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In Senate Chamber
Tuesday
March 3, 2015

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

Prayer by Senator Anne M. Haskell of Cumberland County.

SENATOR HASKELL: May we be in a spirit of prayer. Loving
Heavenly Father, we come to You this hour asking for Your
blessing and Your help as we gather together. We pray for
guidance in the matters at hand and ask that You show us how to
conduct our work with a spirit of joy and enthusiasm. Give us the
desire to find ways to excel in our work. Help us to work together
and encourage each other to excel in our efforts for the people of
the State of Maine. We ask this in Your name with humility and
thanks for Your presence among us today. Amen.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Senator Linda L. Baker of Sagadahoc
County.

Reading of the Journal of Thursday, February 26, 2015.

Doctor of the day, Senator Geoffrey M. Gratwick, MD of
Penobscot County.

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. 21

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 James Page, Chancellor of
the University of Maine System, the Honorable Derek
Langhauser, Interim President of the Maine Community College
System and the Honorable Dr. William J. Brennan, President of
the Maine Maritime Academy and request that they make such
communication as please them.

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.

Off Record Remarks

Senate at Ease.

Senate called to order by the President.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

House Papers

Bill "An Act To Allow Personal Representatives of Children
Access to Certain Documents of the Department of Health and
Human Services Regarding Child Protective Activities"
H.P. 222 L.D. 328

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

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

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

Bill "An Act To Allow Licensed Foresters To Use Mechanics
Liens"

H.P. 324 L.D. 485

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

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

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

Bill "An Act To Increase the Penalty for Failing To Carry Proof of
Motor Vehicle Financial Responsibility"

H.P. 343 L.D. 504

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

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

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

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 James Page, Chancellor of the University of Maine System, the Honorable Derek Langhauser, Interim President of the Maine Community College System and the Honorable Dr. William J. Brennan, President of the Maine Maritime Academy and request that they make such communication as please them.

Off Record Remarks

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 (1/22/15) matter:

JOINT RESOLUTION - Memorializing Melissa Jane Rector Bourque of Portland

SLS 55

Tabled - January 22, 2015, by Senator **ALFOND** of Cumberland

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

(In Senate, January 22, 2015, **READ**.)

The Joint Resolution was **READ**.

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

Senator ALFOND: Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, I stand here today to express my deepest condolences for the loss of Melissa Jane Rector Bourque. Anytime you lose someone so early in their life your faith is tested. This test and loss feels even deeper because Melissa leaves behind her two children and her husband who adored her so much. Melissa loved her two twins, Kate and Will, and her husband more than anything. Her love for them and their friends got her volunteering at all their events. Melissa became a regular volunteer at both Nathan Clifford and King Middle School. The motto became; if there was something that could make students' lives richer Melissa was the first one to sign up to help. Because of all of her work for all students in Portland, Melissa was recognized as the Outstanding Volunteer by the Portland

School Board in 2014. Melissa was also an extremely accomplished leader. She served stints as both the Education Director and Board President of Junior Achievement of Maine. While in these positions she helped thousands of Maine students gain exposure to basic economic principles in school. She oversaw the Junior Achievement programs and fundraising initiatives and recruited volunteers. As the Director of Member Services of the Greater Portland Chamber of Commerce, she helped the Chamber grow to a record number of members of more than 1,400. You see, Melissa truly connected with her family, her community, and her business colleagues to make a difference. She will be truly missed by her immediate family, her father and step-mother, and three siblings and their spouses, including our former colleague, Senator **Chris Rector**. Mr. President, today is a deep loss for the state and thank you for the opportunity to recognize Melissa Jane Rector Bourque.

On motion by Senator **ALFOND** of Cumberland, **ADOPTED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair is pleased to recognize in the rear of the Chamber husband of Melissa Bourque, Mike Bourque; brother of Melissa Bourque, Chris Rector; and other family members. Would they please rise and accept the condolences of the Senate.

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later Assigned (2/24/15) matter:

JOINT ORDER - Expression of Legislative Sentiment
Recognizing the Portland Museum of Art
SLS 139

Tabled - February 24, 2015, by Senator **HASKELL** of Cumberland

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

(In Senate, February 24, 2015, **READ**.)

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

Senator HASKELL: Thank you very much, Mr. President. Colleagues of the Senate, it's a delight for me to be here today to talk about one of Portland's treasures: its Museum of Art. For any of you who've been there, you know that the Portland Museum of Art is not one of those dusty places where you wander the halls, coughing, looking at old pictures. It is not that at all. It is a vibrant, changing, engaging, and exciting place to be, to see the work that they bring in, and to see their engagement in the community. Today, when I'm recognizing on their behalf, and it's such a pleasure to be able to do it, it's two new grants which have been awarded to the Portland Museum of Art from the Maine Arts Commission at one of the Maine Arts Commission's first partnership grants. This grant supports a lot of the work that the Museum does, but of particular interest is the Free Fridays Program. It's exactly what it says. The Museum's doors open. You do not have to pay to come in on that Free Friday. It's an

extraordinary program and it has served over more than 35,000 visitors annually every year since 1996. It's about a quarter of the Museum's yearly attendance that occurs on those Free Fridays. This also provides a lot of coordination between the Maine Arts and Cultural organizations and it really helps in their engagement throughout the state. The second grant was the Maine Humanities Counsel. Again, this is grant that's going to support a summer exhibition called "Director's Cut, Selections from the Maine Art Museum Trail." If you aren't aware of what that is, it is now being re-launched and its highlights of its most renowned museums: the Portland Museum of Art, the Ogunquit Museum of American Art, Monhegan Museum of Art and History, the Bowdoin College Museum of Art, the University of Maine Museum of Art, Bates College Museum of Art, Colby College Museum of Art, and the Farnsworth Art Museum. This is extraordinary work that's being done by this organization in the city of Portland with, as you can see, a far broader reach and a vibrant and important part of our community and I'm excited to be able to present this to them today, Mr. President. Thank you.

The Joint Order was **PASSED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair is pleased to recognize in the rear of the Chamber Christina Razzi and Andrew Eschelbacher from the Portland Museum of Art. They are the guest today of the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Haskell. Would they please rise and accept the greetings of the Senate.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: S.C. 97

**UNIVERSITY OF MAINE SYSTEM
OFFICE OF THE CHANCELLOR
16 CENTRAL STREET
BANGOR, MAINE 04401-5106**

February 19, 2015

The Honorable Michael D. Thibodeau
President of the Senate

The Honorable Mark W. Eves
Speaker of the House

127th Maine Legislature
State of Maine
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Thibodeau and Speaker Eves:

Thank you for your invitation to address a Joint Session of the 127th Maine Legislature on Tuesday, March 3, 2015 at 11:00 a.m. concerning the State of the University of Maine System. I accept with great pleasure and look forward to the opportunity to share with you my thoughts on the role and future of the University of Maine System.

These are challenging times. I deeply appreciate the support provided by the Legislature as we work together to build a better future for the people of Maine.

Sincerely,

S/James H. Page, PhD.
Chancellor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 98

**MAINE COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
323 STATE STREET
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04330-7131**

February 20, 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:

Thank you for your invitation to address the Joint Session of the 127th Maine Legislature on Tuesday, March 3, 2015, regarding the State of the Maine Community College System. We are deeply appreciative of this opportunity and I look forward to sharing our accomplishments and goals for the future with you.

Sincerely,

S/Derek Langhauser
Interim President

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 99

**MAINE MARITIME ACADEMY
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
CASTINE, MAINE 04420**

February 26, 2015

The Honorable Michael D. Thibodeau
President of the Senate

The Honorable Mark W. Eves
Speaker of the House

State of Maine
127th Maine Legislature
State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Thibodeau and Speaker Eves:

Thank you for your kind invitation to address a Joint Session of the 127th Maine Legislature concerning the State of the Maine Maritime Academy. It is an honor to have been asked to address the Legislature and am very pleased to accept your invitation.

I look forward to giving my address to the Joint Convention on Tuesday, March 3, 2015 at 11:00 AM following the addresses of James Page, the Chancellor of the University of Maine System and Derek Langhauser, the Interim President of the Maine Community College System.

Respectfully,

S/Dr. William J. Brennan
President

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 100

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

February 26, 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 22 MRSA, §3739, I am pleased to appoint Senator Linda Baker of Sagadahoc to the Child Care Advisory Council, as a member of the Senate.

Please contact my office if you have any questions regarding this appointment.

Sincerely,

S/Michael D. Thibodeau
President of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 101

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

February 26, 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 501, Section 19202, I am pleased to appoint Senator Roger J. Katz of Kennebec to the Maine HIV Advisory Committee, representing a member of the Maine Senate.

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. 102

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

February 26, 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 20-A MRSA, § 11053, I am pleased to appoint Senator Brian Langley of Hancock to the New England Board of Higher Education, representing a member of the Maine Senate. With this appointment Senator Langley will replace former Senator Emily Cain.

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.

The Following Communication: S.C. 103

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

February 25, 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 521, §20065, I am pleased to appoint the following Senators to the Substance Abuse Services Commission:

Senator Eric L. Brakey of Androscoggin
Senator Scott W. Cyrway of Kennebec

Please contact my office if you have any questions regarding this appointment.

Sincerely,

S/Michael D. Thibodeau
President of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 104

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

February 25, 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 521, §20065, I am pleased to appoint the following members to the Substance Abuse Services Commission:

Rep. Adam Goode of Bangor
Rep. Richard Malaby of Hancock
Rep. Patricia Hymanson of York

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. 105

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

February 24, 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 163, §2003, I am pleased to appoint Jon Giles of Gray to the Maine Library of Geographic Information Board as members of the private sector representing geographic information vendors.

Please contact my office if you have any questions regarding this appointment.

Sincerely,

S/Mark W. Eves
Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 106

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

February 25, 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. 56 An Act To Limit Increases in the State's Share of Funding for Kindergarten to Grade 12 Public 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. 107

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

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 Environment and Natural Resources has voted unanimously to report the following bill out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 105 An Act To Enhance the Competitiveness of Maine's Biomass Facilities by Exempting from Waste Handling Fees Certain Construction and Demolition Debris

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

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Thomas B. Saviello
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Joan W. Welsh
House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 108

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

February 13, 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 State and Local Government has voted unanimously to report the following bills out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 46 An Act To Allow Municipal Boards of Appeal To Grant Setback Variances for Certain Hardships Caused by Prior Owners of the Property

L.D. 67 An Act To Amend the Law Regarding the Annual Municipal Report Requirement

We have also notified the sponsors and cosponsors of each bill listed of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Michael J. Willette
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Roland Danny Martin
House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 109

**MAINE TECHNOLOGY INSTITUTE
8 VENTURE AVENUE
BRUNSWICK LANDING
BRUNSWICK, MAINE 04011**

February 27, 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:

Pursuant to 5 M.R.S.A., Section 12023, please consider this the letter of transmittal for the required report from the Maine Technology Institute (MTI) due by February 1, 2015.

Please contact me if you have any questions or need additional information.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

S/Brain Whitney
Acting Director

READ and with accompanying papers ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

Senate at Ease.

Senate called to order by the President.

SENATE PAPERS

Bill "An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Invest in Transportation Infrastructure"

S.P. 221 L.D. 628

Presented by Senator DIAMOND of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Senator: WHITTEMORE of Somerset,
Representatives: GILLWAY of Searsport, NADEAU of Winslow.

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 Expand Maine's Carbon Monoxide Detectors Law"

S.P. 216 L.D. 623

Presented by Senator DIAMOND of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative TIMMONS of Cumberland and
Senators: CYRWAY of Kennebec, DUTREMBLE of York,
McCORMICK of Kennebec, ROSEN of Hancock,
Representatives: CAMPBELL of Newfield, LAJOIE of Lewiston,
LONG of Sherman, MARTIN of Eagle Lake.

Bill "An Act To Make a Technical Correction to the Law Establishing the State Trauma Prevention and Control Advisory Committee within the Field of Public Safety"

S.P. 217 L.D. 624

Presented by Senator DUTREMBLE of York.
Cosponsored by Representative GERRISH of Lebanon and
Senators: HASKELL of Cumberland, SAVIELLO of Franklin,
WILLETTE of Aroostook, Representatives: HEAD of Bethel,

LAJOIE of Lewiston, McLEAN of Gorham, VACHON of Scarborough.

Submitted by the Department of Public Safety pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Bill "An Act Regarding Community Paramedicine Pilot Projects"
S.P. 222 L.D. 629

Presented by Senator DUTREMBLE of York.

Cosponsored by Representative GERRISH of Lebanon and
Senators: HASKELL of Cumberland, SAVIELLO of Franklin,
WILLETTE of Aroostook, Representatives: HEAD of Bethel,
LAJOIE of Lewiston, McLEAN of Gorham, VACHON of
Scarborough.

Submitted by the Department of Public Safety pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Bill "An Act To Amend Maine's Sex Trafficking and Prostitution Law"

S.P. 244 L.D. 651

Presented by Senator VOLK of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Representative DION of Portland and Senators:
BREEN of Cumberland, BURNS of Washington, DIAMOND of
Cumberland, GERZOFKY of Cumberland, ROSEN of Hancock,
Representatives: FOWLE of Vassalboro, GUERIN of Glenburn,
HOBBINS of Saco.

Bill "An Act To Authorize the Carrying of Concealed Handguns without a Permit"

S.P. 245 L.D. 652

Presented by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin.

Cosponsored by Representative LONG of Sherman,
Representative SHAW of Standish and Senators: BURNS of
Washington, COLLINS of York, CUSHING of Penobscot, DAVIS
of Piscataquis, DUTREMBLE of York, EDGEComb of Aroostook,
LANGLEY of Hancock, MASON of Androscoggin, McCORMICK
of Kennebec, PATRICK of Oxford, ROSEN of Hancock,
SAVIELLO of Franklin, President THIBODEAU of Waldo,
WHITTEMORE of Somerset, WILLETTE of Aroostook,
WOODSOME of York, Representatives: ALLEY of Beals, AUSTIN
of Gray, BATTLE of South Portland, BICKFORD of Auburn,
BLACK of Wilton, BUCKLAND of Farmington, CAMPBELL of
Newfield, CAMPBELL of Orrington, CHACE of Durham, COREY
of Windham, CRAFTS of Lisbon, DILLINGHAM of Oxford,
DUNPHY of Embden, DUNPHY of Old Town, EDGEComb of
Fort Fairfield, ESPLING of New Gloucester, FARRIN of
Norridgewock, FOLEY of Wells, FREDETTE of Newport,
GERRISH of Lebanon, GILLWAY of Searsport, GINZLER of
Bridgton, GOLDEN of Lewiston, GREENWOOD of Wales,
GUERIN of Glenburn, HANINGTON of Lincoln, HANLEY of
Pittston, HAWKE of Boothbay Harbor, HEAD of Bethel, HERRICK
of Paris, HICKMAN of Winthrop, HILLIARD of Belgrade, HOBART
of Bowdoinham, KINNEY of Limington, KINNEY of Knox,
LOCKMAN of Amherst, LYFORD of Eddington, MAKER of Calais,
MALABY of Hancock, MAREAN of Hollis, MARTIN of Eagle Lake,
McCABE of Skowhegan, McCLELLAN of Raymond, McELWEE of
Caribou, NUTTING of Oakland, O'CONNOR of Berwick, PARRY
of Arundel, PETERSON of Rumford, PICCHIOTTI of Fairfield,
PICKETT of Dixfield, POULIOT of Augusta, PRESCOTT of
Waterboro, REED of Carmel, SANDERSON of Chelsea,

SAUCIER of Presque Isle, SAWICKI of Auburn, SHERMAN of Hodgdon, SHORT of Pittsfield, SIROCKI of Scarborough, SKOLFIELD of Weld, STANLEY of Medway, STEARNS of Guilford, STETKIS of Canaan, THERIAULT of China, TIMBERLAKE of Turner, TIMMONS of Cumberland, TUELL of East Machias, TURNER of Burlington, VACHON of Scarborough, VEROW of Brewer, WADSWORTH of Hiram, WALLACE of Dexter, WARD of Dedham, WARREN of Hallowell, WHITE of Washburn, WINSOR of Norway, WOOD of Sabattus.

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Related to the Bolduc Correctional Facility"

S.P. 246 L.D. 688

Presented by Senator ROSEN of Hancock.
Cosponsored by Representative LONG of Sherman and Senator: GERZOFKY of Cumberland, Representatives: DAVITT of Hampden, FOWLE of Vassalboro, LAJOIE of Lewiston.
Submitted by the Department of Corrections pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

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 Make College More Affordable for Maine Residents"

S.P. 220 L.D. 627

Presented by Senator MILLETT of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative POULIOT of Augusta and Senators: ALFOND of Cumberland, BREEN of Cumberland, LANGLEY of Hancock, Representatives: DAUGHTRY of Brunswick, KORNFIELD of Bangor, MAKER of Calais, PIERCE of Falmouth.

Bill "An Act Concerning the Calendars of Career and Technical Education Programs and Partnering Schools"

S.P. 230 L.D. 637

Presented by Senator DILL of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Representative CHAPMAN of Brooksville and Senators: ALFOND of Cumberland, GRATWICK of Penobscot, MILLETT of Cumberland, SAVIELLO of Franklin.

Bill "An Act Regarding Educator Effectiveness" (EMERGENCY)

S.P. 250 L.D. 692

Presented by Senator EDGECOMB of Aroostook.
(GOVERNOR'S BILL)
Cosponsored by Representative MAKER of Calais and Senator: LANGLEY of Hancock, Representative: HUBBELL of Bar Harbor.

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 Allow the Resale of Electricity by Electric Vehicle Charging Stations"

S.P. 209 L.D. 593

Presented by Senator MILLETT of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative CHIPMAN of Portland, Representative RYKERSON of Kittery and Senators: BREEN of Cumberland, KATZ of Kennebec, WOODSOME of York, Representatives: BEAVERS of South Berwick, HAMANN of South Portland, MONAGHAN of Cape Elizabeth, MORRISON of South Portland, O'CONNOR of Berwick.

Bill "An Act To Amend the Brunswick Sewer District Charter"

S.P. 243 L.D. 650

Presented by Senator GERZOFKY of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative TUCKER of Brunswick and Senator: BAKER of Sagadahoc, Representatives: DAUGHTRY of Brunswick, McCREIGHT of Harpswell, TEPLER of Topsham.

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 Revise the Mining Laws"

S.P. 204 L.D. 588

Presented by Senator SAVIELLO of Franklin.
Cosponsored by Representative CAMPBELL of Orrington and Senator: DILL of Penobscot, Representatives: BLACK of Wilton, DUCHESNE of Hudson.

Bill "An Act To Reduce Carbon Emissions from Residential Heating"

S.P. 212 L.D. 595

Presented by President THIBODEAU of Waldo.
Cosponsored by Representative WELSH of Rockport and Senator: SAVIELLO of Franklin, Representatives: BUCKLAND of Farmington, CAMPBELL of Orrington, DUCHESNE of Hudson, HARLOW of Portland, WHITE of Washburn.
Submitted by the Department of Environmental Protection pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Bill "An Act To Allow for the Purchase and Use of Specialty Racing Fuel in Maine"

S.P. 213 L.D. 596

Presented by Senator CUSHING of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Representative WARD of Dedham and Senators: COLLINS of York, CYRWAY of Kennebec, HAMPER of Oxford, MASON of Androscoggin, PATRICK of Oxford, President THIBODEAU of Waldo, Representatives: BLACK of Wilton, DION of Portland.

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 Increase the Beneficial Reuse of Waste Materials and To Promote Community-based Renewable Energy"
S.P. 205 L.D. 589

Presented by Senator **SAVIELLO** of Franklin.
Cosponsored by Senator: **DILL** of Penobscot, Representatives: **BLACK** of Wilton, **DUCHESNE** of Hudson.

Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** suggested and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator **SAVIELLO** of Franklin, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Require Training of Mandated Reporters under the Child Abuse Laws"
S.P. 215 L.D. 622

Presented by Senator **DIAMOND** of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Senators: **GERZOSKY** of Cumberland, **SAVIELLO** of Franklin.

Bill "An Act To Require the State To Administer and Fund the General Assistance Program"
S.P. 225 L.D. 632

Presented by Senator **SAVIELLO** of Franklin.
Cosponsored by Senator: **KATZ** of Kennebec.

Bill "An Act To Require the Department of Health and Human Services To Annually Update Its Rules Governing Services for Children with Cognitive Impairments and Functional Limitations"
S.P. 240 L.D. 647

Presented by Senator **LIBBY** of Androscoggin.

Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services To Modify Coverage for Eyeglasses for Children under the Provisions of the MaineCare Program and Review Certain Reimbursement Rates
S.P. 242 L.D. 649

Presented by Senator **LIBBY** of Androscoggin.
Cosponsored by Representative **STUCKEY** of Portland.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Off Record Remarks

Resolve, To Establish a Working Group To Review the Incidental Take Permitting Process under the Endangered Species Laws
S.P. 233 L.D. 640

Presented by Senator **DAVIS** of Piscataquis.
Cosponsored by Representative **SHERMAN** of Hodgdon and Senators: **BRAKEY** of Androscoggin, **DIAMOND** of Cumberland, **DILL** of Penobscot, **EDGEComb** of Aroostook, **SAVIELLO** of Franklin, Representatives: **HICKMAN** of Winthrop, **SKOLFIELD** of Weld, **TIMBERLAKE** of Turner.

Bill "An Act To Allow Certain Youths To Take a Deer of Either Sex"
S.P. 232 L.D. 639

Presented by Senator **DAVIS** of Piscataquis.
Cosponsored by Representative **LONG** of Sherman and Senators: **BRAKEY** of Androscoggin, **DIAMOND** of Cumberland, **EDGEComb** of Aroostook, **SAVIELLO** of Franklin, Representatives: **SHORT** of Pittsfield, **SKOLFIELD** of Weld, **TIMBERLAKE** of Turner, **WALLACE** of Dexter.

Bill "An Act To Allow Sunday Hunting for Coyotes in Northern Maine"
S.P. 249 L.D. 691

Presented by Senator **VOLK** of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Senator: **BURNS** of Washington, Representatives: **BEAR** of the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians, **DANA** of the Passamaquoddy Tribe.

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 Improve Access to Insurance Coverage for Persons for Whom English Is a Second Language"
S.P. 214 L.D. 621

Presented by Senator **HASKELL** of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative **STUCKEY** of Portland and Senators: **BRAKEY** of Androscoggin, **GRATWICK** of Penobscot, Representatives: **HARLOW** of Portland, **HUBBELL** of Bar Harbor, **KRUGER** of Thomaston, **McCLELLAN** of Raymond, **TUCKER** of Brunswick, **WARREN** of Hallowell.

Bill "An Act To Clarify the Requirements for Notice of the Right To Cure a Mortgage Default"

S.P. 223 L.D. 630

Presented by Senator WHITEMORE of Somerset.
Cosponsored by Representative STETKIS of Canaan and
Senators: COLLINS of York, CYRWAY of Kennebec, KATZ of
Kennebec, SAVIELLO of Franklin, Representatives: MORRISON
of South Portland, O'CONNOR of Berwick, PICCHIOTTI of
Fairfield, WALLACE of Dexter.

Bill "An Act To Provide Consumers of Health Care with
Information Regarding Health Care Costs"

S.P. 229 L.D. 636

Presented by Senator DILL of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Representative SANBORN of Gorham and
Senators: ALFOND of Cumberland, GRATWICK of Penobscot,
SAVIELLO of Franklin, Representatives: FARNSWORTH of
Portland, NOON of Sanford.

Bill "An Act To Protect Veterans Returning from Active Duty from
Losing Their Homes"

S.P. 236 L.D. 643

Presented by Senator DUTREMBLE of York.
Cosponsored by Representative MAKER of Calais and Senators:
MILLETT of Cumberland, PATRICK of Oxford, SAVIELLO of
Franklin, Representatives: CHENETTE of Saco, NADEAU of
Winslow.

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 Improve the Health of Maine Citizens and the
Economy of Maine by Providing Affordable Market-based
Coverage Options to Low-income Uninsured Citizens"

S.P. 226 L.D. 633

Presented by Senator SAVIELLO of Franklin.
Cosponsored by Senators: ALFOND of Cumberland, KATZ of
Kennebec.

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

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Resolve, Directing the Department of Professional and Financial
Regulation To Conduct a Sunrise Review Regarding the Proposal
To License Guardians Ad Litem

S.P. 224 L.D. 631

Presented by Senator DUTREMBLE of York.
Cosponsored by Representative SAUCIER of Presque Isle and
Senators: MILLETT of Cumberland, PATRICK of Oxford,
SAVIELLO of Franklin, Representatives: CHENETTE of Saco,
MAKER of Calais.

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Regarding the Best Interest of
the Child Standard"

S.P. 235 L.D. 642

Presented by Senator DUTREMBLE of York.
Cosponsored by Representative NADEAU of Winslow and
Senators: MILLETT of Cumberland, PATRICK of Oxford,
SAVIELLO of Franklin, Representatives: CHENETTE of Saco,
MAKER of Calais, TURNER of Burlington.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Off Record Remarks

Bill "An Act To Amend the Maine Economic Development Venture
Capital Revolving Investment Program"

S.P. 202 L.D. 586

Presented by Senator CUSHING of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Representative HERBIG of Belfast and Senator:
PATRICK of Oxford, Representatives: AUSTIN of Gray, BATES
of Westbrook, FECTEAU of Biddeford, POULIOT of Augusta.
Submitted by the Finance Authority of Maine pursuant to Joint
Rule 204.

Bill "An Act Regarding Contract Indemnification"

S.P. 203 L.D. 587

Presented by Senator CUSHING of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Representative NUTTING of Oakland and
Senators: KATZ of Kennebec, PATRICK of Oxford, President
THIBODEAU of Waldo, VOLK of Cumberland, Representatives:
DION of Portland, ESPLING of New Gloucester, WARD of
Dedham.

Bill "An Act To Ensure the Safety of Home Birth"

S.P. 248 L.D. 690

Presented by Senator VOLK of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative HERBIG of Belfast and
Senators: MASON of Androscoggin, PATRICK of Oxford,
Representatives: ESPLING of New Gloucester, GILLWAY of
Searsport, MASTRACCIO of Sanford, SANBORN of Gorham.

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 Authorize the Transfer of State-owned Real Estate to the City of Belfast"

S.P. 231 L.D. 638

Presented by President THIBODEAU of Waldo.
Cosponsored by Representative HERBIG of Belfast and
Representatives: GILLWAY of Searsport, KINNEY of Knox.

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of
Maine To Elect 2 Senators from Each County

S.P. 234 L.D. 641

Presented by Senator DAVIS of Piscataquis.
Cosponsored by Representative LONG of Sherman and
Senators: BURNS of Washington, EDGECOMB of Aroostook,
SAVIELLO of Franklin, WHITTEMORE of Somerset, WILLETTE
of Aroostook, Representatives: McCABE of Skowhegan,
SHERMAN of Hodgdon, SHORT of Pittsfield.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Provide Incentives for Municipal Cooperation and
Shared Services"

S.P. 239 L.D. 646

Presented by Senator LIBBY of Androscoggin.
Cosponsored by Senator: DAVIS of Piscataquis.

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

On motion by Senator WILLETTE of Aroostook, REFERRED to
the Committee on **TAXATION**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Exempt a Fee for a Paper or Plastic Single-use
Carry-out Bag from Tax" (EMERGENCY)

S.P. 206 L.D. 590

Presented by Senator SAVIELLO of Franklin.
Cosponsored by Representative CAMPBELL of Orrington and
Senators: BAKER of Sagadahoc, DIAMOND of Cumberland,
McCORMICK of Kennebec, VOLK of Cumberland,
Representative: SEAVEY of Kennebunkport.

Bill "An Act To Extend to Certain Fruit and Vegetable Growers the
Manufacturing Facility Fuel and Electricity Sales Tax Exemptions"

S.P. 208 L.D. 592

Presented by Senator WHITTEMORE of Somerset.
Cosponsored by Representative McCABE of Skowhegan and
Senator: HAMPER of Oxford, Representatives: BECK of
Waterville, FARRIN of Norridgewock, HUBBELL of Bar Harbor,
LONGSTAFF of Waterville, PICCHIOTTI of Fairfield, SKOLFIELD
of Weld, STETKIS of Canaan.

Bill "An Act To Allow the Creation of a Local Option Sales Tax by
Referendum"

S.P. 211 L.D. 594

Presented by Senator VALENTINO of York.
Cosponsored by Representatives: BROOKS of Lewiston,
MASTRACCIO of Sanford, Representative JORGENSEN of
Portland and Senator: ALFOND of Cumberland, Representatives:
BLUME of York, CHENETTE of Saco, FREY of Bangor, GOODE
of Bangor, MOONEN of Portland, SANBORN of Gorham,
TEPLER of Topsham.

Bill "An Act To Increase the Tax Exemption for Pensions"
S.P. 218 L.D. 625

Presented by Senator BAKER of Sagadahoc.
Cosponsored by Representative MAKER of Calais and Senators:
BURNS of Washington, COLLINS of York, CYRWAY of
Kennebec, KATZ of Kennebec, SAVIELLO of Franklin, VOLK of
Cumberland, WHITTEMORE of Somerset, WOODSOME of York.

Bill "An Act To Exempt Annuity Considerations from Tax"
S.P. 237 L.D. 644

Presented by Senator WHITTEMORE of Somerset.
Cosponsored by Representative O'CONNOR of Berwick and
Senators: BAKER of Sagadahoc, BURNS of Washington,
COLLINS of York, CYRWAY of Kennebec, DAVIS of Piscataquis,
President THIBODEAU of Waldo, Representatives: PICCHIOTTI
of Fairfield, WALLACE of Dexter.

Bill "An Act To Increase the Earned Income Tax Credit for Maine
Residents"

S.P. 241 L.D. 648

Presented by Senator LIBBY of Androscoggin.
Cosponsored by Representative STUCKEY of Portland and
Senators: GRATWICK of Penobscot, HASKELL of Cumberland,
JOHNSON of Lincoln.

Bill "An Act To Support Maine's Tourism Marketing Promotion
Program by Eliminating the Sales Tax Exemption for Casual
Rentals for Fewer Than 15 Days a Year"

S.P. 247 L.D. 689

Presented by Senator ROSEN of Hancock.
Cosponsored by Representative WARD of Dedham and
Representative: CAMPBELL of Orrington.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Allow Municipal and Volunteer Firefighters To Operate Motor Vehicles as Authorized Emergency Vehicles"
S.P. 207 L.D. 591

Presented by Senator SAVIELLO of Franklin.
Cosponsored by Senator: DUTREMBLE of York, Representative:
BLACK of Wilton.

Bill "An Act To Allow Operation of Modified Utility Vehicles on a Public Way"
S.P. 227 L.D. 634

Presented by Senator DILL of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Representative SAUCIER of Presque Isle and
Senators: DIAMOND of Cumberland, DUTREMBLE of York,
PATRICK of Oxford, SAVIELLO of Franklin, Representatives:
BLACK of Wilton, McCABE of Skowhegan.

Bill "An Act To Create a Transportation Planning Incentive for Communities Located on Peninsulas"
S.P. 238 L.D. 645

Presented by Senator LANGLEY of Hancock.
Cosponsored by Representative KUMIEGA of Deer Isle and
Senators: BAKER of Sagadahoc, COLLINS of York, ROSEN of
Hancock, Representatives: CHAPMAN of Brooksville, HUBBELL
of Bar Harbor, MAKER of Calais, MALABY of Hancock.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act Regarding Write-in Candidates in Municipal and City Elections"
S.P. 219 L.D. 626

Presented by Senator MASON of Androscoggin.

Bill "An Act To Allow B.Y.O.B. Function Permit Holders To Hold Tailgating Events"
S.P. 228 L.D. 635

Presented by Senator DILL of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Representative TIPPING-SPITZ of Orono and
Senators: ALFOND of Cumberland, PATRICK of Oxford,
VALENTINO of York, Representatives: DEVIN of Newcastle,
SHERMAN of Hodgdon, TIMBERLAKE of Turner.

Bill "An Act To Amend the Military Bureau Laws"
S.P. 251 L.D. 693

Presented by Senator CYRWAY of Kennebec.
Cosponsored by Representative LUCHINI of Ellsworth and
Representatives: DILLINGHAM of Oxford, GOLDEN of Lewiston,
HANINGTON of Lincoln, KINNEY of Limington, LONGSTAFF of
Waterville, SCHNECK of Bangor.
Submitted by the Department of Defense, Veterans and
Emergency Management pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

All matters thus acted upon were ordered sent down forthwith 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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Senate

Ought to Pass

Senator COLLINS for the Committee on TRANSPORTATION on
Resolve, To Name Interstate 295 from Scarborough to West
Gardiner the Richard A. Coleman Highway
S.P. 48 L.D. 115

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

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later Assigned (2/24/15) matter:

JOINT ORDER - Joint Order, To Require the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs To Report Out a Bill Related to Governance Structures of Maine's Public Higher Education

S.P. 185

Tabled - February 24, 2015, by Senator **ALFOND** of Cumberland

Pending - motion by Senator **LANGLEY** of Hancock to **PASS**

(In Senate, February 24, 2015, on motion by Senator **LANGLEY** of Hancock, **READ**.)

On motion by Senator **LANGLEY** of Hancock, **PASSED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later Assigned (2/24/15) matter:

Bill "An Act To Improve Childhood Vaccination Rates in Maine"
H.P. 310 L.D. 471

Tabled - February 24, 2015, by Senator **CUSHING** of Penobscot

Pending - **REFERENCE**

(In House, February 24, 2015, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** and ordered printed.)

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

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later Assigned (2/26/15) matter:

Bill "An Act To Improve Public Sector Collective Bargaining Laws"
S.P. 199 L.D. 530

Tabled - February 26, 2015, by Senator **VOLK** of Cumberland

Pending - **REFERENCE**

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

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.

Off Record Remarks

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

On motion by Senator **ALFOND** of Cumberland, **ADJOURNED** until Thursday, March 5, 2015, at 10:00 in the morning, in memory of and lasting tribute to Melissa Jane Rector Bourque of Portland.