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Wednesday, March 21, 2012

Representative BOLDUC of Auburn assumed the Chair.

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

Prayer by Monsignor Marc B. Caron, Prince of Peace Catholic Parish, Lewiston.

Colors presented by Franco American War Veterans' Color Guard, Post 31, Lewiston.

National Anthem by Melanie Saucier, Fort Kent.

Pledge of Allegiance.

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

The following items were taken up out of order by unanimous consent:

**ORDERS**

On motion of Representative MARTIN of Eagle Lake, the following Joint Resolution: (H.P. 1398) (Cosponsored by Representatives: AYOTTE of Caswell, BEAUDOIN of Biddeford, BEAULIEU of Auburn, BECK of Waterville, BELIVEAU of Kittery, BICKFORD of Auburn, BOLAND of Sanford, BOLDUC of Auburn, BRIGGS of Mexico, CAREY of Lewiston, CASAVANT of Biddeford, CLARK of Millinocket, CORNELL du HOUS of Brunswick, CROCKETT of Bethel, EDGECOMB of Caribou, FOSTER of Augusta, FREDETTE of Newport, GILBERT of Jay, LAJOIE of Lewiston, MALONEY of Augusta, RIOUX of Winterport, ROCHELO of Biddeford, ROTUNDO of Lewiston, THERIAULT of Madawaska, TUTTLE of Sanford, WAGNER of Lewiston, WEBSTER of Freeport, Senators: CRAVEN of Androscoggin, HOBBS of York, JACKSON of Aroostook, MASON of Androscoggin, PATRICK of Oxford, PLOWMAN of Penobscot, SNOWE-MELLO of Androscoggin, SULLIVAN of York, THIBODEAU of Waldo)

**RÉSOLUTION CONJOINTE HONORANT LES FRANCO-AMÉRICAINS**

**Considérant que**, l'état du Maine est nommé après la province du Maine en France et que les villages de Paris et Calais dans l'état du Maine portent les noms de la capitale de France et du port français de Calais, respectivement; et

**Considérant que**, plus d'un tiers de la population du Maine est de descendance française et canadienne, et les franco-américains du Maine ont contribué beaucoup à la beauté et la qualité de cet état; et

**Considérant que**, le français est la première langue de milliers de citoyens du Maine; et

**Considérant que**, il y a eu une augmentation de l'utilisation de la langue française et une appréciation croissante de l'héritage franco-américain à travers l'état; et

**Considérant que**, des clubs et des associations pour promouvoir la culture et la langue française sont nés à travers l'état, y inclus le caucus francophone à la capitale; et

**Considérant que**, les gens qui parlent couramment le français et l'anglais sont une ressource économique et culturelle pour l'état du Maine; et

**Considérant que**, le tourisme culturel sera accru par les véritables centres franco-américains à travers l'état et la grande présence de franco-américains dans le Maine peut renforcer davantage nos relations avec le Canada, la France, et les autres pays francophones; et

**Considérant que**, le premier Jour Franco-Américain a été célébré mercredi, 6 mars, 2002, à la Capitale de l'État; maintenant, alors, qu'il soit

**Résolu**, que nous, les membres de la Cent-Vingt-cinquième Législature, assemblés dans la deuxième session régulière, au nom des gens que nous représentons, proclamons que mercredi, 21 mars, 2012 est le Jour Franco-Américain, soit célébré à la Capitale de l'État; et qu'il soit aussi

**Résolu**, que le Jour Franco-Américain soit célébré pour commémorer la riche histoire du peuple français dans l'état du Maine et aux États-Unis d'Amérique.

**JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING FRANCO-AMERICAN DAY**

WHEREAS, the State of Maine is named after the Province of Maine in France and the towns of Paris and Calais owe their names to the capital city of France and the French port city of Calais, respectively; and

WHEREAS, more than 1/3 of the population of Maine is of French and Canadian descent, and Franco-Americans in Maine have contributed much to the beauty and quality of this State; and

WHEREAS, French is the primary language of thousands of Mainers and there has been a resurgence in the use of the French language and a heightened appreciation of the Franco-American heritage throughout the State; and

WHEREAS, clubs and organizations to promote French culture and language have sprung up throughout the State, including the Francophone Caucus at the State Capitol; and

WHEREAS, fluent French-English bilingual people are a cultural and economic resource to the State; and

WHEREAS, cultural tourism can be greatly enhanced by the genuine Franco-American centers throughout the State and the large Franco-American presence in Maine can further strengthen our relationships with Canada, France and the rest of the francophone world; and

WHEREAS, the first Franco-American Day was celebrated on Wednesday, March 6, 2002 at the State Capitol; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Twenty-fifth Legislature now assembled in the Second Regular Session, on behalf of the people we represent, proclaim that Wednesday, March 21, 2012 is Franco-American Day, to be celebrated at the State Capitol; and be it further

RESOLVED: That Franco-American Day be celebrated to commemorate the rich history of the French people in the State of Maine and the United States of America.

**READ.**

The SPEAKER PRO TEM: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Eagle Lake, Representative Martin.

Representative MARTIN: Les Membres de la Chambre, c'est mon honneur de présenter le jour ce matin et aussi mon honneur de voir tout le monde, les personnes ici de franco héritage française ici avec nous. C'est à-dire aujourd'hui c'est la journée la plus belle que nous avons eu cette année mais c'est a cause que c'est la journée franco. C'est mon plaisir de tous vous avoir avec nous ici.

Members of the House, it my pleasure to have this day, as I said in French, the most beautiful day of the year and it happens to be Franco Day. We welcome all of the people here who have joined us today for this event. I do want to add one thing that some of you, I think, have figured out who have been around the Legislature over the years is that Melanie Saucier, who sang for us today, sang at the very first time we did this in 2002 and she's

been doing it every single year since then. Her voice has gotten even better as she's moved into her junior year in high school. So I just want to add that as she's been a constituent of mine. She's an amazing person and an amazing voice, and we thank her parents and her for being with us today. Thank you all and I hope you have a great day today.

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:

Daniel LaPointe, of Van Buren, on his induction into the Franco-American Hall of Fame. A native of Cyr Plantation, Mr. LaPointe received his Bachelor of Science degree in Agricultural Engineering from the University of Maine and was an active member of the United States Army Reserve. As an agribusinessman, Mr. LaPointe grew and shipped potatoes from a 350-acre farm and was the owner of JR LaPointe & Sons, Inc., LaPointe Sales, Inc. and Gateway Packers, Inc. He was president of the Maine Farm Bureau, vice-president of Maine Potato Growers, Inc. and vice-president of the National Potato Council. A champion of economic growth in northern Maine, Mr. LaPointe is presently Director of Economic and Community Development in Van Buren, chair of the Van Buren Housing Authority and a board member of the Van Buren Chamber of Commerce. He also is chair of the Maine Acadian Heritage Council, an affiliate of the Acadian National Park and National Park Service. Mr. LaPointe's involvement in the community includes membership in l'Association Francaise de la Vallee, the St. Peter Chanel Parish Justice and Peace Commission, the Van Buren Rotary Club and the St. John Valley Soil and Water Conservation District. He is chair of the Canado-Americaine Association. We acknowledge his service to his community and to the State of Maine and we congratulate Mr. LaPointe on his induction into the Franco-American Hall of Fame;

(HLS 1062)

Presented by Representative AYOTTE of Caswell.

Cosponsored by Senator JACKSON of Aroostook, Representative BEAUDOIN of Biddeford, Representative BEAULIEU of Auburn, Representative BECK of Waterville, Representative BELIVEAU of Kittery, Representative BICKFORD of Auburn, Representative BOLAND of Sanford, Representative BOLDUC of Auburn, Representative BRIGGS of Mexico, Representative CAREY of Lewiston, Representative CASAVANT of Biddeford, Representative CLARK of Millinocket, Representative CORNELL du HOUX of Brunswick, Senator CRAVEN of Androscoggin, Representative CROCKETT of Bethel, Representative EDGECOMB of Caribou, Representative FOSTER of Augusta, Representative FREDETTE of Newport, Representative GILBERT of Jay, Senator HOBBS of York, Representative LAJOIE of Lewiston, Representative MALONEY of Augusta, Representative MARTIN of Eagle Lake, Senator MASON of Androscoggin, Senator PLOWMAN of Penobscot, Representative RIOUX of Winterport, Representative ROCHELO of Biddeford, Representative ROTUNDO of Lewiston, Senator SNOWE-MELLO of Androscoggin, Senator SULLIVAN of York, Representative THERIAULT of Madawaska, Senator THIBODEAU of Waldo, Representative TUTTLE of Sanford, Representative WAGNER of Lewiston, Representative WEBSTER of Freeport.

On **OBJECTION** of Representative AYOTTE of Caswell, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

#### READ.

The **SPEAKER PRO TEM**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Caswell, Representative Ayotte.

Representative **AYOTTE**: Monsieur le Président, Mesdames et Messieurs de la Chambre. Ça me fait grand plaisir de prendre cette occasion de dire merci et bienvenue à tous les gens de la Vallée de St. Jean dans le Comté d'Aroostook, dans l'état de Maine.

Merci pour avoir voyager si loin pour être avec nous à la journée Franco-américaine. Une bienvenue spéciale à tous les gens de Madawaska, Grand Isle, Van Buren, Hamlin et la Plantation de Cyr. Merci à tous.

Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I want to say a special welcome to all the people of the St. John River Valley who have traveled so far to be with us today, Franco American Day, in the State Capitol in Augusta, in the great State of Maine.

A special thanks again to the people of Madawaska, Grand Isle, Van Buren, Hamlin and Cyr Plantation. Welcome to all.

Monsieur le Président, Mr. Speaker, there is a much quoted verse in the Bible that states "to whom much is given, much will be expected." The important question that we ask here this morning is: that person to whom much was given, did he or she, in fact, give back what was expected? The answer, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, this morning, is a resounding yes.

Did that person fulfill the expectations of his people, his community and to his French culture? Did he contribute in keeping the French culture of Maine alive and especially in northern Aroostook County? Yes, Daniel LaPointe has given much and continues to give much. Daniel is a credit to his French heritage and that is why today we honor him with a Franco-American Hall of Fame Award from the Maine State Legislature.

Born in the farming community of Cyr Plantation in Aroostook County, Dan grew up on his father's farm not far from the natural border of the St. John River Valley between Maine and New Brunswick, Canada. Dan attended local schools and worked the fields and forest of the beautiful Acadian farmlands.

From a young age to the present day, Daniel LaPointe has always supported, promoted and encouraged the advancement of the French culture, the French language and the unique French customs. Daniel experienced, along with many of his fellow French citizens, the attempts by central education offices to suppress, discourage and deny the French language and culture. Many of the older people still remember being punished for speaking French on the school grounds.

I have spoken with many people of French heritage that remember begging their classmates not to tell their teacher if they inadvertently spoke French on the school playground. Dan would have none of this and both he and his wife, Marie-Paule, worked hard and relentlessly to stop this discrimination.

Over the last half century, however, much has changed. The people of French heritage, not only from Aroostook County but from every part of Maine have made great advancements. Because of their perseverance, tenacity and hard work, the tides of time have changed.

Because of people like Dan LaPointe, John Martin, Ross and Judy Paradis, John Dionne, Ken Theriault, Severin Beliveau and Anne Roy, and the list goes on and on, they are no longer thought of as the man with the hoe. From our present Governor Paul LePage to many educators, businessmen and social activists, the French people have gained their respected place in Maine society. Because of the Franco-American Caucus, we here at the State Capitol in Augusta are able to honor,

commemorate and recognize these individuals, not only for our generation but for posterity.

Daniel LaPointe has not only sat on many committees to advance the French culture and French language, but has even chaired many of these committees. Even as we speak today Daniel LaPointe is president of the Franco-American Club in northern Aroostook County.

I will not go so far as Charles de Gaulle in Quebec and Canada in 1967 when he said "Vive le Québec libre!" But I will say on behalf of all French people in northern Maine, of both Canadian and Acadian heritage, vive le monde français, vive les gens français, vive la langue française, vive la culture française, et vive la tradition française.

Thank you Dan and I must include your wife Marie-Paule for the hard work, your relentless perseverance and your dedication in promoting the French language, the culture. I salute you for your contribution and your willingness to go that extra mile, make that extra sacrifice, attend that extra meeting to carry on a culture, a heritage and a history. Thanks to the people like you, Dan, the French language will ring for a long time in the homes and villages along the St. John River Valley and in the homes and hamlets all over the great State of Maine. We are proud to have you as a member of the Franco-American Hall of Fame. Thank you, Dan. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

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**Recognizing:**

Richard "Blackie" Bechard, of Augusta, on his induction into the Franco-American Hall of Fame. Mr. Bechard is a graduate of Cony High School. He enlisted in the United States Navy at the age of 17, retiring after 21 years as a chief petty officer. After 17 years with the United States Postal Service, Mr. Bechard retired in 2000. He is a 50-year member of Le Club Calumet in Augusta, serving as its President and on the Executive Board, as well as chairing the Advisory Committee, the Finance Committee and the Medallion Award Committee. From 1984 to 1998 he worked on Le Festival de la Bastille, helping to found a tradition of celebrating French culture in Maine. Mr. Bechard is a member of several local fraternal and veterans groups and is a recipient of the Bronze Marquis De La Fayette award from the Republic of France. We acknowledge Mr. Bechard's service to his community and to the State of Maine, and we congratulate him on his induction into the Franco-American Hall of Fame;

(HLS 1063)

Presented by Representative MALONEY of Augusta.

Cosponsored by Senator KATZ of Kennebec, Representative BLODGETT of Augusta, Representative FOSTER of Augusta, Representative AYOTTE of Caswell, Representative BEAUDOIN of Biddeford, Representative BEAULIEU of Auburn, Representative BECK of Waterville, Representative BELIVEAU of Kittery, Representative BICKFORD of Auburn, Representative BOLAND of Sanford, Representative BOLDUC of Auburn, Representative BRIGGS of Mexico, Representative CAREY of Lewiston, Representative CASAVANT of Biddeford, Representative CLARK of Millinocket, Representative CORNELL du HOIX of Brunswick, Senator CRAVEN of Androscoggin, Representative CROCKETT of Bethel, Representative EDGEComb of Caribou, Representative FREDETTE of Newport, Representative GILBERT of Jay, Senator HOBBS of York, Senator JACKSON of Aroostook, Representative LAJOIE of Lewiston, Representative MARTIN of Eagle Lake, Senator MASON of Androscoggin, Senator PLOWMAN of Penobscot, Representative RIOUX of Winterport, Representative ROCHELO

of Biddeford, Representative ROTUNDO of Lewiston, Senator SNOWE-MELLO of Androscoggin, Senator SULLIVAN of York, Representative THERIAULT of Madawaska, Senator THIBODEAU of Waldo, Representative TUTTLE of Sanford, Representative WAGNER of Lewiston, Representative WEBSTER of Freeport.

On **OBJECTION** of Representative MALONEY of Augusta, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

**READ.**

The SPEAKER PRO TEM: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Augusta, Representative Maloney.

Representative **MALONEY**: Monsieur le Président, Mesdames et Messieurs de la Chambre. Je suis très heureuse d'être avec vous aujourd'hui pour honorer Monsieur Richard "Blackie" Bechard. I would like to congratulate Mr. Bechard of Augusta on his very well-deserved induction into the Franco-American Hall of Fame. Mr. Bechard is a 50-year member of Le Club Calumet in Augusta, serving as its President and on the Executive Board, as well as many other committees. He is instrumental in the founding of Le Festival de la Bastille, which has helped to keep alive the tradition of celebrating French culture in Maine. He is also the recipient of the Bronze Marquis De La Fayette award from the Republic of France.

Monsieur Bechard has been instrumental in helping to build community support for the French program at the University of Maine at Augusta. Not only did he personally attend upper level French classes to help students become more familiar with French as it is spoken in Maine, but he also strongly advocated for the program in the community. He has been an invaluable support to Chelsea Ray and has helped her to better understand Franco-American history and culture. He will visit the Maine French Heritage Language program, a new after-school program designated to promote knowledge of the French language and Franco-American culture at the elementary school level. Thank you, Mr. Bechard, for your service to your community and to the State of Maine, and congratulations on your induction into the Franco-American Hall of Fame.

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

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**Recognizing:**

Aliette Deland Couturier, of Lewiston, on her induction into the Franco-American Hall of Fame. Ms. Couturier has long been a mainstay of the Lewiston-Auburn Franco-American community, serving for many years as president of the local cultural organization La Survivance Francaise, while also handling hospitality for Chapter 52 of the Association Canado-Americaine. Ms. Couturier performed for several years with the quintet, The Silvertones, and devotes much time volunteering with the elderly, including assisting with the daily French Mass held in the chapel at d'Youville Pavilion. We acknowledge Ms. Couturier's service to her community and to the State, and we congratulate her on her induction into the Franco-American Hall of Fame;

(HLS 1064)

Presented by Representative ROTUNDO of Lewiston.

Cosponsored by Senator CRAVEN of Androscoggin, Representative BICKFORD of Auburn, Representative LAJOIE of Lewiston, Representative CAREY of Lewiston, Representative WAGNER of Lewiston, Representative AYOTTE of Caswell, Representative BEAUDOIN of Biddeford, Representative BEAULIEU of Auburn, Representative BECK of Waterville, Representative BELIVEAU of Kittery, Representative BOLAND of Sanford, Representative BOLDUC of Auburn, Representative BRIGGS of Mexico, Representative CASAVANT of Biddeford,

Representative CLARK of Millinocket, Representative CORNELL du HOUX of Brunswick, Representative CROCKETT of Bethel, Representative EDGECOMB of Caribou, Representative FOSTER of Augusta, Representative FREDETTE of Newport, Representative GILBERT of Jay, Senator HOBBS of York, Senator JACKSON of Aroostook, Representative MALONEY of Augusta, Representative MARTIN of Eagle Lake, Senator MASON of Androscoggin, Senator PLOWMAN of Penobscot, Representative RIOUX of Winterport, Representative ROCHELO of Biddeford, Senator SNOWE-MELLO of Androscoggin, Senator SULLIVAN of York, Representative THERIAULT of Madawaska, Senator THIBODEAU of Waldo, Representative TUTTLE of Sanford, Representative WEBSTER of Freeport.

On **OBJECTION** of Representative ROTUNDO of Lewiston, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

**READ.**

The SPEAKER PRO TEM: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Lewiston, Representative Rotundo.

Representative **ROTUNDO**: Monsieur le Président, Mesdames et Messieurs de la Chambre. Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. First, I would like to welcome our visitors today from the Lewiston-Auburn community. It's a great thrill to have them all here and I would also like to share with you comments that Cindy Larock made in her nomination of Aliette Couturier for this honor. The comments convey so well why we all love Aliette so very much and why she is so deserving of this honor.

Aliette Couturier has been a treasure to Lewiston-Auburn's Franco-American community. She served for 20 years as president of the local Franco cultural organization, La Survivance Française. She is a vibrant presence at nearly any local event featuring French music, beaming happily from the audience or, often, from the stage. As already mentioned this morning, she has performed for several years with the Franco quintet, The Silvertones, and for the past year has led a monthly sing-along hosted by the Franco-American collection at USM's Lewiston-Auburn College. Now retired, she was a beloved teacher in the Lewiston public schools and now devotes much time volunteering with the elderly, including assisting with the daily French mass held at the chapel of d'Youville Pavilion, the nursing home operated by St. Mary's Hospital in Lewiston. Her enthusiasm is infectious, her energy is indefatigable, and her generosity and spirit is unmatched. Maine's Franco-American community is blessed to have Aliette as a member. Thank you.

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

**Recognizing:**

the Honorable Dennis L. "Duke" Dutremble, of Biddeford, on his induction into the Franco-American Hall of Fame. Mr. Dutremble was the first Franco-American in the State's history to preside over the Maine Senate. He was born in Biddeford and was a standout athlete in both basketball and football. He received his bachelor's degree from the University of Maine at Farmington and his master's degree in public administration from the University of Maine at Orono. Mr. Dutremble taught in South Portland schools and at Thornton Academy. He served one term in the Maine House of Representatives and 7 terms in the Maine Senate. He was President of the Maine Senate during the 116th Legislature and served 6 years as Senate Assistant Majority Leader prior to that time. We acknowledge Mr. Dutremble's service to his community and to the State of Maine, and we congratulate him on his induction into the Franco-American Hall of Fame;

(HLS 1065)

Presented by Representative CASAVANT of Biddeford.

Cosponsored by Senator SULLIVAN of York, Representative BEAUDOIN of Biddeford, Senator HOBBS of York, Representative ROCHELO of Biddeford, Representative AYOTTE of Caswell, Representative BEAULIEU of Auburn, Representative BECK of Waterville, Representative BELIVEAU of Kittery, Representative BICKFORD of Auburn, Representative BOLAND of Sanford, Representative BOLDUC of Auburn, Representative BRIGGS of Mexico, Representative CAREY of Lewiston, Representative CLARK of Millinocket, Representative CORNELL du HOUX of Brunswick, Senator CRAVEN of Androscoggin, Representative CROCKETT of Bethel, Representative EDGECOMB of Caribou, Representative FOSTER of Augusta, Representative FREDETTE of Newport, Representative GILBERT of Jay, Senator JACKSON of Aroostook, Representative LAJOIE of Lewiston, Representative MALONEY of Augusta, Representative MARTIN of Eagle Lake, Senator MASON of Androscoggin, Senator PLOWMAN of Penobscot, Representative RIOUX of Winterport, Representative ROTUNDO of Lewiston, Senator SNOWE-MELLO of Androscoggin, Representative THERIAULT of Madawaska, Senator THIBODEAU of Waldo, Representative TUTTLE of Sanford, Representative WAGNER of Lewiston, Representative WEBSTER of Freeport.

On **OBJECTION** of Representative CASAVANT of Biddeford, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

**READ.**

The SPEAKER PRO TEM: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Biddeford, Representative Casavant.

Representative **CASAVANT**: Monsieur le Président, Mesdames et Messieurs de la Chambre. Biddeford is, as many of you know, a French-Canadian town. When I was growing up as a kid French was spoken on the streets of Biddeford all the time. The Dutremble family was part of that culture. I met Dennis for the first time actually playing fast pitch softball. He was on the opposing team and, if I remember correctly, he ended up hitting a home run. I remember thinking, I'm like, geez, that guy hit it pretty far, but he was a tremendous athlete. But what's important to note is that he was part of the Dutremble family that was involved in politics. His father was mayor of Biddeford, a member of this body, and Dennis was very involved in all of those campaigns from the time he was very young. He wrote his father's speeches, coordinated everything and he learned his skills well because when I interviewed him and his father eight or nine years ago for a paper I was doing in a graduate course, they both said the same thing, that their whole idea was that treating people as they themselves wanted to be treated and to simply listen.

Now that formula worked very well for both of them. Dennis, for example, was the first French-Canadian president of the Maine Senate and I say that because one of the unspoken realities of today's events and the whole idea of having Franco Day is the discrimination that took place over many years. When Dennis ran for Congress in 1994, which seems just a little while ago, for example, in Biddeford he got over 70 percent of the vote which is a testament of how popular he was, and yet there is a lot of anecdotes that go along with that story when you translate it statewide. Things like hearing "I'll never vote for a Frenchman" or "I will never vote for a Frenchman from Biddeford." I'm telling you that story because Dennis Dutremble rose above all those stereotypes and asserted himself into leadership where he made the state, the people of the state better.

I'm also mentioning that because as we think about Franco-American Day and we think about social justice and all the things

we've accomplished since 1994, I think it's important to think back to the 1990s and the 1980s when French-Canadians were, in some parts of this state, looked down upon. I am not saying this speech in French and the reason why I am not is because when I was growing up, it was very clear to me in Biddeford that being Franco was something not to be proud of, and so foolishly, when I was younger, I rejected that ethnicity. Today, of course, I look back and I say, oh my god, why would I do that? It's just the way it was, I assimilated, but yet being Franco is so important to who I am and I look up to people like Dennis Dutremble for what they accomplished.

The irony is this: Dennis was a teacher at Thornton Academy for many years and he joined this body, and, when he did so, I remember thinking, being a teacher, I could do that too. So for better or for worse, I'm here in a strange way because of Dennis Dutremble. Dennis Dutremble is a fascinating person, a great leader, a great friend and I am so proud to have him represent the Franco-Americans of Biddeford in the Hall of Fame. Thank you.

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

#### Recognizing:

the late Honorable Eugene Paradis, of Old Town, on his posthumous induction into the Franco-American Hall of Fame. Mr. Paradis was born in Old Town, married his childhood sweetheart, Cora Rand, and served his Nation as a member of the United States Marine Corps for over 30 years, which included service in World War II, the Korean War and the Vietnam War. After finishing his military career, Mr. Paradis served on the Town Council for Old Town and served 6 terms in the Maine House of Representatives, including a minority leadership role. We acknowledge his dedicated service to his community, the State of Maine and the Nation, and we honor his memory on his induction into the Franco-American Hall of Fame;

(HLS 1066)

Presented by Representative DILL of Old Town.

Cosponsored by Senator SCHNEIDER of Penobscot, Representative AYOTTE of Caswell, Representative BEAUDOIN of Biddeford, Representative BEAULIEU of Auburn, Representative BECK of Waterville, Representative BELIVEAU of Kittery, Representative BICKFORD of Auburn, Representative BOLAND of Sanford, Representative BOLDUC of Auburn, Representative BRIGGS of Mexico, Representative CAREY of Lewiston, Representative CASAVANT of Biddeford, Representative CLARK of Millinocket, Representative CORNELL du HOUX of Brunswick, Senator CRAVEN of Androscoggin, Representative CROCKETT of Bethel, Representative EDGECOMB of Caribou, Representative FOSTER of Augusta, Representative FREDETTE of Newport, Representative GILBERT of Jay, Senator HOBBS of York, Senator JACKSON of Aroostook, Representative LAJOIE of Lewiston, Representative MALONEY of Augusta, Representative MARTIN of Eagle Lake, Senator MASON of Androscoggin, Senator PLOWMAN of Penobscot, Representative RIOUX of Winterport, Representative ROCHELO of Biddeford, Representative ROTUNDO of Lewiston, Senator SNOWE-MELLO of Androscoggin, Senator SULLIVAN of York, Representative THERIAULT of Madawaska, Senator THIBODEAU of Waldo, Representative TUTTLE of Sanford, Representative WAGNER of Lewiston, Representative WEBSTER of Freeport, Representative McCLELLAN of Raymond.

On **OBJECTION** of Representative DILL of Old Town, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

#### READ.

The SPEAKER PRO TEM: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Old Town, Representative Dill.

Representative **DILL**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I'd like to say a few words today about Eugene "Gene" Paradis. As mentioned Gene was born in Old Town and his heart was always in Old Town, even during the 30 years plus that he served in the United States Marine Corps and traveled the world. He served in World War II, the Korean War and Vietnam, and was wounded in all three, and hence probably his words to me when I got into local politics which was to pay attention and keep my head down. After his service years, including some time as a Marine recruiter where I'm told he was a very fair person to all religions and races long before this was the thing to do, he retired to Old Town and he obtained a college degree using the G.I. Bill. Before joining the Marines, as mentioned, Gene married his childhood sweetheart Cora and together they raised six children. He served Old Town as a city councilor and 12 years in the House of Representatives, and several of his family members are in attendance today including his wife Cora. Thank you.

The SPEAKER PRO TEM: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Raymond, Representative McClellan.

Representative **McCLELLAN**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Members of the House. I stand today to speak to the induction of Eugene J. Paradis into the Maine Franco-American Hall of Fame. Gene was actually my father-in-law. I met him for the first time actually in this building, and I would guess there is no way I would have guessed back then that today I would have the honor to stand and share with you a little bit about his life. As you just heard Gene was a world traveler in the military, but he was always drawn back to Old Town and to Pushaw Lake. Gene served this country in three wars and he was wounded in each one of them. I actually don't think I have the time to tell you as much as I would like to share about that experience that he had of 32 years in military service, of 40 personal and unit citation awards. I will share two facts about his service. For the Marines in the crowd, he served at the Chosin Reservoir and I'm told he was, as a military recruiter, he treated equally all people that he came in touch with, which, at that time in history, was not the norm.

Gene loved God. He was passionate in his work. He certainly had strong core beliefs and he definitely valued his family and his community. Now Gene served in the 109th Legislature and he was actually the assistant minority leader in the 113th. He was a strong proponent of the forest industry, veterans and law enforcement. Back in Old Town, Gene attended Holy Family Parish. He belonged to the local Kiwanis Club of Old Town/Orono. He was active in the VFW and the American Legion and there is a whole list of other activities in his community I could share with you if I had the time. Sadly, I simply don't have the time to tell you how much I would like to tell you about Gene. I will leave you, Mr. Speaker, by sharing that Gene Paradis touched a lot of lives, including my life, and he is greatly missed by many people, including his family, many of whom are here today. I applaud and thank the Franco-American Committee for recognizing Gene Paradis. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER PRO TEM: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Eagle Lake, Representative Martin.

Representative **MARTIN**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Members of the House. I cannot let this moment go by having served 12 years with Gene Paradis, who served his people of Old Town so well. What I admired most about Gene in the years, because we were in leadership together at the same time, there was never a

moment that he would ever lose his temper, of course always made his point well known, and was able to do it extremely well and very often would get the majority of the votes from Democrats, even though he was a Republican. He knew his roots, he loved his roots, and am very pleased to be part of this today and make this happen. I'm really pleased to see Cora here today, who today, I believe, she is 90 years old and we're very pleased to have her here with us.

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

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**Recognizing:**

the late Honorable Robert Couturier, of Lewiston, on his posthumous induction into the Franco-American Hall of Fame. Mr. Couturier was born in Lewiston and graduated from St. Dominic High School, Bates College and the University of Maine School of Law. He taught school for 4 years before becoming a member of the State Bar. In 1965, Mr. Couturier was elected Mayor of Lewiston and became Lewiston's and the Nation's youngest mayor. Mr. Couturier was a practicing attorney for more than 40 years and served 3 terms as Androscoggin County Judge of Probate. In 1967, he was elected to the Maine State Senate. He served as General Counsel for L'Association Canado-Americaine and was elected its Secretary General in 1988. He was a member of Le Conseil de la Vie Francaise en Amerique in Quebec City and served on its board for 25 years. Mr. Couturier was named Chevalier de l'Ordre des Arts et des Lettres by the Government of France in 2000. We acknowledge Mr. Couturier's service to his community and to the State of Maine, and we honor his memory on the occasion of his induction into the Franco-American Hall of Fame;

(HLS 1067)

Presented by Representative ROTUNDO of Lewiston.

Cosponsored by Senator CRAVEN of Androscoggin, Representative BICKFORD of Auburn, Representative LAJOIE of Lewiston, Representative CAREY of Lewiston, Representative WAGNER of Lewiston, Representative AYOTTE of Caswell, Representative BEAUDOIN of Biddeford, Representative BEAULIEU of Auburn, Representative BECK of Waterville, Representative BELIVEAU of Kittery, Representative BOLAND of Sanford, Representative BOLDUC of Auburn, Representative BRIGGS of Mexico, Representative CASAVANT of Biddeford, Representative CLARK of Millinocket, Representative CORNELL du HOUX of Brunswick, Representative CROCKETT of Bethel, Representative EDGEComb of Caribou, Representative FOSTER of Augusta, Representative FREDETTE of Newport, Representative GILBERT of Jay, Senator HOBBS of York, Senator JACKSON of Aroostook, Representative MALONEY of Augusta, Representative MARTIN of Eagle Lake, Senator MASON of Androscoggin, Senator PLOWMAN of Penobscot, Representative RIOUX of Winterport, Representative ROCHELO of Biddeford, Senator SNOWE-MELLO of Androscoggin, Senator SULLIVAN of York, Representative THERIAULT of Madawaska, Senator THIBODEAU of Waldo, Representative TUTTLE of Sanford, Representative WEBSTER of Freeport.

On **OBJECTION** of Representative LAJOIE of Lewiston, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

**READ.**

The **SPEAKER PRO TEM**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Lewiston, Representative Lajoie.

Representative **LAJOIE**: Merci, Monsieur le Président, Mesdames et Messieurs de la Chambre. Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. If I may, I would like to go over some of the accomplishments that were just mentioned. Bob

(Robert Couturier) was also known in the Franco-American community of Lewiston-Auburn as Robert Couturier or l'avocat Couturier, Bob Couturier or Attorney Couturier, and he was very popular with the Franco-Americans. He received his bachelor's degree in arts in government in the class of '63 at Bates College and he also received his juris doctorate in the class of '70 at University of Maine Law School.

Again, upon graduating from Bates College, Bob taught for four years at St. Peter's Grammar School and during that time in 1964, again, was elected alderman from his ward in Lewiston. The following year, he was elected mayor of Lewiston, it was '65 and '66, and he became Lewiston's and the nation's youngest mayor. I remember that. I was in high school at the time and it was quite a celebration. He was also elected to the Maine State Senate in 1967. He was a member of the bar and practicing attorney in Lewiston beginning in '70 and serving his third term as Androscoggin County Judge of Probate. Attorney Couturier was a member of Le Conseil de la Vie Francaise en Amerique in Quebec City and served on its board for a quarter of a century. He was awarded the "Ordre des Francophones d'Amérique" by the Québec Government on July 3, 1989, for his exceptional contribution to the French language and culture in North America. He was recognized by the government of France and named Chevalier de l'Ordre des Arts et des Lettres on May 25, 2000.

Other accomplishments as he was a young man, at the age of 13 he won the 1st place in his age group for excellence in French speaking in New England and the grand prize for all groups, including high school and college seniors. He hosted a weekly French radio program, "Festival," on WCOU and WPNO, over a 15-year period. Honored in 1984 by La Survivance Française for designing the Franco-American flag, which was adopted in 1983 to represent all Franco-Americans North East (that would be New England and New York).

Having grown up during that time as well, I remember many Franco-Americans referring to Robert Couturier and I remember them making statements, basic statements, and they would be "Allez voir l'avocat Couturier et il va prendre soin de vous." "Go see Attorney Couturier and he will take care of you." I never forgot that because they trusted him so well, not only Franco-Americans but others as well. Thank you, Mr. Couturier, for what you have accomplished and have left in the Lewiston-Auburn Franco-American community and the State of Maine. Thank you.

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

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

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The Speaker resumed the Chair.  
The House was called to order by the Speaker.

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**SENATE PAPERS**

The following Joint Resolution: (S.P. 670)  
**JOINT RESOLUTION IN HONOR OF WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH AND IN RECOGNITION OF THE CONTRIBUTIONS THAT WOMEN MAKE TO MAINE AND TO THE UNITED STATES**

WHEREAS, American women of every race, class and ethnic background have made historic contributions to the growth and strength of our nation in countless recorded and unrecorded ways, especially in the areas of political and social change; and



WHEREAS, the United States boasts a rich history of women whose vast and courageous achievements speak to the sense of excellence and potential shared by all Americans; and

WHEREAS, our country would not have attained its greatness without the strength, bravery, insight and persistence of the women who have come before us; and

WHEREAS, American women have played, and continue to play, critical economic, cultural, political and social roles in every sphere of the life of the nation by constituting a significant portion of the labor force working inside and outside of the home and in professions from educator to astronaut; and

WHEREAS, women have played a major role in the defense of our nation, both on and off the battlefield; and

WHEREAS, American women have been leaders, not only in securing their own rights of suffrage and equal opportunity but also in the abolitionist movement, the emancipation movement, the industrial labor movement, the civil rights movement and other movements that create a more fair and just society for all; and

WHEREAS, women not only have played critical economic, cultural and social roles in our society but also have permanently changed the face of American government and politics; and

WHEREAS, Maine has a rich and vibrant history of women in leadership, including former Senator Margaret Chase Smith, perhaps best known for her contribution to the well-being of the United States and its people with her consistent stand for the condemnation of bigotry and injustice wherever she found them; and

WHEREAS, Senator Margaret Chase Smith was the first woman from Maine to serve in the United States Congress, the first woman in the nation elected to both houses of the United States Congress and the first woman to be placed in nomination for the presidency at a major party's convention; and

WHEREAS, Maine currently has some of the strongest women leaders in the nation, including Senator Olympia J. Snowe, the first woman to serve in both houses of a state legislature and both houses of the United States Congress, and Senator Susan Collins, the first woman to run for Maine Governor from a major party; and

WHEREAS, within our state judicial system, Chief Justice Leigh I. Saufley is Maine's first woman Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court; and

WHEREAS, we must take every action possible to promote women in leadership so that we can achieve fair representation in our State Government, including recognizing Maine women's contributions to our state history; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of the contributions of women, the United States Congress has passed a resolution each year since 1987 designating the month of March as "Women's History Month"; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Twenty-fifth Legislature now assembled in the Second Regular Session, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to recognize March 2012 as Women's History Month in Maine; and be it further

RESOLVED: That We encourage the residents of this State to observe Women's History Month by participating in programs, ceremonies and activities to foster an awareness of and appreciation for the contributions made by women that have benefited and improved society.

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

**READ.**

On motion of Representative CURTIS of Madison, **TABLED** pending **ADOPTION** and later today assigned.

Bill "An Act To Restore Departmental Management over Costs of State-paid Child Care"

(S.P. 671) (L.D. 1894)

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

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

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

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**Non-Concurrent Matter**

An Act To Amend and Clarify the Public Charter School Law (EMERGENCY)

(S.P. 607) (L.D. 1762)

(C. "A" S-422)

**FAILED** of **PASSAGE TO BE ENACTED** in the House on March 15, 2012.

Came from the Senate **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-422) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-451)** thereto in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

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

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Under suspension of the rules, members were allowed to remove their jackets.

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**COMMUNICATIONS**

The Following Communication: (H.C. 344)

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

March 21, 2012

The Honorable Heather J.R. Priest

Clerk of the House

2 State House Station

Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Clerk Priest:

Please be advised that pursuant to his authority, Governor Paul R. LePage has nominated the following:

As of March 19, 2012

Albert C. Carver of Beals,

Angelo Ciocca of Cape Elizabeth and

Christopher Weiner of Portland for appointment to the Marine Resources Advisory Council.

Pursuant to Title 12, MRSA §6024, these appointments are contingent on the Maine Senate confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Marine Resources.

Thomas Eastler of Farmington for appointment to the Board of Environmental Protection.

Pursuant to Title 38, MRSA §341-C, this appointment is contingent on the Maine Senate confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

Sincerely,

S/Robert W. Nutting

Speaker of the House

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

WEAVER of York

The Following Communication: (S.C. 787)

**MAINE SENATE  
125TH LEGISLATURE  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY**

March 19, 2012

The Honorable Robert W. Nutting  
Speaker of the House  
2 State House Station  
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Speaker Nutting:

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A. §158 and Joint Rule 506 of the 125th Maine Legislature, please be advised that the Senate today confirmed the following nomination:

Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Judiciary, the nomination of Gail Dana-Sacco, PhD of Scarborough for appointment to the Maine Indian Tribal-State Commission.

Sincerely,

S/Joseph G. Carleton, Jr.

Secretary of the Senate

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

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

Signed:

Representative:

BRYANT of Windham

**READ.**

On motion of Representative KNIGHT of Livermore Falls, the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report was **ACCEPTED.**

The Bill was **READ ONCE. Committee Amendment "A" (H-795)** was **READ** by the Clerk and **ADOPTED.**

Under suspension of the rules the Bill was given its **SECOND READING WITHOUT REFERENCE** to the Committee on **Bills in the Second Reading.**

Under further suspension of the rules the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-795)** 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:

(S.P. 639) (L.D. 1844) Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Governor's Training Initiative Program" Committee on **LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** reporting **Ought to Pass**

(S.P. 421) (L.D. 1367) Bill "An Act To Restore Maine's Secondary Roads" Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-452)**

(S.P. 444) (L.D. 1437) Bill "An Act To Implement Recommendations on Reinventing Government" Committee on **LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-447)**

(S.P. 553) (L.D. 1654) Bill "An Act To Establish the Seafood Export Certification Program" (EMERGENCY) Committee on **MARINE RESOURCES** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-449)**

(S.P. 609) (L.D. 1770) Bill "An Act To Encourage Parental Involvement in Education" Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-448)**

(H.P. 1016) (L.D. 1377) Bill "An Act To Adopt the Uniform Adult Guardianship and Protective Proceedings Jurisdiction Act" Committee on **JUDICIARY** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-800)**

(H.P. 1257) (L.D. 1705) Resolve, To Create the Task Force on the Prevention of Sexual Abuse of Children (EMERGENCY) Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-796)**

(H.P. 1337) (L.D. 1813) Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Confidentiality of Health Care Information" Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-797)**

(H.P. 1359) (L.D. 1837) Bill "An Act To Authorize the Establishment of Pilot Projects for Community Paramedicine" Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-801)**

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEE**

**Ought to Pass Pursuant to Resolve**

Representative PRESCOTT for the **Joint Standing Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development** on Bill "An Act To Protect Consumers by Strengthening the Laws Governing Prepaid Home Heating Oil Contracts" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 1399) (L.D. 1895)

Reporting **Ought to Pass** pursuant to Resolve 2011, chapter 79.

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

The Bill was **READ ONCE.**

Under suspension of the rules the Bill was given its **SECOND READING WITHOUT REFERENCE** to the Committee on **Bills in the Second Reading.**

Under further suspension of the rules the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED** and sent for concurrence.

**Divided Report**

Majority Report of the Committee on **TAXATION** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-795)** on Bill "An Act To Apply the Sales Tax on Camper Trailers and Motor Homes Purchased for Rental in the Same Manner as on Automobiles Purchased for Rental"

(H.P. 1333) (L.D. 1809)

Signed:

Senators:

COURTNEY of York

HASTINGS of Oxford

WOODBURY of Cumberland

Representatives:

KNIGHT of Livermore Falls

BENNETT of Kennebunk

BERRY of Bowdoinham

BICKFORD of Auburn

FLEMINGS of Bar Harbor

HARMON of Palermo

PILON of Saco

WATERHOUSE of Bridgton

Under suspension of the rules, Second Day Consent Calendar notification was given.

There being no objection, 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 Prevent the Theft and Illegal Sale of Copper and Other Metals

(H.P. 1260) (L.D. 1708)  
(C. "A" H-791)

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. 126 voted in favor of the same and 2 against, and accordingly the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

**Emergency Measure**

Resolve, To Assist Maine Schools To Obtain Federal Funds for Medically Necessary Services

(H.P. 739) (L.D. 1003)  
(C. "A" H-788)

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. 122 voted in favor of the same and 1 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 Chapter 316: Long-Term Contracting and Resource Adequacy, a Major Substantive Rule of the Public Utilities Commission

(H.P. 1314) (L.D. 1789)  
(C. "A" H-790)

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 Resolve was **FINALLY PASSED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

**Emergency Measure**

Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 421: Safety and Operation Standards for Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) Distribution Systems, a Major Substantive Rule of the Public Utilities Commission

(H.P. 1317) (L.D. 1792)  
(C. "A" H-787)

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 0 against, and accordingly the Resolve was **FINALLY PASSED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

**Acts**

An Act To Amend the Tax Laws

(H.P. 1290) (L.D. 1749)  
(C. "A" H-792)

An Act Regarding Insurance Adjusters and Reporting Requirements for Insurance Companies

(H.P. 1305) (L.D. 1773)  
(C. "A" H-735)

An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry under the State Government Evaluation Act

(H.P. 1395) (L.D. 1892)

Reported by the Committee on **Engrossed Bills** as truly and strictly engrossed, **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

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

The following item was taken up out of order by unanimous consent:

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

The following matter, in the consideration of which the House was engaged at the time of adjournment yesterday, had preference in the Orders of the Day and continued with such preference until disposed of as provided by House Rule 502.

SENATE DIVIDED REPORT - Majority (8) **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-398)** - Minority (5) **Ought Not to Pass** - Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** on Bill "An Act To Provide Funding to the Department of Transportation for a Feasibility Study of an East-west Highway" (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 570) (L.D. 1671)

- In Senate, Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-398)**.

TABLED - March 15, 2012 (Till Later Today) by Representative CEBRA of Naples.

PENDING - Motion of same Representative to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report.

Subsequently, the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report was **ACCEPTED**.

The Bill was **READ ONCE**. **Committee Amendment "A" (S-398)** was **READ** by the Clerk.

Representative CEBRA of Naples **PRESENTED House Amendment "B" (H-805) to Committee Amendment "A" (S-398)**, which was **READ** by the Clerk.

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Naples, Representative Cebra.

Representative **CEBRA**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Amendment "B" requires that if a contract is ever awarded for an east-west highway project, that that contractor would in fact repay the state the cost of the study, eliminating the cost of the study from the state at that time. That's basically what the amendment does. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Subsequently, **House Amendment "B" (H-805) to Committee Amendment "A" (S-398)** was **ADOPTED**.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-398) as Amended by House Amendment "B" (H-805)** thereto was **ADOPTED**.

Under suspension of the rules the Bill was given its **SECOND READING WITHOUT REFERENCE** to the Committee on **Bills in the Second Reading**.

Under further suspension of the rules the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED as Amended by Committee Amendment**

**"A" (S-398) as Amended by House Amendment "B" (H-805)**  
thereto in **NON-CONCURRENCE** and sent for concurrence.

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

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On motion of Representative BOLDUC of Auburn, the House  
adjourned at 11:02 a.m., until 10:00 a.m., Thursday, March 22,  
2012.