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In Senate Chamber
Tuesday
February 3, 2015

Senate called to order by President Michael D. Thibodeau of
Waldo County.

Prayer by Senator David E. Dutremble of York County.

SENATOR DUTREMBLE: Mr. President, ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, thank you for the opportunity to give the prayer today, but before we pray I'd like to recognize Fire Services Day. As you all know, firefighters have a very special place in my heart. As a firefighter I can lose your home while battling a fire, or lose your loved one, and I'm often told "Great job." Here in the Legislature, we decide to honor one constituent and put her request in and it just goes straight to the dogs. Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we ask that You watch over our fellow firefighters in the states, and especially my company, Company C of the City of Biddeford, who is on duty today. As a firefighter, one question you will never hear us ask is "Are you a Democrat or a Republican?" Everyone is treated equal and you are rescued, regardless of race, religion, or political affiliation. We ask that us lawmakers have the strength to represent our constituents with an open and clear mind, even though it may not always be the most favorable of outcomes. We pray for Your guidance, Lord, in helping us represent the people and, in the end, I truly believe we are all here for the same reasons. It's not about winning or losing, but instead what's best for this great state. It's about people loving people.

For my firefighter friends; the Lord is my chief, he has chosen me to serve. He leads me to still the fires raging around me. He restores my soul to fight, even when all seems lost. He has prepared me a place in life devoted to service, honor, joy, and fellowship. He appoints my soul with courage in the presence of my enemy, fire. Yes, even though I have chosen to walk through life in the shadow of death, I will fear no fire for He is with me. His strength will comfort me and when life's final alarm has sounded I will dwell in the station house of the Lord forever. Amen.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Senator David E. Dutremble of York County.

Reading of the Journal of Thursday, January 29, 2015.

Doctor of the day, Richard Swett, MD of Dover-Foxcroft.

The Chair noted the absence of the Senator from Aroostook, Senator **WILLETTE**, and the Senator from Kennebec, Senator **CYRWAY**, and further excused the same Senators from today's Roll Call votes.

Off Record Remarks

Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, on motion by Senator **MASON** of Androscoggin, the following Senate Order:
S.O. 19

Ordered, that a message be sent to the House of Representatives proposing a Convention of the two branches of the Legislature be held at 6:45 this evening, in the Hall of the House for the purpose of extending to Governor Paul R. LePage, an invitation to attend and make such communication as pleases him.

READ and PASSED.

The Chair appointed the Senator from Androscoggin, Senator **MASON** to deliver the message to the House of Representatives. The Senator was escorted to the House of Representatives.

Subsequently, the Senator from Androscoggin, Senator **MASON** reported that he had delivered the message with which he was charged.

Senate at Ease:

Senate called to order by the President.

The Chair noted the absence of the Senator from Cumberland, Senator **HASKELL**, and further excused the same Senator from today's Roll Call votes.

At this point a message was received from the House of Representatives, borne by Representative **MCCABE** of Skowhegan informing the Senate that the House concurred with the proposition for a Convention of the two branches of the Legislature to be held in the Hall of the House at 6:45 this evening for the purpose of extending to Governor Paul R. LePage an invitation to attend and make such communication as pleases him.

Senate at Ease.

Senate called to order by the President.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

House Papers

Bill "An Act To Adjust Appropriations and Allocations from the General Fund and Other Funds for the Expenditures of the Department of Marine Resources, the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, the Department of Environmental Protection and the Baxter State Park Authority for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2015" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 106 L.D. 148

Comes from the House, REFERRED to the Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator **HAMPER** of Oxford, REFERRED to the Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Protect Private Property and Livestock from Fireworks"

H.P. 107 L.D. 149

Bill "An Act To Provide Anger Management Courses or Additional Imprisonment for Domestic Violence Offenders"

H.P. 108 L.D. 150

Bill "An Act To Protect Farm Animals from Noise from the Discharge of Fireworks and Explosives"

H.P. 135 L.D. 177

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

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

Bill "An Act To Protect Public Health in the Maine Community College System"

H.P. 109 L.D. 151

Bill "An Act To Encourage Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation To Be Taught in High School"

H.P. 110 L.D. 152

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

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

Bill "An Act To Amend Setback Requirements and Standards Related to Species Migration under the Laws Regulating Development near Vernal Pools"

H.P. 111 L.D. 153

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

On motion by Senator **SAVIELLO** of Franklin, REFERRED to the Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Promote Greater Flexibility in the Provision of Long-term Care Services"

H.P. 112 L.D. 154

Bill "An Act To Expand Housing Opportunities for Patients with Complex Medical Conditions"

H.P. 113 L.D. 155

Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services To Provide Coverage under the MaineCare Program for Routine Male Newborn Circumcisions

H.P. 137 L.D. 179

Bill "An Act To Allow Terminally Ill Patients To Choose To Use Experimental Treatments"

H.P. 138 L.D. 180

Bill "An Act To Facilitate the Development and Operation of a Group Home for Post-High School Adults with Developmental Disabilities"

H.P. 148 L.D. 205

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

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

Bill "An Act To Lower the Eligibility Age for a Junior Hunting License"

H.P. 114 L.D. 156

Bill "An Act To Create an Advisory Committee To Review and Make Recommendations Regarding Hunting and Fishing Laws"

H.P. 115 L.D. 157

Resolve, To Direct the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife To Modify Fishing Rules for Webster Stream in Piscataquis County

H.P. 116 L.D. 158

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

On motion by Senator **DAVIS** of Piscataquis, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Prevent Bad Faith Assertions of Patent Infringement"

H.P. 117 L.D. 159

Bill "An Act To Provide Reasonable Compensation to Jurors"

H.P. 118 L.D. 160

Bill "An Act To Ban the United Nations Agenda 21 in Maine"

H.P. 119 L.D. 161

Bill "An Act To Protect the Rights of Property Owners"

H.P. 120 L.D. 162

Bill "An Act To Create Efficiencies in Court Process"

H.P. 139 L.D. 181

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

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

Bill "An Act To Provide Economic Development Assistance to Rural Communities"

H.P. 121 L.D. 163

Bill "An Act To Establish the Maine Length of Service Award Program"

H.P. 122 L.D. 164

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

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

Resolve, Directing the Department of Marine Resources To Conduct an Impact Study in the St. George River Estuary

H.P. 136 L.D. 178

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

On motion by Senator **BAKER** of Sagadahoc, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **MARINE RESOURCES** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act Regarding the Funding of Volunteer Fire Departments"

H.P. 123 L.D. 165

Bill "An Act To Allow York County To Better Provide Rescue and Ambulance Services"

H.P. 124 L.D. 166

Bill "An Act To Prohibit a Municipality from Holding a Referendum To Legalize the Recreational Use of Marijuana"

H.P. 125 L.D. 167

Bill "An Act To Eliminate Term Limits for Legislators"

H.P. 140 L.D. 182

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

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

Bill "An Act To Reduce the Time within Which a Challenge to a Tax Lien Foreclosure May Be Filed"

H.P. 58 L.D. 64

Bill "An Act Relating to the Sales Tax Exemption on Depreciable Equipment Used in Commercial Wood Harvesting"

H.P. 126 L.D. 168

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Groundwater Rights"

H.P. 127 L.D. 169

Bill "An Act To Remove the 180-day Active Duty Requirement for the Property Tax Exemption for Vietnam Veterans"

H.P. 128 L.D. 170

Bill "An Act To Decrease Property Taxes by Increasing the Sales Tax"

H.P. 141 L.D. 183

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

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

Bill "An Act To Provide a License Plate Decal for Emergency Medical Services Providers"

H.P. 129 L.D. 171

Bill "An Act To Allow Gold Star Parents Who Are Maine Residents To Use the Maine Turnpike at No Charge"

H.P. 130 L.D. 172

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Gold Star Family Registration Plate and To Establish an Honorable Service Military Family Registration Plate"

H.P. 131 L.D. 173

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

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

Bill "An Act To Restrict the Raising of Money by Maine Clean Election Act Candidates"

H.P. 132 L.D. 174

Bill "An Act To Limit Maine Clean Election Act Funding to First-time Candidates"

H.P. 133 L.D. 175

Bill "An Act To Amend the Law Governing the Gathering of Signatures for Direct Initiatives and People's Veto Referenda"

H.P. 134 L.D. 176

Bill "An Act To Reimburse Philip Wolley for Litigation Expenses Incurred in Connection with His Termination and Reinstatement as a State Employee"

H.P. 142 L.D. 184

Bill "An Act To Prohibit Certain Activities by Maine Clean Election Act Candidates"

H.P. 147 L.D. 204

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

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

Pursuant to Statute

Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Board of Pesticides Control

The **Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Board of Pesticides Control**, pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 8072 asked leave to report that the accompanying Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 22: Standards for Outdoor Application of Pesticides by Powered Equipment in Order To Minimize Off-target Deposition, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Board of Pesticides Control (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 145 L.D. 202

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

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

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

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

Pursuant to Statute

Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Board of Pesticides Control

The **Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Board of Pesticides Control**, pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 8072 asked leave to report that the accompanying Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 28: Notification Provisions for Outdoor Pesticide Applications, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Board of Pesticides Control (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 146 L.D. 203

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

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

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

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

Pursuant to Statute
Department of Education

The **Department of Education**, pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 8072 asked leave to report that the accompanying Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 101: Maine Unified Special Education Regulation Birth to Age Twenty, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Education (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 144 L.D. 201

Be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Comes from the House, Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**, and the Resolve **REFERRED** to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

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

REFERRED to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218, in concurrence.

**Pursuant to Statute
Public Utilities Commission**

The **Public Utilities Commission**, pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 8072 asked leave to report that the accompanying Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 895: Underground Facility Damage Prevention Requirements, a Major Substantive Rule of the Public Utilities Commission (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 143 L.D. 200

Be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Comes from the House, Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**, and the Resolve **REFERRED** to the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

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

REFERRED to the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218, in concurrence.

**Pursuant to Statute
Department of Environmental Protection**

The **Department of Environmental Protection**, pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 8072 asked leave to report that the accompanying Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 200: Metallic Mineral Exploration, Advanced Exploration and Mining, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Environmental Protection (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 104 L.D. 146

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

Comes from the House, Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**, and the Resolve **REFERRED** to the Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Report **READ**.

On motion by Senator **ALFOND** of Cumberland, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending **ACCEPTANCE OF THE REPORT**, in concurrence.

**Pursuant to Statute
Department of Environmental Protection**

The **Department of Environmental Protection**, pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 8072 asked leave to report that the accompanying Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 500: Stormwater Management, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Environmental Protection (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 105 L.D. 147

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

Comes from the House, Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**, and the Resolve **REFERRED** to the Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

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

REFERRED to the Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218, in concurrence.

**Pursuant to Statute
Criminal Law Advisory Commission**

The **Criminal Law Advisory Commission**, pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 17-A, section 1354, subsection 2 asked leave to report that the accompanying Bill "An Act To Clarify Restrictions on Disclosure of E-9-1-1 System Information"

H.P. 149 L.D. 206

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

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

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

REFERRED to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218, in concurrence.

Off Record Remarks

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: S.C. 50

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

January 29, 2015

The Honorable Michael D. Thibodeau
President of the Senate of Maine
127th Maine State Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333-0003

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Section 157, and with Joint Rule 505 of the Maine Legislature, the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs has had under consideration the nomination of Honorable Richard W. Rosen of Bucksport, for appointment as the Commissioner of the Department of Administrative and Financial Services.

After public hearing and discussion on this nomination, the Committee proceeded to vote on the motion to recommend to the Senate that this nomination be confirmed. The Committee Clerk called the roll with the following result:

YEAS	Senators	2	Hamper of Oxford, Valentino of York
	Representatives	10	Rotundo of Lewiston, Frey of Bangor, Grant of Gardiner, Jorgensen of Portland, Martin of Eagle Lake, Nutting of Oakland, Sanborn of Gorham, Sirocki of Scarborough, Timberlake of Turner, Winsor of Norway
NAYS		0	
ABSENT		1	Sen. Katz of Kennebec

Twelve members of the Committee having voted in the affirmative and zero in the negative, it was the vote of the Committee that the nomination of Honorable Richard W. Rosen of Bucksport, for appointment as the Commissioner of the Department of Administrative and Financial Services be confirmed.

Signed,

S/James M. Hamper Senate Chair	S/Margaret R. Rotundo House Chair
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READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Oxford, Senator Hamper.

Senator HAMPER: Thank you, Mr. President. I just wanted to take a minute here to read a couple of quotes from the confirmation hearing about Richard Rosen. "He takes the time to understand the issues across State government, big and small. He has a deep understanding of State government and has the ability to find commonsense solutions." Also another quote is, "He has a thoughtful, deliberate approach to budgeting the State's finances." Mr. President, I really look forward to working with the Senator from Hancock's husband, Richard Rosen, for the upcoming years in Appropriations. We couldn't find a better man to fill the job. Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator VALENTINO: Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, I'm pleased to rise today to speak on the nomination of the very Honorable Richard Rosen. Mr. Rosen received the unanimous endorsement of the Appropriations Committee. In addition to all of his legislative and government service that we are familiar with, Mr. Rosen is also well versed in the business world. For more than 35 years he and his wife owned and operated Rosen's, a very successful department store in Bucksport. Most importantly are the character traits that he brings to this position. I have known Richard for 10 years, having served in the Legislature with both him and his wife. I find Mr. Rosen to be a man of integrity. He is thoughtful and is willing to listen to all sides of the issue. His skills will be an asset as the Commissioner of the Department of Administrative and Financial Services. I urge all to accept this nomination. Thank you.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Kennebec, Senator Katz.

Senator KATZ: Thank you, Mr. President. Men and women of the Senate, I rise in support of the nomination today. In the 125th Legislature, I had the privilege of sitting next to Senator Rosen in the Appropriations Committee. Like others who joined me there, I got a graduate course in Maine government. All of us benefited from Senator Rosen's institutional knowledge, from his integrity, from his fair-mindedness, and from his perspective. We have seen that following his service in the Legislature with the Office of Policy Management and as Acting Commissioner. It's not lost on many of us that he follows Sawin Millett in that job and the fine tradition of Commissioner Millett. The State of Maine, Mr. President, will be in good hands with Richard Rosen as Commissioner. I think we all thank him for his public service and I hope, and suspect, that the confirmation will be unanimous. Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator HILL: Thank you, Mr. President. In the 125th I had the pleasure of sitting next to Senator Katz, who sat next to Senator Rosen, and it was quite a wonderful experience, coming into Appropriations as a total freshman. I have to say to you that I was the Lead at that point for the Senate and Senator Rosen, the good honorable Rosen, was incredibly patient with me, as I had a huge learning curve, for which I appreciate it. He never made me feel inadequate, and that was very important to me, personally.

On a professional level, he was right up there. Always a gentleman. Always a pleasure to work with. You know, I guess the thing that's most important about this position that he's about to step into is that he just has a terrific grasp of budgetary matters. I'm excited he's being appointed and I certainly wish him well. Thank you.

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

Senator **DIAMOND:** Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, I never sat beside Richard Rosen, but I did, in the 124th Legislature, I was the Senate Chair of Appropriations and Richard was the Senate Lead. I will tell you that between he and Sawin they were two bookends in a very positive way. Very intelligent. You've heard about him being smart. Well, he is. He's very much that. I would also say during that time, that 124th Legislature, in the Committee we had five unanimous budgets in two years. Five unanimous in the Committee. He was a big reason for that because he's was the person you could go to. He would come to us. Cooperation. As you've heard, he's a gentleman. He always carried that with him. The trust level was always high. I, for one, can say I'm here today to support this nomination and I know he'll do an excellent job. As you know, the Commissioner of DAFS is the commissioner of all commissioners. They have to answer to him and he has a huge responsibility. I know he'll carry that forward. Thank you, Mr. President and ladies and gentlemen of the Senate.

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

Senator **GERZOFSKY:** Thank you, Mr. President. Fifteen years ago I did have the pleasure of sitting next to Senator Rosen. My first day in the Legislature, I was brand new, had all kinds of great ideas. I thought I was going to come here and turn the world on fire. Well, after sitting next to Mr. Rosen for about an hour, I realized that that wasn't going to be the case, but he was going to mentor me and all the goings on down in the other Body of how we were to be colleagues, work together, be calm, be quiet, be respectful: all those traits that he has in abundance and I have always found a problem trying to get out of my soul. I had never spoken before in the House and there was an issue that I was very passionate about. Mr. Rosen, you notice I still call him Mr. Rosen, 15 years later, kept on encouraging me to get up and speak. About 2 o'clock in the morning I did. I had no idea the sound of my voice in that Chamber, so when I spoke some people actually fell out of their seats and into the aisle because it was rather loud. After I was done with this passionate speech, I thought it was just going to turn all the votes, Mr. Rosen looked at me and said, "Next time you can try it a little bit lower." Believe me, Mr. President, I'm still trying to get it a little bit lower. I couldn't give my full support behind anybody more than I would behind Mr. Rosen because he's a really great man. We all know that in this Chamber and the other Chamber. We know what kind of patience he has, what kind of dedication he has to the people of Maine, and it's just with my absolute honor to get up and say anything I can to encourage people that this is a real quality gentleman. Thank you very much, and I was a lot lower.

Off Record Remarks

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall the recommendation of the Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** be overridden?"

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Chapter 6, Section 151, and with Joint Rule 506 of the 127th Legislature, the vote was taken by the Yeas and Nays.

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#5)

YEAS: Senators: None

NAYS: Senators: ALFOND, BAKER, BRAKEY, BREEN, BURNS, COLLINS, CUSHING, DAVIS, DIAMOND, DILL, DUTREMBLE, EDGEComb, GERZOFSKY, GRATWICK, HAMPER, HILL, JOHNSON, KATZ, LANGLEY, LIBBY, MASON, MCCORMICK, MILLETT, MIRAMANT, PATRICK, ROSEN, SAVIELLO, VALENTINO, VOLK, WHITTEMORE, WOODSOME, THE PRESIDENT - MICHAEL D. THIBODEAU

EXCUSED: Senators: CYRWAY, HASKELL, WILLETTE

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 32 Senators having voted in the negative, with 3 Senators being excused, and none being less than two-thirds of the Membership present and voting, it was the vote of the Senate that the Committee's recommendation be **ACCEPTED** and the nomination of the Honorable **Richard W. Rosen** of Bucksport for appointment as the Commissioner of the Department of Administrative and Financial Services was **CONFIRMED**.

The Secretary has so informed the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair is pleased to recognize in the rear of the Chamber the Honorable Richard Rosen.

The Following Communication: S.C. 51

STATE OF MAINE 127TH LEGISLATURE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

January 19, 2015

The Honorable Michael D. Thibodeau
President of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

The Honorable Mark W. Eves
Speaker of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Thibodeau and Speaker Eves:

I thank you for the invitation to deliver the State of the State address at a Joint Session of the 127th Maine Legislature on Tuesday, February 3, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

Please know I accept your invitation and look forward to seeing you at that time.

Sincerely,

S/Paul R. LePage
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 52

**STATE OF MAINE
127TH LEGISLATURE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
SPEAKER'S OFFICE**

January 29, 2015

Honorable Heather Priest
Secretary of the Senate
#3 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333-0003

Dear Secretary Priest:

Pursuant to my authority under House Rule 201.1 (I) (a), I have appointed Representative Catherine Nadeau of Winslow as a member of the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government.

Should you have any questions regarding this appointment, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

S/Mark W. Eves
Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 53

**STATE OF MAINE
127TH LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT**

January 29, 2015

Honorable Heather J.R. Priest
Secretary of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Secretary Priest,

Pursuant to my authority under Title 5 §24001, I am pleased to appoint the following Senators to the Maine Children's Growth Council:

Senator Linda Baker of Sagadahoc
Senator Justin Alfond of Cumberland

Please let me know if you have any questions regarding this appointment.

Sincerely,

S/Michael D. Thibodeau
President of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

Senate at Ease.

Senate called to order by the President.

SENATE PAPERS

Bill "An Act To Amend the Maine Commercial Fertilizer Law and the Maine Agricultural Liming Materials Act"

S.P. 76 L.D. 207

Presented by Senator WILLETTE of Aroostook.
Cosponsored by Representative WHITE of Washburn and
Senators: CUSHING of Penobscot, DILL of Penobscot,
Representatives: BLACK of Wilton, HANINGTON of Lincoln,
LONG of Sherman, McELWEE of Caribou, WARD of Dedham.

Bill "An Act To Improve Permit Oversight for the Cutting of Christmas Trees and Evergreen Boughs"

S.P. 91 L.D. 253

Presented by Senator BURNS of Washington.
Cosponsored by Representative LOCKMAN of Amherst and
Senators: COLLINS of York, CYRWAY of Kennebec, DAVIS of Piscataquis, LANGLEY of Hancock, Representatives: DeCHANT of Bath, HERRICK of Paris, PICKETT of Dixfield, SHERMAN of Hodgdon.

On motion by Senator EDGECOMB of Aroostook, REFERRED to the Committee on AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Prepare Maine To Respond to a Disease Outbreak"

S.P. 80 L.D. 211

Presented by Senator GRATWICK of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Representative MORRISON of South Portland and Senators: DILL of Penobscot, DUTREMBLE of York, MIRAMANT of Knox, Representatives: HAMANN of South Portland, McCREIGHT of Harpswell.

Bill "An Act Concerning Cost-of-living Adjustments for Certain Retirees" (EMERGENCY)

S.P. 81 L.D. 212

Presented by Senator DAVIS of Piscataquis.
Cosponsored by Senators: BURNS of Washington, KATZ of Kennebec, SAVIELLO of Franklin, Representatives: CRAFTS of Lisbon, HIGGINS of Dover-Foxcroft, MARTIN of Sinclair, PICCHIOTTI of Fairfield, STEARNS of Guilford.

Bill "An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for Development of a Multimodal Transportation Facility"

S.P. 86 L.D. 217

Presented by Senator LANGLEY of Hancock.
Cosponsored by Representative HUBBELL of Bar Harbor and Senators: BURNS of Washington, ROSEN of Hancock, Representatives: CAMPBELL of Orrington, LUCHINI of Ellsworth, MAKER of Calais, MALABY of Hancock, TUELL of East Machias, WARD of Dedham.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Support Waterfront Development"

S.P. 92 L.D. 254

Presented by Senator HASKELL of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative SAUCIER of Presque Isle and Senators: BREEN of Cumberland, GERZOFISKY of Cumberland, KATZ of Kennebec, LIBBY of Androscoggin, VOLK of Cumberland, Representatives: GATTINE of Westbrook, HOBBS of Saco, PARRY of Arundel.

Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** suggested and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator HAMPER of Oxford, TABLED until Later in Today's Session, pending REFERENCE.

Bill "An Act To Provide for Special Restrictions on Dissemination and Use of Criminal History Record Information for Class E Crimes Committed by an Adult under 21 Years of Age"
S.P. 79 L.D. 210

Presented by Senator VALENTINO of York.
Cosponsored by Representative WELSH of Rockport and Senators: BURNS of Washington, JOHNSON of Lincoln, KATZ of Kennebec, Representatives: CHENETTE of Saco, FREY of Bangor, HOBBS of Saco, MONAGHAN of Cape Elizabeth, RUSSELL of Portland.

Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** suggested and ordered printed.

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

Bill "An Act To Improve Student Retention in Maine's Postsecondary Institutions"

S.P. 84 L.D. 215

Presented by Senator ALFOND of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative MAKER of Calais and Senators: KATZ of Kennebec, LANGLEY of Hancock, MILLETT of Cumberland, President THIBODEAU of Waldo, VALENTINO of York, Representatives: Speaker EVES of North Berwick, FREDETTE of Newport, McCABE of Skowhegan.

Resolve, To Initiate the Procedures To Request the United States Congress's Joint Committee on the Library To Replace a Statue in the National Statuary Hall Collection

S.P. 99 L.D. 261

Presented by Senator MASON of Androscoggin.
Cosponsored by Senators: BAKER of Sagadahoc, GERZOFISKY of Cumberland, WILLETTE of Aroostook, Representatives: DAUGHTRY of Brunswick, MARTIN of Sinclair, McCREIGHT of Harpswell.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Amend the Charter of the Hampden Water District" (EMERGENCY)

S.P. 85 L.D. 216

Presented by Senator CUSHING of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Representative DAVITT of Hampden and Senator: President THIBODEAU of Waldo.

On motion by Senator WOODSOME of York, REFERRED to the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Ensure the Comprehensive Medical, Dental, Educational and Behavioral Assessment of Children Entering State Custody"

S.P. 82 L.D. 213

Presented by Senator GRATWICK of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Representative HAMANN of South Portland and Senators: DILL of Penobscot, DUTREMBLE of York, MIRAMANT of Knox, Representatives: McCREIGHT of Harpswell, MORRISON of South Portland.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Allow Nonresident College Students To Obtain Resident Hunting, Fishing and Trapping Licenses"

S.P. 94 L.D. 256

Presented by Senator DAVIS of Piscataquis.
Cosponsored by Senators: **BRAKEY** of Androscoggin, **BURNS** of Washington, **CYRWAY** of Kennebec, **DIAMOND** of Cumberland, **HAMPER** of Oxford, **KATZ** of Kennebec, **SAVIELLO** of Franklin, Representative: **MARTIN** of Sinclair.

Bill "An Act To Allow a Person To Take a 20-minute Break from Monitoring Ice Fishing Lines"

S.P. 95 L.D. 257

Presented by Senator DAVIS of Piscataquis. (BY REQUEST)
Cosponsored by Representative **BLACK** of Wilton and Senators: **BURNS** of Washington, **SAVIELLO** of Franklin, Representatives: **CRAFTS** of Lisbon, **MARTIN** of Sinclair, **PICCHIOTTI** of Fairfield, **WALLACE** of Dexter.

On motion by Senator **DAVIS** of Piscataquis, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Limit Allowable Health Care Charges in Certain Specified Situations"

S.P. 89 L.D. 251

Presented by Senator GRATWICK of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Representative MORRISON of South Portland and Senators: DILL of Penobscot, DUTREMBLE of York, MIRAMANT of Knox, WHITTEMORE of Somerset, Representatives: HAMANN of South Portland, McCREIGHT of Harpswell.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Increase Transparency of Entities Receiving Substantial Amounts of Public Funding"

S.P. 90 L.D. 252

Presented by Senator **BURNS** of Washington.
Cosponsored by Representative **LOCKMAN** of Amherst and Senators: **COLLINS** of York, **DAVIS** of Piscataquis, **HAMPER** of Oxford, Representatives: **HERRICK** of Paris, **O'CONNOR** of Berwick, **PICKETT** of Dixfield, **SHERMAN** of Hodgdon, **STETKIS** of Canaan.

Bill "An Act To Increase Compensation for Jurors"

S.P. 97 L.D. 259

Presented by Senator **DAVIS** of Piscataquis.
Cosponsored by Representative **BLACK** of Wilton and Senators: **DUTREMBLE** of York, **KATZ** of Kennebec, **McCORMICK** of Kennebec, **SAVIELLO** of Franklin, Representatives: **CRAFTS** of Lisbon, **TIMMONS** of Cumberland.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Regarding Dealers in Secondhand Precious Metals"

S.P. 88 L.D. 250

Presented by Senator **SAVIELLO** of Franklin.
Cosponsored by Senators: **BURNS** of Washington, **DAVIS** of Piscataquis, **KATZ** of Kennebec, **WHITTEMORE** of Somerset, Representative: **BUCKLAND** of Farmington.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Support Research and Development at a Marine Field Station at the University of Maine at Machias" (EMERGENCY)

S.P. 78 L.D. 209

Presented by Senator GERZOFISKY of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative MAKER of Calais and Senators: BURNS of Washington, DIAMOND of Cumberland, HASKELL of Cumberland, MIRAMANT of Knox, Representatives: BRYANT of Windham, McCREIGHT of Harpswell, MONAGHAN of Cape Elizabeth, TUELL of East Machias.

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

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

Bill "An Act To Enable Seniors To Remain in Their Homes" S.P. 87 L.D. 249

Presented by Senator SAVIELLO of Franklin.
Cosponsored by Senators: BURNS of Washington, DAVIS of Piscataquis, KATZ of Kennebec, WHITTEMORE of Somerset, Representative: BUCKLAND of Farmington.

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

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

Bill "An Act To Preserve the Integrity of Maine's Shellfish Industry by Increasing the Penalty for Interfering with Permitted Harvest" S.P. 93 L.D. 255

Presented by Senator GERZOFISKY of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative KUMIEGA of Deer Isle and Senators: DIAMOND of Cumberland, HASKELL of Cumberland, HILL of York, JOHNSON of Lincoln, MIRAMANT of Knox, Representatives: DeCHANT of Bath, GIDEON of Freeport, McCREIGHT of Harpswell.

On motion by Senator **BAKER** of Sagadahoc, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **MARINE RESOURCES** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act Regarding Posting of Legal Notices and Legal Advertising"

S.P. 96 L.D. 258

Presented by Senator DAVIS of Piscataquis.
Cosponsored by Representative FREDETTE of Newport and Senator: MIRAMANT of Knox, Representatives: CRAFTS of Lisbon, HIGGINS of Dover-Foxcroft, STEARNS of Guilford, WALLACE of Dexter.

On motion by Senator **MASON** of Androscoggin, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Provide Funding for Maintaining Cemeteries within the Maine Veterans' Memorial Cemetery System" S.P. 77 L.D. 208

Presented by Senator GERZOFISKY of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative BRYANT of Windham and Senators: DIAMOND of Cumberland, HASKELL of Cumberland, HILL of York, JOHNSON of Lincoln, MASON of Androscoggin, VOLK of Cumberland, Representatives: CAMPBELL of Orrington, SANDERSON of Chelsea.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Regarding Noncommercial Foreign Vessels"

S.P. 73 L.D. 198

Presented by Senator COLLINS of York.
Cosponsored by Representative PARRY of Arundel and Senator: ROSEN of Hancock, Representatives: HOGAN of Old Orchard Beach, McLEAN of Gorham, SIROCKI of Scarborough.

Bill "An Act To Stay Certain Suspensions Imposed by the Secretary of State Pending Appeal"

S.P. 83 L.D. 214

Presented by Senator COLLINS of York.
Cosponsored by Representative PARRY of Arundel and Senator: ROSEN of Hancock, Representatives: HOGAN of Old Orchard Beach, McLEAN of Gorham, SIROCKI of Scarborough.

Resolve, To Create a License Plate To Recognize the Centennial of the United States Navy Reserve (EMERGENCY)
S.P. 98 L.D. 260

Presented by Senator COLLINS of York.
Cosponsored by Representative MAKER of Calais and Senators: BURNS of Washington, CUSHING of Penobscot, McCORMICK of Kennebec, ROSEN of Hancock, WHITEMORE of Somerset, Representatives: HOGAN of Old Orchard Beach, SIROCKI of Scarborough, TUELL of East Machias.

On motion by Senator COLLINS of York, REFERRED to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

All matters thus acted upon were ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

Senate at Ease.

Senate called to order by the President.

ORDERS

Joint Resolution

On motion by Senator SAVIELLO of Franklin (Cosponsored by Senators: BURNS of Washington, DAVIS of Piscataquis, KATZ of Kennebec, WHITEMORE of Somerset, Representative: BUCKLAND of Farmington), the following Joint Resolution:
S.P. 100

JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING JANUARY 30TH AS EITC AWARENESS DAY

WHEREAS, in order to promote the federal earned income tax credit, which enhances family household budgets, we recognize January 30, 2015 as EITC Awareness Day; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that every year 20 percent of Maine residents do not apply for the federal earned income tax credit, which demonstrates the importance of raising awareness of this credit and urging individuals to find out if they qualify for it; and

WHEREAS, throughout the State, IRS-certified volunteer tax preparers who are members of CA\$H Maine and AARP Tax-Aide, a collaboration of 10 statewide coalitions including 50 nonprofit and for-profit partners, provide free federal and state tax preparation; and

WHEREAS, in 2013, these volunteers helped Maine residents save more than \$3,200,000 in filing fees and claim \$5,480,000 in earned income tax credits, returning \$21,450,000 to Maine residents in federal income tax refunds; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Twenty-seventh Legislature now assembled in the First Regular Session, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to recognize January 30, 2015 as EITC Awareness Day; and be it further

RESOLVED: That we send our appreciation to all the volunteers who participate in EITC Awareness Day for the benefit of Maine residents and we urge participation in this worthy cause.

READ and ADOPTED.

Sent down for concurrence.

All matters thus acted upon were ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

Off Record Remarks

All matters thus acted upon were ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

RECESSED until 6:15 in the evening.

After Recess

Senate called to order by the President.

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

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

House Papers

Bill "An Act To Exempt Small Raw Milk Producers from Licensing Requirements"

H.P. 161 L.D. 229

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

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

Bill "An Act To Adjust Appropriations and Allocations from the General Fund and Other Funds for the Expenditures of the Department of the Attorney General and the Judicial Department for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2015" (EMERGENCY)
H.P. 164 L.D. 232

Bill "An Act To Adjust Appropriations and Allocations from the General Fund and Other Funds for the Expenditures of the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management and the Department of Public Safety for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2015" (EMERGENCY)
H.P. 165 L.D. 233

Bill "An Act To Adjust Appropriations and Allocations from the General Fund and Other Funds for the Expenditures of State Government for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2015" (EMERGENCY)
H.P. 166 L.D. 234

Bill "An Act To Adjust Appropriations and Allocations from the General Fund and Other Funds for the Expenditures of the Department of Health and Human Services and To Change Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2015" (EMERGENCY)
H.P. 168 L.D. 236

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

On motion by Senator **HAMPER** of Oxford, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Allow a Person To Request a Pardon from the Governor for the Purpose of Restoring Gun Rights"
H.P. 162 L.D. 230

Bill "An Act To Create a Permanent Wabanaki Law Enforcement Seat on the Board of Trustees of the Maine Criminal Justice Academy"
H.P. 171 L.D. 239

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

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

Bill "An Act To Support Fair Financing in Charter Schools and School Administrative Units" (EMERGENCY)
H.P. 150 L.D. 218

Bill "An Act To Ensure That Schoolchildren with Dyslexia Receive the Assistance Needed"
H.P. 163 L.D. 231

Bill "An Act To Amend the School Funding Formula"
H.P. 172 L.D. 240

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

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

Bill "An Act To Address Recommendations from the Report by the Office of Program Evaluation and Government Accountability Regarding the Public Utilities Commission"
H.P. 169 L.D. 237

Come from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator **WOODSOME** of York, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Protect a Child from Misuse of Identity"
H.P. 151 L.D. 219

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

Senator **BRAKEY** of Androscoggin moved to **REFER** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**, in concurrence.

On motion by Senator **MASON** of Androscoggin, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending the motion by Senator **BRAKEY** of Androscoggin to **REFER** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Allow Hunters To Wear Hunter Pink Instead of Hunter Orange in October in Recognition of Breast Cancer Awareness Month"
H.P. 174 L.D. 242

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

On motion by Senator **DAVIS** of Piscataquis, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Require Proper Notification of Life Insurance Cancellation"

H.P. 152 L.D. 220

Bill "An Act To Restore Consumer Rate Review for Health Insurance Plans in the Individual Market"

H.P. 175 L.D. 243

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

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

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Regarding Service Animal Housing Accommodations"

H.P. 153 L.D. 221

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

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

Bill "An Act To Provide Flexibility to the Application of the State Prevailing Wage and Benefit Rates"

H.P. 180 L.D. 248

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

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

Bill "An Act To Reduce Commercial Shellfish License Fees for Persons under 18 Years of Age"

H.P. 154 L.D. 222

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

On motion by Senator **BAKER** of Sagadahoc, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **MARINE RESOURCES** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Limit the Information Required To Be Printed on Municipal Referenda Ballots"

H.P. 156 L.D. 224

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

Senator **WILLETTE** of Aroostook moved to **REFER** to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT**, in concurrence.

On motion by Senator **MASON** of Androscoggin, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending the motion by Senator **WILLETTE** of Aroostook to **REFER** to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT**, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Rename B Stream in Houlton as Captain Ambrose Bear Stream"

H.P. 177 L.D. 245

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

Senator **WILLETTE** of Aroostook moved to **REFER** to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT**, in concurrence.

On motion by Senator **MASON** of Androscoggin, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending the motion by Senator **WILLETTE** of Aroostook to **REFER** to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT**, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Promote Efficiency in Food Pantry Operation"

H.P. 158 L.D. 226

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

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

Bill "An Act To Extend the Period of Time for Persons Who Purchase Special Fuel and Gasoline for Off-highway Use To Apply for the Special Fuel and Gasoline Tax Refunds"

H.P. 170 L.D. 238

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

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

Bill "An Act To Eliminate Outdated Provisions of the Laws Governing the Maine Turnpike Authority"

H.P. 155 L.D. 223

Bill "An Act To Remove Barriers to Job Opportunities for Young Truck Drivers"

H.P. 159 L.D. 227

Bill "An Act To Make Allocations from Maine Turnpike Authority Funds for the Maine Turnpike Authority for the Calendar Year Ending December 31, 2016"

H.P. 160 L.D. 228

Bill "An Act To Prohibit the Handling of a Mobile Telephone While Operating a Motor Vehicle"

H.P. 178 L.D. 246

Bill "An Act To Create Corridor Districts for the Purpose of Funding Transportation and Transit Services"

H.P. 179 L.D. 247

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

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

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Collection of Signatures for Referenda"

H.P. 157 L.D. 225

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

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

All matters thus acted upon were ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

Senate at Ease.

Senate called to order by the President.

At this point, the Senate retired to the Hall of the House, where a Joint Convention was formed.

After Convention

In Senate Chamber

Senate called to order by the President

Off Record Remarks

On motion by Senator **MASON** of Androscoggin, **ADJOURNED** to Thursday, February 5, 2015, at 10:00 in the morning.