** in the House on March 13, 2007.

Came from the Senate with that Body having **ADHERED** to its former action whereby the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **NATURAL RESOURCES** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

On motion of Representative BARSTOW of Gorham, **TABLED** pending **FURTHER CONSIDERATION** and later today assigned.

Non-Concurrent Matter

Bill "An Act To Prohibit Constitutional Officers from Endorsing Candidates for the Legislature"

(H.P. 930) (L.D. 1322)

REFERRED to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** in the House on March 13, 2007.

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

On motion of Representative BARSTOW of Gorham, the House voted to **INSIST**.

Non-Concurrent Matter

Bill "An Act To Minimize the Litigation Costs to Municipalities Associated with Property Tax Assessment Appeals"

(H.P. 944) (L.D. 1335)

REFERRED to the Committee on **TAXATION** in the House on March 13, 2007.

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

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

Non-Concurrent Matter

Bill "An Act To Provide Oversight for Crematoriums"

(H.P. 907) (L.D. 1289)

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

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

On motion of Representative BEAUDETTE of Biddeford, **TABLED** pending **FURTHER CONSIDERATION** and later today assigned.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: (H.C. 111)

STATE OF MAINE

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

March 13, 2007

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

State House

Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Edmonds and Speaker Cummings:

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

L.D. 618 An Act To Increase the Amount Retained by Agents Who Issue Hunting and Fishing Licenses BY REQUEST

L.D. 698 An Act To Increase the Seal Fee for Registration of a Harvested Animal BY REQUEST

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

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Bruce Bryant

Senate Chair

S/Rep. Troy D. Jackson

House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 112)

STATE OF MAINE

ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

March 13, 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. 491 An Act To Set Limits on Political Action
 Committee Contributions
L.D. 557 An Act To Increase the Penalty for Late Filings
 by Lobbyists BY REQUEST
L.D. 700 An Act To Limit Expenditures by Political Action
 Committees

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

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

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 113)

STATE OF MAINE

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

March 13, 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. 399 An Act To Require Impact Statements from
 Potential Purchasers of Public Utilities and
 Those Who Apply To Extract Natural
 Resources
L.D. 542 Resolve, To Direct the Department of
 Environmental Protection To Locate and
 Remediate a Gasoline Spill Contaminating a
 Private Well BY REQUEST

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. 114)

STATE OF MAINE

**ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

March 13, 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 State and Local Government has voted unanimously to report the following bills out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 344 An Act To Modify the Membership of the
 Franklin County Budget Advisory Committee
L.D. 638 An Act To Require Joint Planning and
 Development Board Review for Proposed
 Developments That Abut Municipal Boundaries
L.D. 664 RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to
 the Constitution of Maine To Require That
 Members of the House and Senate Be
 Assigned Seats That Correlate with Each
 Member's District for the Purpose of Enhancing
 Communications and Reducing the Perception
 of Partisan Gridlock

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

Sincerely,
S/Sen. Elizabeth M. Schneider
Senate Chair
S/Rep. Christopher R. Barstow
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 115)

STATE OF MAINE

**ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION**

March 13, 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. 95 An Act To Require Notification when a Vehicle
 Is Towed
L.D. 447 Resolve, To Improve the Registration Process
 for Commercial Motor Vehicles

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

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

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 116)

STATE OF MAINE

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

March 13, 2007

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

Dear President Edmonds and Speaker Cummings:
Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that the Joint Standing Committee on Utilities and Energy has voted unanimously to report the following bills out "Ought Not to Pass":
L.D. 242 An Act To Establish a "Do Not Fax" List
L.D. 498 An Act To Limit the Charges for a Lost Cell Phone

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

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

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (S.C. 120)
**MAINE SENATE
123RD LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY**

March 15, 2007
Honorable Glenn Cummings
Speaker of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333-0002

Dear Speaker Cummings:
In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A. §158 and Joint Rule 506 of the 123rd Maine Legislature, please be advised that the Senate today confirmed the following nomination:
Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Judiciary, the nomination of Honorable Andrew M. Mead of Bangor for appointment as a Supreme Judicial Court Justice.

Sincerely,
S/Joy J. O'Brien
Secretary of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

**PETITIONS, BILLS AND RESOLVES REQUIRING
REFERENCE**

The following Bills, Resolves and Resolutions 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 Adjust the Milk Handling Fee"
(H.P. 1030) (L.D. 1468)

Sponsored by Representative PIOTTI of Unity.
Cosponsored by Senator MILLS of Somerset and Representatives: CARTER of Bethel, CRAY of Palmyra, FLOOD of Winthrop, GIFFORD of Lincoln, GILES of Belfast, HOTHAM of Dixfield, MAREAN of Hollis, MILLS of Farmington, PIEH of Bremen, PINEAU of Jay, PINGREE of North Haven, SMITH of Monmouth, TARDY of Newport, Senators: BRYANT of Oxford, MITCHELL of Kennebec, PERRY of Penobscot, SHERMAN of Aroostook, WESTON of Waldo.

APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

Bill "An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for the Land for Maine's Future Program"

(H.P. 1056) (L.D. 1531)

Sponsored by Representative ADAMS of Portland.

Cosponsored by Senator DIAMOND of Cumberland and Representatives: BEAUDOIN of Biddeford, BERRY of Bowdoinham, BOLAND of Sanford, CANAVAN of Waterville, CARTER of Bethel, CASAVANT of Biddeford, CONNOR of Kennebec, CONOVER of Oakland, CRAY of Palmyra, CROCKETT of Augusta, DILL of Cape Elizabeth, DUCHESNE of Hudson, DUNN of Bangor, EATON of Sullivan, HASKELL of Portland, HAYES of Buckfield, HILL of York, HINCK of Portland, KAENRATH of South Portland, MacDONALD of Boothbay, MARLEY of Portland, MIRAMANT of Camden, PENDLETON of Scarborough, PEOPLES of Westbrook, PIEH of Bremen, PRATT of Eddington, RAND of Portland, RINES of Wiscasset, SILSBY of Augusta, SIROIS of Turner, STRANG BURGESS of Cumberland, SUTHERLAND of Chapman, TREAT of Farmingdale, WAGNER of Lewiston, WEDDELL of Frankfort.

BUSINESS, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Bill "An Act To Enhance Accountability in Future Tax Increment Financing"

(H.P. 1031) (L.D. 1469)

Sponsored by Representative BERRY of Bowdoinham.

Cosponsored by Senator MILLS of Somerset and Representatives: Speaker CUMMINGS of Portland, FAIRCLOTH of Bangor, FISCHER of Presque Isle, PIOTTI of Unity, RAND of Portland, WEBSTER of Freeport, Senator: MARTIN of Aroostook.

Bill "An Act To Clarify the Laws Regarding Physicians"

(H.P. 1032) (L.D. 1470)

Sponsored by Representative SMITH of Monmouth.

Cosponsored by Senator MARRACHÉ of Kennebec and Representative: RECTOR of Thomaston.

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

Bill "An Act To Ensure That Publicly Funded Programs Do Not Jeopardize Existing Industry"

(H.P. 1033) (L.D. 1471)

Sponsored by Representative PERCY of Phippsburg.

Cosponsored by Senator BENOIT of Sagadahoc.

Bill "An Act To Provide for the Regulation of Denturists by the Board of Complementary Health Care Providers"

(H.P. 1034) (L.D. 1472)

Sponsored by Representative CLARK of Millinocket.

Bill "An Act To Authorize the Maine Board of Pharmacy To Establish a Pharmacist Health Program" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 1100) (L.D. 1575)

Sponsored by Representative PERRY of Calais.

Cosponsored by Representatives: GROSE of Woolwich, WEBSTER of Freeport.

Bill "An Act To Fund a Southern Maine Regional Applied Technology Center in Sanford"

(H.P. 1057) (L.D. 1532)

Sponsored by Representative TUTTLE of Sanford.

Cosponsored by Senator COURTNEY of York and Representatives: BOLAND of Sanford, CAIN of Orono, Speaker CUMMINGS of Portland, FARRINGTON of Gorham, NASS of Acton, NORTON of Bangor, Senators: BOWMAN of York, MITCHELL of Kennebec.

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

On motion of Representative BEAUDETTE of Biddeford,
TABLED pending **REFERENCE** and later today assigned.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

Bill "An Act To Provide Outreach and Training on Dementia-related Protocols for Law Enforcement Officers"

(H.P. 1019) (L.D. 1449)

Sponsored by Representative GROSE of Woolwich.

Cosponsored by Representatives: CRAVEN of Lewiston, Speaker CUMMINGS of Portland, FISHER of Brewer, LEWIN of Eliot, LUNDEEN of Mars Hill, PERRY of Calais, WALCOTT of Lewiston.

Bill "An Act Regarding the Violation of Bail"

(H.P. 1058) (L.D. 1533)

Sponsored by Representative JACOBSEN of Waterboro.

Bill "An Act To Examine the Types of Sex Offenses That Require an Offender To Register with the State"

(H.P. 1059) (L.D. 1534)

Sponsored by Representative JACOBSEN of Waterboro.

EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

Bill "An Act To Provide State Support for State-approved School Construction Projects in Certain Municipalities"

(H.P. 1035) (L.D. 1473)

Sponsored by Representative PERCY of Phippsburg.

Cosponsored by President EDMONDS of Cumberland.

Resolve, To Encourage Financial Education of Children from Kindergarten to Grade 12

(H.P. 1089) (L.D. 1564)

Sponsored by Representative PRIEST of Brunswick.

Cosponsored by Senator SULLIVAN of York and Representatives: BRAUTIGAM of Falmouth, CANAVAN of Waterville, CONOVER of Oakland, GERZOFKY of Brunswick, GROSE of Woolwich, McKANE of Newcastle, RICHARDSON of Warren, TREAT of Farmingdale.

Resolve, To Expand Access to Early Childhood Education to All Children 4 Years of Age and Older

(H.P. 1090) (L.D. 1565)

Sponsored by Representative MAKAS of Lewiston.

Cosponsored by Senator STRIMLING of Cumberland and Representatives: BRAUTIGAM of Falmouth, HARLOW of Portland, MILLER of Somerville, NORTON of Bangor, SIMPSON of Auburn, WAGNER of Lewiston, WALCOTT of Lewiston, WEBSTER of Freeport.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Bill "An Act To Create Equity in Hospital Charges"

(H.P. 1020) (L.D. 1450)

Sponsored by Representative WALCOTT of Lewiston.

Cosponsored by Representatives: CANAVAN of Waterville, FAIRCLOTH of Bangor, GROSE of Woolwich, MILLER of Somerville, PINGREE of North Haven.

Bill "An Act To Promote the Health and Safety of Maine Consumers"

(H.P. 1021) (L.D. 1451)

Sponsored by Representative BRYANT of Windham.

Cosponsored by Senator BRYANT of Oxford and Representatives: BEAUDOIN of Biddeford, GERZOFKY of Brunswick, JACKSON of Allagash, TREAT of Farmingdale, WHEELER of Kittery.

Bill "An Act To Set Standards for Interviewing Children Who Are Subjects of a Child Protective Intervention"

(H.P. 1051) (L.D. 1501)

Sponsored by Representative FAIRCLOTH of Bangor.

Cosponsored by Representatives: CONNOR of Kennebunk, SIMPSON of Auburn.

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

Resolve, To Establish the Work Group To Review and Recommend Improvements for the Certificate of Need Program

(H.P. 1060) (L.D. 1535)

Sponsored by Representative MILLER of Somerville.

Cosponsored by Senator BRANNIGAN of Cumberland and Representatives: CRAVEN of Lewiston, PERRY of Calais, PINGREE of North Haven.

Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services To Reform Maine's Noncategorical Medicaid Program

(H.P. 1061) (L.D. 1536)

Sponsored by Representative HOLMAN of Fayette.

Cosponsored by Representatives: FLOOD of Winthrop, HANLEY of Gardiner, MILLETT of Waterford, ROBINSON of Raymond, WALKER of Lincolnville.

Resolve, To Improve Access to MaineCare Home Health Services

(H.P. 1062) (L.D. 1537)

Sponsored by Representative PINGREE of North Haven.

Cosponsored by President EDMONDS of Cumberland and Representatives: CAMPBELL of Newfield, CLEARLY of Houlton, FISCHER of Presque Isle, GROSE of Woolwich, MILLER of Somerville, PERRY of Calais, WALKER of Lincolnville, Senator: STRIMLING of Cumberland.

Bill "An Act To Allow the State Timely Opportunity To Participate in Settlement Negotiations for MaineCare Benefits"

(H.P. 1091) (L.D. 1566)

Sponsored by Representative WEBSTER of Freeport.

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

Resolve, To Demonstrate Cost Savings by Preventing the Onset of Severe Mental Illness in Youth (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 1092) (L.D. 1567)

Sponsored by Representative EBERLE of South Portland.

Cosponsored by Speaker CUMMINGS of Portland and Representatives: ANNIS of Dover-Foxcroft, BLISS of South Portland, CRAVEN of Lewiston, HINCK of Portland, MILLER of Somerville, PERRY of Calais, Senators: BARTLETT of Cumberland, SCHNEIDER of Penobscot.

Resolve, To Address Drug Abuse and Addiction

(H.P. 1099) (L.D. 1574)

Sponsored by Representative PINGREE of North Haven.

Cosponsored by Senator MARTIN of Aroostook and Representatives: GROSE of Woolwich, PERRY of Calais, PINKHAM of Lexington Township, SCHATZ of Blue Hill, WEBSTER of Freeport, Senators: MITCHELL of Kennebec, RAYE of Washington, ROSEN of Hancock.

Bill "An Act To Increase the Safety of Hospital Patients"

(H.P. 1063) (L.D. 1538)

Sponsored by Representative FAIRCLOTH of Bangor.

Cosponsored by Senator PERRY of Penobscot and Representatives: CONNOR of Kennebunk, Speaker CUMMINGS of Portland, DRISCOLL of Westbrook, PENDLETON of Scarborough, PERRY of Calais, PINGREE of North Haven, Senator: STRIMLING of Cumberland.

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

On motion of Representative WALKER of Lincolnville,
TABLED pending **REFERENCE** and later today assigned.

INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES

Bill "An Act To Protect a Borrower's Right To Use the Borrower's Chosen Accounting Service"

(H.P. 1022) (L.D. 1452)

Sponsored by Representative ROBINSON of Raymond.

Cosponsored by Senator HOBBS of York and Representatives: AUSTIN of Gray, BEAULIEU of Auburn, CEBRA of Naples, FITTS of Pittsfield, FLOOD of Winthrop, LANSLEY of Sabattus, PRESCOTT of Topsham, RECTOR of Thomaston.

Bill "An Act To Increase the Minimum Medical Payments Coverage in Automobile Insurance"

(H.P. 1036) (L.D. 1474)

Sponsored by Representative MILLS of Farmington.

Cosponsored by Senator: MILLS of Somerset.

Bill "An Act Relating to Bad Check Enforcement Programs Operated by Private Entities"

(H.P. 1038) (L.D. 1476)

Sponsored by Representative PERRY of Calais.

Cosponsored by Senator PERRY of Penobscot and Representatives: RECTOR of Thomaston, SMITH of Monmouth. Submitted by the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Bill "An Act To Clarify and Update the Laws Related to Property and Casualty Insurance"

(H.P. 1052) (L.D. 1502)

Sponsored by Representative PRIEST of Brunswick.

Cosponsored by Senator SNOWE-MELLO of Androscoggin and Representatives: CANAVAN of Waterville, RICHARDSON of Warren, SAVAGE of Falmouth.

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

Bill "An Act To Clarify and Update the Laws Related to Health Insurance"

(H.P. 1053) (L.D. 1503)

Sponsored by Representative BRAUTIGAM of Falmouth.

Cosponsored by Senator SULLIVAN of York and Representatives: CROCKETT of Augusta, McKANE of Newcastle, PRIEST of Brunswick, Senator: PERRY of Penobscot.

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

Bill "An Act To Implement a Single-Payor Health Care System"

(H.P. 1064) (L.D. 1539)

Sponsored by Representative WALCOTT of Lewiston.

Cosponsored by Senator STRIMLING of Cumberland and Representatives: ADAMS of Portland, BURNS of Berwick, CANAVAN of Waterville, CRAVEN of Lewiston, HARLOW of Portland, MAKAS of Lewiston.

Bill "An Act To Assist Maine Property Owners of Land near State-owned Railroads"

(H.P. 1037) (L.D. 1475)

Sponsored by Representative GROSE of Woolwich.

Cosponsored by Representatives: BEAUDOIN of Biddeford, BURNS of Berwick, GERZOFKY of Brunswick.

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

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

JUDICIARY

Resolve, Regarding the Privacy of Social Security Numbers

(H.P. 1023) (L.D. 1453)

Sponsored by Representative PINKHAM of Lexington Township. Cosponsored by Representative HARLOW of Portland, Senator BRYANT of Oxford and Representatives: GILES of Belfast, JACOBSEN of Waterboro, McLEOD of Lee, STRANG BURGESS of Cumberland, TIBBETTS of Columbia, WALKER of Lincolnville.

Bill "An Act To Guarantee Free Speech in Privately Owned Public Gathering Places"

(H.P. 1065) (L.D. 1540)

Sponsored by Representative HINCK of Portland.

Cosponsored by Senator MILLS of Somerset and Representatives: ADAMS of Portland, BERRY of Bowdoinham, BRAUTIGAM of Falmouth, CRAVEN of Lewiston, Senator: ROTUNDO of Androscoggin.

Bill "An Act To Improve Child Support Services"

(H.P. 1066) (L.D. 1541)

Sponsored by Representative SIMPSON of Auburn.

Cosponsored by Senator RAYE of Washington.

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

Bill "An Act To Limit the Liability of Organized Clubs"

(H.P. 1067) (L.D. 1542)

Sponsored by Representative JACKSON of Allagash.

Bill "An Act To Establish the Leaseholders' Bill of Rights"

(H.P. 1101) (L.D. 1576)

Sponsored by Representative CLARK of Millinocket.

Cosponsored by Senator SHERMAN of Aroostook and Representatives: ANNIS of Dover-Foxcroft, JACKSON of Allagash, JOY of Crystal, PATRICK of Rumford, THERIAULT of Madawaska, Senators: BRYANT of Oxford, MILLS of Somerset, RAYE of Washington.

LABOR

Bill "An Act To Care for Working Families"

(H.P. 1024) (L.D. 1454)

Sponsored by Representative NORTON of Bangor.

Cosponsored by Senator STRIMLING of Cumberland and Representatives: BURNS of Berwick, CLARK of Millinocket, DRISCOLL of Westbrook, HASKELL of Portland, JACKSON of Allagash, SIMPSON of Auburn, TUTTLE of Sanford, WATSON of Bath.

Bill "An Act Concerning the Duties of Employers in the Case of Mass Employee Termination"

(H.P. 1025) (L.D. 1455)

Sponsored by Representative PATRICK of Rumford.

Cosponsored by Senator BRYANT of Oxford and Representatives: BRYANT of Windham, BURNS of Berwick, CARTER of Bethel, CLARK of Millinocket, DRISCOLL of Westbrook, GIFFORD of Lincoln, JACKSON of Allagash, PINEAU of Jay.

Bill "An Act To Clarify the Use of Tips in Payment of Service Employees"

(H.P. 1068) (L.D. 1543)

Sponsored by Representative SIMPSON of Auburn.

Cosponsored by Senator BARTLETT of Cumberland and Representatives: BURNS of Berwick, CLARK of Millinocket, DUPREY of Hampden, HANLEY of Gardiner, HOTHAM of Dixfield, MOORE of Standish, PILON of Saco, Senator: SULLIVAN of York.

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

Bill "An Act To Enact the Home Care Consumer and Worker Protection Act"

(H.P. 1069) (L.D. 1544)

Sponsored by Representative RICHARDSON of Warren.

Cosponsored by Representative: CEBRA of Naples.

Bill "An Act To Protect Workers from Political or Religious Intimidation"

(H.P. 1070) (L.D. 1545)

Sponsored by Representative FAIRCLOTH of Bangor.

Cosponsored by Senator STRIMLING of Cumberland and Representatives: PATRICK of Rumford, TUTTLE of Sanford, WATSON of Bath, WEBSTER of Freeport.

Bill "An Act To Require Employees Injured at Work To Report Those Injuries within 24 Hours"

(H.P. 1071) (L.D. 1546)

Sponsored by Representative DUPREY of Hampden.

Cosponsored by Senator SNOWE-MELLO of Androscoggin and Representative: SYKES of Harrison, Senator: PLOWMAN of Penobscot.

Bill "An Act To Allow Certain Veterans Who Did Not Previously Qualify To Buy Maine State Retirement System Time at a Subsidized Rate"

(H.P. 1094) (L.D. 1569)

Sponsored by Representative TUTTLE of Sanford.

Cosponsored by Representative ANNIS of Dover-Foxcroft and Representatives: CLARK of Millinocket, WHEELER of Kittery.

Resolve, To Explore the Feasibility of Enrolling the Legislature as an Employer Group in Dirigo Health

(H.P. 1093) (L.D. 1568)

Sponsored by Representative MILLER of Somerville.

Cosponsored by Senator MARTIN of Aroostook and Representatives: BRAUTIGAM of Falmouth, CONOVER of Oakland, PINGREE of North Haven, WEBSTER of Freeport.

Committee on **LABOR** suggested.

On motion of Representative TUTTLE of Sanford, the Resolve was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES**, ordered printed and sent for concurrence.

LEGAL AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

Bill "An Act To Prohibit a Maine Clean Election Act Candidate from Recruiting a Primary Opponent"

(H.P. 1072) (L.D. 1547)

Sponsored by Representative HINCK of Portland.

Cosponsored by Representatives: BABBIDGE of Kennebunk, CANAVAN of Waterville, CLARK of Millinocket, DILL of Cape Elizabeth, DRISCOLL of Westbrook, HILL of York, SAVIELLO of Wilton, WALCOTT of Lewiston.

Bill "An Act Concerning Nonprofit Political Action Committees"

(H.P. 1073) (L.D. 1548)

Sponsored by Representative TUTTLE of Sanford.

Cosponsored by Representatives: Speaker CUMMINGS of Portland, FAIRCLOTH of Bangor, PATRICK of Rumford, PINGREE of North Haven, Senator: BRYANT of Oxford.

Bill "An Act Concerning Voter Registration"

(H.P. 1074) (L.D. 1549)

Sponsored by Representative FITTS of Pittsfield.

Cosponsored by Representatives: CEBRA of Naples, CURTIS of Madison, ROBINSON of Raymond.

Bill "An Act To Amend the Term Limitation Laws for State Legislators"

(H.P. 1075) (L.D. 1550)

Sponsored by Representative VALENTINO of Saco.

Bill "An Act To Address the Pervasive Effect of Substance Abuse in Maine"

(H.P. 1102) (L.D. 1577)

Sponsored by Representative WEBSTER of Freeport.

Cosponsored by Senator MARTIN of Aroostook and Representatives: CAIN of Orono, FARRINGTON of Gorham, PATRICK of Rumford, PERRY of Calais, PINGREE of North Haven, Senator: MARRACHÉ of Kennebec.

NATURAL RESOURCES

Bill "An Act Concerning the Natural Resources Protection Laws and Related Provisions" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 1039) (L.D. 1477)

Sponsored by Representative KOFFMAN of Bar Harbor.

Cosponsored by Senator MARTIN of Aroostook and Representatives: ANNIS of Dover-Foxcroft, BABBIDGE of Kennebunk, DUCHESNE of Hudson, EBERLE of South Portland, WATSON of Bath, Senators: BROMLEY of Cumberland, SCHNEIDER of Penobscot.

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

Bill "An Act To Establish a Seasonal Ban on the Operation of Outdoor Wood Boilers" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 1076) (L.D. 1551)

Sponsored by Representative TREAT of Farmingdale.

Cosponsored by Representatives: ADAMS of Portland, BABBIDGE of Kennebunk, BERRY of Bowdoinham, CANAVAN of Waterville, HINCK of Portland, KOFFMAN of Bar Harbor, PRIEST of Brunswick.

STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Resolve, Establishing a Blue Ribbon Commission To Study the Operations of State Government

(H.P. 1026) (L.D. 1456)

Sponsored by Representative GROSE of Woolwich.

Cosponsored by Senator BRYANT of Oxford and Representatives: BEAUDOIN of Biddeford, BOLAND of Sanford, BURNS of Berwick, CONNOR of Kennebunk, PINEAU of Jay, WALCOTT of Lewiston, WATSON of Bath.

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Provide for the Reduction in the Size of the Legislature

(H.P. 1077) (L.D. 1552)

Sponsored by Representative FINCH of Fairfield.

Cosponsored by Representatives: JOY of Crystal, PEOPLES of Westbrook.

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Increase the Length of Legislative Terms to 4 Years

(H.P. 1078) (L.D. 1553)

Sponsored by Representative VALENTINO of Saco.

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

On motion of Representative BARSTOW of Gorham, **TABLED** pending **REFERENCE** and later today assigned.

TAXATION

Bill "An Act To Preserve Home Ownership in the State by Reducing the Property Tax Burden"

(H.P. 1027) (L.D. 1457)

Sponsored by Speaker CUMMINGS of Portland.

Cosponsored by President EDMONDS of Cumberland and Representatives: PERRY of Calais, PIOTTI of Unity, VALENTINO of Saco, WATSON of Bath.

Bill "An Act To Reduce the Income Tax Burden on Maine Residents"

(H.P. 1028) (L.D. 1458)

Sponsored by Speaker CUMMINGS of Portland.

Cosponsored by President EDMONDS of Cumberland and Representatives: PIOTTI of Unity, VALENTINO of Saco.

Bill "An Act Concerning Spending Caps"

(H.P. 1029) (L.D. 1459)

Sponsored by Representative FLOOD of Winthrop.

Cosponsored by Senators: MILLS of Somerset, PLOWMAN of Penobscot, Senator SHERMAN of Aroostook and Representatives: COTTA of China, CURTIS of Madison, GILES of Belfast, MAREAN of Hollis.

Bill "An Act To Reduce County Tax on Certain Municipalities"

(H.P. 1040) (L.D. 1478)

Sponsored by Representative BERRY of Bowdoinham.

Cosponsored by Representative: FISHER of Brewer.

Bill "An Act To Clarify Responsibility for the Collection of Rental Taxes"

(H.P. 1041) (L.D. 1479)

Sponsored by Representative GILES of Belfast.

Bill "An Act To Provide Tax Relief to Middle-income Residents through the Maine Residents Property Tax Program"

(H.P. 1043) (L.D. 1481)

Sponsored by Representative WEBSTER of Freeport.

Cosponsored by Representative BERRY of Bowdoinham and Representatives: CAIN of Orono, FARRINGTON of Gorham, PINGREE of North Haven, PIOTTI of Unity, RAND of Portland, WOODBURY of Yarmouth, Senators: ROSEN of Hancock, TURNER of Cumberland.

Bill "An Act To Assist Recipients of Tax-exempt Income"

(H.P. 1044) (L.D. 1482)

Sponsored by Representative FARRINGTON of Gorham.

Cosponsored by Senator BARTLETT of Cumberland and Representative: BARSTOW of Gorham.

Bill "An Act To Exempt a Portion of Rental Income from Taxation"

(H.P. 1045) (L.D. 1483)

Sponsored by Representative MacDONALD of Boothbay.

Cosponsored by Representative: SAMSON of Auburn.

Bill "An Act To Fund Community Health Centers"

(H.P. 1046) (L.D. 1484)

Sponsored by Representative PERRY of Calais.

Cosponsored by Representative: GROSE of Woolwich.

Bill "An Act Relating to Automotive Core Parts"

(H.P. 1047) (L.D. 1485)

Sponsored by Representative MILLS of Farmington.

Bill "An Act To Clarify the Property Tax Exemption for Family Burial Grounds"

(H.P. 1048) (L.D. 1486)

Sponsored by Representative MILLS of Farmington.

Bill "An Act To Make Minor Substantive Changes to the Tax Laws"

(H.P. 1054) (L.D. 1504)

Sponsored by Representative PIOTTI of Unity.

Cosponsored by Senator PERRY of Penobscot.

Submitted by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Bill "An Act To Assist Snowmobile Clubs with Local Property Taxes"

(H.P. 1079) (L.D. 1554)

Sponsored by Representative CLARK of Millinocket.

Cosponsored by Senator MARTIN of Aroostook and Representatives: CONNOR of Kennebunk, JACKSON of Allagash, JOY of Crystal, PATRICK of Rumford, THERIAULT of Madawaska, Senators: BRYANT of Oxford, MILLS of Somerset, SHERMAN of Aroostook.

Bill "An Act To Remove the Tax-exempt Status on Land Purchased by Nonprofit Groups for Conservation"

(H.P. 1080) (L.D. 1555)

Sponsored by Representative CLARK of Millinocket.

Cosponsored by Senator SHERMAN of Aroostook and Representatives: ANNIS of Dover-Foxcroft, AYOTTE of Caswell, HANLEY of Gardiner, JACKSON of Allagash, JOY of Crystal, LUNDEEN of Mars Hill, PATRICK of Rumford, SAVIELLO of Wilton.

Bill "An Act To Recouple Maine Estate Tax with Federal Estate Tax"

(H.P. 1081) (L.D. 1556)

Sponsored by Representative KNIGHT of Livermore Falls.

Cosponsored by Senators: HASTINGS of Oxford, TURNER of Cumberland, Senator PERRY of Penobscot and Representatives: CHASE of Wells, CLARK of Millinocket, HOTHAM of Dixfield, PIOTTI of Unity, SILSBY of Augusta, SIROIS of Turner, WOODBURY of Yarmouth, Senator: NASS of York.

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Cap the Property Tax on the Primary Residence of a Person 65 Years of Age or Older

(H.P. 1082) (L.D. 1557)

Sponsored by Representative WHEELER of Kittery.

Cosponsored by Senator BOWMAN of York and Representatives: BEAUDOIN of Biddeford, BURNS of Berwick, CAMPBELL of Newfield, CARTER of Bethel, CONNOR of Kennebunk, HILL of York, JACKSON of Allagash, MacDONALD of Boothbay, MIRAMANT of Camden, PERCY of Phippsburg, PINGREE of North Haven, PRATT of Eddington, SCHATZ of Blue Hill, SIROIS of Turner, WEDDELL of Frankfort, Senator: COURTNEY of York.

Bill "An Act To Improve the Process for Adjustment for Sudden and Severe Disruption of Valuation"

(H.P. 1083) (L.D. 1558)

Sponsored by Representative WOODBURY of Yarmouth.

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Freeze Property Tax Bills for Certain Residents 65 Years of Age or Older

(H.P. 1084) (L.D. 1559)

Sponsored by Representative TUTTLE of Sanford.

Bill "An Act To Rebalance Maine's Tax Code"

(H.P. 1085) (L.D. 1560)

Sponsored by Representative BLISS of South Portland.

Cosponsored by Senator PERRY of Penobscot and Representatives: CAIN of Orono, CLEARY of Houlton, DILL of Cape Elizabeth, MIRAMANT of Camden, PINGREE of North Haven, SAMSON of Auburn, SIROIS of Turner, TRINWARD of Waterville.

Bill "An Act To Clarify the Tax Credit for Pollution-reducing Boilers"

(H.P. 1096) (L.D. 1571)

Sponsored by Representative MILLS of Farmington.

Bill "An Act To Encourage Municipal Cooperation"

(H.P. 1103) (L.D. 1578)

Sponsored by Representative MILLS of Farmington.

Bill "An Act To Increase Fairness in Municipal Spending Caps"

(H.P. 1104) (L.D. 1579)

Sponsored by Representative MILLS of Farmington.

Bill "An Act To Allow Tree Growth Land Transfer to Family Members"

(H.P. 1105) (L.D. 1580)

Sponsored by Representative GOULD of South Berwick.

Cosponsored by Senator COURTNEY of York and Representatives: CARTER of Bethel, CLEARY of Houlton, CRAY of Palmyra, PINKHAM of Lexington Township, PRESCOTT of Topsham, Senators: DOW of Lincoln, GOOLEY of Franklin, SHERMAN of Aroostook.

Bill "An Act To Promote Economic Recovery in Maine"

(H.P. 1106) (L.D. 1581)

Sponsored by Representative MILLETT of Waterford.

Cosponsored by Representatives: HOLMAN of Fayette, ROBINSON of Raymond.

Bill "An Act Reduce Maine's Tax Burden over a 10-year Period"

(H.P. 1107) (L.D. 1582)

Sponsored by Representative WOODBURY of Yarmouth.

Cosponsored by Senator NASS of York and Representative: PIOTTI of Unity, Senator: PERRY of Penobscot.

Bill "An Act To Provide an Income Tax Credit for Donations to Maine Public Schools"

(H.P. 1042) (L.D. 1480)

Sponsored by Representative BERRY of Bowdoinham.

Cosponsored by Senator MILLS of Somerset and Representatives: Speaker CUMMINGS of Portland, PIOTTI of Unity, PRATT of Eddington, RAND of Portland, SAVIELLO of Wilton, Senators: MARTIN of Aroostook, NUTTING of Androscoggin.

Committee on **TAXATION** suggested.

On motion of Representative PIOTTI of Unity, **TABLED** pending **REFERENCE** and later today assigned.

Bill "An Act To Support Commercial Groundfishing" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 1095) (L.D. 1570)

Sponsored by Representative RECTOR of Thomaston.

Cosponsored by Senator DAMON of Hancock and Representatives: ADAMS of Portland, Speaker CUMMINGS of Portland, EMERY of Cutler, MacDONALD of Boothbay, PERCY of Phippsburg, PERRY of Calais, Senators: President EDMONDS of Cumberland, SAVAGE of Knox.

Committee on **TAXATION** suggested.

On motion of Representative PIOTTI of Unity, the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **MARINE RESOURCES**, ordered printed and sent for concurrence.

TRANSPORTATION

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Relating to Automotive Reflective and Tinted Glass"

(H.P. 1049) (L.D. 1487)

Sponsored by Representative BERUBE of Lisbon.

Cosponsored by Representative PATRICK of Rumford, Senator HASTINGS of Oxford and Representatives: BRYANT of Windham, CARTER of Bethel, CHASE of Wells, CRAVEN of Lewiston, MUSE of Fryeburg, PINEAU of Jay.

Bill "An Act To Eliminate the Placement of Campaign Signs on Public Property"

(H.P. 1086) (L.D. 1561)

Sponsored by Representative FINCH of Fairfield.

Cosponsored by Representatives: JOY of Crystal, WALCOTT of Lewiston.

Bill "An Act To Restrict the Placement of Political Signs by Requiring Permission"

(H.P. 1087) (L.D. 1562)

Sponsored by Representative VALENTINO of Saco.

Resolve, To Name 3 Bridges in Honor of Medal of Honor Recipients

(H.P. 1088) (L.D. 1563)

Sponsored by Representative FISHER of Brewer.

Cosponsored by Senator DAMON of Hancock and Representatives: CEBRA of Naples, GERZOFKY of Brunswick, HOGAN of Old Orchard Beach, MARLEY of Portland, PEOPLES of Westbrook, ROSEN of Bucksport, THERIAULT of Madawaska, Senator: SAVAGE of Knox.

Bill "An Act To Encourage Community-oriented Campaigns for Appropriate Sign Laws"

(H.P. 1097) (L.D. 1572)

Sponsored by Representative FAIRCLOTH of Bangor.

Cosponsored by Representative HINCK of Portland.

UTILITIES AND ENERGY

Bill "An Act To Encourage and Facilitate Regional Utility Districts"

(H.P. 1098) (L.D. 1573)

Sponsored by Representative TREAT of Farmingdale.

Cosponsored by Representatives: ADAMS of Portland, BERRY of Bowdoinham, BRAUTIGAM of Falmouth, Senators: McCORMICK of Kennebec, SNOWE-MELLO of Androscoggin.

Pursuant to Public Law

Joint Standing Committee on Natural Resources

Representative KOFFMAN for the **Joint Standing Committee on Natural Resources** pursuant to Public Law 2003, chapter 629 asks leave to report that the accompanying Bill "An Act To Reduce Contamination in the Home from the Release of Brominated Flame Retardants"

(H.P. 1050) (L.D. 1488)

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

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

Sent for concurrence.

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

ORDERS

On motion of Representative PIEH of Bremen, the following Joint Resolution: (H.P. 1108) (Cosponsored by Senator NUTTING of Androscoggin and Representatives: EDGEComb of Caribou, PINEAU of Jay, MAREAN of Hollis, GIFFORD of Lincoln, CARTER of Bethel, CRAY of Palmyra, PRATT of Eddington, LUNDEEN of Mars Hill, PIOTTI of Unity, Senators: ROTUNDO of Androscoggin, SHERMAN of Aroostook)

JOINT RESOLUTION IN HONOR OF THE MAINE FARMER

AND MAINE AGRICULTURE

WHEREAS, recent statistics show that Maine's 7,100 farms, most of which are small, family farms, provide full-time and part-time employment to more than 65,000 workers, approximately 10% of the State's workforce; and

WHEREAS, Maine's agricultural enterprises and associated industries provide more than \$500,000,000 through the sale of agricultural products and contribute more than \$2,000,000,000 annually to the State's economy; and

WHEREAS, Maine farmers are the stewards of 1,370,000 acres of land and a vital resource in maintaining the food security of Maine people, and an overwhelming majority of Maine people believe that buying local Maine agricultural products helps the State; and

WHEREAS, Maine is first in New England in the production of food, first in the world in the production of wild blueberries, the world leader in the production of brown eggs, second in the Nation in the production of maple syrup, sixth in the Nation in the production of fall potatoes, second in New England in milk and livestock production and the only state anywhere involved in the production of fiddleheads; and

WHEREAS, agriculture shaped Maine's past, maintains much of Maine's scenic open space, provides recreational opportunities, makes a significant contribution to the nature and character of Maine's many rural communities and provides for a strong future; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Twenty-third Legislature now assembled in the First Regular Session, pause in our deliberations to honor Maine farmers and innovators who have contributed so much to the betterment of our State, to pledge our support and encouragement and to urge the youth of Maine to pursue the growing opportunities for careers in today's technologically advanced agriculture industry; and be it further

RESOLVED: That a suitable copy of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the Commissioner of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources as a token of the esteem in which those in this vital field are held.

READ.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Bremen, Representative Pieh.

Representative **PIEH**: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Men and Women of the House. I guess I got a little distracted there. I apologize. As I was saying, today is Agriculture Day. You might not be a farmer, but you might be sitting next to one. You might even know one.

You would want to know that Aroostook County produces more potatoes than any county in the United States. You also might want to know that Somerset County produces more maple syrup than any county in the United States, or even in North America. We produce more dairy products than any other state, except for Wisconsin.

Another thing about Maine is that we have the youngest, average age of farmers in the United States. Now, I will admit that that is still well over 50, but we are pretty proud of ourselves. Some of us do not think 50 is so old anymore.

One thing that is a little more sobering is that our Maine youth tend to have three to five generations between them and farming products. They do not tend to know where it comes from, except the grocery store. I heard, in testimony yesterday, that there is a Maine youth who is convinced that carrots grow on trees. "They couldn't possibly grow on the ground because they are so pretty."

Today is a wonderful day to wander around the Legislature and get to know people. The Grange has probably between 17 and 20 varieties of fudge for you to try out. The Grange is also,

today hosting for the 20th time, its annual luncheon which is just down the road on State Street. One hundred forty-six State Street, which is just past the first rotary. It is a nice brisk walk or an easy drive. They will be serving lunch from noon to 2 o'clock. If you get a chance, I encourage you all to go. Any of us who have ever been once, make sure we go again. Thank you very much.

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

On motion of Representative PIEH of Bremen, the following Joint Order: (H.P. 1055)

ORDERED, the Senate concurring, that the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry shall submit, to the House, a bill to adopt certain rules proposed by the Board of Pesticides Control as major substantive rules pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

READ and PASSED.
Sent for concurrence.

SPECIAL SENTIMENT CALENDAR

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

Recognizing:

Earl Morrison, of Alfred, on the occasion of his retirement as selectman after 20 years of service. Mr. Morrison spearheaded the building of Alfred's state-of-the-art transfer station. He has been an outstanding steward of Alfred's town finances which will benefit Alfred residents for many years to come. We extend our appreciation to Mr. Morrison for his dedicated service to the citizens of the State and send him our best wishes in his future endeavors;

(SLS 81)

On **OBJECTION** of Representative CAMPBELL of Newfield, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

READ.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Newfield, Representative Campbell.

Representative **CAMPBELL**: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I have been a friend of Earl's, since probably 1989-1990. The people of Alfred are going to miss Earl, but Earl is also known for something else. He has been a hardworking and dedicated lion, helping people that cannot help themselves. I am proud to stand here this morning and say that Earl is a friend of mine. He is a wonderful person, and he will still be there for the people of Alfred, believe me. Thank you, very much, Mr. Speaker.

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

Change of Committee

Representative BROWNE from the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** on Bill "An Act To Authorize the Issuance of a Highway Fund Bond Issue for Maine's Roads and Bridges"

(H.P. 333) (L.D. 417)

Reporting that it be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS**.

Report was **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **REFERRED** to the Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS**.

Sent for concurrence.

SYKES of Harrison

Divided Report

Majority Report of the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on Bill "An Act To Increase the Fines for Littering"

(H.P. 239) (L.D. 295)

Signed:

Senators:

DIAMOND of Cumberland
McCORMICK of Kennebec
SHERMAN of Aroostook

Representatives:

GERZOFKY of Brunswick
BLANCHETTE of Bangor
GREELEY of Levant
HILL of York
HANLEY of Gardiner
PLUMMER of Windham
TIBBETTS of Columbia
HASKELL of Portland
SYKES of Harrison

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought to Pass** on same Bill.

Signed:

Representative:

KAENRATH of South Portland

READ.

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

Majority Report of the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-21)** on Bill "An Act To Provide a Felony Penalty for Assault on a Firefighter"

(H.P. 201) (L.D. 239)

Signed:

Senators:

DIAMOND of Cumberland
McCORMICK of Kennebec

Representatives:

GERZOFKY of Brunswick
BLANCHETTE of Bangor
GREELEY of Levant
TIBBETTS of Columbia
KAENRATH of South Portland
HASKELL of Portland

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on same Bill.

Signed:

Senator:

SHERMAN of Aroostook

Representatives:

HILL of York
HANLEY of Gardiner
PLUMMER of Windham

READ.

Representative GERZOFKY of Brunswick moved that the House **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report.

On further motion of the same Representative, **TABLED** pending his motion to **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended** 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. 142) (L.D. 160) Bill "An Act To Provide Safe All-terrain Vehicle Access on Public Ways" Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-25)**

(H.P. 256) (L.D. 312) Bill "An Act To Allow Residents of a Township in the Unorganized Territory To Enact a Noise Ordinance for That Township" Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-23)**

(H.P. 331) (L.D. 415) Bill "An Act To Enhance Consumer Awareness of Insurance Sales Activity" Committee on **INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-24)**

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. 129) (L.D. 382) Bill "An Act To Correct an Inconsistency in Unemployment Insurance Tax Law"

(H.P. 169) (L.D. 198) Bill "An Act To Increase the Value of an Estate Collectible by Affidavit in Probate Law to \$20,000"

(H.P. 4) (L.D. 3) Bill "An Act To Strengthen 'Permissible Inference' in the Law Concerning Dissemination of Sexually Explicit Material" (EMERGENCY) (C. "A" H-20)

(H.P. 190) (L.D. 219) Bill "An Act To Use Forfeited Bail Money for the Victims of an Offender" (C. "A" H-19)

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

ENACTORS

Acts

An Act Regarding the Enforcement of Penalties under the Maine Workers' Compensation Act of 1992

(S.P. 44) (L.D. 136)

An Act To Improve Access to the Government Chart of Accounts

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

(C. "A" H-12)

An Act To Authorize the Bureau of Warden Service to Provide Assistance to Other Entities

(S.P. 88) (L.D. 251)
(C. "A" S-8)

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 15, 2007, had preference in the Orders of the Day and continued with such preference until disposed of as provided by House Rule 502.

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Provide 4-year Terms for Legislators

(H.P. 880) (L.D. 1238)

(Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** suggested)
TABLED - March 8, 2007 (Till Later Today) by Representative BARSTOW of Gorham.

PENDING - **REFERENCE**.

On motion of Representative BARSTOW of Gorham, the Resolution was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT**, ordered printed and sent for concurrence.

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Limit the Frequency with which an Issue May Appear on the Ballot as a Result of a Direct Initiative

(H.P. 936) (L.D. 1328)

(Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** suggested)
TABLED - March 13, 2007 (Till Later Today) by Representative BARSTOW of Gorham.

PENDING - **REFERENCE**.

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

Bill "An Act To Fight Global Warming Effects in the State"

(S.P. 459) (L.D. 1311)

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

TABLED - March 13, 2007 (Till Later Today) by Representative BLISS of South Portland.

PENDING - **REFERENCE IN CONCURRENCE**.

Subsequently, the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **NATURAL RESOURCES** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Prohibit Inappropriate Software Advertising of Prescription Drugs"

(H.P. 1009) (L.D. 1440)

(Committee on **BUSINESS, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** suggested)

TABLED - March 15, 2007 (Till Later Today) by Representative CLEARY of Houlton.

PENDING - **REFERENCE**.

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

Bill "An Act To Amend the Auto Impoundment and Forfeiture Laws"

(H.P. 994) (L.D. 1411)

(Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** suggested)

TABLED - March 15, 2007 (Till Later Today) by Representative GERZOFISKY of Brunswick.

PENDING - **REFERENCE**.

Subsequently, the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY**, ordered printed and sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act Concerning Harness Racing Association Funding"

(H.P. 991) (L.D. 1408)

(Committee on **LEGAL AND VETERANS AFFAIRS** suggested)

TABLED - March 15, 2007 (Till Later Today) by Representative PATRICK of Rumford.

PENDING - **REFERENCE**.

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

HOUSE DIVIDED REPORT - Majority (11) **Ought Not to Pass** - Minority (2) **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-16)** - Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** on Bill "An Act To Create a One-time Fee for Veterans Vanity Registration Plates"

(H.P. 104) (L.D. 112)

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

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

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Gray, Representative Austin.

Representative **AUSTIN**: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. Please allow me to refresh your memory, from last Thursday's debate of this valuable bill. Please do not confuse this request. This is not a new specialty plate. This is a Veterans plate with information specific to individual veterans, which throws it into being a Vanity Veterans Plate.

Now, we all know that there is never a good time to disregard a revenue source. I value every, hard-earned tax dollar that comes into this building. But I hope I would not be flip, to suggest that \$28,000 is a small forfeiture for this gain. I also appreciate and respect the posture of the Transportation Committee, as there are many, many other important bills before them. I would suggest to you, that the time is right to recognize veterans by making these plates available. As I mentioned, particularly the Vietnam Veteran who is seeing such a different and wonderful welcoming home to our present veterans, compared to the years, 40 years ago, approximately, when those veterans came home. This bill is something we can invest in with great, great gain, and great pride in this State.

Now, some of you may realize that I believe in the power of colorful visuals. Following on that note, let me share an experience which proves a powerful visual, and what it can do, and how it parallels to the power of this bill. For over a decade, I have been working out. I do what I call, "a geriatric jog", that in my hometown, is often referred to as my "healthy Maine walk", on Route 115 by my home.

For the last six years, I have carried the medium sized American Flag in my swinging hand. It has proven to be a powerful tool. Drivers see me more readily and people are warmed by the sight of the American Flag, and do respond. Two weeks ago, I was out doing my "geri jog", in thirteen-degree weather with a horrific wind chill, bundled from head to toe with my L.L. Bean, red, full-length, down coat. I even had my hood up. I looked, very much, like the Charmin child of the toilet paper commercial.

About three quarters of a mile out from home, I heard a car approaching and stopping from behind me. The SUV windows were all down and four sailors were smiling out the windows at me, broad, broad smiles. I stopped, rather stunned. One young man said to me, "Mam, we are so grateful, that we had to turn around and come back and thank you for carrying our flag." Well, it was no longer thirteen degrees for me. They insisted upon going to Gray Village and buying me a hot cup of coffee.

I'll tell you folks, I was just stunned. I have had many, many good responses. Thumbs up, horning, tooting, and people responding in the most appropriate ways, as I have swung that flag with each step that I took. They did come back with the coffee, and we chatted. These four men were servicemen from Brunswick Naval Airbase, and some were from Missouri. That's why the accent. I probably did not do it justice. I shared with them that I started to carry the flag shortly after 9-11. I shared the essence of this very bill, and the bill that will be before us to stabilize the economy after the unfortunate closure of the base. I thanked them and they drove off.

On route home, I did not walk. I did not jog. I think I levitated, so warmed by their reaction to the visual of our flag, swinging with every step. I immediately thought of the power of the visual of the Veteran Vanity Plate being displayed. If by happen stance, one person walking with a flag can be acknowledged by four sailors with such gratitude, what would the message of our state supporting this opportunity to display their individual information on a Veteran plate be, after their initial fee is paid?

Dear folks, regardless of what point our servicemen and women are at in their lives, it is never too late to do something great. Thank you for allowing me to share my heartwarming, walking the walk, experience.

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

Representative **MARLEY**: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. It is tough standing up and being the scrooge. Representative Austin has done a very nice job representing her constituency, but I think it is no secret as far as the need for the Highway Fund. We are, no pun intended, running on empty.

This, while it is very well intended, creates issues as far as loss of revenue, as well as increased costs to the Department of Motor Vehicles. I voted against several of my own bills that I submitted this Session, that were valuable to me and very important to me. Simply because this time, we really felt like we have to set a priority and try to focus on our infrastructure. So, while well intended, and I would love to vote for this, and I think a number of the Committee members who oppose this bill, did so with a very heavy heart.

Financially, realistically, we are not able to do it at this time. If this bill comes back at a later point down the road, but our roads and bridges, as we all know, we've seen posted roads recently on areas where we've never seen them before. We are talking about the largest Transportation Bond in the history, I believe, of the state. We just do not have the fiscal resources to do this at this point.

So with all due respect to the sponsor and those who came and testified and gave wonderful, passionate testimony. We honor them for their service. The majority of the Committee, a significant majority, just felt like this was not the time to do it. And we were unable to do it. So, I'd ask you to support the Majority Ought Not to Pass. Thank you.

Representative CROSTHWAITE of Ellsworth **REQUESTED** a roll call on the motion to **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report.

More than one-fifth of the members present expressed a desire for a roll call which was ordered.

The SPEAKER: A roll call has been ordered. The pending question before the House is Acceptance of the Majority Ought Not to Pass Report. All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 7

YEA - Babbidge, Barstow, Beaudette, Beaudoin, Beaulieu, Berry, Blanchette, Bliss, Boland, Brautigam, Browne W, Bryant, Burns, Cain, Canavan, Carter, Casavant, Cleary, Connor, Conover, Craven, Crockett, Dill, Driscoll, Duchesne, Dunn, Eaton, Eberle, Faircloth, Farrington, Finch, Fischer, Fisher, Gerzofsky, Grose, Hanley S, Harlow, Haskell, Hayes, Hill, Hinck, Hogan, Jackson, Koffman, Lundeen, MacDonald, Makas, Marley, Mazurek, Miller, Mills, Miramant, Nass, Norton, Patrick, Pendleton, Peoples, Percy, Perry, Pieh, Pilon, Pineau, Pingree, Piotti, Pratt, Priest, Rand, Richardson D, Rines, Samson, Schatz, Silsby, Simpson, Sutherland, Tardy, Treat, Trinward, Tuttle, Valentino, Wagner, Walcott, Watson, Webster, Wheeler, Woodbury, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - Annis, Austin, Ayotte, Berube, Blanchard, Campbell, Cebra, Chase, Clark, Cotta, Cray, Crosthwaite, Curtis, Edgecomb, Emery, Finley, Fitts, Fletcher, Flood, Gifford, Giles, Gould, Greeley, Hamper, Holman, Hotham, Jacobsen, Joy, Kaenrath, Knight, Lansley, Lewin, Marean, McDonough, McFadden, McKane, Millett, Moore, Muse, Pinkham, Plummer, Prescott, Rector, Richardson W, Robinson, Rosen, Savage, Saviello, Sirois, Strang Burgess, Theriault, Thibodeau, Thomas, Tibbetts, Vaughan, Walker, Weaver, Weddell.

ABSENT - Adams, Cressey, Duprey, McLeod, Richardson E, Smith N, Sykes.

Yes, 86; No, 58; Absent, 7; Excused, 0.

86 having voted in the affirmative and 58 voted in the negative, with 7 being absent, and accordingly the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report was **ACCEPTED** and sent for concurrence.

BILLS HELD

Bill "An Act To Adopt a Regional Cost Differential for State Salaries, School Funding and Contracted Services"

(S.P. 502) (L.D. 1435)

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

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

HELD at the Request of Representative BRYANT of Windham.

On motion of the Representative BRYANT of Windham, the House **RECONSIDERED** its action whereby the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS**.

On further motion of the same Representative, **TABLED** pending **REFERENCE** in concurrence and later today assigned.

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

SENATE PAPERS

Bill "An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Fund Water and Wastewater Infrastructure"

(S.P. 536) (L.D. 1513)

Bill "An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for Biorefineries"

(S.P. 543) (L.D. 1520)

Bill "An Act To Enhance Family Development Accounts"

(S.P. 549) (L.D. 1526)

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 Address Issues Related to Chiropractic Licensure"

(S.P. 514) (L.D. 1466)

Bill "An Act To Permit Certain Health Care Practices"

(S.P. 539) (L.D. 1516)

Bill "An Act To Amend the Staffing and Reporting Requirements for the Citizen Trade Policy Commission"

(S.P. 542) (L.D. 1519)

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

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

Bill "An Act To Reduce the Amount of Good Time That May Be Awarded to Certain Offenders"

(S.P. 517) (L.D. 1490)

Bill "An Act To Create Child Safe Zones and To Increase the Use of Electronic Monitoring of High-risk Sex Offenders"

(S.P. 518) (L.D. 1491)

Bill "An Act To Change the Statute of Limitations for Gross Sexual Assault by a Juvenile"

(S.P. 535) (L.D. 1512)

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.

Resolve, To Establish a Pilot Program for a Trimester Schedule at the University of Maine at Presque Isle (EMERGENCY)

(S.P. 513) (L.D. 1465)

Bill "An Act To Reform Maine's School Funding"

(S.P. 529) (L.D. 1506)

Bill "An Act To Promote Compassion in Schoolchildren"

(S.P. 548) (L.D. 1525)

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 Prevent Elder Prescription Drug Abuse"

(S.P. 511) (L.D. 1463)

Resolve, To Protect Nursing Facilities

(S.P. 532) (L.D. 1509)

Bill "An Act Requiring Heavy Metal-free Immunizing Agents"

(S.P. 546) (L.D. 1523)

Bill "An Act To Set Maximum Allowable Television Viewing Hours for State-licensed Child Care Facilities"

(S.P. 550) (L.D. 1527)

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 Restrict the Time during Which an Airmobile May Be Operated"

(S.P. 523) (L.D. 1496)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** and ordered printed.

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

Bill "An Act To Enhance Fairness in Arbitration"

(S.P. 516) (L.D. 1489)

Bill "An Act To Require Health Insurance Coverage for Hearing Aids"

(S.P. 537) (L.D. 1514)

Bill "An Act To Allow Maine Consumers To Purchase Health Insurance from Out-of-State Insurers"

(S.P. 540) (L.D. 1517)

Bill "An Act To Provide Education Concerning and Insurance Coverage for Lyme Disease"

(S.P. 544) (L.D. 1521)

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 Adopt the Revised Uniform Anatomical Gift Act"

(S.P. 528) (L.D. 1505)

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

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

Resolve, To Create Improved Employment Opportunities for People with Disabilities

(S.P. 515) (L.D. 1467)

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Prohibit Incurring Any New Unfunded Liabilities for Retiree Health Benefits and To Require a 20-year Amortization of Public Retiree Benefits

(S.P. 519) (L.D. 1492)

Bill "An Act To Authorize the Employer To Adjust Workers' Compensation Benefits When the Employee Returns To Work for Another Employer"

(S.P. 520) (L.D. 1493)

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Dispose of Unfunded Liabilities in State Retiree Health Care Plans
(S.P. 534) (L.D. 1511)

Bill "An Act To Provide Retirement Equity to Forest Ranger Supervisory Personnel Whose Retirement Plans Were Changed after Initial Date of Hire"

(S.P. 554) (L.D. 1583)

Bill "An Act To Assist the Independent Medical Examiner Program for Workers' Compensation"

(S.P. 556) (L.D. 1585)

Resolve, Directing the Department of Labor To Examine Policy and Programmatic Alternatives for the Establishment of a Wage Loss Insurance System To Provide Wage Security in the Event of Loss of Earnings

(S.P. 557) (L.D. 1586)

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 Improve Local Control over Bars"

(S.P. 524) (L.D. 1497)

Bill "An Act To Prohibit Out-of-state Corporations from Contributing to State and County Elections"

(S.P. 525) (L.D. 1498)

Bill "An Act To Improve the Maine Clean Election Act"

(S.P. 526) (L.D. 1499)

Bill "An Act Regarding Political Activities of Corporations"

(S.P. 530) (L.D. 1507)

Bill "An Act To Modify the Citizen Initiative Process"

(S.P. 545) (L.D. 1522)

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 Protect Native Diadromous Fish during Their Migration"

(S.P. 551) (L.D. 1528)

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

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

Bill "An Act To Allow the Department of Environmental Protection To Charge Interest for Late Payment of Fees"

(S.P. 527) (L.D. 1500)

Bill "An Act To Protect the Scenic Value of the Kennebec River"

(S.P. 531) (L.D. 1508)

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 Clarify the Department of Audit's Municipal Internal Control Observation Program"

(S.P. 510) (L.D. 1462)

Bill "An Act To Expand the Duties of the State Planning Office To Provide Additional Services to Municipalities"

(S.P. 512) (L.D. 1464)

Bill "An Act To Require That Notaries Public Keep Records of Notarial Acts"

(S.P. 538) (L.D. 1515)

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Reduce the Size of the Legislature to 140 Members
(S.P. 553) (L.D. 1530)

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 Allow Maine Residents To More Fully Depreciate Their Motor Vehicles"

(S.P. 508) (L.D. 1460)

Bill "An Act To Allow a Tax Credit for Tuition Paid to Private Schools"

(S.P. 509) (L.D. 1461)

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Reform Property Taxes by Limiting Increases

(S.P. 521) (L.D. 1494)

Bill "An Act To Provide an Income Tax Deduction for Health Insurance Premiums"

(S.P. 533) (L.D. 1510)

Bill "An Act To Establish a Renewable Energy Tax Credit"

(S.P. 541) (L.D. 1518)

Bill "An Act To Create a Scholarship Grant Organization Tax Credit"

(S.P. 552) (L.D. 1529)

Bill "An Act To Authorize Arbitration of Property Tax Valuation Disputes"

(S.P. 555) (L.D. 1584)

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

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

Bill "An Act To Reduce Additional State Fees for Consumer-owned Electric Utility Customers"

(S.P. 522) (L.D. 1495)

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

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

Pursuant to Statute

Judicial Compensation Commission

Report of the **Judicial Compensation Commission** pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 4, section 1701 asks leave to report that the accompanying Bill "An Act To Increase Judicial Salaries" (EMERGENCY)

(S.P. 547) (L.D. 1524)

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

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

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

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Phippsburg, Representative Percy who wishes to address the House on the record.

Representative **PERCY**: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. You will have noticed today that the one full-time farmer, who is a State Representative, is not here on Agriculture Day. She is quite distressed at that.

However, she wanted me to let you know that she is actually in New York City, pursuing international trade potential for Maine companies to do business with South Africa. She is upset that she could not be here.

She sent me poem that she wanted to share with the House of Representatives, in honor of Agriculture Day, written by Dana Wildsmith, who is also a farmer and a poet. So, if you would sit back and relax, I would like to read for you, *Making a Living*, in honor of Agriculture Day in Maine.

Out here where we make our living
on a farm we won't let die
work days last as long as I do

then while I sleep my shadow-work
goes on in dreams of you
juggling to set a roof beam, but

whichever end you aren't gripping
slips, and no one to help you hold.

Some nights my mind's dream-worker
can't find food to feed us,
or there's food but can't reach it

Last night while we were both asleep
I searched for paying work,
but everyone said, "Go home and finish

your jobs that need doing there." How?
Work done for love is never done.

Each evening I stow our tools
in the shed like hound pups
hot and spent. Time for them to rest

as I need rest. I wish I could believe
each day winds down to done,
each night brings perfect sleep,

but I've made the bed we lie in
with extra covers,
knowing nights can start hot, end cold,
and knowing work carried over to dreams
is one of the darker sides of our living.

That is to all of you, from Representative Nancy Smith.
Thank you.

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

On motion of Representative FAIRCLOTH of Bangor, the
House adjourned at 11:33 a.m., until 9:00 a.m., Wednesday,
March 21, 2007 in honor of all U.S. Troops serving in Iraq.