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In Senate Chamber
Tuesday
March 27, 2007

Senate called to order by President Beth Edmonds of Cumberland County.

Prayer by Reverend Dr. Douglas Nielsen of First Congregational Church, UCC in Saco.

REVEREND NIELSEN: Thank you, President Edmonds. It gives me great pleasure to be here. Both my Senators have been present in my place of work. I'm happy to be in your place of work, particularly on Senator Sullivan's birthday.

I come here as a minister of the United Church of Christ, a denomination that is leading the way in many things. It has taken seriously the intersection between personal piety and public service. You here are a demonstration of that kind of public service. The denomination led the way in ordaining the first African American. The denomination led the way in ordaining the first woman and the first openly gay man. The denomination has played its role in the foundation of Harvard, Yale, Dartmouth, and the schools in the southern part of our country for the newly freed slaves. It is a denomination of power and foresight.

I stand before you as a pastor in a local church, The First Parish Congregational Church of Saco, that has risen from the ashes of a devastating fire in August 2000 and is working now to give back to the community the beauty that it received in that harsh time. I bring a prayer today from my denomination, from my local church, and from my 85 year old colleague who every Thursday gets together with me. He has stood in this very place many times in years past. Though the language is somewhat ancient and archaic and harkens back to long ago, the yearning is as true today as it was then and I invite you to hear it as bringing you into the future. It is so short that I'm going to repeat it twice. In a way that is appropriate for you, will you be in an attitude of prayer.

Grant us we beseech thee, such guidance of thy Holy Spirit, that our insights may be deepened, our horizons broadened, and our usefulness increased. Grant us we beseech thee, such guidance of thy Holy Spirit, that our insights may be deepened, our horizons broadened, and our usefulness increased. Amen.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Senator Earle L. McCormick of Kennebec County.

Reading of the Journal of Thursday, March 22, 2007.

Doctor of the day, Theodore Papalimberis, MD of Portland.

Off Record Remarks

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

Non-Concurrent Matter

SENATE REPORTS - from the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** on Bill "An Act To Make Failure To Wear a Seat Belt a Primary Offense"

S.P. 22 L.D. 24

Majority - **Ought to Pass** (10 members)

Minority - **Ought Not to Pass** (3 members)

In Senate, March 20, 2007, the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**.

Comes from the House, the Minority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

On motion by Senator **DAMON** of Hancock, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending **FURTHER CONSIDERATION**.

Non-Concurrent Matter

Bill "An Act To Assist Maine Pharmacies"

S.P. 450 L.D. 1287

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

In Senate, March 15, 2007, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**.

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** and ordered printed, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

On motion by Senator **BRANNIGAN** of Cumberland, the Senate **RECEDED** and **CONCURRED**.

House Papers

Bill "An Act To Authorize Judges To Mandate Counseling for Juvenile Offenders"

H.P. 1171 L.D. 1662

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

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY**.

On motion by Senator **DIAMOND** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

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

H.P. 1042 L.D. 1480

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

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS**.

On motion by Senator **BOWMAN** of York, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending **REFERENCE**.

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

H.P. 1037 L.D. 1475

Committee on **INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** suggested and ordered printed.

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT**.

On motion by Senator **SCHNEIDER** of Penobscot, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Off Record Remarks

Joint Resolution

The following Joint Resolution:

H.P. 1142

JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE FOURTH ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL PIANO MUSIC FESTIVAL

WHEREAS, the Portland Conservatory of Music was founded in 1995 to provide excellent musical instruction to individuals of all ages, goals and abilities, which is unique among organizations in Maine; and

WHEREAS, the Portland Conservatory of Music has brought that mission to life by bringing the gift of music into the lives of hundreds of students by offering programs such as private lessons on various instruments, music classes and ensembles to students across the region; and

WHEREAS, the Portland Conservatory of Music currently has more than 400 students from across the region and has a faculty numbering more than 40 of Maine's most talented musicians; and

WHEREAS, the Portland Conservatory of Music has established international piano and chamber music festivals to bring concerts to the public and serve as a meeting ground for musicians of all ages and from all parts of the globe by providing intensive instruction, performing opportunities for young musicians and nightly concerts by professional musicians; and

WHEREAS, the Portland Conservatory of Music is proud to host the Fourth Annual International Piano Music Festival in Portland, Maine from June 24 to June 27, 2007 and welcomes performers and guests from around the world to share their love and appreciation of music; 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, take this opportunity to salute the Portland Conservatory of Music for hosting the Fourth Annual International Piano Music Festival and we welcome all participants and guests to the State of Maine during the music festival; and be it further

RESOLVED: That suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the Portland Conservatory of Music with our appreciation for its enhancing the art of music in the State of Maine.

Comes from the House, **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

READ and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: S.P. 622

STATE OF MAINE 123RD MAINE LEGISLATURE

March 22, 2007

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

Dear Senator Strimling and Representative Tuttle:

Please be advised that Governor John E. Baldacci has nominated George Burgoyne of Bangor for appointment to the Maine State Retirement System Board of Trustees.

Pursuant to Title 5 M.R.S.A. Section 17102, this nomination will require review by the Joint Standing Committee on Labor and confirmation by the Senate.

Sincerely,

S/Beth Edmonds
President of the Senate

S/Glenn Cummings
Speaker of the House

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

Sent down for concurrence.

SENATE PAPERS

Bill "An Act To Create the Maine Agriculture Protection Act"
S.P. 591 L.D. 1684

Sponsored by Senator SHERMAN of Aroostook.
Cosponsored by Representative PIEH of Bremen and Senator:
RAYE of Washington, Representatives: BROWNE of Vassalboro,
CARTER of Bethel, EDGECOMB of Caribou, FLOOD of
Winthrop, GIFFORD of Lincoln, JOY of Crystal, McLEOD of Lee.

Bill "An Act To Provide for Public Notification of Indoor Pesticide
Applications"

S.P. 605 L.D. 1698

Sponsored by Senator SULLIVAN of York.
Cosponsored by Representative PIOTTI of Unity and Senators:
SHERMAN of Aroostook, STRIMLING of Cumberland,
Representatives: MAREAN of Hollis, PIEH of Bremen, VAUGHAN
of Durham.

On motion by Senator **ROTUNDO** of Androscoggin, **REFERRED**
to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND**
FORESTRY and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for
Improvements to Passenger Rail Service"

S.P. 599 L.D. 1692

Sponsored by President EDMONDS of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative GERZOFKY of Brunswick and
Senators: DAMON of Hancock, ROTUNDO of Androscoggin,
Representatives: PINGREE of North Haven, WEBSTER of
Freeport.
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council
pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

On motion by Senator **ROTUNDO** of Androscoggin, **REFERRED**
to the Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL**
AFFAIRS and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Resolve, Directing the Department of Professional and Financial
Regulation To Study the Necessity and Feasibility of Regulating
Certain Mechanical Trades

S.P. 597 L.D. 1690

Sponsored by President EDMONDS of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative CLARK of Millinocket and
Senator: BRYANT of Oxford.

Bill "An Act To Amend Maine's Bottle Laws"

S.P. 603 L.D. 1696

Sponsored by Senator SULLIVAN of York.
Cosponsored by Representative BEAUDETTE of Biddeford and
Senators: BOWMAN of York, MARTIN of Aroostook,
SCHNEIDER of Penobscot, Representatives: BEAUDOIN of
Biddeford, CASAVANT of Biddeford, JACOBSEN of Waterboro,
PILON of Saco.

On motion by Senator **BROMLEY** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to
the Committee on **BUSINESS, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC**
DEVELOPMENT and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Regarding the Conveyance of
Manufactured Housing"

S.P. 602 L.D. 1695

Sponsored by Senator HASTINGS of Oxford.
Cosponsored by Representative HAMPER of Oxford and
Senators: MARTIN of Aroostook, NUTTING of Androscoggin,
Representatives: HAYES of Buckfield, HOLMAN of Fayette,
MILLETT of Waterford, ROBINSON of Raymond.

Senator **BROMLEY** of Cumberland moved to **REFER** to the
Committee on **BUSINESS, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC**
DEVELOPMENT.

On motion by Senator **HASTINGS** of Oxford, **TABLED** until Later
in Today's Session, pending the motion by Senator **BROMLEY** of
Cumberland to **REFER** to the Committee on **BUSINESS,**
RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

Bill "An Act To Create Indeterminate Sentencing and a Forensic
Review Board for Repeat Sexual Assault Offenders and Sexually
Violent Offenders"

S.P. 616 L.D. 1749

Sponsored by Senator DIAMOND of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Senator: McCORMICK of Kennebec,
Representatives: GREELEY of Levant, TIBBETTS of Columbia.
Submitted by the Department of Corrections pursuant to Joint
Rule 204.

Bill "An Act To Clarify the Law for Failing To Comply with the Requirements of the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act of 1999"

S.P. 619 L.D. 1752

Sponsored by Senator PLOWMAN of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Senator: COURTNEY of York, Representatives: CEBRA of Naples, RICHARDSON of Carmel.

On motion by Senator **DIAMOND** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Establish the Town Academy Advisory Council"
S.P. 601 L.D. 1694

Sponsored by Senator HASTINGS of Oxford.
Cosponsored by Senator SMITH of Piscataquis, Representative MUSE of Fryeburg and Senators: HOBBS of York, MITCHELL of Kennebec, TURNER of Cumberland, WESTON of Waldo, Representatives: EDGECOMB of Caribou, FARRINGTON of Gorham, MAKAS of Lewiston, STRANG BURGESS of Cumberland.

On motion by Senator **BOWMAN** of York, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Reduce Administrative Costs in Programs Delivered to People with Mental Retardation"
S.P. 593 L.D. 1686

Sponsored by Senator ROSEN of Hancock.
Cosponsored by Representative PINGREE of North Haven and Senators: BRANNIGAN of Cumberland, RAYE of Washington.

Resolve, To Improve Maine's Homemaker Services Program
S.P. 606 L.D. 1699

Sponsored by President EDMONDS of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative PINGREE of North Haven and Senator: MARRACHÉ of Kennebec.

Bill "An Act To Improve Continuity of Care within Maine's Community-based Mental Health Services"
S.P. 612 L.D. 1745

Sponsored by Senator BRANNIGAN of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative CRAVEN of Lewiston.
Submitted by the Department of Health and Human Services pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Bill "An Act To Improve MaineCare and Promote Employment"
S.P. 613 L.D. 1746

Sponsored by Senator BARTLETT of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative PERRY of Calais and Senators: MARRACHÉ of Kennebec, MITCHELL of Kennebec, Representatives: GROSE of Woolwich, MILLER of Somerville, WALCOTT of Lewiston.

Bill "An Act To Address Smoking in Senior Housing"
S.P. 618 L.D. 1751

Sponsored by Senator SULLIVAN of York.
Cosponsored by Representative PERRY of Calais and Senators: BROMLEY of Cumberland, HOBBS of York, MARTIN of Aroostook, Representatives: BEAUDOIN of Biddeford, CAMPBELL of Newfield, CASAVANT of Biddeford, FAIRCLOTH of Bangor.

Bill "An Act To Increase the Wages of Direct Support Professional Staff Based on Increases in the State Minimum Wage"
S.P. 625 L.D. 1764

Sponsored by Senator PERRY of Penobscot.

On motion by Senator **BRANNIGAN** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Permit Greater Flexibility in the Design of Affordable Health Insurance"
S.P. 609 L.D. 1742

Sponsored by Senator MILLS of Somerset.

Bill "An Act Regarding Health Insurance Coverage for Persons under the Influence of Alcohol or Narcotics"
S.P. 620 L.D. 1753

Sponsored by Senator SULLIVAN of York.
Cosponsored by Representative PERRY of Calais and Senator: MARRACHÉ of Kennebec.
Submitted by the Department of Health and Human Services pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

On motion by Senator **SULLIVAN** of York, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Increase Health Insurance Coverage for Front-line Direct Care Workers Providing Long-term Care"

S.P. 594 L.D. 1687

Sponsored by President EDMONDS of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative PINGREE of North Haven and Senator: MARRACHÉ of Kennebec, Representatives: BEAUDOIN of Biddeford, CAMPBELL of Newfield, CONNOR of Kennebunk, MILLER of Somerville, PERRY of Calais.

Committee on **INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** suggested and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator **SULLIVAN** of York, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Amend the Child and Family Services and Child Protection Act"

S.P. 596 L.D. 1689

Sponsored by Senator PLOWMAN of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Senators: DIAMOND of Cumberland, McCORMICK of Kennebec, SHERMAN of Aroostook, WESTON of Waldo, Representative: CROSTHWAITE of Ellsworth.
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

Bill "An Act To Update the Maine Business Corporation Act"

S.P. 608 L.D. 1741

Sponsored by Senator HOBBS of York.
Cosponsored by Representative SIMPSON of Auburn and Representatives: BRYANT of Windham, CASAVANT of Biddeford, DILL of Cape Elizabeth.

Bill "An Act To Enact the Uniform Power of Attorney Act"

S.P. 614 L.D. 1747

Sponsored by Senator HOBBS of York.
Cosponsored by Representative SIMPSON of Auburn and Representatives: BRYANT of Windham, CASAVANT of Biddeford, DILL of Cape Elizabeth.

Bill "An Act To Amend the Statute of Limitations for Actions against Professional Land Surveyors"

S.P. 617 L.D. 1750

Sponsored by Senator WESTON of Waldo.
Cosponsored by Senators: HASTINGS of Oxford, HOBBS of York, NUTTING of Androscoggin.
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

On motion by Senator **HOBBS** of York, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Improve the Independent Medical Examiner System"

S.P. 598 L.D. 1691

Sponsored by President EDMONDS of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Senators: BRYANT of Oxford, STRIMLING of Cumberland.

Bill "An Act To Restore Equity to the Maine State Retirement System"

S.P. 600 L.D. 1693

Sponsored by President EDMONDS of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative: PINGREE of North Haven.

Bill "An Act To Ensure Fair Wages"

S.P. 604 L.D. 1697

Sponsored by Senator STRIMLING of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative HARLOW of Portland, Representative TUTTLE of Sanford and Senator: SULLIVAN of York, Representatives: BURNS of Berwick, CLARK of Millinocket, CRESSEY of Cornish, DRISCOLL of Westbrook, HASKELL of Portland, JACKSON of Allagash, RAND of Portland.

On motion by Senator **STRIMLING** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LABOR** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Allow the Use of Credit Cards To Purchase Wine, Beer and Spirits from Distributors"

S.P. 595 L.D. 1688

Sponsored by Senator PLOWMAN of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Senators: BRYANT of Oxford, McCORMICK of Kennebec, WESTON of Waldo, Representatives: EMERY of Cutler, TRINWARD of Waterville.
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

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

S.P. 607 L.D. 1740

Sponsored by Senator PLOWMAN of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Senators: BENOIT of Sagadahoc, NASS of York, WESTON of Waldo, Representatives: McKANE of Newcastle, RICHARDSON of Carmel, TARDY of Newport, THIBODEAU of Winterport.

Bill "An Act To Join the Interstate Compact on the National Popular Vote"

S.P. 611 L.D. 1744

Sponsored by Senator MARTIN of Aroostook.
Cosponsored by Representative WOODBURY of Yarmouth, Representative CANAVAN of Waterville and Senators: BRYANT of Oxford, DOW of Lincoln, MITCHELL of Kennebec, SHERMAN of Aroostook, Representatives: Speaker CUMMINGS of Portland, GOULD of South Berwick, PATRICK of Rumford, PINGREE of North Haven.

On motion by Senator **MARRACHÉ** of Kennebec, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LEGAL AND VETERANS AFFAIRS** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Resolve, To Develop a Comprehensive Water Use Plan for Maine
S.P. 592 L.D. 1685

Sponsored by Senator WESTON of Waldo.
Cosponsored by Senators: BARTLETT of Cumberland, DOW of Lincoln, ROTUNDO of Androscoggin, SHERMAN of Aroostook, Representatives: BABBIDGE of Kennebunk, MIRAMANT of Camden, TARDY of Newport.

Bill "An Act To Create the Freshwater Resource Board"
S.P. 610 L.D. 1743

Sponsored by Senator BARTLETT of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative KOFFMAN of Bar Harbor and Senator: STRIMLING of Cumberland, Representatives: BABBIDGE of Kennebunk, EBERLE of South Portland, WAGNER of Lewiston.

On motion by Senator **MARTIN** of Aroostook, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **NATURAL RESOURCES** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Make Real Estate Taxation Stable, Equitable and Predictable"

S.P. 624 L.D. 1756

Sponsored by Senator SNOWE-MELLO of Androscoggin.
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

On motion by Senator **STRIMLING** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TAXATION** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Promote New Electrical Generation in Maine"
S.P. 623 L.D. 1755

Sponsored by Senator STRIMLING of Cumberland.

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

On motion by Senator **STRIMLING** of Cumberland, Bill and accompanying papers **INDEFINITELY POSTPONED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act Regarding Street Rods and Custom Vehicles"
S.P. 615 L.D. 1748

Sponsored by Senator PLOWMAN of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Senator: COURTNEY of York, Representative: CEBRA of Naples.

On motion by Senator **DAMON** of Hancock, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Incorporate the Greater Augusta Utility District"
S.P. 621 L.D. 1754

Sponsored by Senator MITCHELL of Kennebec.
Cosponsored by Representative CROCKETT of Augusta and Senator: McCORMICK of Kennebec, Representative: SILSBY of Augusta.

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

On motion by Senator **BARTLETT** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **UTILITIES AND ENERGY** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

All matters thus acted upon, with exception of those matters being held, were ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

Off Record Remarks

ORDERS

Joint Orders

Expressions of Legislative Sentiment recognizing:

The School Administrative District No. 47 Transportation Department and its bus drivers, of Oakland, who have been recognized as having one of the top 10 great bus fleets nationwide by School Bus Fleet Magazine. With 6 schools in the district, the transportation department operates 33 buses and provides transportation for 1,700 children. The department was recognized for its innovative use of computer software to streamline routes and schedules for the buses. We extend our congratulations to the School Administrative District No. 47 Transportation Department and the bus drivers on their receiving this recognition;

SLS 89

Sponsored by Senator MITCHELL of Kennebec.
Cosponsored by Senator: GOOLEY of Franklin, Representatives: CONOVER of Oakland, HOLMAN of Fayette.

READ.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Franklin, Senator Gooley.

Senator **GOOLEY:** Thank you, Madame President. I stand before you this morning to recognize SAD 47 and their transportation department and all the bus drivers within. We all know that being a bus driver is a tough job. Today we do recognize SAD 47 and the bus drivers for the work that they do and they have been honored nationally. I just wanted to stand before you and say congratulations to them. Thank you.

PASSED.

Sent down for concurrence.

Robert Wake, of Windham, who is the recipient of the Robert Dineen Award as Regulator of the Year. This award is given by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC) in recognition of outstanding achievement as a career insurance regulator. It is the highest individual honor bestowed by the NAIC. Mr. Wake is a staff attorney at the Bureau of Insurance and works primarily in the financial and workers' compensation areas. His NAIC accomplishments include drafting the NAIC's Market Analysis Handbook, providing legal counsel to the Interstate Compact National Standards Working Group on the preparation of the association's bylaws and preparing the 2002 NAIC Report on Employee Leasing and Professional Employer Organizations. He also served on numerous working groups of the association. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. Wake on his receiving this award;

SLS 90

Sponsored by Senator SULLIVAN of York.
Cosponsored by Senators: BOWMAN of York, DIAMOND of Cumberland, SNOWE-MELLO of Androscoggin, Representatives: BRAUTIGAM of Falmouth, BRYANT of Windham, CANAVAN of Waterville, CONOVER of Oakland, CROCKETT of Augusta, McKANE of Newcastle, PLUMMER of Windham, PRIEST of

Brunswick, RICHARDSON of Warren, SAVAGE of Falmouth, TREAT of Farmingdale, VAUGHAN of Durham.

READ.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from York, Senator Sullivan.

Senator **SULLIVAN:** Thank you, Madame President. I stand before you today with the first unanimous report out of the Insurance and Financial Services Committee. When we went for an orientation over to Gardiner, we found out that Mr. Wake had received this national award and we immediately decided we would all unanimously put in this sentiment. It is amazing, as I travel in my nine years here and I read and teach history, the influence that Maine people, this little tiny state of 1.3 million people, have accomplished. We've had Senators. Margaret Chase Smith certainly is well known. George Mitchell. Those people get to be put in history books and all kinds of things. Tucked away in Gardiner, you can hardly find the building, we find out that we have the number one regulator of this association in the United States. Once again, the little tiny state of Maine has the very best. We are extremely proud of that and Maine continues to lead the way not only in our legislation but also in the quality of people who work for the State of Maine. We truly do honor Mr. Wake very much and the only thing we might find a little bit at fault is his choice of living in Windham. We'd like to have you down in the Saco-Biddeford area. I think somebody may decide to challenge me on that. Congratulations. We are honored.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Diamond.

Senator **DIAMOND:** Thank you, Madame President, men and women of the Senate. We in Windham are very proud of Bob Wake and the Wake family. I was very pleased to see this on the calendar this morning. I was not aware of the award until just now, a few minutes earlier, but we're very proud. People in Windham have known the Wake's for a long time. They have been involved in a lot of community activities. We are very pleased and proud that Bob could be here today with his wife. We ask you all to give them a round of applause when the time comes. Thank you, Madame President.

PASSED.

Sent down for concurrence.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair is pleased to recognize in the rear of the Chamber Robert Wake of Windham and his wife. Would they please rise and accept the greetings of the Maine Senate.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

House

Change of Committee

The Committee on **NATURAL RESOURCES** on Bill "An Act To Protect Household Pets and Other Animals from Poisoning"
H.P. 579 L.D. 758

Reported that the same be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **REFERRED** to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY**.

Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

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

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** on Bill "An Act To Require a Test for Operating under the Influence for a Driver Involved in an Accident That Caused Bodily Injury"

H.P. 88 L.D. 96

Reported that the same **Ought Not to Pass**.

Signed:

Senators:

DIAMOND of Cumberland
McCORMICK of Kennebec

Representatives:

GREELEY of Levant
HILL of York
HANLEY of Gardiner
PLUMMER of Windham
KAENRATH of South Portland
HASKELL of Portland
SYKES of Harrison
TIBBETTS of Columbia

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-27)**.

Signed:

Senator:

SHERMAN of Aroostook

Representatives:

GERZOFISKY of Brunswick
BLANCHETTE of Bangor

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

Reports **READ**.

On motion by Senator **DIAMOND** of Cumberland, the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** on Bill "An Act To Allow a Truck Driver To Haul a Trailer on a Highway If That Driver Has a Point-to-point Permit"

H.P. 182 L.D. 211

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-26)**.

Signed:

Senator:

DAMON of Hancock

Representatives:

BROWNE of Vassalboro
FISHER of Brewer
MAZUREK of Rockland
THOMAS of Ripley
CEBRA of Naples
ROSEN of Bucksport
THERIAULT of Madawaska
PEOPLES of Westbrook

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought Not To Pass**.

Signed:

Senators:

DIAMOND of Cumberland
SAVAGE of Knox

Representatives:

MARLEY of Portland
HOGAN of Old Orchard Beach

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-26)**.

Reports **READ**.

On motion by Senator **DAMON** of Hancock, the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-26) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

Senate

Ought to Pass

Senator STRIMLING for the Committee on **LABOR** on Bill "An Act To Change the Name of the Maine State Retirement System"
S.P. 167 L.D. 512

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass**.

Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

READ ONCE.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

Senator SCHNEIDER for the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** on Bill "An Act To Provide County Commissioners with an Enforcement Mechanism with Regard to Parking Ordinances"

S.P. 153 L.D. 466

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass**.

Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

READ ONCE.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

Senator SCHNEIDER for the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** on Bill "An Act To Clarify Portions of the Laws Governing InformE"

S.P. 216 L.D. 679

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass**.

Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

READ ONCE.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

Ought to Pass As Amended

Senator SULLIVAN for the Committee on **INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** on Bill "An Act To Amend the Debt Management Services Laws"

S.P. 43 L.D. 135

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-20)**.

Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-20) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

Senator SULLIVAN for the Committee on **INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** on Bill "An Act To Require Prior Notice before Cancellation of a Life Insurance Policy for Nonpayment of Premiums"

S.P. 46 L.D. 138

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-21)**.

Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-21) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

Off Record Remarks

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **LABOR** on Bill "An Act To Continue To Allow Public Retiree Organizations Access to the Maine State Retirement System's List of All State Retirees" (EMERGENCY)

S.P. 229 L.D. 712

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass**.

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
BURNS of Berwick
SYKES of Harrison
DRISCOLL of Westbrook

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought Not To Pass**.

Signed:

Representative:

CRESSEY of Cornish

Reports **READ**.

On motion by Senator **STRIMLING** of Cumberland, the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS** Report **ACCEPTED**.

READ ONCE.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

All matters thus acted upon, with exception of those matters being held, were ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

Off Record Remarks

SECOND READERS

The Committee on **Bills in the Second Reading** reported the following:

House As Amended

Bill "An Act To Provide Safe All-terrain Vehicle Access on Public Ways"

H.P. 142 L.D. 160
(C "A" H-25)

Bill "An Act To Allow Residents of a Township in the Unorganized Territory To Enact a Noise Ordinance for That Township"

H.P. 256 L.D. 312
(C "A" H-23)

Bill "An Act To Enhance Consumer Awareness of Insurance Sales Activity"

H.P. 331 L.D. 415
(C "A" H-24)

READ A SECOND TIME and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED**, in concurrence.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Unfinished Business

The following matters in the consideration of which the Senate was engaged at the time of Adjournment had preference in the Orders of the Day and continued with such preference until disposed of as provided by Senate Rule 516.

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later (3/20/07) Assigned matter:

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

H.P. 1075 L.D. 1550

Tabled - March 20, 2007, by Senator **MARRACHÉ** of Kennebec

Pending - **REFERENCE**

(In House, March 20, 2007, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LEGAL AND VETERANS AFFAIRS** and ordered printed.)

On motion by Senator **MARRACHÉ** of Kennebec, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT**, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later (3/22/07) Assigned matter:

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

Tabled - March 22, 2007, by Senator **MARRACHÉ** of Kennebec

Pending - motion by Senator **SCHNEIDER** of Penobscot to **REFER** to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT**, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**

(Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT**, suggested and ordered printed.)

(In House, March 20, 2007, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LEGAL AND VETERANS AFFAIRS**.)

(In Senate, March 21, 2007, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT**, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.)

(In Senate, March 22, 2007, on motion by Senator **MARRACHE** of Kennebec, **RECONSIDERED**.)

Senator **SCHNEIDER** of Penobscot requested and received leave of the Senate to withdraw her motion to **REFER** to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT**, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

On further motion by same Senator, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LEGAL AND VETERANS AFFAIRS** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later (3/22/07) Assigned matter:

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Provide 4-year Terms for Legislators
H.P. 880 L.D. 1238

Tabled - March 22, 2007, by Senator **MARRACHÉ** of Kennebec

Pending - motion by Senator **SCHNEIDER** of Penobscot to **REFER** to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT**, in concurrence

(In House, March 20, 2007, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** and ordered printed.)

(In Senate, March 21, 2007, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** and ordered printed, in concurrence.)

(In Senate, March 22, 2007, on motion by Senator **MARRACHE** of Kennebec, **RECONSIDERED**.)

On motion by Senator **SCHNEIDER** of Penobscot, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Senate at Ease.

Senate called to order by the President.

Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, the Senate considered the following:

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

House

Ought to Pass As Amended

The Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** on Bill "An Act To More Clearly Define Maple Syrup"
H.P. 743 L.D. 983

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-39)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-39)**.

Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-39) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED**, in concurrence.

All matters thus acted upon, with exception of those matters being held, were ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

Off Record Remarks

Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, the Senate considered the following:

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

House Papers

Resolve, Directing the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources To Implement a Pilot Program To Preserve Agricultural Land

H.P. 1196 L.D. 1713

Bill "An Act To Require Veterinarians To Notify Municipalities of Rabies Vaccinations of Dogs"

H.P. 1210 L.D. 1727

Come from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator **NUTTING** of Androscoggin, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, the Senate considered the following:

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

House Papers

Resolve, To Review the Disciplinary Process of the Board of Licensure in Medicine

H.P. 1184 L.D. 1701

Bill "An Act To Allow Stores under 10,000 Square Feet To Be Open on Certain Holidays"

H.P. 1185 L.D. 1702

Bill "An Act To Protect Citizens from Identity Theft through Restriction of the Disclosure of Confidential Information"

H.P. 1213 L.D. 1730

Bill "An Act To Reduce Fraud in the Processing of Beverage Containers"

H.P. 1225 L.D. 1759

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

On motion by Senator **BROMLEY** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **BUSINESS, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, the Senate considered the following:

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

House Papers

Bill "An Act To Strengthen the Authority of Concealed Weapons Permits and Define the Term 'Crossbow' in Maine Law"

H.P. 1211 L.D. 1728

Bill "An Act To Provide Additional Funding for the Regional Emergency Medical Services Councils and To Establish a Study Group To Examine Funding for the Emergency Medical Services System in Maine" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 1216 L.D. 1733

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Relating to Probation and Supervised Release for Sex Offenders"

H.P. 1219 L.D. 1736

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

On motion by Senator **DIAMOND** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, the Senate considered the following:

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

House Papers

Bill "An Act Regarding the Sharing of Educational Costs in School Administrative Units of Multiple Municipalities"

H.P. 1204 L.D. 1721

Bill "An Act To Allow the Creation of a School District in Northern Franklin County"

H.P. 1205 L.D. 1722

Resolve, To Promote Alternative Schools within Existing School Systems (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 1224 L.D. 1758

Bill "An Act To Amend the Authorization Procedures for Certain Municipal and School Budgets"

H.P. 1232 L.D. 1766

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

On motion by Senator **BOWMAN** of York, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, the Senate considered the following:

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

House Papers

Resolve, To Expand the Maine Registry of Certified Nursing Assistants

H.P. 1197 L.D. 1714

Bill "An Act To Increase MaineCare Reimbursement for Speech and Language Therapists and Provide Treatment for Adults with Developmental Disabilities"

H.P. 1228 L.D. 1762

Bill "An Act To Amend the Maine Certificate of Need Act of 2002" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 1229 L.D. 1763

Bill "An Act To Ensure End-of-life Care for Children with Terminal Illnesses"

H.P. 1231 L.D. 1765

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

On motion by Senator **BRANNIGAN** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, the Senate considered the following:

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

House Papers

Bill "An Act To Regulate Presettlement Lawsuit Funding"
H.P. 1186 L.D. 1703

Bill "An Act To Reduce the Cost of Health Insurance"
H.P. 1198 L.D. 1715

Bill "An Act To Ensure That DirigoChoice Is Affordable"
H.P. 1199 L.D. 1716

Bill "An Act To Restore Competition to Maine's Health Insurance Market"
H.P. 1226 L.D. 1760

Come from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator **SULLIVAN** of York, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, the Senate considered the following:

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

House Papers

Bill "An Act To Provide Adult Adoptees Access to Information"
H.P. 1217 L.D. 1734

Bill "An Act To Amend the Conservation Easement Laws"
H.P. 1220 L.D. 1737

Come from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator **HOBBS** of York, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, the Senate considered the following:

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

House Paper

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Relating to the Maine State Retirement System"
H.P. 1221 L.D. 1738

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LABOR** and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator **STRIMLING** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LABOR** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, the Senate considered the following:

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

House Papers

Bill "An Act To Make Changes in the Laws Regarding Raffles"
H.P. 1187 L.D. 1704

Bill "An Act To Streamline the Beano Laws"
H.P. 1206 L.D. 1723

Bill "An Act To Strengthen the Maine Clean Election Act"
H.P. 1207 L.D. 1724

Bill "An Act To Allow Contributors to Candidates Financed by the Maine Clean Election Fund To Submit Qualifying Contributions Online"
H.P. 1212 L.D. 1729

Bill "An Act To Establish a Pricing Formula for Liquor Sales and To Adjust Agent Discounts"
H.P. 1223 L.D. 1757

Bill "An Act To Amend the Election Laws"
H.P. 1227 L.D. 1761

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

On motion by Senator **MARRACHÉ** of Kennebec, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LEGAL AND VETERANS AFFAIRS** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, the Senate considered the following:

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

House Paper

Bill "An Act To Promote Recycling of Cellular Telephones"
H.P. 1200 L.D. 1717

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **NATURAL RESOURCES** and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator **MARTIN** of Aroostook, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **NATURAL RESOURCES** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, the Senate considered the following:

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

House Papers

Resolve, To Study the Enactment Procedures for Municipal Ordinances

H.P. 1188 L.D. 1705

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Reduce the Size of the Legislature

H.P. 1201 L.D. 1718

Bill "An Act To Facilitate and Promote Regional Cooperation"

H.P. 1218 L.D. 1735

Come from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator **SCHNEIDER** of Penobscot, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, the Senate considered the following:

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

House Papers

Bill "An Act To Require Municipalities To Enforce the Collection of the State Excise Tax on Motor Vehicles, Watercraft and Certain Recreational Vehicles Owned by Maine Residents Registered Outside the State"

H.P. 1190 L.D. 1707

Bill "An Act To Exempt Persons 65 Years of Age or Older Whose Income Is Below the Poverty Line from Paying Property Taxes on Their Homes"

H.P. 1191 L.D. 1708

Bill "An Act To Promote Fairness in Municipal Foreclosure Procedures"

H.P. 1193 L.D. 1710

Bill "An Act To Reduce the Capital Gains Tax"

H.P. 1194 L.D. 1711

Bill "An Act To Amend the Amount of the Child Care Tax Credit"

H.P. 1195 L.D. 1712

Bill "An Act To Modernize the Alcohol Tax by Imposing It on a Per Drink Basis"

H.P. 1208 L.D. 1725

Bill "An Act Concerning Technical Changes to the Tax Laws"

H.P. 1222 L.D. 1739

Come from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TAXATION** and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator **PERRY** of Penobscot, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TAXATION** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Tax Nonprimary Residences at a Higher Rate

H.P. 1214 L.D. 1731

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TAXATION** and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator **PERRY** of Penobscot, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending **REFERENCE**.

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Establish a Surtax on Property with a Value over \$400,000

H.P. 1215 L.D. 1732

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TAXATION** and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator **PERRY** of Penobscot, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending **REFERENCE**.

Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, the Senate considered the following:

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

House Papers

Resolve, To Establish a Pilot Project for the Enforcement of Laws Regarding Traffic Control Devices (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 1192 L.D. 1709

Resolve, To Improve Regional Transportation in Greater Portland (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 1202 L.D. 1719

Resolve, Directing the Department of Transportation and the Maine Turnpike Authority To Conduct a Study of Possible Western Connector Roads to Municipal Centers in Cumberland and York Counties

H.P. 1203 L.D. 1720

Come from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator **DAMON** of Hancock, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of
Maine To Guarantee the Integrity of the Highway Fund
H.P. 1209 L.D. 1726

Senator **SNOWE-MELLO** of Androscoggin was granted
unanimous consent to address the Senate off the Record.

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on
TRANSPORTATION and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator **DAMON** of Hancock, **TABLED** until Later
in Today's Session, pending **REFERENCE**.

On motion by Senator **MITCHELL** of Kennebec, **ADJOURNED**,
to Thursday, March 29, 2007, at 10:00 in the morning.

Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, the Senate
considered the following:

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

**Pursuant to Joint Order
Joint Standing Committee on
Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry**

The **Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation
and Forestry**, pursuant to Joint Order 2006, H.P. 1055 asked
leave to report that the accompanying Resolve, Regarding
Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 103: Board of
Pesticides Control Regulatory Agenda, a Major Substantive Rule
of the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources
(EMERGENCY)

H.P. 1183 L.D. 1700

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

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

Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

On motion by Senator **NUTTING** of Androscoggin, **REFERRED** to
the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND
FORESTRY** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218, in
concurrence.

All matters thus acted upon, with exception of those matters being
held, were ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

Senate at Ease.

Senate called to order by the President.

Off Record Remarks