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SECOND REGULAR SESSION  
52nd Legislative Day  
Thursday, May 31, 2012

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

Prayer by the Honorable Susan E. Morissette, Winslow.  
National Anthem by Jackie Elizabeth Morissette, Winslow.  
Pledge of Allegiance.

The Journal of Wednesday, May 16, 2012 was read and approved.

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

**COMMUNICATIONS**

The Following Communication: (H.C. 395)

**STATE OF MAINE  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
1 STATE HOUSE STATION  
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0001**

May 25, 2012

The 125th Legislature of the State of Maine  
State House  
Augusta, Maine

Dear Honorable Members of the 125th Legislature:

Under the authority vested in me by Article IV, Part Third, Section 2 of the Constitution of the State of Maine, I am hereby vetoing LD 807, "An Act To Limit the Bonding Authority of the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority to Court Facility Projects."

The original version of this bill would have required all bonds to go out to the voters by removing the Authority's power to bond. I understand that position and would have signed the bill. However, the enacted version requires most bonds to go to voters, except for court bonds. While I strongly support the judicial branch, why should they receive special treatment? Our Constitution gives us three co-equal branches of government. We must have consistency among them.

We also need to look at all the independent authorities and the way they issue debt. Whether you call it General Obligation, Lease Revenue, or Moral Obligation, a bond is a loan and loans need to be paid back. Government pays it back with taxpayer dollars. We owe it to Maine people to ensure that elected officials are involved and responsible for any debt because, at the end of the day, it is the taxpayers' money on the line.

For these reasons, I am returning LD 807 unsigned and vetoed. I strongly urge the Legislature to sustain it.

Sincerely,  
S/ Paul R. LePage  
Governor

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

The accompanying item An Act To Limit the Bonding Authority of the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority to Court Facility Projects

(H.P. 603) (L.D. 807)  
(C. "A" H-958)

After reconsideration, the House proceeded to vote on the question, 'Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?' A roll call was taken.

The SPEAKER: The pending question before the House is 'Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?' All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

**ROLL CALL NO. 365V**

YEA - Beaulieu, Bickford, Black, Burns DC, Celli, Chase, Clark T, Cotta, Crafts, Cray, Crockett, Cushing, Damon, Davis, Dow, Dunphy, Espling, Fitts, Fitzpatrick, Flood, Fossel, Foster, Gifford, Guerin, Hamper, Harmon, Harvell, Johnson D, Johnson P, Keschl, Knapp, Knight, Maker, Malaby, McClellan, McFadden, McKane, Morissette, Nass, Newendyke, O'Connor, Olsen, Parker, Parry, Picchiotti, Plummer, Richardson D, Richardson W, Rioux, Rosen, Sanderson, Sarty, Sirocki, Strang Burgess, Tilton, Turner, Volk, Waterhouse, Willette A, Willette M, Winsor, Wood, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - Ayotte, Beaudoin, Beavers, Beck, Beliveau, Berry, Blodgett, Boland, Bolduc, Briggs, Bryant, Cain, Carey, Casavant, Cebra, Chapman, Chipman, Clark H, Clarke, Curtis, Dill J, Dion, Driscoll, Eberle, Edgecomb, Eves, Flemings, Gilbert, Goode, Graham, Hanley, Harlow, Haskell, Hayes, Herbig, Hinck, Hogan, Hunt, Innes Walsh, Kaenrath, Kent, Kruger, Kumiega, Lajoie, Long, Longstaff, Luchini, MacDonald, Maloney, Martin, Mazurek, McCabe, Monaghan-Derrig, Morrison, Moulton, Nelson, O'Brien, Peoples, Peterson, Prescott, Rankin, Rochelo, Rotundo, Russell, Sanborn, Shaw, Stevens, Theriault, Timberlake, Treat, Tuttle, Valentino, Wagner R, Wallace, Weaver, Webster, Welsh.

ABSENT - Bennett, Cornell du Houx, Duchesne, Fredette, Gillway, Libby, Lovejoy, Pilon, Priest, Stuckey.

Yes, 63; No, 77; Absent, 10; Vacant, 1; Excused, 0.

63 having voted in the affirmative and 77 voted in the negative, 1 vacancy with 10 being absent and accordingly the Veto was **SUSTAINED**.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 396)

**STATE OF MAINE  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
1 STATE HOUSE STATION  
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May 25, 2012

The 125th Legislature of the State of Maine  
State House  
Augusta, Maine

Dear Honorable Members of the 125th Legislature:

Under the authority vested in me by Article IV, Part Third, Section 2 of the Constitution of the State of Maine, I am hereby vetoing LD 1469, An Act To Increase Gaming Opportunities for Charitable Fraternal and Veterans' Organizations."

The question of gambling is one that must be answered by Maine voters. While this bill seeks to increase revenues for Maine's important civic organizations, I cannot support doing so without voter approval. Just last November, Maine people had an opportunity to weigh in on new gambling initiatives. They saw a large number of additional major expansions as too much, too soon at this time. The Legislature should not substitute its judgment for the people it serves.

I know the veterans' organizations supporting this bill will be upset with my decision, but I would support this initiative if it allowed Maine people to provide their input, even if it was just at the local level. I look forward to working with them on a proposal that can go to the voters. Their missions are important to our communities and our veterans alike. We must find a way forward that directly involves the Maine people and gets their approval. For these reasons, I am returning LD 1469 unsigned and vetoed. I urge the Legislature to sustain it.

Sincerely,  
S/Paul R. LePage  
Governor

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

The accompanying item An Act To Increase Gaming Opportunities for Charitable Fraternal and Veterans' Organizations

(H.P. 1078) (L.D. 1469)  
(C. "A" H-887)

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Pittsfield, Representative Fitts.

Representative **FITTS**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I received notice of the veto of this bill on Friday and the significance for me of receiving a notice of veto of a bill to help veterans' organizations improve their standing by having the ability to raise money on Memorial Day weekend was striking. I think the timing couldn't have been worse. It certainly made what is a somber weekend more somber for me and for those veterans' organizations that were looking forward to the fact that after 20 years, this Legislature finally responded to what has been an ongoing issue for them since they were told by an attorney general a long time ago that the machines that they had previously relied on, for what is for some of them a significant amount of funding, would no longer be legal.

Now this bill has a lot of components and I'm not going to get into the gory details of every aspect of it, but one of the things that is different today than 20 years ago is technology. These machines that previously were found to be in violation of law were not being monitored and that was one of the concerns, that you couldn't tell how much money went in and came out. But today's technology has advanced to the point where the same mechanisms and infrastructure that exists for the casinos, the two casinos that are licensed now in Maine, can be used to monitor these machines which, unfortunately or fortunately, by definition the way state law defines what these machines are, are technically slot machines. So that's why the law calls them out as slot machines. That's legitimate. But to make the argument that a reason for not allowing this law to go forward is that you want local people, or the state in general, to approve it first misses a significant point. These organizations already have games of chance. There is already gambling. This is not an expansion. This is an addition of another technology, I'll grant that, but to call it this massive expansion or that it's somehow a sea change, like we may hear as we move forward in what could be a moderate debate is, I think, misclassifying what actually is reality. So I ask you to think of those organizations that spent the weekend, those members, in what is probably for most, rightfully so, a very somber time and as they reflected on what this veto means to them, we have a way to answer that. So as we vote, I would ask you to vote in favor of the bill and against sustaining the veto. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Sanford, Representative Tuttle.

Representative **TUTTLE**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Men and Women of the House. As the good Representative Fitts has said, I hope that we do override this veto. I believe that we had a similar piece of legislation in 1996 which this body did override the Chief Executive's veto and I hope that we would do that again. It was back when I was chairman of the, then, Legal and Veterans Affairs Committee. I received a number of letters from veterans' groups and other service organizations around the state. I've got one I'd like to

share with you. It says the income from beano has dropped 25 percent as stated in the Department of Safety reports given to the VLA Committee. The State of Maine VFW Service Office assisted veterans to receive over \$7 million in lump sum retroactive payments and over \$4 million reoccurring payment in January 2011 to December 2011. This office will be receiving \$16,000 less in the annual budgets from the National VA headquarters. If we are able to have LD 1469 passed into law, the posts that use the machines as described in this bill will have more funds to donate to Maine VFW Service offices around the state. If the veterans' service organizations fail to remain in service, the Maine Bureau of Veterans Affairs will have to open more veterans' services offices to assist Maine veterans. We are not asking for the legalization of video poker machines, but we hope that we will have more cash in the use of our organizations. We are asking that we can remain in service for our military veterans. I mean I've received calls from local Elks clubs, local Knights of Columbus. They are really in financial straits and I think unless we override this bill, you're probably going to see a number of organizations go out of business this year. So I'm asking, we did it in '96, I'm asking, we can do it again today. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Fairfield, Representative Picchiotti.

Representative **PICCHIOTTI**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I just wanted to report that in my town our local legion is against this, of which that I am also a member of that legion, but the legion itself is against this and is for the veto.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Presque Isle, Representative Willette.

Representative **WILLETTE**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I have to admit that like Representative Fitts, I was a little taken aback when I got the news that this was vetoed. I went around to my fraternal organizations that I belong to – the Elks Club, the VFW and the American Legion – back when we passed this through this House and the other body as well. All the members in those organizations that I am a member to were very excited to have this as an option. Actually, as we were talking, the excitement grew and grew when they thought about the possibilities of new recruitment and the possibilities of having a new stream of revenue that they could use for their charitable givings in the community that they do so well. I just want to reiterate that I believe one of the reasonings for the veto was to provide more of a say from the citizens of the state and your local communities. In this bill, there is a provision in there that, depending on how your municipality wants to handle it, whether through city council vote or a city referendum, they have the option of including this in their town, so that is there. I also want to reiterate that in your towns, if you so decided to have these machines in your towns, you would never ever know that they were there unless you were a member of that organization. There will be no neon flashing signs outside promoting. There will be no advertisements on the TV, in the paper. So I urge you to let's stick to our guns and send this thing out of here the way we did the first time, send it out so we can take advantage of this bill. I encourage you to reconsider this veto. Thank you very much.

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

Representative **RUSSELL**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. This weekend I had the opportunity to witness the dedication of a new monument to our veterans from a number of wars, and the reason that was so precious to me is that I got to see my uncle's name engraved

on it and it meant so much. I was thinking as I was standing there of all the things we've done for veterans and how proud I was that we had passed this particular bill, because it was the one bill that the veterans really, really wanted. We had folks come into our committee from World War II, from the Korean War, from the Vietnam War, and they really, really were passionate about this bill and not because of gaming, per se, but because of the revenue that it would generate and the help that it would allow them to provide other veterans who are returning home from the war or folks who have been home for some time.

You know, the thing that is so striking about this bill is that they are asking for it, particularly now, because they are losing revenues to other gaming sources. We have, the people of Maine, approved two casinos or they approved a racino and they approved a casino and just this session we allowed Hollywood Slots to become Hollywood Casino. They have table games. We have seen the revenues drop since Hollywood Slots came on board online for the gaming opportunities that the veterans provide to raise money, and it's such a significant drop. And it's not about revenue, per se, it's about what we can do with that money and what the veterans do with that money. One of the things that they do is they provide van service, transportation...I'm sorry, Mr. Speaker, I can't hear myself speak let alone anybody else.

The SPEAKER: The House will be in order.

Representative **RUSSELL**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The veterans provide van service to folks who are going to Togus or to other locations to have medical services. They reach out and they work with the VA to make sure that veterans are actually getting the services that they have earned, but also the pensions that they have earned. They negotiate with the VA and they advocate on their behalf and we have brought in, just with the VSOs, the Veteran Service Officers that we provide to the state, millions and millions and millions of dollars each year in new revenue that comes into the state. It comes in to our veterans and they then turn around and they spend that money in the state. This is a volunteer side of it. We don't pay for that as a state. This is a volunteer service that those veterans' groups provide. You know, we're still in the middle of a war and we have the opportunity to not just pay lip service but to actually provide an opportunity for those folks to earn revenue to help people who are coming home. It was such an honor to see my uncle's name engraved from the Vietnam War over the weekend and I can't wait to see my brother's name engraved in Bryant Pond from the Iraq War and so many other folks who have served their county well. I think that just following on the heels of Memorial Day weekend, we have an obligation to honor the requests of our veterans, to acknowledge the needs that they have and the services they provide are real, and to provide them an opportunity to be sustainable and to provide those services. I think, like I said, following on the heels of Memorial Day weekend, I see this as a real honor and a real tribute to our returning soldiers and to the folks who have been here all along. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Saco, Representative Valentino.

Representative **VALENTINO**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I rise today also to urge you to override the Governor's veto. I think it's only fitting on my last day here in this chamber to be rising up on a gambling issue. I've been here for eight years. I've served six years on the committee that oversees this and I am actually rising to support this issue. This bill is a very thoughtful bill. It is not a one-page bill. This is a seven-page bill that the committee very, very carefully crafted together. I also want to take note about the

Governor's veto letter. From the tone of the letter, I feel that the Governor struggled with this veto. I feel that he maybe had difficulty coming to this veto. I know that the Governor has always supported the veterans and the military. I know I have attended many, many events...

The SPEAKER: Will the Representative defer? The Chair would remind the Representative to speak of the Executive rather than the Governor, and although it would be okay to read from the Governor's veto message, it's not proper to assign motives to the Governor's position.

The Chair reminded Representative VALENTINO of Saco that it was inappropriate to refer to the Chief Executive as the Governor and not proper to assign motives to the Governor's positions.

The SPEAKER: The Representative may proceed.

Representative **VALENTINO**: And I know that I have also attended many events throughout the state with the First Lady to honor Maine women veterans. So I feel that this issue is not necessarily about veterans, but it is about gaming and that's why I want to weigh in on the gaming aspect of the letter and the bill itself.

As far as the bill goes, it has safeguards in it. The maximum machines are 250 machines scattered over the entire State of Maine. For the first year, it's only 100 machines scattered over the entire State of Maine. The maximum amount of machines at any one facility is five, only five, that's all, and in order to do that you have to be an invited guest to go in and play it. These are not mini casinos. People from off the street just can't walk in and play. These are for their members and for the guests. There are many safeguards that go into this.

I also want to mention the lottery. The lottery in 1974 was voted on by the Maine Legislature and at that time it was 50¢ for a lottery ticket and that was an expansion also of gaming in the State of Maine. What we have now in the lottery, we have only 44 instant game tickets for values up to \$20 and we have 38 weekly draw tickets, anywhere from \$2 up to \$5 that we have. This was an expansion of gambling and other than the Powerball, not all of these games came to the Legislature because it was approved once for the gaming on it and these games went through. We have \$20 tickets. We've never approved of those. I would say that this expansion in these organizations that already have gaming and have had gaming for at least two years prior to this bill going into effect is not the same as having it go out to people on a referendum for 1,500 machines. To me, this is no different than putting a new game into the lottery, that we are now giving them five machines in a facility that already has gambling. Therefore, I treat this differently as those referendums for larger facilities. This is just merely an expansion of gaming to help fraternal organizations and the veterans' organizations who so dearly need that money, and the money is not just to operate, but it's money to give back to charitable causes. Therefore, I would ask you to vote to override the veto. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Madawaska, Representative Theriault.

Representative **THERIAULT**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. As a paid up for life member of the American Legion Post 147 in Madawaska, I stand before you today to tell you that that organization in my community gives and keeps on giving. This would give them an opportunity to raise more money. We do Angel Flight. We do Tribute to Courage Walk which is for cancer patients. I could go on and on. You've heard all the different rules and regulations from the other people here. Basically, this is not just a given. They just can't walk in and get a license and whatever they need to get one of these machines. They need to put up some funds

and there are rules and regulations. So therefore, as a paid up for life and a member of the American Legion, I ask for your support on this. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Lisbon, Representative Crafts.

Representative **CRAFTS**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I guess I don't really understand the argument that we're having today on trying to find ways to raise money for these organizations. To me, if they're having a problem surviving, the last thing that I would do if the memberships are having a hard time to support their own organization is to put a gambling machine, a slot machine in the organization, to tempt them to take more of their hard earned money and to put it into a slot machine. I would think that that would end up hurting the membership more than helping the membership. It makes more sense to me if maybe there needs to be an increase in maybe the membership. I think the bottom line is that there would be more money in their pocket than to tempt them with gambling. I just don't understand this argument. This is a major expansion of gambling. I think the public has shown in the last vote that we had that we don't want any more expansion in this state, and I don't think this solves the problem. I absolutely believe this creates a bigger problem for these organizations. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Mexico, Representative Briggs.

Representative **BRIGGS**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I, too, rise in support of this bill. I, too, participated in services in my district this past Memorial Day, a day of remembrance. We, too, remember the fallen soldier Buddy McLain who was killed in Afghanistan in November 2010. Funding for veterans is such a struggle and battle. Our veterans are reaching out to us asking for their support. Please let's not let them down but stand strong and show them how much we care in what we can do for them. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Jay, Representative Gilbert.

Representative **GILBERT**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I am in support of this bill and I think we should vote yes on it. I'm speaking as a life member of the American Legion Post 10 in Livermore Falls, the AMVETS post in Jay and as a member of the Knights of Columbus. All three groups do a lot of good in our community and this would help them to continue the good that they do.

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

Representative **CROCKETT**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I promise that my comments will be brief because I hope the day is brief. We've heard a lot about Memorial Day and the patriotic cause of veterans' organizations, of which I'm a life member of one and a member of another, but let's not wrap this in the flag. This is an expansion of gaming and we're dealing with this issue as an expansion of gaming. We're talking about 250 slot machines getting added to the State of Maine without going to the people. The good Representative from Saco has been honest saying it's a minor expansion of gaming, but it still is an expansion of gaming. The Governor...my apologies, Mr. Speaker...the executive branch made a decision. There is a lot of problems with this bill. We keep talking about veterans' organizations. Fraternal organizations are also in the mix. Who decides? We've heard that the casinos that have been approved have affected the gaming at the American Legion halls, but there's nothing in this bill that weights the criteria to those legions that

are most affected, like those in Oxford County or in Penobscot County, close to Hollywood Slots. There's nothing that this bill addresses. My suggestion is we allow the comprehensive bill that we passed, that it gave these nonprofits a seat at the table to address an overall comprehensive view of gaming in the state and we take a pragmatic approach. I think this is bypassing that process and is contrary to the other bill that we passed, but that's just my humble opinion and I hope you follow my light. Thank you.

After reconsideration, the House proceeded to vote on the question, 'Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?' A roll call was taken.

The SPEAKER: The pending question before the House is 'Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?' All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

#### ROLL CALL NO. 366V

YEA - Beaudoin, Beavers, Beck, Beliveau, Berry, Bickford, Blodgett, Boland, Bolduc, Briggs, Bryant, Cain, Carey, Casavant, Chapman, Chipman, Clark H, Clarke, Cotta, Dill J, Dion, Driscoll, Eves, Fitts, Flemings, Flood, Gilbert, Goode, Graham, Hanley, Harvell, Haskell, Herbig, Hinck, Hogan, Hunt, Innes Walsh, Keschl, Kruger, Kumiega, Lajoie, Longstaff, Lovejoy, Luchini, MacDonald, Maloney, Martin, Mazurek, McCabe, McFadden, Monaghan-Derrig, Morrison, Nass, Nelson, O'Brien, Parry, Peoples, Peterson, Plummer, Rankin, Richardson D, Rochelo, Rosen, Rotundo, Russell, Sanborn, Sanderson, Shaw, Stevens, Theriault, Tilton, Treat, Tuttle, Valentino, Weaver, Webster, Willette A, Willette M, Winsor, Wood.

NAY - Ayotte, Beaulieu, Black, Burns DC, Cebra, Celli, Chase, Clark T, Crafts, Cray, Crockett, Curtis, Cushing, Damon, Davis, Dow, Dunphy, Eberle, Edgecomb, Espling, Fitzpatrick, Fossel, Foster, Gifford, Guerin, Hamper, Harlow, Harmon, Hayes, Johnson D, Johnson P, Kaenrath, Kent, Knapp, Knight, Long, Maker, Malaby, McClellan, McKane, Morissette, Moulton, Newendyke, O'Connor, Olsen, Parker, Picchiotti, Prescott, Richardson W, Rioux, Sarty, Sirocki, Strang Burgess, Timberlake, Turner, Volk, Wagner R, Wallace, Waterhouse, Welsh, Mr. Speaker.

ABSENT - Bennett, Cornell du Houx, Duchesne, Fredette, Gillway, Libby, Pilon, Priest, Stuckey.

Yes, 80; No, 61; Absent, 9; Vacant, 1; Excused, 0.

80 having voted in the affirmative and 61 voted in the negative, 1 vacancy with 9 being absent, and accordingly the Veto was **SUSTAINED**.

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

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#### ORDERS

On motion of Representative McCABE of Skowhegan, the following Joint Order: (H.P. 1422)

ORDERED, the Senate concurring, that the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety shall report out, to the House, a bill establishing a stakeholder group to examine the issues regarding reimbursement rates for housing prisoners in the consolidated jail system. The bill must specify that the stakeholder group include representatives from local, county and state government as well as members of the public and direct that the report of the stakeholder group, together with any necessary implementing legislation, be submitted to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over

criminal justice matters in the First Regular Session of the 126th Legislature.

**READ.**

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Skowhegan, Representative McCabe.

Representative **McCABE**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I appreciate your time and patience as I present this Joint Order. I feel like at this point in time I'm presenting this sort of out of a sense of desperation. This is an ongoing issue that has sort of plagued counties throughout the state but definitely plagued Somerset County, and it has to do with the reimbursement rate for boarding of prisoners. It has become really clear to me that since 2008, this issue hasn't been addressed and that is one of the reasons why I bring this forward at such a late hour. I also don't want folks in the room to think that this is just about Somerset County. This really has a ripple effect across the state as we look at issues of boarding prisoners. It also directly affects York County as well, who is facing a similar issue. I also think of my neighbors to the west, Franklin County, who recently described this as sort of a logistical nightmare for them as they try to move prisoners. Rather coming from Farmington over to Skowhegan, they now actually have to transport them, I believe, down to Wiscasset. So this is an issue that has ramifications statewide, so I would ask that you support this Joint Order so that we can continue moving this issue forward. I also ask that you support this so that we can sort of keep folks' feet to the fire as we look at moving forward and maybe before the 126th this issue can actually be addressed appropriately. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Representative CURTIS of Madison moved that the Joint Order and all accompanying papers be **INDEFINITELY POSTPONED**.

The same Representative **REQUESTED** a roll call on the motion to **INDEFINITELY POSTPONE** the Joint Order and all accompanying papers.

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

The SPEAKER: A roll call has been ordered. The pending question before the House is Indefinite Postponement of the Joint Order and all accompanying papers. All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

**ROLL CALL NO. 367**

**YEA** - Ayotte, Beaulieu, Black, Burns DC, Cebra, Celli, Chase, Clark T, Crafts, Cray, Crockett, Curtis, Cushing, Damon, Davis, Dow, Edgecomb, Espling, Fitts, Fitzpatrick, Flood, Fossel, Foster, Gifford, Guerin, Hamper, Hanley, Harmon, Harvell, Johnson D, Johnson P, Keschl, Knapp, Knight, Long, Maker, Malaby, McClellan, McFadden, McKane, Morissette, Nass, Newendyke, O'Connor, Olsen, Parker, Parry, Picchiotti, Plummer, Prescott, Richardson D, Richardson W, Rioux, Rosen, Sanderson, Sarty, Sirocki, Strang Burgess, Tilton, Timberlake, Turner, Volk, Wallace, Waterhouse, Weaver, Willette A, Willette M, Winsor, Wood, Mr. Speaker.

**NAY** - Beaudoin, Beavers, Beck, Beliveau, Berry, Blodgett, Boland, Bolduc, Briggs, Bryant, Cain, Carey, Casavant, Chapman, Chipman, Clark H, Clarke, Dill J, Dion, Driscoll, Dunphy, Eberle, Eves, Flemings, Gilbert, Goode, Graham, Harlow, Haskell, Hayes, Herbig, Hinck, Hogan, Hunt, Innes Walsh, Kaenrath, Kent, Kruger, Kumiega, Lajoie, Longstaff, Lovejoy, Luchini, MacDonald, Maloney, Martin, Mazurek, McCabe, Monaghan-Derrig, Morrison, Moulton, Nelson, O'Brien, Peoples, Peterson, Rankin, Rochelo, Rotundo, Russell, Sanborn, Shaw, Stevens, Theriault, Treat, Tuttle, Valentino, Wagner R, Webster, Welsh.

**ABSENT** - Bennett, Bickford, Cornell du Houx, Cotta, Duchesne, Fredette, Gillway, Libby, Pilon, Priest, Stuckey.

Yes, 70; No, 69; Absent, 11; Vacant, 1; Excused, 0.

70 having voted in the affirmative and 69 voted in the negative, 1 vacancy with 11 being absent, and accordingly the Joint Order and all accompanying papers were **INDEFINITELY POSTPONED**.

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**COMMUNICATIONS**

The Following Communication: (H.C. 397)

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

May 31, 2012

The Honorable Heather J.R. Priest

Clerk of the House

2 State House Station

Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Clerk Priest:

Pursuant to my authority under House Rule 201.1 (I) (a), I have rescinded the appointment of Representative Emily Ann Cain of Orono from the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs. Furthermore, pursuant to my authority under House Rule 201.1 (I) (a), I have reappointed Representative Sara R. Stevens of Bangor to the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs effective immediately. Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

S/Robert W. Nutting

Speaker of the House

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

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

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**SENATE PAPERS**

The following Joint Resolution: (S.P. 690)

**JOINT RESOLUTION IN HONOR OF THE 90TH  
ANNIVERSARY OF THE MAINE CHIROPRACTIC  
ASSOCIATION**

WHEREAS, the Maine Chiropractic Association was formed on October 1, 1922 in Augusta, Maine; and

WHEREAS, on April 7, 1923, chiropractic licensure was signed into law, and on October 2, 1923 Dr. Isabelle Hieserick of Biddeford received the first Maine chiropractic license; and

WHEREAS, on October 4, 1925, Dr. Clinton Clauson of Waterville, who had been in practice since 1919, was elected President of the Maine Chiropractic Association, and in 1958 Dr. Clauson became Governor of Maine; and

WHEREAS, the Maine Chiropractic Association's mission is to preserve, protect, improve and promote the chiropractic profession and the services of doctors of chiropractic for the benefit of the patients they serve; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Maine Chiropractic Association is to provide leadership in health care and a positive vision for the chiropractic profession and its natural approach to health and wellness; and

WHEREAS, the Maine Chiropractic Association aims to affect public policy and legislation, promote high standards in professional ethics and quality of treatment and ensure the

professional growth and success of doctors of chiropractic in the State; and

(S.P. 76) (L.D. 225)  
(C. "A" S-569)

WHEREAS, after a grassroots effort by the chiropractic profession nationwide, in 1970 coverage of chiropractic was included in Medicare by the United States Congress and in 1971 workers' compensation legislation was passed in the State to include chiropractic coverage; and

WHEREAS, chiropractic medicine is now firmly established in the State of Maine and the Maine Chiropractic Association is preparing to celebrate its 90th anniversary; 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 the Maine Chiropractic Association on its 90th anniversary and we extend our best wishes for future success; and be it further

RESOLVED: That a suitable copy of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the Maine Chiropractic Association.

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

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**COMMUNICATIONS**

The Following Communication: (S.C. 845)

**STATE OF MAINE  
125TH MAINE LEGISLATURE  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

May 25, 2012

The 125th Legislature of the State of Maine State House  
Augusta, ME

Dear Honorable Members of the 125th Legislature:

Under the authority vested in me by Article IV, Part Third, Section 2 of the Constitution of the State of Maine, I am hereby vetoing LD 225, "An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue in the Amount of \$20,000,000 To Fund Research and Development."

Maine taxpayers are spending over \$100 million in debt service annually until 2015. While I have agreed to let some of the bonds go to the voters, their approval provides authorization to issue the bonds at sometime in the future. As Governor, I will not agree to issue them until we get our spending problem fully under control.

However, there are two specific issues I have with this bond that have led me to veto it. First, we are using debt to pay operational costs. If the Legislature truly believes we should spend \$20 million on research and development, then we should reduce spending elsewhere in the budget and pay for it out of the General Fund. Second, the majority of the funds from these bonds in the past have gone to government programs and not-for-profits. Taxpayer dollars should go towards R&D only when we can demonstrate a specific return on that investment. That return must be measured in taxes and jobs. Both of those rightly come in the private sector.

For these reasons, I am returning LD 225 unsigned and vetoed. I strongly urge the Legislature to sustain it.

Sincerely,  
S/Paul R. LePage  
Governor

Came from the Senate, **READ** and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**.

**READ** and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE** in concurrence.

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The accompanying An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue in the Amount of \$20,000,000 To Fund Research and Development (BOND ISSUE)

In Senate, May 31, 2012, this Bill, having been returned by the Governor, together with objections to the same, pursuant to the provisions of the Constitution of the State of Maine, after reconsideration, the Senate proceeded to vote on the question: 'Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?'

29 voted in favor and 6 against, and 29 being more than 2/3 of the members present and voting, accordingly it was the vote of the Senate that the Bill become law and the veto was overridden.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Orono, Representative Cain.

Representative **CAIN**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Men and Women of the House. The Maine Technology Asset Fund was designed by the State Legislature as the result of the Joint Select Committee on Research, Economic Development and the Innovation Economy, which met during 2006 at the end of my first term in the Legislature. I was honored to co-chair that committee which ended with a unanimous report based on consensus. In fact, there are still five of us left in this Legislature who served on that committee that made those recommendations. In the House, even, myself, then Senator now Representative from Waldoboro, Representative Dow, the Representative from Winthrop, Representative Flood, the Senator from Knox, Senator Rector, and the Representative from Bucksport, Representative Rosen, met over the course of 2006 in the summer to review the state's investments in R&D that had happened over the years and recommend improvements. There was a lot of criticism levied at that time, some of which was echoed again this week and all of which now is untrue because of the changes that were made in the way we allocate, the way we invest, and the way we measure the success of R&D investment in Maine.

The purpose of the Maine Technology Asset Fund is to invest in infrastructure. That means buildings, labs and equipment that will increase Maine's competitive capacity to support research, development and commercialization by Maine's educational institutions, nonprofit labs and, most of all, private companies. Competitive capacity means new grants, it means private investment in businesses in Maine, it means new customers, and it means new talent and workforce throughout our state. The Maine Technology Asset Fund is funded through bonding because it is the infrastructure part of that equation. It builds the building, labs or equipment, much like building a school or a factory. The Maine Technology Asset Fund does not pay the operating expense or the salaries of anyone involved in these projects and that is why anyone who applies to the Maine Technology Asset Fund must have a match, a minimum of a one dollar match for every dollar applied for from the state. The match comes from the applicant and from other sources. The fund was approved in 2007 by Maine voters and a competitive bidding process ensued, one that has rewarded collaboration, looked at the design, engineering, bid construction process that these projects have undertaken and have now been, they're just starting to pop up all around the state. Because these are long-term investments, the results are being measured until 2019, and because it is R&D capacity that we are building, things yet to be invented will come from these projects. However, there are some early successes and I'd like to share an example of how many of these pieces come together.

In 2009, there was an award to the University of Maine Pulp and Paper Process Development Center. This is the pilot paper machine at the University of Maine that is specifically designed with state-of-the-art technology to work with paper companies



and their allied businesses to improve the way they do business and sustain those businesses longer in Maine. This has led to new grants totaling more than \$1.5 million. This has led to partnerships with major commercial research partners, including Verso Paper and their lead research engineer Sean Ireland. He's from a national industry consortium. This has led to new technologies, including a strength additive for papermaking with new patents that were filed just last year. It has also led to the licensing of a new startup, Cerealus. This is new investment, which leads to new venture capital and equity-backed companies right here in Maine. Cerealus has already licensed their technology to Sappi. This has led to new customers for Maine businesses.

Since the upgrades that have been done with the initial Maine Technology Asset Fund support, three quarters of a million dollars of private company contract funds have come in to use this technology, to leverage the materials and to support and to grow the number of people working there. These companies include Maine companies. Aroostook Starch Company. BASF Catalysts. Biofine Renewables. CAIT Enterprises. Cerahelix. Cerealus Holdings. Geiger Brothers. Global Protein. Innovative Environmental Products. Lane Conveyors and Drives. Madison Paper Company. Maine BioProducts. Miller Biodiesel. NewPage Corporation. ORPC. Red Shield Acquisition. Re-Gen, LLC. Sappi Fine Paper, Westbrook. Sappi Fine Paper, North America. Tethys Research, LLC. Twin Rivers Paper Company. Verso Paper Company. Woodland Pulp, and Zeomatrix. And that's not even all of them.

Mr. Speaker, this has led to new talent. Research scientists, engineers, entrepreneurs, investors and UMaine students are involved in all of the above. Most of all, this is about jobs. That's what we like to talk about, that's what people care about and we know that in just one year there were two initial jobs added at the pilot plant. We know that there were three additional jobs created at just one of the startup companies alone. But we have only begun to see and count the number of jobs that were created, saved, retained from all of the customers using those services at these private Maine businesses over the course of that year, and we still don't even know yet how many more will be created, saved and retained in the next 10 years as we continue to measure the results of this investment. Maine Technology Asset Fund, that means the manufacturing jobs of the future. But what we have now before us are facts. Maine is dead last in personal income growth in the United States and we are just as far behind when it comes to our investment in R&D. Those two things are related, that is not a coincidence. And we can do something about that today when we vote yes and support this reasonable investment, giving Maine people the opportunity to decide with us, letting them make the decision about whether or not this is good for Maine's economy. Mr. Speaker, voting yes today isn't about hoping for a better future. It's about guaranteeing a better future for our state. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I urge you and the members of the House to join me in voting yes.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Boothbay, Representative MacDonald.

Representative **MacDONALD**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Men and Women of the House. I rise to ask your support in voting yes on LD 225, and, in doing so, I'd like to share with you a brief letter that I received from Bigelow Laboratories which happens to be in East Boothbay. Bigelow Laboratories is not perhaps as well known as Jackson, its larger partner, but it is an important research and development facility in the State of Maine, and here is what Mark Bloom, who is their technology transfer officer, had to say about this bill.

He said: "Dear Representative MacDonald: As you know, Bigelow Lab's new East Boothbay Campus would not have been possible without an initial MTAF [Maine Technology Asset Fund] Grant which allowed us to multiply it several times. We also have many irons in the fire as regards technology development and being able to apply for [future] MTAF funds is a key part of our ongoing strategy [for development]."

So, Mr. Speaker, here is one institution in the State of Maine, and like many others, that has been able to expand and grow employment as a result of the Maine Technology Asset Fund. Not only are there high quality research and development jobs at stake here, but this new campus that was developed as a result of this expansion involved many construction jobs and there will be more construction jobs that are available across the state if similar developments can take place. So I urge you to think about this local example expanded many times across the state, if we can allow this LD 225 to go forward to the voters. I would urge you to vote yes and allow that to happen. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thank you, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House.

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

Representative **CASAVANT**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. In York County, one of the beneficiaries of such a revenue bond would be the University of New England. The University of New England is in Portland and Biddeford. In my town, for example, it's been so huge as a partnership, a local partnership in terms of education, in terms of development. One of the things that I've found interesting is that over the last 10 years, we've seen a tenfold increase in the amount of research and development that's gone on at that particular campus. Even in this year, we've seen \$11.5 million in externally funded research-funded projects going on and this type of bond acts as a stimulus, as a catalyst for that type of development, and it has benefits to others too. There is a ripple effect. UNE and all of these different projects buys locally, tries to use independent contractors. It has caused more faculty to be hired in the pharmaceutical division as well as in the neurosciences. That also translates into more technicians, more graduate assistants working. So in terms of local development, this is huge.

Additionally, at least again from my standpoint at the local level, watching UNE develop in terms of their research and development, watching faculty members with incubators in terms of research allows me to devise plans in terms of charter schools or additional schoolings within the mills where faculty and students come together, and that's something that we're working on. So I think the ability for the state to allow voters to invest in private entities like the University of New England and other entities as well in a competitive basis, I think that is huge to stimulating our local economy and I hope that we allow that to move forward. Thank you very much.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Topsham, Representative Prescott.

Representative **PRESCOTT**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I stand with great respect from the Representative from Orono, home of the University of Maine. I am a graduate of the class of 1985 from the University of Maine, but I'm going to stand today and vote to sustain the veto on LD 225 and I am surprised that this is actually the only one that has come back to us today from the Executive Director. We need to let private industry lead the way in the R&D sector or make it a priority within our resources, within our budget. We can't afford to keep borrowing money to run the State of Maine and all its entities. I voted no on every bond, not because I don't want all these wonderful things but because we

are in a dire financial situation and borrowing with interest of taxpayer dollars is irresponsible.

The majority of the \$20 million awarded, if this were to pass, would go to the University System and I just have a couple of facts here, that only 289 new jobs were created with \$26.8 million that was allocated as of 6/30/2011 through the Maine Technology Asset Fund. Many of these jobs that occur in the research and development phase are not permanent jobs. Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, we need permanent jobs. We need long-term jobs. Maine versus New England: Maine puts the university first when they put their funding out there; New England puts the private sector first. We put the private sector second and New England puts the university second. The university already receives \$14.7 million from the MEIF fund, which was debated earlier in this chamber, and these are existing funds, and we passed an amendment in this House to increase funding to outlying university systems, only to watch it fail in the other body. Let's get our house in order first before we throw more money at an issue. We need to fix the way Maine does R&D, who oversees it and only then can we achieve the success that Maine deserves. Thank you.

After reconsideration, the House proceeded to vote on the question, 'Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?' A roll call was taken.

The SPEAKER: The pending question before the House is 'Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?' All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

**ROLL CALL NO. 368V**

YEA - Beaudoin, Beaulieu, Beavers, Beck, Beliveau, Berry, Bickford, Blodgett, Boland, Bolduc, Briggs, Bryant, Cain, Carey, Casavant, Celli, Chapman, Chipman, Clark H, Clarke, Damon, Dill J, Dion, Dow, Driscoll, Eberle, Eves, Fitts, Flemings, Flood, Fossel, Foster, Gilbert, Goode, Graham, Guerin, Hanley, Harlow, Haskell, Hayes, Herbig, Hinck, Hogan, Hunt, Innes Walsh, Kaenrath, Kent, Keschl, Kruger, Kumiega, Lajoie, Longstaff, Lovejoy, Luchini, MacDonald, Maker, Malaby, Maloney, Martin, Mazurek, McCabe, McFadden, Monaghan-Derrig, Morrison, Moulton, Nelson, O'Brien, Peoples, Peterson, Rankin, Richardson D, Rochelo, Rosen, Rotundo, Russell, Sanborn, Shaw, Stevens, Strang Burgess, Theriault, Treat, Tuttle, Valentino, Volk, Wagner R, Webster, Welsh, Willette M.

NAY - Ayotte, Black, Burns DC, Cebra, Chase, Clark T, Cotta, Crafts, Cray, Crockett, Curtis, Cushing, Davis, Dunphy, Edgecomb, Espling, Fitzpatrick, Gifford, Hamper, Harmon, Harvell, Johnson D, Johnson P, Knapp, Knight, Long, McClellan, McKane, Morissette, Nass, Newendyke, O'Connor, Olsen, Parker, Parry, Picchiotti, Plummer, Prescott, Richardson W, Rioux, Sanderson, Sarty, Sirocki, Tilton, Timberlake, Turner, Wallace, Waterhouse, Weaver, Willette A, Winsor, Wood, Mr. Speaker.

ABSENT - Bennett, Cornell du Houx, Duchesne, Fredette, Gillway, Libby, Pilon, Priest, Stuckey.

Yes, 88; No, 53; Absent, 9; Vacant, 1; Excused, 0.

88 having voted in the affirmative and 53 voted in the negative, 1 vacancy with 9 being absent, and accordingly the Veto was **SUSTAINED**.

The Following Communication: (S.C. 846)

**STATE OF MAINE  
125TH MAINE LEGISLATURE  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

May 29, 2012

The 125th Legislature of the State of Maine

State House  
Augusta, Maine

Dear Honorable Members of the 125th Legislature:

Under the authority vested in me by Article IV, Part Third, Section 2 of the Constitution of the State of Maine, I am hereby vetoing LD 1781, "An Act to Restructure the National Board Certification Program for Teachers."

I am not vetoing this bill because I disagree with the benefits of National Board Certification. Rather, I am vetoing it because it is a band-aid to a problem - the need for highly qualified teachers—requiring a larger more coordinated state-wide solution. Moreover, this bill requires teachers to partially fund the program, while simultaneously paying union dues which are squandered on a host of activities not even remotely related to professional development.

Research clearly demonstrates the single most important single factor in student progress is an effective teacher. Over the last year, I have repeatedly challenged the largest organization of teachers in the state - the Maine Education Association—to refocus its efforts on improving teacher effectiveness. Unfortunately, the union bosses have declined my offer matching dollar-for-dollar any union increase in funding towards improving the profession of teaching.

In fact, just days ago - the executive director of the union stated "[m]aking sure we have highly skilled work force is the job of the employer ... In this case, the people who fund this are the local school districts and the state." That is not an acceptable answer from the largest organization of teachers in the State.

Yet, the union refuses to focus on improving teacher quality. Instead of better educating educators, the union is suing the State to block release of insurance data that would decrease the overhead cost of education. Instead of looking for new ways to inform teachers on the latest pedagogical techniques, the union is participating in political campaigns and lobbying efforts with nothing to do with education. Instead of working towards ensuring that every Maine student has a quality teacher in the front of the classroom, the union is focused on providing golf and skiing discounts.

Worse yet, this program would require the teachers themselves to partially fund the program. Rather than fund this new program on the backs of teachers, I propose eliminating teacher certification fees and working with the MEA to refocus its efforts on professional development of teachers not the pet political projects of union bosses. Maine teachers are undercompensated. We should be lowering the cost of being a teacher while providing the best professional development opportunities possible.

Unfortunately, this bill would simply provide a false victory and an excuse to not take on real substantive reforms resulting in better teachers in the classroom. I believe that we - the state, the local districts, superintendents, parents, and yes, the teacher union — must all work together for what is best for the student.

For these reasons, I am returning LD 1781 unsigned and vetoed. I strongly urge the Legislature to sustain it.

Sincerely,  
S/Paul R. LePage  
Governor

Came from the Senate, **READ** and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**.

**READ** and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE** in concurrence.

The accompanying An Act To Restructure the National Board Certification Program for Teachers

(S.P. 618) (L.D. 1781)  
(S. "A" S-610 to C. "A" S-488)

In Senate, May 31, 2012, this Bill, having been returned by the Governor, together with objections to the same, pursuant to the provisions of the Constitution of the State of Maine, after reconsideration, the Senate proceeded to vote on the question: 'Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?'

26 voted in favor and 9 against, and 26 being more than 2/3 of the members present and voting, accordingly it was the vote of the Senate that the Bill become law and the veto was overridden.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Kittery, Representative Beliveau.

Representative **BELIVEAU**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I rise as a high school history teacher in support of this bill, and against the veto. The reason given by the Executive for his veto of this bill, the reason was that this bill, a bill to support Maine's National Board Certified Teachers, our absolute all-star, rock star, best and most effective teachers in the state, the Executive said this bill is merely a band-aid for a problem that is much bigger, the problem about overall teacher quality.

If this bill is only a band-aid – and a band-aid is too small of a fix – believe me, I would be the first one to propose major surgery. I would propose teacher pay increases across the board to a profession that the Executive himself says is undercompensated.

But it would appear, in these economic times, that we can't afford major surgery right now. But we all know that any patient would certainly benefit from a band-aid over nothing.

Let me compare this situation to a business. If you ran a business, and you had one employee in particular who worked the hardest, was the most productive, was the most innovative, whom all other employees sought advice from, and who unquestionably produced the best results for your company, you would find a way to reward this employee both for his or her superlative work, and as an incentive to keep up the great work.

If we don't support our absolute best teachers with this small measure of extra support, we are saying that their extra efforts are worth the exact same as the absolute worst teacher who simply worked the same number of years. I urge you to support Maine's shining examples of educational leadership, and please follow my light. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Lewiston, Representative Wagner.

Representative **WAGNER**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Men and Women of the House. We all know that excellent teachers are the key to an excellent education. LD 1781 is a bill that not only supports but promotes excellence in teaching. The Commissioner of Education strongly supported LD 1781 in committee. The Education and Cultural Affairs Committee unanimously supported LD 1781. Both bodies of the Legislature unanimously supported LD 1781. We must continue to show the parents and the children of this state that we are determined to use all means possible, including support for National Board Certification to provide the best teachers in the State of Maine. Please join me in voting yes. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Falmouth, Representative Nelson.

Representative **NELSON**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. As you've just heard, the Education Committee as well as this House and the

body at the other end of the hall voted unanimously in favor of this bill. I believe that every child in the State of Maine deserves the most effective teacher in their classroom, and I believe that we must find ways to support and develop the teaching profession by investing in that profession.

Research has shown that the National Board Certification program contributes to increasing teacher effectiveness and is considered to be the gold standard of teacher professional development. It is one of the most effective teacher preparation programs that we have or teacher ongoing training programs that we have, and we all know that ongoing learners and lifelong learners are better teachers to the children that they are teaching. The program is challenging. It is rigorous. It requires great time and energy of the teacher and we have heard that from all the teachers that testified in front of our committee. It requires up to three years of investment of time, of being evaluated and submitting materials to improve one's teaching. Our state, for 14 years, has supported these teachers by offering a stipend. I don't believe this is the time to change that.

While the Chief Executive may have issues with the MEA, the Maine Education Association, vetoing this bill only serves to hurt teachers and students. Why would we penalize our teachers that are doing their part to improve their practice and trying to be as good as they can be? The bigger picture is that if the field of teaching does not feel that the Commissioner or the Chief Executive supports them, then why are they going to try to improve and better themselves? This bill honors all teachers, public teachers in the State of Maine as well as those teachers who teach in our private academies, and I urge you to overturn this veto and support the teachers of the State of Maine. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Lincolnville, Representative O'Brien.

Representative **O'BRIEN**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I didn't think I would get to speak before this body again, but I am happy to see all of your smiling faces nonetheless. As a legislator representing a school district with a high school that has 15 percent of its teachers with National Board Certification, each year I get a flurry of emails from constituents deeply concerned about this issue. In fact, even at family gatherings I've got to answer for our state's policy in this department because my own older brother is a National Board Certified Teacher.

My brother, who teaches at his alma mater where he was valedictorian, emailed me this yesterday: "In my 18 years teaching mathematics in private and public schools in Switzerland, Taiwan, Australia, and Maine, the National Board Certification experience was, without question, the best professional development experience of my career."

"I strongly feel that if every teacher in American classrooms went through the National Board Certification process, our education system would be the best in the world." And my brother knows this because he has taught in many different schools across the world, where he was paid a lot more I might add.

And he further goes on to write: "When I read the National Board standards for mathematics and other disciplines, they describe the teachers I would like for my own three daughters."

"Furthermore, to suggest that the union does not support professional development is a complete falsehood. I tried for my National Board Certification two years ago on my own and failed. It was then I learned that the MEA offers a monthly training session in Augusta with paid facilitators to support our path to National Board Certification, and I have done that for 14 years. These classes were a huge factor in finally receiving my board certification in 2011."

The local principal of my school wrote: "I can tell you that earning National Board Certification is by far the best way for teachers to demonstrate that they are truly among the best teachers in the country. What more could Maine want than to have teachers who have gone before a National Board to earn this distinction. Not supporting teachers who want to go through this rigorous process and not to reward those who have succeeded is a slap in the face to good teaching."

My former math teacher, who is also a National Board Certified Teacher and not a member of any union, wrote me: "Forget that teachers are underpaid, forget that teachers who have negotiated contracts that have frozen their pay to help out struggling school districts over the last several years, and forget that some teachers are not members of any MEA or union. The reality is that teachers are like any other professional. They need professional development that encourages growth, reflection and time to learn and implement new skills that make them more effective in their jobs. This program is a very inexpensive form of professional development that yields great results for the civil servants educating our children."

As my colleagues in the House know, I will not be here next year, but I have recently been offered my dream job – writing. My former high school teacher, a National Board Certified Teacher, who like no one else (save my own mom), inspired me to become a writer, cited (using perfect APA intext citations, I might add) in this letter to me:

"Teachers who pursue National Board Certification tend to have at least ten years of teaching experience, hold a master's degree, frequently engage in professional development, and tend to seek professional challenges. Teacher leaders are attracted to the challenge and learning opportunity available through National Board candidacy. However, teachers who have actually earned the certification are more likely to be perceived as leaders. A survey of Chicago Public School teachers reported that 50 percent of NBCTs hold school leadership positions, compared to 32 percent of other teachers. In fact, research shows that more leadership opportunities are offered to NBCTs than non-NBCTs, which can sustain their desire to continue teaching."

I certainly hope and expect that our Representatives in the Maine Legislature will make decisions, regarding educational policies that affect student learning, that are based on sound research.

Furthermore, I would just like to say please put politics aside on this issue and do what's best for the students. This one should not be partisan or controversial. Thank you.

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

Representative **McCLELLAN**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Members of the House. I, too, am going to support LD 1781. I'm on the Education Committee and just real quickly I'll mention, as has been said, we actually spent two years discussing this concept in a couple of different bills. We talked to a lot of educators and found it was extremely rigorous standards to this program. It's like taking a master's program in about a month's time in terms of how hard it was and the people we met were very impressive, the people that we talked to, the teachers, the educators. There is also, once you complete this, there is an expectation of giving back and bringing leadership to your school which is certainly a valuable thing.

We've figured out that this program can pay for itself. There will be no new money applied to it. It's going to be moneys that's already in the budget, it will just be put into this path, and it's already funded to some extent because this is a program that's been ongoing. It's been going on for quite a while and just was not able to be fully funded at this point.

As I look at this, Mr. Speaker, in a year where I think we made a lot of changes in education and a lot of changes I think very positively, we did a lot of things which I would say were children and kids first. This is an opportunity for us to give back to the teachers and educators in the public schools. I would certainly suggest everyone support this, and thank you, Mr. Speaker.

After reconsideration, the House proceeded to vote on the question, 'Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?' A roll call was taken.

The SPEAKER: The pending question before the House is 'Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?' All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

#### ROLL CALL NO. 369V

YEA - Ayotte, Beaudoin, Beaulieu, Beavers, Beck, Beliveau, Berry, Bickford, Black, Blodgett, Boland, Bolduc, Briggs, Bryant, Cain, Carey, Casavant, Celli, Chapman, Chase, Chipman, Clark H, Clark T, Clarke, Cotta, Cray, Crockett, Cushing, Damon, Davis, Dill J, Dion, Dow, Driscoll, Dunphy, Eberle, Edgecomb, Eves, Fitts, Fitzpatrick, Flemings, Flood, Fossil, Foster, Gifford, Gilbert, Goode, Graham, Hamper, Hanley, Harlow, Harmon, Harvell, Haskell, Hayes, Herbig, Hinck, Hogan, Hunt, Innes Walsh, Johnson P, Kaenrath, Kent, Keschl, Knapp, Knight, Kruger, Kumiega, Lajoie, Longstaff, Lovejoy, Luchini, MacDonald, Maker, Malaby, Maloney, Martin, Mazurek, McCabe, McClellan, McFadden, McKane, Monaghan-Derrig, Morissette, Morrison, Moulton, Nass, Nelson, Newendyke, O'Brien, Olsen, Parry, Peoples, Peterson, Picchiotti, Plummer, Prescott, Rankin, Richardson D, Richardson W, Rioux, Rochelo, Rosen, Rotundo, Russell, Sanborn, Sanderson, Sarty, Shaw, Stevens, Strang Burgess, Theriault, Tilton, Timberlake, Treat, Turner, Tuttle, Valentino, Volk, Wagner R, Wallace, Weaver, Webster, Welsh, Willette A, Willette M, Winsor, Wood, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - Burns DC, Cebra, Crafts, Curtis, Espling, Guerin, Johnson D, Long, O'Connor, Parker, Sirocki, Waterhouse.

ABSENT - Bennett, Cornell du Houx, Duchesne, Fredette, Gillway, Libby, Pilon, Priest, Stuckey.

Yes, 129; No, 12; Absent, 9; Vacant, 1; Excused, 0.

129 having voted in the affirmative and 12 voted in the negative, 1 vacancy with 9 being absent, and accordingly the Veto was **NOT SUSTAINED**.

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

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#### COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: (H.C. 379)

#### STATE OF MAINE

#### ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY

May 15, 2012

The Honorable Kevin L. Raye, President of the Senate  
The Honorable Robert W. Nutting, Speaker of the House  
125th Maine Legislature  
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Raye and Speaker Nutting:

We are pleased to report that all business which was placed before the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry during the Second Regular Session of the 125th Legislature has been completed. The breakdown of bills and papers before our committee follows:

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Total Number of Bills and Papers	24
Unanimous Reports	14
Ought to Pass	2
Ought to Pass as Amended	10
Ought Not to Pass	2
Divided Reports	2
Pursuant to Chaptered Law	2
Pursuant to Statute	1
Gubernatorial Nominations	5
Respectfully Submitted, S/Roger L. Sherman Senate Chair S/Peter E. Edgecomb House Chair	

The Following Communication: (H.C. 380)

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

May 16, 2012

The Honorable Kevin L. Raye, President of the Senate  
The Honorable Robert W. Nutting, Speaker of the House  
125th Maine Legislature  
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Raye and Speaker Nutting:

We are pleased to report that all business which was placed before the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs during the Second Regular Session of the 125th Legislature has been completed. The breakdown of bills and papers before our committee follows:

Total Number of Bills and Papers	43
Unanimous Reports	33
Ought to Pass	0
Ought to Pass as Amended	6
Ought Not to Pass	25
Referred to Another Committee	2
Divided Reports	7
Pursuant to Statute	1
Pursuant to Joint Order	1
Gubernatorial Nominations	1
Respectfully submitted, S/Richard W. Rosen Senate Chair S/Patrick S. A. Flood House Chair	

The Following Communication: (H.C. 381)

**STATE OF MAINE  
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE  
COMMITTEE ON CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY**

May 15, 2012

The Honorable Kevin L. Raye, President of the Senate  
The Honorable Robert W. Nutting, Speaker of the House  
125th Maine Legislature  
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Raye and Speaker Nutting:

We are pleased to report that all business which was placed before the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety during the Second Regular Session of the 125th Legislature has been completed. The breakdown of bills and papers before our committee follows:

Total Number of Bills and Papers	41
Unanimous Reports	29
Ought to Pass	5
Ought to Pass as Amended	16
Ought Not to Pass	8
Divided Reports	11
Gubernatorial Nominations	1
Respectfully Submitted, S/Garrett P. Mason Senate Chair S/Gary E. Plummer House Chair	

The Following Communication: (H.C. 382)

**STATE OF MAINE  
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE  
COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS**

May 15, 2012

The Honorable Kevin L. Raye, President of the Senate  
The Honorable Robert W. Nutting, Speaker of the House  
125th Maine Legislature  
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Raye and Speaker Nutting:

We are pleased to report that all business which was placed before the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs during the Second Regular Session of the 125th Legislature has been completed. The breakdown of bills and papers before our committee follows:

Total Number of Bills and Papers	48
Unanimous Reports	29
Ought to Pass	4
Ought to Pass as Amended	19
Ought Not to Pass	5
Referred to Another Committee	1
Divided Reports	9
Pursuant to Chaptered Law	1
Pursuant to Statute	1
Pursuant to Joint Order	1
Gubernatorial Nominations	7
Respectfully Submitted, S/Brian D. Langley Senate Chair S/David E. Richardson House Chair	

The Following Communication: (H.C. 383)

**STATE OF MAINE  
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE  
COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY**

May 15, 2012

The Honorable Kevin L. Raye, President of the Senate  
The Honorable Robert W. Nutting, Speaker of the House

LEGISLATIVE RECORD - HOUSE, May 31, 2012

125th Maine Legislature  
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Raye and Speaker Nutting:

We are pleased to report that all business which was placed before the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology during the Second Regular Session of the 125th Legislature has been completed. The breakdown of bills and papers before our committee follows:

Total Number of Bills and Papers 29

Unanimous Reports 24

Ought to Pass 2  
Ought to Pass as Amended 16  
Ought Not to Pass 5  
Referred to Another Committee 1

Divided Reports 4

Gubernatorial Nominations 1

Respectfully Submitted,  
S/Michael D. Thibodeau  
Senate Chair  
S/Stacey A. Fitts  
House Chair

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The Following Communication: (H.C. 384)

**STATE OF MAINE**  
**ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE**  
**COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL**  
**RESOURCES**

May 15, 2012

The Honorable Kevin L. Raye, President of the Senate  
The Honorable Robert W. Nutting, Speaker of the House  
125th Maine Legislature  
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Raye and Speaker Nutting:

We are pleased to report that all business which was placed before the Joint Standing Committee on Environment and Natural Resources during the Second Regular Session of the 125th Legislature has been completed. The breakdown of bills and papers before our committee follows:

Total Number of Bills and Papers 22

Unanimous Reports 10

Ought to Pass 2  
Ought to Pass as Amended 4  
Ought Not to Pass 4

Divided Reports 9

Gubernatorial Nominations 3

Respectfully Submitted,  
S/Thomas B. Saviello  
Senate Chair  
S/James M. Hamper  
House Chair

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The Following Communication: (H.C. 385)

**STATE OF MAINE**  
**ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE**  
**COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

May 15, 2012

The Honorable Kevin L. Raye, President of the Senate

The Honorable Robert W. Nutting, Speaker of the House  
125th Maine Legislature

Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Raye and Speaker Nutting:

We are pleased to report that all business which was placed before the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services during the Second Regular Session of the 125th Legislature has been completed. The breakdown of bills and papers before our committee follows:

Total Number of Bills and Papers 43

Unanimous Reports 28

Ought to Pass 3  
Ought to Pass as Amended 15  
Ought Not to Pass 9  
Referred to Another Committee 1

Divided Reports 11

Pursuant to Chaptered Law 2

Pursuant to Joint Rule 353 2

Respectfully Submitted,  
S/Earle L. McCormick  
Senate Chair  
S/Meredith N. Strang Burgess  
House Chair

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The Following Communication: (H.C. 386)

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

May 15, 2012

The Honorable Kevin L. Raye, President of the Senate  
The Honorable Robert W. Nutting, Speaker of the House  
125th Maine Legislature  
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Raye and Speaker Nutting:

We are pleased to report that all business which was placed before the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife during the Second Regular Session of the 125th Legislature has been completed. The breakdown of bills and papers before our committee follows:

Total Number of Bills and Papers 15

Unanimous Reports 13

Ought to Pass 0  
Ought to Pass as Amended 10  
Ought Not to Pass 3

Divided Reports 1

Taken Pursuant to Joint Rule 309 1

Respectfully Submitted,  
S/Thomas H. Martin, Jr.  
Senate Chair  
S/Paul T. Davis, Sr.  
House Chair

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The Following Communication: (H.C. 387)

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

May 15, 2012

The Honorable Kevin L. Raye, President of the Senate  
 The Honorable Robert W. Nutting, Speaker of the House  
 125th Maine Legislature  
 Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Raye and Speaker Nutting:

We are pleased to report that all business which was placed before the Joint Standing Committee on Insurance and Financial Services during the Second Regular Session of the 125th Legislature has been completed. The breakdown of bills and papers before our committee follows:

Total Number of Bills and Papers 18

Unanimous Reports 8  
     Ought to Pass 0  
     Ought to Pass as Amended 5  
     Ought Not to Pass 3

Divided Reports 9

Gubernatorial Nominations 1  
 Respectfully Submitted,  
 S/Rodney L. Whittemore  
 Senate Chair  
 S/Wesley E. Richardson  
 House Chair

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The Following Communication: (H.C. 388)

**STATE OF MAINE  
 ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE  
 COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY**

May 15, 2012

The Honorable Kevin L. Raye, President of the Senate  
 The Honorable Robert W. Nutting, Speaker of the House  
 125th Maine Legislature  
 Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Raye and Speaker Nutting:

We are pleased to report that all business which was placed before the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary during the Second Regular Session of the 125th Legislature has been completed. The breakdown of bills and papers before our committee follows:

Total Number of Bills and Papers 37

Unanimous Reports 21  
     Ought to Pass 2  
     Ought to Pass as Amended 11  
     Ought Not to Pass 8

Divided Reports 10

Gubernatorial Nominations 6  
 Respectfully submitted,  
 S/David R. Hastings III  
 Senate Chair  
 S/Joan M. Nass  
 House Chair

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The Following Communication: (H.C. 389)

**STATE OF MAINE  
 ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE  
 COMMITTEE ON LABOR, COMMERCE,  
 RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

May 15, 2012

The Honorable Kevin L. Raye, President of the Senate

The Honorable Robert W. Nutting, Speaker of the House  
 125th Maine Legislature  
 Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Raye and Speaker Nutting:

We are pleased to report that all business which was placed before the Joint Standing Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development during the Second Regular Session of the 125th Legislature has been completed. The breakdown of bills and papers before our committee follows:

Total Number of Bills and Papers 56

Unanimous Reports 32

    Ought to Pass 7  
     Ought to Pass as Amended 21  
     Ought Not to Pass 3  
     Referred to Another Committee 1

Divided Reports 12

Pursuant to Chaptered Law 2  
 Pursuant to Joint Order 1  
 Taken Pursuant to Joint Rule 309 1  
 Gubernatorial Nominations 8  
 Respectfully Submitted,  
 S/Christopher W. Rector  
 Senate Chair  
 S/Kerri L. Prescott  
 House Chair

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The Following Communication: (H.C. 390)

**STATE OF MAINE  
 ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE  
 COMMITTEE ON MARINE RESOURCES**

May 15, 2012

The Honorable Kevin L. Raye, President of the Senate  
 The Honorable Robert W. Nutting, Speaker of the House  
 125th Maine Legislature  
 Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Raye and Speaker Nutting:

We are pleased to report that all business which was placed before the Joint Standing Committee on Marine Resources during the Second Regular Session of the 125th Legislature has been completed. The breakdown of bills and papers before our committee follows:

Total Number of Bills and Papers 12

Unanimous Reports 8

    Ought to Pass 1  
     Ought to Pass as Amended 5  
     Ought Not to Pass 2

Divided Reports 0

Gubernatorial Nominations 4  
 Respectfully Submitted,  
 S/Lois A. Snowe-Mello  
 Senate Chair  
 S/Windol C. Weaver  
 House Chair

The Following Communication: (H.C. 391)

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

May 15, 2012

The Honorable Kevin L. Raye, President of the Senate  
The Honorable Robert W. Nutting, Speaker of the House  
125th Maine Legislature  
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Raye and Speaker Nutting:

We are pleased to report that all business which was placed before the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government during the Second Regular Session of the 125th Legislature has been completed. The breakdown of bills and papers before our committee follows:

Total Number of Bills and Papers 20

Unanimous Reports 12  
Ought to Pass 3  
Ought to Pass as Amended 5  
Ought Not to Pass 4

Divided Reports 6

Gubernatorial Nominations 2  
Respectfully Submitted,  
S/Douglas A. Thomas  
Senate Chair  
S/H. David Cotta  
House Chair

The Following Communication: (H.C. 392)

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

May 15, 2012

The Honorable Kevin L. Raye, President of the Senate  
The Honorable Robert W. Nutting, Speaker of the House  
125th Maine Legislature  
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Raye and Speaker Nutting:

We are pleased to report that all business which was placed before the Joint Standing Committee on Taxation during the Second Regular Session of the 125th Legislature has been completed. The breakdown of bills and papers before our committee follows:

Total Number of Bills and Papers 35

Unanimous Reports 17  
Ought to Pass 2  
Ought to Pass as Amended 11  
Ought Not to Pass 4

Divided Reports 18

Respectfully Submitted,  
S/Jonathan T. Courtney  
Senate Chair  
S/L. Gary Knight  
House Chair

The Following Communication: (H.C. 393)

**STATE OF MAINE  
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE**

**COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION**

May 15, 2012

The Honorable Kevin L. Raye, President of the Senate  
The Honorable Robert W. Nutting, Speaker of the House  
125th Maine Legislature  
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Raye and Speaker Nutting:

We are pleased to report that all business which was placed before the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation during the Second Regular Session of the 125th Legislature has been completed. The breakdown of bills and papers before our committee follows:

Total Number of Bills and Papers 27

Unanimous Reports 20  
Ought to Pass 2  
Ought to Pass as Amended 8  
Ought Not to Pass 10

Divided Reports 6

Leave to Withdraw 1  
Respectfully Submitted,  
S/Ronald F. Collins  
Senate Chair  
S/Richard M. Cebra  
House Chair

The Following Communication: (H.C. 394)

**STATE OF MAINE  
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE  
COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS**

May 15, 2012

The Honorable Kevin L. Raye, President of the Senate  
The Honorable Robert W. Nutting, Speaker of the House  
125th Maine Legislature  
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Raye and Speaker Nutting:

We are pleased to report that all business which was placed before the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs during the Second Regular Session of the 125th Legislature has been completed. The breakdown of bills and papers before our committee follows:

Total Number of Bills and Papers 32

Unanimous Reports 23  
Ought to Pass 2  
Ought to Pass as Amended 13  
Ought Not to Pass 6  
Referred to Another Committee 2

Divided Reports 7

Pursuant to Chaptered Law 1

Gubernatorial Nominations 1  
Respectfully Submitted,  
S/Nichi S. Farnham  
Senate Chair  
S/Michael G. Beaulieu  
House Chair



The Following Communication: (H.C. 402)

**STATE OF MAINE**  
**ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE**  
**JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE ON JOINT RULES**

May 31, 2012

The Honorable Kevin L. Raye, President of the Senate  
The Honorable Robert W. Nutting, Speaker of the House  
125th Maine Legislature  
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Raye and Speaker Nutting:

The following business which was placed before the Joint Select Committee on Joint Rules during the 125th Legislature was not reported out of committee before the legislature adjourned sine die.

- L.D. 1335      An Act Relating to the Authority of the Legislative Council over the Fiscal Note Process
- H.P. 122      Joint Order, To Amend Joint Rule 310 by Adding Subsection 7 To Permit Committees To Attach Cosponsors to Bills
- H.P. 1049      Joint Order, To Amend the Joint Rules To Require Review of a Proposal To Create a New Crime or Enhance an Existing Criminal Penalty
- H.P. 1080      Joint Order, To Amend the Joint Rules To Eliminate Concept Drafts
- S.P. 237      Joint Order, Proposing an Amendment to the Joint Rules Regarding Fiscal Notes

Sincerely,  
S/Jonathan T.E. Courtney  
Senate Chair  
S/Andre E. Cushing III  
House Chair

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The Speaker appointed Representative CURTIS of Madison on the part of the House to inform the Senate that the House was ready to adjourn without day.

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The Speaker appointed the following members on the part of the House to wait upon his Excellency, Governor PAUL RICHARD LePAGE, and inform him that the House was ready to adjourn without day:

- Representative TILTON of Harrington  
Representative RIOUX of Winterport  
Representative DOW of Waldoboro  
Representative CELLI of Brewer  
Representative SARTY of Denmark  
Representative BELIVEAU of Kittery  
Representative CLARKE of Bath  
Representative BLODGETT of Augusta  
Representative FLEMINGS of Bar Harbor  
Representative GILBERT of Jay  
Representative HUNT of Buxton  
Representative INNES of Yarmouth  
Representative LOVEJOY of Portland  
Representative O'BRIEN of Lincolnville  
Representative WAGNER of Lewiston

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Subsequently, the Committee reported that they had delivered the message with which they were charged.

Subsequently, Representative CURTIS reported that he had delivered the message with which he was charged.

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At this point, a message came from the Senate borne by Senator Plowman, of Penobscot of that Body, informing the House that the Senate had transacted all business before it and was ready to adjourn without day.

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On motion of Representative RANKIN of Hiram, the House adjourned without day at 12:58 p.m., Thursday, May 31, 2012.