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ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE
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JOURNAL OF THE SENATE

In Senate Chamber
Tuesday
February 24, 2015

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

Prayer by Pastor John Robbins, Hope Haven Gospel Mission in
Lewiston.

PASTOR ROBBINS: Good morning and thank you. I appreciate the invitation by the Senate, as well as the invitation through the President and his office. I appreciate the continuance of this practice in most of Maine's history since its founding. My dilemma in the invitation was, number one, trying to aspire those who already are inspired enough to do what you folks do. The other part of the dilemma was brevity, because Baptist preachers aren't known for it. That's just the way it is. I realize that and, from what I understand this morning, that's been demonstrated by some. I'll get to the point. Our State constitutional preamble, in an effort to remain non-sectarian, is quoted to say, in part, "the goodness of the sovereign ruler of the universe and beyond that to enlist His aid and direction." Let me suggest and encourage this Body to emulate the character of our Sovereign and Ruler, God, if I may, as His hand was publically recognized. Let me briefly and humbly present that while His sovereignty is unbroken throughout time, He also continues to allow men free course to choose and to live as they may determine. That's not inconsistent with His purpose. Even with regard to His greatest provision for His creation and that is salvation through our Lord, Jesus Christ, by faith, He doesn't force any individual into that position. It's an individual choice. God, himself, doesn't force anyone to do, but rather, while He's sovereign in the affairs of men, he doesn't micromanage any one particular person or group. Freedom, therefore, is of choice and action and it's left to each individual on their own. I believe this to be the heart and substance of what our founding father, Mr. Jefferson, declared in right to liberty as the unobstructed action according to our will within the limits drawn around us by the equal rights of others. In Section 3 of Article 1, as it applies to religious freedom and of our Constitution in particular, very clearly it's presented the same principle of general freedom. I would urge this portion of the collective Body of Maine government to conscientiously and purposefully determine to examine each issue brought to the floor for its merit, based on our State's Constitution, to see if it falls within its confines, to consider any legislative action and how it impacts the principles of rightful liberty and, finally, if there is any violation of progression beyond the threshold of oversight by our sovereign God. In short, I would ask you, I beg you, not as a clergyman, not as a constituent, but as an individual citizen of Maine, to consider any legislative action in light of the Constitution and the moral boundary and, specifically, within the extend of rightful liberty. I urge you not to legislate, because that's what you're supposed to do, but rather that you would make your goal the representation of the citizenry of Maine within the standards

set in our governing documents and by those standards only. In closing, it's this citizen's view that that is job one of any legislative Body, from the lowest local to the national level, and that we are to aim to protect, maintain, and enhance individual and rightful liberty and not to become overreaching legislative overlords. Would you bow with me for just a minute.

Father, we're grateful today for You bringing this group and bringing them into this place to have leadership over Maine. Father, we ask that You would give them that wisdom and the ability, keeping in mind Your principle of allowing the freedom of man to make choice. We're grateful and we ask You to guide and direct today in His name. Amen.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Senator Ronald F. Collins of York
County.

Reading of the Journal of Thursday, February 12, 2015.

Doctor of the day, James Hildebrand, MD of Orono.

Off Record Remarks

Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, on motion by Senator **CUSHING** of Penobscot, under unanimous consent on behalf of Senator **MASON** of Androscoggin, the following Senate Order:

S.O. 20

Ordered, that a message be sent to the House of Representatives proposing a Convention of the two branches of the Legislature be held at 10:45 this morning in the Hall of the House for the purpose of welcoming the Honorable Leigh Ingalls Saufley, Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court, the Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court, and members of the Judiciary, and request the Chief Justice make such communication as pleases her.

READ and PASSED.

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

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

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

Joint Resolution

The following Joint Resolution:

H.P. 280

**JOINT RESOLUTION
RECOGNIZING FEBRUARY 11, 2015
AS MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS AWARENESS DAY IN MAINE**

WHEREAS, multiple sclerosis is a chronic, often disabling disease of the central nervous system, for which there is no cure at present, that typically is diagnosed in people between 20 years and 50 years of age and affects women 3 times more often than it does men; and

WHEREAS, multiple sclerosis distorts and interrupts the signal between the brain and the body; and

WHEREAS, multiple sclerosis affects 400,000 people nationwide, including 8,000 to 10,000 children and teens, and over 3,000 individuals in Maine have the disease, nearly one in 400 citizens, which is one of the highest per capita rates in the nation; and

WHEREAS, the National Multiple Sclerosis Society is a driving force of multiple sclerosis research, pursuing prevention, treatment and cure, and the Greater New England Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society educates, supports and advocates for people with multiple sclerosis and their families to help them maintain the highest possible quality of life; and

WHEREAS, the Greater New England Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society encourages individuals with multiple sclerosis and their families, health professionals and other concerned citizens to join the movement to advocate for policy change in the priority areas of high-quality health care, health care coverage, long-term care and disability rights; 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 declare that February 11, 2015 is designated as Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Day in Maine; and be it further

RESOLVED: That a suitable copy of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the Greater New England Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

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

READ and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: S.C. 76

**STATE OF MAINE
SUPREME JUDICIAL COURT**

February 12, 2015

The Honorable Michael D. Thibodeau
President of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333-0003

The Honorable Mark W. Eves
Speaker of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333-0002

Dear President Thibodeau and Speaker Eves:

I am pleased to accept your invitation to address a Joint Session of the 127th Maine Legislature on Tuesday, February 24, 2015, at 11:00 a.m. I appreciate the courtesy of the Legislative Branch of government in inviting me to address the cause of justice in Maine.

I look forward to seeing you on February 24, 2015.

Sincerely,

S/Leigh I Saufley
Chief Justice

READ and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**.

The Following Communication: S.C. 77

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

February 20, 2015

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

Dear President Thibodeau,

This is to inform you that I am today nominating Brian Whitney of Augusta for the appointment as the Maine Technology Institute Director.

Pursuant to Title 5, MRSA §15310, this appointment is contingent on the Maine Senate confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development.

Sincerely,

S/Paul R. LePage
Governor

READ and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**.

The Following Communication: S.C. 78

**STATE OF MAINE
127TH LEGISLATURE**

February 10, 2015

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

Dear Secretary Priest,

Pursuant to our authority under Title 12, MRSA, Chapter 419, §4652, we are pleased to appoint Senator Brian D. Langley of Hancock to the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission.

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

Sincerely,

S/Michael D. Thibodeau S/Mark W. Eves
President of the Senate Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 79

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

February 10, 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, MRSA, Chapter 319, Section 3371, I am pleased to appoint the following Senators to the Maine Fire Protection Services Commission:

Senator Scott W. Cyrway of Kennebec
Senator David E. Dutremble of York

If you have any questions regarding these appointments please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,

S/Michael D. Thibodeau
President of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 80

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

February 10, 2015

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

Dear Secretary Priest;

Pursuant to my authority under Title 22, Chapter 1058, §3883 of the Maine Revised Statutes, I have reappointed Representative Drew Gattine of Westbrook to the board of Maine Children's Trust Incorporated, effective immediately.

If 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. 81

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

February 10, 2015

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

Dear Secretary Priest;

Pursuant to my authority under Title 20-A MRSA, Chapter 426, § 12304, I am pleased to appoint the following individuals to the Advisory Committee on Dental Education:

Rep. Anne-Marie Mastraccio of Sanford
Dr. Demitroula Kouzounas of Saco
Rita Fournier of Lewiston

Please contact my office if you have any questions regarding these appointments.

Sincerely,

S/Mark W. Eves
Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 82

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

February 12, 2015

The Honorable Heather Priest
Secretary of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Secretary Priest:

Pursuant to my authority under Title 3 MRSA, Chapter 10 § 227, I have reappointed the following individuals to the Maine-Canadian Legislative Advisory Commission:

Rep. Kenneth Fredette of Newport
Rep. Mark Dion of Portland
Tim Walton of Fayette

If you have any questions regarding these appointments, 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. 83

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

February 17, 2015

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

Dear Secretary Priest;

Pursuant to my authority under Title 1, MRSA, Chapter 13, § 411(2)(B), I am pleased to appoint the following individuals to the Right to Know Advisory Committee:

Rep. Kim Monaghan of Cape Elizabeth
Hon. Helen Rankin of Hiram

If you have any questions regarding these appointments, 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. 84

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

February 17, 2015

The Honorable Heather Priest
Secretary of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Secretary Priest:

Pursuant to my authority under Title 5, MRSA, Chapter 501, §19202, I have appointed Representative Christine Burstein of Lincolnville to the Maine HIV Advisory Committee.

If 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. 85

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

February 12, 2015

Honorable Michael D. Thibodeau, President of the Senate
Honorable Mark W. Eves, Speaker of the House
127th Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Thibodeau and Speaker Eves:

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that we have approved the request by the bill sponsor Rep. Chipman of Portland, to report the following bill Leave to Withdraw:

L.D. 151 An Act To Protect Public Health in the Maine
Community College System

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Brian D. Langley
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Victoria P. Kornfield
House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 86

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

February 12, 2015

Honorable Michael D. Thibodeau, President of the Senate
Honorable Mark W. Eves, Speaker of the House
127th Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Thibodeau and Speaker Eves:

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs has voted unanimously to report the following bill out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 65 An Act To Apply Equally a Curtailment or Other
Loss in General Purpose Aid to Education

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

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Brian D. Langley
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Victoria P. Kornfield
House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 87

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

February 12, 2015

Honorable Michael D. Thibodeau, President of the Senate
Honorable Mark W. Eves, Speaker of the House
127th Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Thibodeau and Speaker Eves:

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that the Joint Standing Committee on Taxation has voted unanimously to report the following bill out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 29 An Act To Establish a Local Option Real Estate
Transfer Tax

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

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Earle L. McCormick
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Adam A. Goode
House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 88

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

February 10, 2015

Honorable Michael D. Thibodeau, President of the Senate
Honorable Mark W. Eves, Speaker of the House
127th Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Thibodeau and Speaker Eves:

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs has voted unanimously to report the following bill out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 15 An Act To Increase Transparency in Campaign
Funding in Legislative Elections

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

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Scott W. Cyrway
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Louis J. Luchini
House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 89

**TOWN OF SCARBOROUGH, MAINE
US ROUTE ONE, PO BOX 360
SCARBOROUGH, MAINE 04070-0360**

February 18, 2015

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

Dear Secretary Priest:

At the Scarborough Town Council meeting held on Wednesday, February 18, 2015, the Town Council unanimously voted in support Resolution 15-001 urging the Maine State Legislature to craft a Biennial State Budget that prevents a significant increase in property taxes.

Enclosed please find Resolution 15-001, signed by the Chairman of the Scarborough Town Council and attested by the Town Clerk. This Resolution is respectfully being submitted to the Maine Senate on behalf of the Scarborough Town Council, the Town Manager and most importantly, the residents of the Town of Scarborough.

Sincerely,

S/Yolande P. Justice
Town Clerk

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

Senate at Ease.

Senate called to order by the President.

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 10:45 this morning for the purpose of welcoming the Honorable Leigh Ingalls Saufley, Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court, the Justices

of the Supreme Judicial Court, and members of the Judiciary, and request the Chief Justice make such communication as pleases her.

Off Record Remarks

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

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, the Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later Assigned (2/3/15) matter:

JOINT ORDER - Expression of Legislative Sentiment
Recognizing Genie O'Brien of Portland
SLS 80

Tabled - February 3, 2015, by Senator **ALFOND** of Cumberland

Pending - motion by same Senator to **PASS**

(In Senate, February 3, 2015, **READ.**)

At the request of Senator **ALFOND** of Cumberland, **READ.**

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

Senator **ALFOND:** Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, let's go back in time. It's 1980. Jimmy Carter is our President, Ted Turner launches CNN and the U.S. breaks diplomatic ties with Iran. Also in 1980, in Portland, Maine, Genie O'Brien starts a focus school in classic ballet. Yes, in 1980, 35 years ago, in the small community of Portland, Ms. O'Brien opens the doors to follow her dreams to teach dance. Today, 35 years later, this small, little school is now a dance company and a professional ballet that has 15 professional dancers and 130 students enrolled. Let me just stop there and highlight a few amazing things. For a small city like Portland, to have a company of professional dancers who have been recruited from all around the country to live and work in the arts is very unique. This distinction is usually only for the biggest cities of our country. Secondly, the Portland Ballet also presents their own original work by resident choreographers. Finally, her students. Her students, they have danced on the biggest stages all over this country. Many of you might be asking yourself, "How has Genie done all of this?" First, it's about her leadership, her vision, and her commitment to dance, or, as a fellow creative director said in Portland, "Genie's longevity and success are due to her entrenchment in the community. She knows who to call to get things done and," hear this, "isn't shy about asking them to get involved." Some of you might be stuck at the first amazing stat of 35 years of leading. Here's what another arts director said about Genie, "Just realizing that she has been doing this for 35 years,

with what appears to be an unwavering dedication not only to dance but to the arts in this community, is just astounding. I don't know how people have it in them to do it for so long and with such integrity. It's exhausting work." What has not been mentioned is Genie's vision of giving area high school students, who are passionate in dance, the ability to earn high school credits through the Portland Ballet Corps Program. I could go on and on and, truly, Genie is worth every accolade, but I will end by sharing just how proud I am to recognize Genie for all she has done for dance, for the arts and cultural scene in Portland, for her students and professional troupe, and for the thousands of audience members who are treated to the finest performances in northern New England. Thank you, Mr. President.

PASSED.

Sent down for concurrence.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair is pleased to recognize in the rear of the Chamber Genie O'Brien of Portland. Would she please rise and accept the greetings of the Senate.

SENATE PAPERS

Bill "An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Invest in Maine's Rail Infrastructure and Expand Passenger Rail Service"
S.P. 167 L.D. 438

Presented by Senator LIBBY of Androscoggin.
Cosponsored by Representative ROTUNDO of Lewiston and Senators: DIAMOND of Cumberland, GERZOFKY of Cumberland, ROSEN of Hancock, VOLK of Cumberland, Representatives: BICKFORD of Auburn, BROOKS of Lewiston, GOLDEN of Lewiston, MELARAGNO of Auburn.

Bill "An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Upgrade and Replace Infrastructure of the Maine Public Broadcasting Corporation"

S.P. 182 L.D. 453

Presented by Senator KATZ of Kennebec.
Cosponsored by Representative POULIOT of Augusta and Senator: LANGLEY of Hancock, Representative: BATES of Westbrook.

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 Strengthen the Laws Prohibiting Stalking"
S.P. 160 L.D. 431

Presented by Senator BURNS of Washington.
Cosponsored by Representative TIMMONS of Cumberland and Senators: COLLINS of York, CYRWAY of Kennebec, DAVIS of Piscataquis, HAMPER of Oxford, WHITTEMORE of Somerset, Representatives: LOCKMAN of Amherst, LONG of Sherman, NADEAU of Winslow.

Bill "An Act To Create a Secure, Therapeutic Mental Health Unit"
S.P. 169 L.D. 440

Presented by Senator GERZOFKY of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative DION of Portland and Senators: BURNS of Washington, DIAMOND of Cumberland, HASKELL of Cumberland, KATZ of Kennebec, ROSEN of Hancock, Representatives: GATTINE of Westbrook, LONG of Sherman, TUCKER of Brunswick.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Amend the Powers and Duties of the State Board of Education"

S.P. 157 L.D. 428

Presented by Senator LANGLEY of Hancock.
Cosponsored by Representative KORNFIELD of Bangor and Senator: MILLETT of Cumberland, Representatives: DAUGHTRY of Brunswick, HUBBELL of Bar Harbor, MAKER of Calais, TIPPING-SPITZ of Orono.

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Local Share of Education Costs" (EMERGENCY)

S.P. 170 L.D. 441

Presented by Senator LIBBY of Androscoggin.
Cosponsored by Representative POULIOT of Augusta and Senator: MILLETT of Cumberland, Representatives: BROOKS of Lewiston, GOLDEN of Lewiston, LAJOIE of Lewiston, ROTUNDO of Lewiston, STEARNS of Guilford.

Bill "An Act To Enact the Student Information Privacy Act"
S.P. 183 L.D. 454

Presented by Senator KATZ of Kennebec.
Cosponsored by Representative POULIOT of Augusta and Senators: LANGLEY of Hancock, MILLETT of Cumberland, Representatives: BATES of Westbrook, HUBBELL of Bar Harbor, MAKER of Calais.

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 Assist Municipalities To Obtain Payment of Overdue Sewer Bills"

S.P. 159 L.D. 430

Presented by Senator BURNS of Washington.
Cosponsored by Representative MAKER of Calais and Senators: COLLINS of York, DAVIS of Piscataquis, KATZ of Kennebec, LANGLEY of Hancock, ROSEN of Hancock, WHITEMORE of Somerset, Representatives: MONAGHAN of Cape Elizabeth, TUELL of East Machias.

Bill "An Act To Change the Name of the Public Utilities Commission's Consumer Assistance Division"

S.P. 175 L.D. 446

Presented by Senator WOODSOME of York.
Cosponsored by Representative DION of Portland.
Submitted by the Public Utilities Commission pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

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 Regarding the Use of Remote-access Technology at Public Meetings of the Public Utilities Commission"

S.P. 177 L.D. 448

Presented by Senator WOODSOME of York.
Cosponsored by Representative DION of Portland.
Submitted by the Public Utilities Commission pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** suggested and ordered printed.

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

Bill "An Act To Clarify Municipal Capacity for Site Location of Development and Encourage Local Development"

S.P. 171 L.D. 442

Presented by Senator VOLK of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Senators: CUSHING of Penobscot, GERZOSKY of Cumberland, LIBBY of Androscoggin, MILLETT of Cumberland, Representatives: SIROCKI of Scarborough, VACHON of Scarborough.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Clarify the Liability of Funeral Practitioners"

S.P. 162 L.D. 433

Presented by Senator CUSHING of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Representative BLACK of Wilton and Senators: BAKER of Sagadahoc, HAMPER of Oxford, LANGLEY of Hancock, MASON of Androscoggin, Representatives: DION of Portland, NUTTING of Oakland.

Bill "An Act To Require Providers of Short-term Lodging To Be Licensed by the State"

S.P. 165 L.D. 436

Presented by Senator PATRICK of Oxford.
Cosponsored by Representative PETERSON of Rumford and Representatives: MALABY of Hancock, MORRISON of South Portland.

Bill "An Act To Require a Work Search for Job-ready Applicants for Benefits under the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program"

S.P. 181 L.D. 452

Presented by Senator KATZ of Kennebec.
Cosponsored by Representative MALABY of Hancock and Senator: LANGLEY of Hancock, Representatives: MAREAN of Hollis, POULIOT of Augusta, SANDERSON of Chelsea.

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 Regarding the Payment of Commissions by Car Rental Companies"

S.P. 178 L.D. 449

Presented by Senator WHITEMORE of Somerset.
Cosponsored by Representative PICCHIOTTI of Fairfield and Senators: BURNS of Washington, COLLINS of York, KATZ of Kennebec, VOLK of Cumberland, Representatives: PRESCOTT of Waterboro, STETKIS of Canaan, WALLACE of Dexter.

Bill "An Act To Prohibit Deceptive Practices Regarding Unsolicited Loans"

S.P. 184 L.D. 455

Presented by Senator VALENTINO of York.
Cosponsored by Representative JORGENSEN of Portland and Representatives: GRANT of Gardiner, MARTIN of Eagle Lake, ROTUNDO of Lewiston.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Promote Equity in the Joint and Several Liability Law in Maine"

S.P. 163 L.D. 434

Presented by Senator CUSHING of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Representative GUERIN of Glenburn and
Senators: DILL of Penobscot, MASON of Androscoggin,
Representatives: HANINGTON of Lincoln, LOCKMAN of
Amherst, LONG of Sherman, THERIAULT of China, WARD of
Dedham.

Bill "An Act To Improve Disclosure Procedures"

S.P. 180 L.D. 451

Presented by Senator KATZ of Kennebec.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Modify the Disbursement from the Maine
Economic Improvement Fund"

S.P. 158 L.D. 429

Presented by Senator BURNS of Washington.
Cosponsored by Representative ALLEY of Beals and Senators:
COLLINS of York, GERZOFKY of Cumberland,
Representatives: DANA of the Passamaquoddy Tribe, LOCKMAN
of Amherst, MAKER of Calais, TUELL of East Machias, TURNER
of Burlington.

Bill "An Act To Help Stabilize Homeless Shelters in Maine"

S.P. 172 L.D. 443

Presented by Senator ALFOND of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative MARTIN of Eagle Lake and
Senators: GERZOFKY of Cumberland, GRATWICK of
Penobscot, JOHNSON of Lincoln, KATZ of Kennebec, LIBBY of
Androscoggin, MIRAMANT of Knox, PATRICK of Oxford, ROSEN
of Hancock.

Bill "An Act Regarding the Sick Days of an Employee Who Is
Terminated While on Sick Leave"

S.P. 174 L.D. 445

Presented by Senator WOODSOME of York.

Bill "An Act To Repeal Outdated Statutory Sections Relating to
Regional Ride Share Programs"

S.P. 176 L.D. 447

Presented by Senator WOODSOME of York.
Cosponsored by Representative DION of Portland.

Submitted by the Public Utilities Commission pursuant to Joint
Rule 204.

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 Extend the Protection of Municipal Shellfish
Conservation Programs" (EMERGENCY)

S.P. 164 L.D. 435

Presented by Senator GERZOFKY of Cumberland.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Regarding the Fund for the
Efficient Delivery of Local and Regional Services"

S.P. 179 L.D. 450

Presented by Senator KATZ of Kennebec.
Cosponsored by Senators: LANGLEY of Hancock, LIBBY of
Androscoggin, SAVIELLO of Franklin, WHITTEMORE of
Somerset, Representatives: DEVIN of Newcastle, MAREAN of
Hollis, PICCHIOTTI of Fairfield.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Exempt Fuel Purchased for Off-road Use in
Commercial Construction and Wood Harvesting Equipment from
Sales and Use Tax"

S.P. 161 L.D. 432

Presented by Senator BURNS of Washington.
Cosponsored by Representative CAMPBELL of Orrington and
Senators: DAVIS of Piscataquis, ROSEN of Hancock,
WHITTEMORE of Somerset, Representatives: GUERIN of
Glenburn, MAKER of Calais, MOONEN of Portland, SHORT of
Pittsfield, TUELL of East Machias.

Bill "An Act To Allow a Motor Vehicle Excise Tax Credit for a Vehicle No Longer in Use"

S.P. 173 L.D. 444

Presented by President THIBODEAU of Waldo.
Cosponsored by Representative GILLWAY of Searsport and
Senators: COLLINS of York, CUSHING of Penobscot, HAMPER
of Oxford, HASKELL of Cumberland, McCORMICK of Kennebec,
WHITTEMORE of Somerset, Representatives: GOODE of
Bangor, TIMBERLAKE of Turner.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Ensure the Responsibility of the Department of
Transportation for a Portion of U.S. Route 1 in York and for the
U.S. Route 1 Bypass in Kittery"

S.P. 166 L.D. 437

Presented by Senator HILL of York.
Cosponsored by Speaker EVES of North Berwick and
Representatives: BLUME of York, HYMANSON of York,
RYKERSON of Kittery.

Bill "An Act To Prohibit Excessive Idling of Passenger Trains"
S.P. 168 L.D. 439

Presented by Senator GERZOFISKY of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative DION of Portland and Senators:
COLLINS of York, DIAMOND of Cumberland, GRATWICK of
Penobscot, LIBBY of Androscoggin, MASON of Androscoggin,
MIRAMANT of Knox.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

ORDERS

Joint Order

On motion by Senator LANGLEY of Hancock, the following Joint
Order:

S.P. 185

ORDERED, the House concurring, that the Joint Standing
Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs shall report out, to
the Senate, a bill related to governance structures of Maine's
public higher education.

READ.

On motion by Senator ALFOND of Cumberland, TABLED until
Later in Today's Session, pending PASSAGE.

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Senate

Ought to Pass

Senator LANGLEY for the Committee on EDUCATION AND
CULTURAL AFFAIRS on Resolve, Directing the Department of
Education To Amend the School Emergency Drill Rules
S.P. 34 L.D. 97

Reported that the same Ought to Pass.

Report READ and ACCEPTED.

READ ONCE.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE
DAY.

Senator SAVIELLO for the Committee on ENVIRONMENT AND
NATURAL RESOURCES on Bill "An Act To Prohibit Synthetic
Plastic Microbeads in Personal Care Products and Over-the-
counter Drugs"

S.P. 33 L.D. 85

Reported that the same Ought to Pass.

Report READ and ACCEPTED.

READ ONCE.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE
DAY.

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

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Unfinished Business

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

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later Assigned (1/29/15) matter:

Bill "An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Encourage Access to Workforce Training and Job Creation"
S.P. 69 L.D. 194

Tabled - January 29, 2015, by Senator **HAMPER** of Oxford

Pending - **REFERENCE**

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

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

Sent down for concurrence.

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

Senate at Ease.

Senate called to order by the President.

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

ORDERS

Joint Resolution

On motion by Senator **DILL** of Penobscot (Cosponsored by Representative **TIPPING-SPITZ** of Orono and Senators: **ALFOND** of Cumberland, **BREEN** of Cumberland, **GRATWICK** of Penobscot, **HASKELL** of Cumberland, **HILL** of York, **JOHNSON** of Lincoln, **LANGLEY** of Hancock, **LIBBY** of Androscoggin, **MILLETT** of Cumberland, President **THIBODEAU** of Waldo, **VALENTINO** of York, Representatives: **ALLEY** of Beals, **BATES** of Westbrook, **DUCHESNE** of Hudson, **DUNPHY** of Old Town, Speaker **EVES** of North Berwick, **GOODE** of Bangor, **KORNFIELD** of Bangor, **SCHNECK** of Bangor), the following Joint Resolution:

S.P. 189

JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE UNIVERSITY OF MAINE

WHEREAS, the University of Maine, now celebrating the 150th anniversary of its founding, was established in 1865 as the Maine College of Agriculture and the Mechanic Arts under the provisions of the Morrill Act of 1862, and opened on September 21, 1868 with 12 students and 2 faculty members; and

WHEREAS, in 1897 the original name of the land-grant school was changed to the University of Maine, and through the years the curricula expanded with the establishment of the School of Education in 1930 and the School of Business Administration in 1958 and the conferring of the first master's degree in 1881 and the first doctorate in 1960; and

WHEREAS, in 1980 the Federal Government designated the University of Maine as a Sea Grant college under a program conducted with the University of New Hampshire, and in 2004 the University of Maine received that designation for its own program; and

WHEREAS, the University of Maine has a statewide mission of teaching, research and public service as well as educating the leaders of the future, helping to drive Maine's economic development, conducting internationally recognized research and providing outreach to every county in the State; and

WHEREAS, for 150 years, the University of Maine has had a major leadership role in the State, serving as an educational and cultural center in Maine, with a world-class faculty and with more than 105,000 alumni around the world; 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 the University of Maine Day at the State House and to send our congratulations to the University of Maine community on its 150th anniversary and on the University of Maine's service and contributions to the State of Maine; and be it further

RESOLVED: That suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the President of the University of Maine on behalf of the grateful citizens of the State.

READ.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Penobscot, Senator Dill.

Senator **DILL:** Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, I would just like to add that it's actually 150 years to the day that the law was passed here in the State of Maine establishing the land-grant university, the University of Maine. It has become, as we know, the flagship of the University of Maine System and, as I said, the only thing I would add is that it is the land-grant university for the System, which I think is an important distinction for us to know, that is that we have research, outreach, and academic responsibilities to the citizens of the State of Maine. Thank you.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Hancock, Senator Langley.

Senator **LANGLEY**: Thank you, Mr. President. I, too, would like to add my congratulations with the good Senator from Penobscot. I'd pose a question through the Chair, if I might?

THE PRESIDENT: The Senator may pose his question.

Senator **LANGLEY**: Thank you, Mr. President. By a show of hands, I'd like to see how many members of this august Body are University of Maine alum. Awesome. Thank you much.

On motion by Senator **DILL** of Penobscot, **ADOPTED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

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

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

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

House Papers

Bill "An Act To Include Nonalcoholic Malt Beverages in the List of Exempt Products in the Law Regarding the Labeling of Genetically Engineered Products"

H.P. 295 L.D. 456

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

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

Bill "An Act To Redistribute the Agricultural Fair Support Fund" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 296 L.D. 457

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

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

Bill "An Act To Protect the Environment from Fireworks Debris" H.P. 298 L.D. 459

Bill "An Act To Restore Liability Insurance Requirements for Amusement Rides and Other Public Exhibitions" (EMERGENCY) H.P. 299 L.D. 460

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 Change the Notification Deadline for the Nonrenewal of a Teacher's Contract"

H.P. 300 L.D. 461

Bill "An Act To Clarify Rulemaking for Transportation of Public School Students"

H.P. 301 L.D. 462

Bill "An Act Regarding Eligibility of Children Placed in Guardianship for the School Lunch and Milk Program"

H.P. 302 L.D. 463

Bill "An Act To Improve Science and Engineering Education for Maine's Students"

H.P. 303 L.D. 464

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 Eliminate the Broadband Sustainability Fee" H.P. 304 L.D. 465

Bill "An Act To Increase Competition and Ensure a Robust Information and Telecommunications Market"

H.P. 305 L.D. 466

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 Change the Borders of the Saco River Corridor" H.P. 306 L.D. 467

Bill "An Act To Prohibit the Use of Certain Disposable or Polystyrene Food Service Containers"

H.P. 307 L.D. 468

Come 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 the Disposal of Unused Medications"
H.P. 308 L.D. 469

Bill "An Act To Allow Children's Residential Care Facilities To Ensure the Safety of Their Residents"
H.P. 309 L.D. 470

Bill "An Act To Establish Meals on Wheels as a Service Covered under the MaineCare Program"
H.P. 311 L.D. 472

Bill "An Act To Improve Access to Dental Care in Maine"
H.P. 313 L.D. 474

Resolve, To Increase MaineCare Services for Certain Recipients To Allow Them To Remain at Home (EMERGENCY)
H.P. 314 L.D. 475

Bill "An Act To Require Pharmacies To Provide Disposal Receptacles for Used Hypodermic Apparatuses"
H.P. 315 L.D. 476

Resolve, To Increase Funding To Support Peer Centers
H.P. 316 L.D. 477

Bill "An Act To Require That Death Certificates Be Signed Using an Electronic Signature System"
H.P. 317 L.D. 478

Resolve, To Reconcile Conflicts between the Home and Community-based Waiver Program for the Elderly and Adults with Disabilities and the Requirements of the Department of Health and Human Services and the Department of Public Safety (EMERGENCY)
H.P. 356 L.D. 517

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 Improve Childhood Vaccination Rates in Maine"
H.P. 310 L.D. 471

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

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

Resolve, Directing the Department of Education and the Department of Health and Human Services To Jointly Adopt Rules To Protect Children's Health
H.P. 312 L.D. 473

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

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

Bill "An Act To Allow Hunting on Sunday with the Landowner's Written Consent"
H.P. 318 L.D. 479

Comes 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 Allow Condominium and Homeowners Associations To Establish Swim Areas"
H.P. 319 L.D. 480

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

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

Bill "An Act To Amend the Eligibility Requirements for the Rural Medical Access Program"
H.P. 320 L.D. 481

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

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

Bill "An Act To Prohibit Flying over Land with Drones without Written Permission from the Landowner"
H.P. 321 L.D. 482

Bill "An Act To Clarify the Protections of Court Appointed Special Advocate Workers under State Law"
H.P. 352 L.D. 513

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 Regarding the Confidentiality of Railroad Carrier Cargo"

H.P. 323 L.D. 484

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

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

Bill "An Act To Require Adequate Rest Breaks for Employees"

H.P. 325 L.D. 486

Bill "An Act To Provide for an Increase in the Minimum Wage"

H.P. 326 L.D. 487

Bill "An Act To Expand the Scope of Practice for Denturists"

H.P. 327 L.D. 488

Bill "An Act To Ensure the Right To Work without Payment of Dues or Fees to a Labor Union as a Condition of Employment"

H.P. 328 L.D. 489

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 Extend the Legal Hours for Harvesting Lobsters"

H.P. 329 L.D. 490

Bill "An Act To Lower from 70 to 65 the Age at Which a Person May Obtain a Lobster and Crab Fishing License for a Reduced Fee"

H.P. 330 L.D. 491

Bill "An Act To Expand Eligibility for Lobster and Crab Fishing Licenses for Veterans" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 331 L.D. 492

Bill "An Act To Create the Ocean Acidification Council"

H.P. 332 L.D. 493

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 Regarding the Maintenance of Easements"

H.P. 333 L.D. 494

Bill "An Act To Make Minor Nonsubstantive Changes to the Laws Affecting the Office of the State Auditor"

H.P. 334 L.D. 495

Resolve, To Transfer Certain State-owned Property to the Town of East Millinocket

H.P. 335 L.D. 496

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

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

Bill "An Act To Provide a Sales Tax Rebate for Certain Organizations Providing Services to Disabled Veterans"

H.P. 336 L.D. 497

Bill "An Act To Restore the Super Credit for Substantially Increased Research and Development"

H.P. 337 L.D. 498

Bill "An Act To Create Jobs in the Forest Products Industry"

H.P. 338 L.D. 499

Bill "An Act To Support Municipal Volunteers"

H.P. 339 L.D. 500

Bill "An Act To Amend the Estate Tax Laws"

H.P. 340 L.D. 501

Bill "An Act To Repeal the Service Provider Tax on Private Nonmedical Institutions and To Offset That Revenue Loss"

H.P. 341 L.D. 502

Bill "An Act To Provide Local Sales Tax Increment Disbursements"

H.P. 342 L.D. 503

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Location of Motor Vehicle Excise Tax Collection for Motor Vehicles Owned by Public Utilities"

H.P. 353 L.D. 514

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 Increase the Funding Level of the Local Road Assistance Program" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 344 L.D. 505

Bill "An Act To Improve Public-private Transportation Partnerships"

H.P. 345 L.D. 506

Bill "An Act To Amend the Law Regarding Commercial Learner's Permits" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 354 L.D. 515

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 Allow Primary Petition Signature Requirements To Be Proportional with Party Enrollment"

H.P. 346 L.D. 507

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Number of Agency Liquor Stores Allowed in a Municipality"

H.P. 347 L.D. 508

Bill "An Act To Facilitate the Timely Return of Requested Absentee Ballots"

H.P. 348 L.D. 509

Bill "An Act To Increase the Number of Container Options for Breweries"

H.P. 349 L.D. 510

Bill "An Act To Permit a Licensed Sales Representative To Provide Spirits at an Approved Tasting Event"

H.P. 350 L.D. 511

Bill "An Act Regarding Gaming" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 355 L.D. 516

Come 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.

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 Implement Certain Recommendations of the Criminal Law Advisory Commission Relative to the Maine Criminal Code" H.P. 351 L.D. 512

Be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **REFERRED** to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

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

On motion by Senator **ROSEN** of Hancock, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218, in concurrence.

Off Record Remarks

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

On motion by Senator **CUSHING** of Penobscot, **ADJOURNED** to Thursday, February 26, 2015, at 10:00 in the morning.