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Tuesday, May 1, 2007

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

Prayer by Chaplain Bill Blaine-Wallace, Bates College, Lewiston.

National Anthem by Merimanders, Bates College, Lewiston.

Pledge of Allegiance.

The Journal of Thursday, April 26, 2007 was read and approved.

SENATE PAPERS

Non-Concurrent Matter

Bill "An Act To Permit the Use of Pictorial Graphics and Photographs on Changeable Signs"

(H.P. 627) (L.D. 830)

Majority (10) **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report of the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-61)** in the House on April 11, 2007.

Came from the Senate with the Minority (3) **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report of the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "B" (H-62)** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

On motion of Representative BROWNE of Vassalboro, **TABLED** pending **FURTHER CONSIDERATION** and later today assigned.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: (H.C. 222)
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
PHILIP A. CRESSEY, JR.
2 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0002

April 25, 2007

The Honorable Glenn Cummings
Speaker of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333-0002

Dear Speaker Cummings:

I am writing to inform you that I need to resign from the Joint Standing Committee on Labor, and I request your permission to do so.

I am experiencing scheduling difficulties between my job and my legislative work on two committees (Labor and Marine Resources). The work on the Labor Committee is substantial and I cannot give it the full attention that it deserves. I believe the committee will be better served with another member who can participate fully. I can, therefore, concentrate on the work of the Marine Resources Committee and on serving my constituents.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

S/Philip A. Cressey, Jr.

State Representative

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 227)

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

April 30, 2007

Honorable Millicent M. MacFarland

Clerk of the House

2 State House Station

Augusta, ME 04333-0002

Dear Clerk MacFarland:

Please be advised that pursuant to House Rule 201.1 (l)(a), I have made the following change to an appointment to a Committee of the 123rd Maine Legislature:

The appointment of Representative Cressey of Cornish to the Joint Standing Committee on Labor is rescinded.

Representative Hamper of Oxford is appointed to the Joint Standing Committee on Labor, replacing Representative Cressey of Cornish.

Sincerely,

S/Glenn Cummings

Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 210)

STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY

April 25, 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 Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry has voted unanimously to report the following bills out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 923 An Act To Prohibit the Surgical Removal of Vocal Cords in Dogs

L.D. 1185 An Act To Protect Dogs Tied Outside

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

Sincerely,

S/Sen. John M. Nutting

Senate Chair

S/Rep. Wendy Pieh

House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 211)

STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

April 25, 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 Appropriations and Financial Affairs has voted unanimously to report the following bill out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 247 An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Fight Global Warming through Energy Conservation

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

Sincerely,
S/Sen. Margaret Rotundo
Senate Chair
S/Rep. Jeremy Fischer
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 212)

STATE OF MAINE

**ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY**

April 25, 2007

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

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

L.D. 146 An Act To Enhance Self-defense
L.D. 387 An Act To Improve the Driver Education and Evaluation Programs
L.D. 778 An Act To Enhance the Qualifications for a Concealed Firearms Permit
L.D. 997 An Act Imposing Increased Responsibility for Registered Owners of Motor Vehicles
L.D. 1111 An Act To Protect Children by Requiring Trigger Locks on Handguns
L.D. 1206 An Act To Amend the Motor Vehicle Laws Concerning Work Licenses
L.D. 1411 An Act To Amend the Auto Impoundment and Forfeiture Laws
L.D. 1490 An Act To Reduce the Amount of Good Time That May Be Awarded to Certain Offenders

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

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

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 213)

STATE OF MAINE

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

April 25, 2007

Honorable Beth Edmonds, President of the Senate
Honorable Glenn Cummings, Speaker of the House

123rd Maine Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

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

L.D. 703 An Act To Repeal the Tax on Private Nonmedical Institutions
L.D. 770 An Act To Clarify Application of the Medical Marijuana Law BY REQUEST
L.D. 1120 An Act To Amend MaineCare Benefits as Allowed by the Federal Deficit Reduction Act of 2005
L.D. 1137 An Act To Provide Payment for Homeless Respite Care Services through the MaineCare Program
L.D. 1146 An Act To Promote Healthy Practices for MaineCare Members
L.D. 1250 An Act To Implement an Oral Health Capitation System for Children on MaineCare
L.D. 1509 Resolve, To Protect Nursing Facilities
L.D. 1536 Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services To Reform Maine's Noncategorical Medicaid Program
L.D. 1660 An Act To Provide One-time Funds To Leverage Private Funds To Strengthen Children and Families in Maine

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

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

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 214)

STATE OF MAINE

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

April 25, 2007

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

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

L.D. 49 Resolve, To Deny Family Status to Fetuses
L.D. 61 An Act To Add Abortion Providers to the List of Mandated Reporters to the Department of Health and Human Services
L.D. 279 An Act To Improve the Responsiveness of Guardians Ad Litem
L.D. 505 An Act To Clarify the Status of a Case following the Establishment of Permanent Guardianship
L.D. 1048 An Act To Provide Greater Permanency for Children in Child Protection Proceedings
L.D. 1126 An Act To Clarify the Status of Subsidy Payments to Guardians

L.D. 1388 An Act To Prohibit Attorneys from Litigating Child Custody Cases in the Same District in Which They Serve as Guardians Ad Litem

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

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

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 215)

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

April 25, 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 Labor has voted unanimously to report the following bills out "Ought Not to Pass":

- L.D. 1177 Resolve, To Establish the Commission on Retirement Policy Funding and Reform
- L.D. 1285 An Act To Amend the Laws Regarding Appeals from Decisions Issued by the Workers' Compensation Board
- L.D. 1436 Resolve, To Reduce the Level of Unfunded Liability for Health Benefits Owed to Retired State Employees
- L.D. 1492 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
- L.D. 1603 An Act To Make Actuarially Fair Adjustments in Retirement Benefits for Older Employees
- L.D. 1777 An Act for Fair Treatment of Workers BY REQUEST
- L.D. 1832 An Act To Amend the Unemployment Compensation Laws

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

Sincerely,
S/Sen. Ethan Strimling
Senate Chair
S/Rep. John L. Tuttle, Jr.
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 216)

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

April 12, 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 bill out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 1017 An Act To Protect Citizens' Privacy
We have also notified the sponsor and cosponsor 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. 217)

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

April 18, 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 bill out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 1374 An Act To Require Expense Reporting by Municipalities and Counties
We have also notified the sponsor and cosponsor 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. 218)

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

April 25, 2007
Honorable Beth Edmonds, President of the Senate
Honorable Glenn Cummings, Speaker of the House
123rd Maine Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333
Dear President Edmonds and Speaker Cummings:
Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that the Joint Standing Committee on Taxation has voted unanimously to report the following bills out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 1276 An Act To Promote Funding for Wildlife
L.D. 1485 An Act Relating to Automotive Core Parts
L.D. 1571 An Act To Clarify the Tax Credit for Pollution-reducing Boilers

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

Sincerely,

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

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 219)

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

April 25, 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. 1160 Resolve, To Encourage the Development of Water Power To Provide for Maine's Energy Needs
- L.D. 1621 An Act To Ensure the Reliability of Communications Equipment in Certain Buildings

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: (H.C. 223)

STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

April 17, 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 Business, Research and Economic Development has voted unanimously to report the following bills out "Ought Not to Pass":

- L.D. 820 An Act To Amend the Funeral Service Licensing Laws
- L.D. 1037 An Act To Exempt Maintenance Workers from Licensure for General Electrical Maintenance
- L.D. 1172 An Act To Regulate Fire Alarm Contractors

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

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Lynn Bromley
Senate Chair
S/Rep. Nancy E. Smith
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 224)

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

April 25, 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. 485 An Act To Provide Free Turkey Hunting Permits to Maine Residents 80 Years of Age or Older
- L.D. 824 Resolve, Directing the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife To Extend the Coyote Night Hunting Season
- L.D. 887 An Act To Reduce Watercraft Noise Levels on Lakes
- L.D. 1496 An Act To Restrict the Time during Which an Airmobile May Be Operated

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. 225)

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

April 25, 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 bills out "Ought Not to Pass":

- L.D. 331 An Act To Incorporate the Federal Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act into the Maine Consumer Credit Code
- L.D. 1641 An Act To Provide for Transparency in Insurance Rate Proceedings

We have also notified the sponsors and cosponsors of each bill listed 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. 226)

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

April 25, 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. 1277 Resolve, To Study the Feasibility of Off-road Bike and Walking Paths along the Busiest Commuting Corridors in the State

L.D. 1363 An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Access to State and State Aid Highways To Permit Traffic Safety and Rest Area Exceptions

L.D. 1399 Resolve, To Ensure the Safety of Roads with High Volumes of Traffic

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.

PETITIONS, BILLS AND RESOLVES REQUIRING REFERENCE

Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services To Adopt Rules Governing the Safety of Children at Day Care Facilities with Swimming Pools

(H.P. 1314) (L.D. 1880)

Sponsored by Representative DRISCOLL of Westbrook.

Cosponsored by Senator BRANNIGAN of Cumberland and Representatives: CAMPBELL of Newfield, CONNOR of Kennebunk, GROSE of Woolwich, MILLER of Somerville, PEOPLES of Westbrook, PERRY of Calais, PINGREE of North Haven, WALCOTT of Lewiston, Senator: BARTLETT of Cumberland.

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** suggested and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** and ordered printed.

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Create the Competitiveness Training Fund and Improve Maine Employment Security Programs"

(H.P. 1317) (L.D. 1884)

Sponsored by Representative CAMPBELL of Newfield. (GOVERNOR'S BILL)

Cosponsored by Senator STRIMLING of Cumberland and Representatives: DUPREY of Hampden, HAMPER of Oxford, PINGREE of North Haven, TUTTLE of Sanford, Senators: DOW

of Lincoln, President EDMONDS of Cumberland, ROSEN of Hancock, SULLIVAN of York.

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

REFERRED to the Committee on **LABOR** and ordered printed.

Sent for concurrence.

Resolve, To Modify the 2007 Elver Fishing Season (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 1316) (L.D. 1883)

Sponsored by Representative EATON of Sullivan.

Cosponsored by Senator DAMON of Hancock.

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

Committee on **MARINE RESOURCES** suggested and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **MARINE RESOURCES** and ordered printed.

Sent for concurrence.

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

ORDERS

On motion of Representative BRYANT of Windham, the following Joint Resolution: (H.P. 1315) (Cosponsored by Senator DIAMOND of Cumberland and Representatives: ADAMS of Portland, ANNIS of Dover-Foxcroft, AUSTIN of Gray, AYOTTE of Caswell, BARSTOW of Gorham, BEAUDETTE of Biddeford, BEAUDOIN of Biddeford, BEAULIEU of Auburn, BERRY of Bowdoinham, BLANCHARD of Old Town, BLANCHETTE of Bangor, BLISS of South Portland, BOLAND of Sanford, BRAUTIGAM of Falmouth, BROWNE of Vassalboro, BURNS of Berwick, CAIN of Orono, CAMPBELL of Newfield, CANAVAN of Waterville, CARTER of Bethel, CASAVANT of Biddeford, CEBRA of Naples, CLARK of Millinocket, CLEARLY of Houlton, CONNOR of Kennebunk, CONOVER of Oakland, CRAVEN of Lewiston, CRAY of Palmyra, CROCKETT of Augusta, CROSTHWAITE of Ellsworth, Speaker CUMMINGS of Portland, DILL of Cape Elizabeth, DRISCOLL of Westbrook, DUCHESNE of Hudson, DUNN of Bangor, EATON of Sullivan, EDGECOMB of Caribou, FAIRCLOTH of Bangor, FARRINGTON of Gorham, FINCH of Fairfield, FISCHER of Presque Isle, FISHER of Brewer, FITTS of Pittsfield, FLOOD of Winthrop, GERZOFKY of Brunswick, GILES of Belfast, GOULD of South Berwick, GREELEY of Levant, GROSE of Woolwich, HAMPER of Oxford, HANLEY of Gardiner, HARLOW of Portland, HASKELL of Portland, HAYES of Buckfield, HILL of York, HINCK of Portland, HOGAN of Old Orchard Beach, JACKSON of Allagash, JOY of Crystal, KAENRATH of South Portland, KNIGHT of Livermore Falls, KOFFMAN of Bar Harbor, LANSLEY of Sabattus, LORING of the Penobscot Nation, LUNDEEN of Mars Hill, MacDONALD of Boothbay, MAKAS of Lewiston, MAREAN of Hollis, MARLEY of Portland, MAZUREK of Rockland, McDONOUGH of Scarborough, MILLER of Somerville, MILLS of Farmington, MIRAMANT of Camden, MOORE of Standish, MUSE of Fryeburg, NORTON of Bangor, PATRICK of Rumford, PEOPLES of Westbrook, PERCY of Phippsburg, PERRY of Calais, PIEH of Bremen, PILON of Saco, PINEAU of Jay, PINGREE of North Haven, PINKHAM of Lexington Township, PIOTTI of Unity, PLUMMER of Windham, PRATT of Eddington, PRESCOTT of

Topsham, PRIEST of Brunswick, RAND of Portland, RICHARDSON of Greenville, RICHARDSON of Warren, RINES of Wiscasset, ROBINSON of Raymond, SAMSON of Auburn, SAVAGE of Falmouth, SAVIELLO of Wilton, SCHATZ of Blue Hill, SILSBY of Augusta, SIMPSON of Auburn, SIROIS of Turner, SMITH of Monmouth, SOCTOMAH of the Passamaquoddy Tribe, STRANG BURGESS of Cumberland, SUTHERLAND of Chapman, SYKES of Harrison, THERIAULT of Madawaska, TIBBETTS of Columbia, TREAT of Farmingdale, TRINWARD of Waterville, TUTTLE of Sanford, VALENTINO of Saco, WALCOTT of Lewiston, WATSON of Bath, WEBSTER of Freeport, WEDDELL of Frankfort, WHEELER of Kittery, WOODBURY of Yarmouth, Senators: BARTLETT of Cumberland, BOWMAN of York, BRYANT of Oxford, COURTNEY of York, DAMON of Hancock, DOW of Lincoln, President EDMONDS of Cumberland, HASTINGS of Oxford, HOBBS of York, MARRACHÉ of Kennebec, MARTIN of Aroostook, PLOWMAN of Penobscot, RAYE of Washington, ROSEN of Hancock, SAVAGE of Knox, SCHNEIDER of Penobscot, SHERMAN of Aroostook, SNOWE-MELLO of Androscoggin, STRIMLING of Cumberland, SULLIVAN of York, TURNER of Cumberland, WESTON of Waldo)

JOINT RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING MAY 2007 AS LYME DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH IN THE STATE OF MAINE

WHEREAS, the health and well-being of the citizens of the State of Maine are of paramount importance and Lyme disease is a common but frequently misunderstood illness that, if not caught early and treated properly, can cause serious health problems; and

WHEREAS, according to the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Lyme disease was identified and named in 1977, when arthritis was observed in a cluster of children in and around Lyme, Connecticut and the Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists designated Lyme disease as a nationally notifiable disease in January 1991; and

WHEREAS, Lyme disease is the most common vector-borne disease in the United States and is caused by the spirochete *Borrelia burgdorferi*, which is usually transmitted by the bite of a tick. Children aged 5 to 9 and adults in their 50s and 60s comprise the age groups at the highest risk; and

WHEREAS, Lyme disease early on can cause rash and flu-like symptoms such as fever, muscle aches, headaches and fatigue but can be treated with antibiotics if caught early. Unfortunately the disease often goes undetected because it mimics other illnesses or may be misdiagnosed; and

WHEREAS, if left untreated, Lyme disease can lead to severe heart, neurological, eye and joint problems because the bacteria can affect many different organs and organ systems; and

WHEREAS, during 2005, a total of 23,305 cases of Lyme disease were reported in the United States, a 15 percent increase over the previous year. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention indicates that the actual number of reported cases of Lyme disease that meet its criteria is 10 times the amount reported, bringing the actual number of cases that meet the center's criteria to 233,050 for 2005; and

WHEREAS, Lyme disease accounts for 95 percent of all vector-borne infections in the United States and the ticks that spread Lyme disease also spread other diseases, such as ehrlichiosis, anaplasmosis and babesiosis, and the presence of other tick-borne diseases clouds the diagnostic and treatment picture; and

WHEREAS, having a Lyme Disease Awareness Month provides an opportunity to focus on this significant and complex disease; to provide information on and raise public awareness of its causes, effects and treatments; and to underscore important

education and research efforts surrounding Lyme and tick-borne diseases; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Twenty-Third Legislature, now assembled in the First Regular Session, on behalf of the people we represent, recognize that May of 2007 is Lyme Disease Awareness Month in order to make our citizens more aware of this prevalent disease; and be it further

RESOLVED: That a suitable copy of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the Department of Health and Human Services.

READ.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Windham, Representative Bryant.

Representative BRYANT: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. This Joint Resolution here is proclaiming to make May 2007 as a Lyme Disease Awareness Month in the State of Maine. We are pleased that there are many people in the Gallery. Also, we thank all of the legislators that have put their name on this. It is important that we raise the awareness of Lyme Disease for our fellow citizens of the State of Maine. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Windham, Representative Plummer.

Representative PLUMMER: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I rise in support of this Resolution as a cosponsor, and I am not suggesting that every cosponsor needs to speak this morning, but I would encourage you to read this information. Since friends of mine who are in the Gallery today, Bob and Barb Maurais got involved, they have educated me on Lyme Disease. Please read this. I read everything entitled "Lyme Disease" at this point and I would encourage you to very much become aware. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Subsequently, the Joint Resolution was **ADOPTED**.

Sent for concurrence.

On motion of Representative BRYANT of Windham, the following Joint Resolution: (H.P. 1318) (Cosponsored by Senator BRYANT of Oxford) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 214)

JOINT RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO ENACT THE LYME AND TICK-BORNE DISEASE PREVENTION, EDUCATION, AND RESEARCH ACT OF 2007

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 of the United States and the United States Congress as follows:

WHEREAS, Lyme disease is a common but frequently misunderstood illness that, if not caught early and treated properly, can cause serious health problems; and

WHEREAS, Lyme disease is a bacterial infection that is usually transmitted by a tick bite, and early signs of infection may include a rash and flu-like symptoms such as fever, muscle aches, headaches and fatigue; and

WHEREAS, although Lyme disease can be treated with antibiotics if caught early, the disease often goes undetected because it mimics other illnesses or may be misdiagnosed and, if untreated, can lead to severe heart, neurological, eye and joint problems because the bacteria can affect many different organs and organ systems; and

WHEREAS, although Lyme disease accounts for 95% of all vector-borne infections in the United States, the ticks that spread the disease also spread other diseases such as ehrlichiosis, babesiosis and anaplasmosis; and

WHEREAS, the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention indicates that the reported cases of Lyme disease are only 10% of actual cases that meet its surveillance criteria; and

WHEREAS, the persistence of symptomatology in many patients without reliable testing makes treatment of patients more difficult; and

WHEREAS, the Lyme and Tick-Borne Disease Prevention, Education, and Research Act of 2007 has been introduced in the 110th United States Congress as H.R. 741; and

WHEREAS, the Lyme and Tick-Borne Disease Prevention, Education, and Research Act of 2007 would advance the treatment of, and cure for, Lyme disease and other tick-borne diseases by expanding federal efforts concerning prevention, education, treatment and research activities related to Lyme disease and other tick-borne diseases by providing authorization for the appropriation of \$20,000,000 for each of the federal fiscal years 2008 to 2012 for these activities; and

WHEREAS, this legislation would also require the United States Secretary of Health and Human Services to annually report to the United States Congress on these activities and make recommendations for further research and education and would establish Tick-Borne Diseases Advisory Committee within the Office of the United States Secretary of Health and Human Services; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, your Memorialists, on behalf of the people we represent, respectfully urge and request that the President of the United States and the United States Congress enact the Lyme and Tick-Borne Disease Prevention, Education, and Research Act of 2007, which is currently pending in the United States Congress as H.R. 741 and any subsequent companion bill passed in the United States Senate; and be it further

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

READ.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Windham, Representative Bryant.

Representative **BRYANT**: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Men and Women of the House. It is not often that I feel compelled to memorialize Congress. I know there is some debate about the effectiveness of such a Resolution. However, nearly 24,000 new cases of Lyme Disease are reported each year in this country, and the treatment is long and painful for those infected when it is finally and properly diagnosed.

The Federal Government has stood by and done little to help people infected with the disease, or educate the public to help them to know and prevent transmission. The states are taking the steps they can, but without the support of Congress, they cannot quell the rate of infection. Twenty million proposed in this Resolution is small compared to the cost of individuals who are infected and cannot receive proper treatment. They are our children, parents, our brothers, sisters, and neighbors that need our help. But Maine cannot do it alone and neither can other states, with increasing rates of infection. This Resolution is to ask Congress to take the issue seriously, and hope that all of you can join in supporting me sending this message to our leaders in

Washington. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Men and Women of the House.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Oakland, Representative Conover.

Representative **CONOVER**: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I rise in support of this Joint Resolution. This is a very, often misunderstood illness and I wanted to thank Representative Bryant for sponsoring this. It not only affects our neighbors and family members, I just am rising today to share with my colleagues that it has also affected your colleagues. I have been debating about whether or not I should stand up and speak today, as someone whom late in the 80's as a college student, a cross-country runner, who spent a lot of time out running the trails, I was misdiagnosed for well over a year with Lyme Disease. But in respect to all of the people that are here, up in the Gallery today, you have given me courage to stand in support of you and to tell you that hope is on the horizon.

My colleagues, I should tell you with all sincerity that I would not be here today in the Chamber with you, had I not received an aggressive long-term treatment with this illness. I was fortunate to have some very, well informed physicians in New York State, who were also scientists and researchers in this area that treated me and allowed me to receive the type of treatment I needed, to address many of the symptoms I underwent at that time and have since been able to manage successfully.

So as we rise today in this Joint Resolution, to compel our federal delegation and the Bush Administration to act on this, I ask you to join me and be very thoughtful as you look at some of the legislation that is needed, not only the federal level, but also several pieces of legislation, or at least one piece of legislation that is before the IFS Committee now, and to really dig into this issue and understand how it affects the people of Maine who are suffering from this illness. I thank you for your time and I offer, again, try to offer some hope to folks who are here that may be in the Gallery, who have been trying to cope with this very difficult disease, that we do care and we are listening and we are diligently working for solutions to help you. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Subsequently, the Joint Resolution was **ADOPTED**.

Sent for concurrence.

SPECIAL SENTIMENT CALENDAR

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

Recognizing:

Richard Bruns, D.O., of Bangor, for his 8 years of public service with the Maine Health Data Organization Board of Directors. In October 2000, Dr. Bruns was elected to serve as chair of the board. Prior to his leadership post, he was vice-chair. We acknowledge his dedicated service to the people of the State of Maine and we send him our appreciation and best wishes;

(SLS 161)

On **OBJECTION** of Representative NORTON of Bangor, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

READ.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Bangor, Representative Norton.

Representative **NORTON**: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. Dr. Bruns is a constituent of mine and a wonderful gentleman. He is always out in front and looking to do things that are good for people. I simply wanted recognize this sentiment and say right on, I guess, so I

thank you. I have not been informed that he is present today. Thank you very much.

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

Recognizing:

the Oysterville Yacht Club, in Oysterville, Massachusetts, on the members' charitable contributions to the fight against cancer. The Oysterville Yacht Club was formed 5 years ago and now has more than 2,000 members in over 50 states and 22 countries, including members in Maine. The only membership criterion is to ask to join. All membership fees for this nonexistent club go directly to the Cam Neely Foundation for Cancer Care. In its first 4 years, the club raised \$80,000 for the foundation. We extend our congratulations to the members of the Oysterville Yacht Club on their generous donations in their exemplary fight against cancer;

(HLS 347)

Presented by Representative MAZUREK of Rockland. Cosponsored by Representative RECTOR of Thomaston, Senator SAVAGE of Knox.

On **OBJECTION** of Representative MAZUREK of Rockland, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

READ.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Rockland, Representative Mazurek.

Representative **MAZUREK**: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I would like to just speak real briefly and give everybody an opportunity to join the Oysterville Yacht Club. If anybody is so inclined, they can see me after session. As you see, it has raised over \$80,000 in the last five years. We are looking, always, for new members, particularly up here in Maine. So, if you feel like joining and being part of this Yacht Club, please see me and I appreciate it. Thank you.

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

Recognizing:

the following members of the Cony High School Bowling Team, of Augusta, on winning the 2007 State Championship: students Jake Laffin, Derek Wildes, Erica Rollins, Ryan Rollins and Jason Mansir; and coaches Jeremy Waterhouse and Randall Mansir. We send them our congratulations on their accomplishment;

(HLS 349)

Presented by Representative CROCKETT of Augusta. Cosponsored by Senator MITCHELL of Kennebec, Representative SILSBY of Augusta, Representative BROWNE of Vassalboro.

On **OBJECTION** of Representative PINGREE of North Haven, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

READ.

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

Representative **CROCKETT**: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. It is an honor to stand today to recognize the Cony High School 2007 State Championship Bowling Team.

Coming into this year, it was not expected that the team would win. But under the leadership of their new Coach Jeremy Waterhouse, they worked hard, they put a lot of effort into practice every Tuesday, then every Thursday they were in

competition, and on Saturday they all participated in a youth league. All that practice and hard work paid off. The State Championship competition in Bangor, Cony became the 2007 Champions.

The Augusta legislative delegation and the community are very proud, and would you please join me in congratulating the Cony High School 2007 State Championship Bowling Team. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Representative **SILSBY**: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I would like to add my congratulations and applause to the Cony Bowling Club, and specifically recognize Jason Mansir, who is a senior at Cony High School.

In addition to being a member of the State Championship Team, he also was named the 2007 Maine High School Bowling Individual Champion. After a qualifying round, Jason ranked fifth and won games until the final game, in which he won against Lewiston's Kyle Sawyer, in a score of 186-183. Jason has been bowling since the age of ten and has aspirations to become a professional bowler. In the meantime, he is going to attend Southern Maine Community College and will be majoring in Culinary Arts. It is my pleasure to congratulate Jason Mansir on his distinguished honor. Thank you.

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

Recognizing:

Jason Mansir, of Augusta, a member of the 2007 State Champion Bowling Team at Cony High School, who was also named as the 2007 Maine High School Bowling Individual Champion. We extend our congratulations to Jason on his achievement and send our best wishes for his future endeavors;

(HLS 348)

Presented by Representative CROCKETT of Augusta. Cosponsored by Senator MITCHELL of Kennebec, Representative SILSBY of Augusta, Representative BROWNE of Vassalboro.

On **OBJECTION** of Representative PINGREE of North Haven, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

READ.

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

Recognizing:

Kevin Baack, of Readfield, who is retiring from his position as the Executive Director of Goodwill Industries of Northern New England after 30 years with the organization. Goodwill Industries of Northern New England is a multistate human services organization that works with a network of nonprofit businesses to serve people with disabilities. Mr. Baack was appointed Executive Director of Goodwill in 1975, and under his direction the organization has expanded to create residential and day treatment programs for people with mental retardation and developmental disabilities. As a result of Mr. Baack's leadership, Goodwill Industries of Northern New England has made a difference in the quality of life of people who need assistance. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. Baack on this tremendous milestone;

(HLS 350)

Presented by Representative FLOOD of Winthrop.

Cosponsored by Senator GOOLEY of Franklin, Representative CROCKETT of Augusta, Senator MITCHELL of Kennebec.

On **OBJECTION** of Representative FLOOD of Winthrop, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

READ.

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Winthrop, Representative Flood.

Representative **FLOOD**: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. Today we are honoring Mr. Kevin Baack, the leader of Goodwill Industries of Northern New England. After 30 years of outstanding service providing assistance to those in need, Mr. Baack is about to begin his retirement.

Many of you will quickly recognize the very familiar Goodwill stores. They exist in Augusta, Bath, and Waterville. Most of you do not know, however, that these hallmark stores are just the tip of the iceberg to a large organization with 12 facilities throughout northern New England. These stores provide one revenue producing arm of their organization, but quietly behind the scenes lies the real reason for being—eight community homes in Oakland, Chelsea, and Winthrop, a day treatment facility in Augusta, and employment services centers in Waterville and Augusta, all designed to assist people with disabilities and special needs. They also have major offices and warehouses in Portland and Augusta. What started out as some call a little place on Cumberland Avenue in Portland in the 70's, has grown to become one of the preeminent care organizations in New England under the skillful growth management of Kevin Baack.

Since Mr. Baack assumed the leadership of Goodwill Industries in the mid-70's, it has grown from an organization with five pledging programs with disabilities, to one now offering more than 60 programs in Maine, New Hampshire, and Vermont. Goodwill provides these programs to more than 4,000 people per year with disabilities and disadvantages. Goodwill has been widely recognized for its innovative services, including brain injury rehabilitation and comprehensive death services. Mr. Baack has always been aware of the changing needs of those who so strongly depend on Goodwill's programs and has sought new ways to serve them.

Throughout his career, he has demonstrated core values that embrace community inclusion and collaboration. With his entrepreneurial spirit and the belief in the power of work as the best form of rehab, Kevin Baack has chartered a course for Goodwill that will benefit communities for years to come. We congratulate Mr. Baack for his 30 years of service, his pending retirement, and mostly for making a positive impact on many lives. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE
Divided Report

Majority Report of the Committee on **BUSINESS, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-133)** on Bill "An Act to Focus State Agency Efforts in Economic Development on Entrepreneurial Sustainability and Growth"

(H.P. 505) (L.D. 656)

Signed:

Senators:

BROMLEY of Cumberland
SCHNEIDER of Penobscot

Representatives:

SAMSON of Auburn
MacDONALD of Boothbay
SILSBY of Augusta
SMITH of Monmouth
CLEARLY of Houlton

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

Signed:

Senator:

COURTNEY of York

Representatives:

BEAULIEU of Auburn
AUSTIN of Gray
PRESCOTT of Topsham
RECTOR of Thomaston
BEAUDETTE of Biddeford

READ.

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

On further motion of the same Representative, **TABLED** pending her motion to **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report and later today assigned.

Majority Report of the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on Bill "An Act To Create a Waiting Period for Firearms"

(H.P. 291) (L.D. 361)

Signed:

Senators:

DIAMOND of Cumberland
McCORMICK of Kennebec
SHERMAN of Aroostook

Representatives:

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 as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-122)** on same Bill.

Signed:

Representatives:

GERZOFISKY of Brunswick
KAENRATH of South Portland

READ.

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

On further motion of the same Representative, **TABLED** pending his motion to **ACCEPT** the Minority **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report and later today assigned.

Majority Report of the Committee on **LABOR** reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on Bill "An Act To Compensate Employees Required To Be 'On-call' by Their Employers"
(H.P. 550) (L.D. 729)

Signed:

Senators:

STRIMLING of Cumberland
SULLIVAN of York
DOW of Lincoln

Representatives:

TUTTLE of Sanford
CLARK of Millinocket
THOMAS of Ripley
HASKELL of Portland
DUPREY of Hampden
JACKSON of Allagash
SYKES of Harrison
DRISCOLL of Westbrook

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-135)** on same Bill.

Signed:

Representative:

BURNS of Berwick

READ.

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

Majority Report of the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on Bill "An Act To Resolve Differences in the Laws Regarding Public Shade Trees"
(H.P. 892) (L.D. 1264)

Signed:

Senators:

SCHNEIDER of Penobscot
BRANNIGAN of Cumberland
BENOIT of Sagadahoc

Representatives:

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

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-136)** on same Bill.

Signed:

Representatives:

BOLAND of Sanford
SCHATZ of Blue Hill

READ.

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

First Day

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

(H.P. 150) (L.D. 168) Bill "An Act To End Fraud in Maine's Welfare Benefit Programs" Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-163)**

(H.P. 522) (L.D. 691) Bill "An Act To Modify Lobster License Fees" Committee on **MARINE RESOURCES** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-154)**

(H.P. 547) (L.D. 726) Bill "An Act To Provide Services for Adults with Diagnoses of Mental Retardation and Other Developmental Disabilities" Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-161)**

(H.P. 549) (L.D. 728) Bill "An Act To Enhance the Wise Use and Sound Management of Maine's Wildlife Resources" Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-158)**

(H.P. 659) (L.D. 870) Bill "An Act To Enhance Education Services for Blind and Visually Impaired Children" Committee on **LABOR** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-137)**

(H.P. 660) (L.D. 871) Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Relating to the Treatment of Maine State Retirement System Contributions for Terminated Members" Committee on **LABOR** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-138)**

(H.P. 713) (L.D. 938) Bill "An Act To Delay Implementation of Motor Vehicle Inspection Rules until Inspectors Have Rules in Hand for 5 Days" Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-156)**

(H.P. 746) (L.D. 986) Bill "An Act To Establish an Agriculture Education Registration Plate" Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-157)**

(H.P. 774) (L.D. 1056) Bill "An Act To Change Building Requirements for County Buildings and Land" Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-148)**

(H.P. 789) (L.D. 1071) Bill "An Act Regarding Energy-generating Facilities" Committee on **UTILITIES AND ENERGY** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-134)**

(H.P. 851) (L.D. 1158) Bill "An Act To Increase the Per Diem for Members of the State Board of Arbitration and Conciliation" Committee on **LABOR** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-139)**

(H.P. 911) (L.D. 1293) Bill "An Act To Enhance Protection against Rabies in Wolf Hybrids" Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-141)**

(H.P. 993) (L.D. 1410) Resolve, To Name the Gray Connector Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-155)**

(H.P. 1170) (L.D. 1661) Resolve, To Support Community Planning for the Aging of the Population Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-160)**

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. 239) (L.D. 790) Bill "An Act To Strengthen Rural Community Investment" (C. "A" S-52)

(S.P. 316) (L.D. 999) Bill "An Act To Improve Transportation for Veterans" (C. "A" S-55)

(H.P. 657) (L.D. 868) Bill "An Act To Amend the Civil Foreclosure Laws"

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

BILLS IN THE SECOND READING

Senate

Bill "An Act To Further Limit Retrospective Denials of Previously Paid Health Insurance Claims"

(S.P. 406) (L.D. 1218)

Senate as Amended

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Credit Card Companies"

(S.P. 302) (L.D. 951)

(C. "A" S-48)

House as Amended

Bill "An Act To Amend the Temporary Registration Plate Law"

(H.P. 220) (L.D. 264)

(C. "A" H-127)

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

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

(C. "A" H-120)

Reported by the Committee on **Bills in the Second Reading**, read the second time, 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

Emergency Measure

An Act To Clarify Recent Changes to the Laws Regulating Land Use Ordinances

(H.P. 275) (L.D. 345)

(C. "A" H-60)

Reported by the Committee on **Engrossed Bills** as truly and strictly engrossed. This being an emergency measure, a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to the House being necessary, a total was taken. 127 voted in favor of the same and 4 against, and accordingly the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Emergency Measure

An Act To Effect the Seizure and Disposal of Contraband Fireworks

(H.P. 292) (L.D. 362)

Reported by the Committee on **Engrossed Bills** as truly and strictly engrossed. This being an emergency measure, a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to the House being necessary, a total was taken. 128 voted in favor of the same and 0 against, and accordingly the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Emergency Measure

An Act To Restructure the Board of Commissioners of the Maine State Housing Authority To Closely Match Local Authorities

(S.P. 142) (L.D. 441)

(C. "A" S-33)

Reported by the Committee on **Engrossed Bills** as truly and strictly engrossed. This being an emergency measure, a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to the House being necessary, a total was taken. 129 voted in favor of the same and 0 against, and accordingly the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Emergency Measure

Resolve, To Review the Procedures by Which a Municipality Assesses Property

(H.P. 217) (L.D. 261)

(C. "A" H-75)

Reported by the Committee on **Engrossed Bills** as truly and strictly engrossed. This being an emergency measure, a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to the House being necessary, a total was taken. 129 voted in favor of the same and 4 against, and accordingly the Resolve was **FINALLY PASSED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Emergency Measure

Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Section 97, Private Non-medical Institution Services, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Health and Human Services

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

Reported by the Committee on **Engrossed Bills** as truly and strictly engrossed. This being an emergency measure, a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to the House being necessary, a total was taken. 132 voted in favor of the same and 0 against, and accordingly the Resolve was **FINALLY PASSED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

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

On motion of Representative BRAUTIGAM of Falmouth, the House adjourned at 12:53 p.m., until 4:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 2, 2007 in honor and lasting tribute to Blanche Pomeroy Heldman, of Cumberland Foreside.