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Senate called to order by President Pro Tempore Nathan L. Libby of Androscoggin County.

Prayer by Father Francis Morin, St. Michael's Catholic Parish in Augusta.

FATHER MORIN: Prions. O bon dieu, nous sommes ici dans cette chambre de législature pour célébrer aujourd'hui la fête annuel de reconnaissance pour la contribution des nos citoyens Franco American dans notre histoire et culture. Bénissez ceux que nous célébrons maintenant, qui sont les exemples de la présence et de la richesse de cet élément de notre population. Merci pour leur contributions pour le bien être de notre état. Bénissez aussi les membres de cette assemblée dans leur travail politique au service des tous les membres de la population du Maine. Nous demandons cette prière aux saint nom de Dieu. Amen.

O God, we're here this morning in this Chamber of this Legislature to celebrate today the annual celebration of the contribution of the Franco-American citizens to our history and culture. Bless those whom we recognize today, who are examples of the presence and the richness of this element in our population. Thank You for their contributions for the common good of this state. Bless also these members of this assembly here this morning in their political work and service to all of the members of the population of the State of Maine. We say this prayer in Your Holy Name. Amen.

Posting of the Colors by Franco-American War Veterans Post 31 in Lewiston.

United States, Canadian and French National Anthems performed by Melanie Saucier of Fort Kent.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Senator Peter E. Edgecomb of Aroostook County.

Reading of the Journal of Tuesday, March 17, 2015.

Doctor of the day, Joann Kaplan, MD of Newcastle.

Off Record Remarks

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

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

Joint Resolution

The following Joint Resolution:

H.P. 667

RÉSOLUTION CONJOINTE
HONORANT LES FRANCO-AMÉRICAINS

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

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

Considérant que, le français est la première langue de milliers de citoyens du Maine, et il y a eu une augmentation de l'utilisation de la langue française et une appréciation croissante de l'héritage franco-américain à travers l'état; et

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

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

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

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

Résolu, que nous, les membres de la Cent-Vingt-septième Législature, assemblés dans la première session régulière, au nom des gens que nous représentons, proclamons que mercredi, 18 mars, 2015 est le Jour Franco-Américain, soit célébré à la Capitale de l'État; et qu'il soit aussi

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

**JOINT RESOLUTION
HONORING FRANCO-AMERICAN DAY**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Twenty-seventh Legislature now assembled in the First Regular Session, on behalf of the people we represent, proclaim that Wednesday, March 18, 2015 is Franco-American Day, to be celebrated at the State Capitol; and be it further

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

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

READ.

THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Waldo, Senator Thibodeau.

Senator **THIBODEAU:** Good morning, Mr. President. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, bonjour. You know it was just yesterday that everybody in the Chamber was Irish. Indeed, we all get the opportunity to enjoy our Irish heritage. Well in just a 24 hour period we've transformed from O'Thibodeau to simply just Thibodeau. You know, there is no culture that has affected the State of Maine more than the French culture. I think we're all, all of us that are French, particularly proud of our heritage. You

know, the State of Maine got its name, indeed, from a Provence in France. That's how our state was named. The roots of the Franco-American relationship runs deep in our state. I think that each and every one of us are proud of our root. We recognize the tremendous impact that it's had on us, not just socially but financially. When we look at some of our cities around our state and we think about Lewiston and Biddeford and Waterville and we recognize the tremendous contribution that the French folks made in our state. They've made our great State of Maine what it is today in so many ways. I'm particularly proud of my Franco heritage. Yesterday I was proud of my Irish heritage, but this morning I'm particularly proud of my Franco heritage. You know, you don't have to go very far up and down the halls before you recognize that there are tremendous amounts of folks that, indeed, have that French heritage. You don't have to go very far before you meet the Senator Dutremble or Senator Willette or even Governor LePage or Senator Thibodeau. The Franco people are well represented here in this building and, indeed, a tremendous asset to the State of Maine. With that, I want to say *bonne jour nee de la Franco phonie*. I think that means "Happy Franco Day."

ADOPTED, in concurrence.

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

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

Joint Orders

Expressions of Legislative Sentiment recognizing:

Joe Cyr, of Brewer, on his induction into the Franco-American Hall of Fame. Mr. Cyr is President and Chief Executive Officer of John T. Cyr & Sons, a bus company based in Old Town. He took the business his grandfather started and expanded it, adding many school districts to the bus service and creating Cyr Northstar Tours, a charter bus service. Mr. Cyr is also committed to the community. He has served as a director of the Maine Community Foundation and has been a board member of the Old Town/Orono YMCA, serving for 5 years as president of the board. We acknowledge Mr. Cyr's service to his community and to the State, and we send him our congratulations on the occasion of his induction into the Franco-American Hall of Fame;

HLS 129

Roland Alfred Ouellette, of Chisholm, part of what is now the Town of Jay, on his posthumous induction into the Franco-American Hall of Fame. Mr. Ouellette grew up in Jay and graduated from Jay High School. He enlisted in the United States Army and served in the First Army in the European Theater during World War II. He was wounded in battle and lost the use of his legs. That loss did not stop him from participating in the sports he loved. He began coaching with American Legion baseball. He led programs in the Farmington and the Livermore Falls-Jay areas. Mr. Ouellette was inducted into the Maine Baseball Hall of Fame in 2002. In the 1970s, he began the Area Youth Sports program with a group of friends, which continues to offer many sports opportunities to the children of Jay, Livermore

Falls and Livermore, and participated in the Summer Recreation Program in Jay for many years. In addition to his sports activities, he was active in local veterans organizations and the Knights of Columbus. He and his wife Barbara received the Knights of Columbus State Family of the Year Award and the New England Family of the Year Award. They were married in 1951 and were the proud parents of 7 children. Mr. Ouellette was also a recipient of the prestigious Jefferson Award for public service. We acknowledge Mr. Ouellette's service to his community and to the State, and we send to his family our congratulations on the occasion of his induction into the Franco-American Hall of Fame;

HLS 130

Maurice Pelletier, of Augusta, on his induction into the Franco-American Hall of Fame. Mr. Pelletier is a veteran of the United States Air Force and worked for 28 years at the Veterans Administration Center at Togus, where he became a Lead Health Benefit Advisor and received numerous awards. After his retirement, he continued to serve veterans, working part-time as a volunteer Driver Coordinator for the Disabled American Veterans until December 2005. Currently, he volunteers at MaineGeneral Medical Center in Augusta. He is a 48-year member of Le Club Calumet and has served as the club's president. He is also a 3rd and 4th degree Mason. He is a member of St. Michael Catholic Parish and a founder of the Friends for a Heritage Center at Mill Park, a group that contributes to the preservation and advancement of the State's history and culture. We acknowledge Mr. Pelletier's service to his community and to the State, and we send him our congratulations on the occasion of his induction into the Franco-American Hall of Fame;

HLS 131

Joseph Donald Cyr, of Lille, on his induction into the Franco-American Hall of Fame. A historian by education and work experience, Mr. Cyr has been at the forefront of efforts to preserve and promote Acadian culture. He has taught many college-level courses on Acadian history and folklore and French Canadian folklore. He was cataloguer and restoration specialist at the Acadian Village in Van Buren and restoration specialist of the Albert House at the Tante Blanche Museum in Madawaska. He worked with the National Park Service in implementing the Maine Acadian Culture Preservation Act. Active in several major projects, he has raised more than \$3,100,000 in grants for the restoration of the former Notre-Dame-du-Mont-Carmel church and rectory in Lille. A collector of Acadian artifacts, he has amassed more than 300 pieces of handmade Acadian furniture and smaller artifacts, the largest such collection in the country. We acknowledge Mr. Cyr's service to his community and to the State, and we send him our congratulations on the occasion of his induction into the Franco-American Hall of Fame;

HLS 132

George A. "Pete" Lamontagne, Jr., of Biddeford, on his induction into the Franco-American Hall of Fame. Mr. Lamontagne served in the United States Army and was stationed with the Adjutant General's staff in France. He worked for over 3 decades at the Westpoint textile mill, until the mill's closure in 2009. He was a leader in the UNITE HERE Local 305T, at one time serving as union president. He helped found the Biddeford Mills Museum and personally restored a missing plaque commemorating 200 mill employees who fought in World War II. Mr. Lamontagne served 5 terms on the Biddeford City Council, including one term

as Council President. We acknowledge Mr. Lamontagne's service to his community and to the State, and we send him our congratulations on the occasion of his induction into the Franco-American Hall of Fame;

HLS 133

Doris Belisle-Bonneau, of Auburn, on her induction into the Franco-American Hall of Fame. Ms. Belisle-Bonneau serves on the Board of Directors for the Franco American Collection at the University of Southern Maine's Lewiston/Auburn College, represents Franco American interests on the L/A Advisory Committee and co-chairs the Academic Affairs Committee. Since 2003 she has volunteered at D'Youville Pavilion in Lewiston with a focus on serving the French-speaking residents. She co-created and developed the Maine French Heritage Language Program under the auspices of the Franco Center and the University of Maine at Augusta. The program provides an after-school culture and language program for students from kindergarten to grade 6 and is currently active in Augusta and Lewiston. We acknowledge Ms. Belisle-Bonneau's service to her community and to the State, and we send her our congratulations on the occasion of her induction into the Franco-American Hall of Fame;

HLS 134

Come from the House, **READ** and **PASSED**.

READ.

THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Aroostook, Senator Edgecomb.

Senator **EDGEComb**: Thank you, Mr. President. I would like to congratulate Don Cyr from Aroostook. He lives in Grand Isle and he's probably done more to promote the culture of the Acadians in the Saint John Valley and Northern Aroostook than most anyone that's here.

Saying a few words towards my heritage, which is also French, I'm honored to welcome each and every one of you to celebrate Franco-American Day at our beautiful State Capitol here in Augusta. You, of French heritage, have become such an important part of our history, our culture, and our way of life here in the State of Maine. Thank you for your hard work, dedication, and especially your perseverance in helping to make Maine what it is today. Your contributions to the great State of Maine have been both honorable and immense. Today I'm humbled by your determination not to give up your inner strength and good example. You tilled the fields of Aroostook County, produced your food, and never asked for a handout. You logged in the forests of the great North Woods of Allagash and Millinocket, built your churches, homes, and schools. You filled your churches with faith and hope for a better future. You built our towns and taught in our schools. You kept faith with God in your new country. You fought in our wars and shed blood for our freedom. You have earned your place with the patriots of America. You worked in the textile mills of Lewiston and Auburn and Sanford, toiled in the shops of Biddeford and Saco, and helped build ships in the shipyards of Portland. From Eastport to Kittery, you fished the bountiful Atlantic and made our fishing industry such an important part of Maine's history. In the fields, forests, factories, and fisheries of Maine the people of French heritage became the backbone of Maine's economy. Your contributions were

immense, but yet you asked for so little. All that was asked was that your language, culture, and traditions be respected and allowed to flourish. We cannot help but salute you today and thank you for remaining true to your culture, faith, and heritage. I ask you to maintain your faith, continue your determination so that your culture and traditions will continue through the ages. May your French names ring for generations to come and people will know you by your pride, heritage, and contributions to the fabric of Maine and America. God bless to all of you.

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

Senator **DILL:** Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, I would like to take a brief moment to speak to you about one of our people that we're honoring today, that is Mr. Joe Cyr of Old Town. Cyr Bus has been over 100 years in Old Town. School buses and tour buses. Along with this he's had a very storied history. Cyr Bus has been, as I said, transportation for many things, but one of the most interesting things that I have seen when I've talked to Mr. Cyr is that it's during WWII when Cyr Bus transported prisoners of war to and from Aroostook County. We had a big prisoner of war area here in the state and Cyr Bus was the one that actually did all the transportation of that. He's had a very storied history. Even more so than Cyr Bus, Joe Cyr, himself, is a great local philanthropist. A couple of these things I'd want to mention. He's been a benefactor of the Old Town/Orono YMCA and also the Old Town High School pool. Most recently he's been a driving force in the development of Sarah's House, which is a place to stay for people who are undergoing cancer treatment in Bangor. I'd just like to finish with that I think this is a well-deserved honor for a very honorable man. Thank you.

Off Record Remarks

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

Senator **KATZ:** Thank you very much, Mr. President. The community of Augusta was in many ways built by Franco-Americans who came here seeking a better life for themselves and their families; worked in our textile mills, in our paper mills, and became business leaders and community leaders. You don't have to look very far out these windows to see the impact that they've had on our community. I'm particularly glad today that so many members of the Club Calumet are here because that club, among other things, is absolutely dedicated to preservation of the French language and the French culture in our community, just as other similar clubs do elsewhere in the state.

Also, Mr. President, I would like to speak to item 1-3 on the supplement because I'm so proud today to welcome Maurice Pelletier here as an inductee into the Franco-American Hall of Fame. When you talk about someone who has worked hard for the American Dream, Mr. Pelletier is a real example. He's a four year veteran of the United States Air Force. He served in Korea. On discharge he worked at a number of different jobs. In 1972, he began a career at the V.A. at Togus, starting really in lower

level jobs but working his way up the ladder, without much education at that point, and getting his high school diploma and becoming a lead health benefit advisor at the V.A., earning numerous awards from around the state for his service. He retired in October 1986 after 28 years of service to Maine veterans. Even then he continued that passion, working part-time as a volunteer for Disabled American Veterans and currently volunteers at the Maine General Medical Center. Mr. Pelletier is a 48 year member of Le Club Calumet and has served as the Club's President. Mr. Pelletier is over there, wearing a red jacket. There are other members upstairs who are also wearing that red jacket. It's kind of like the green jacket for the Masters. You only get it if you're a special person, if you've served as a President of Le Club Calumet. Mr. Pelletier's also a 3rd and 4th Degree Mason and a member of St. Michael's Parish here in Augusta. He's also founder of the Friends for a Heritage Center in Mill Park, which is going to honor the Franco-American heritage in Augusta in a permanent way. Mr. Pelletier has been married to the former Patricia Gagne of Augusta for 55 years. If any of you want to seek the secret of success you can see him over there afterwards. They have four children and seven grandchildren. Again, thank you, Mr. President, for this opportunity to help honor a truly outstanding Franco-American. Thank you, Mr. President.

THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE: The Chair recognizes the Senator from York, Senator Dutremble.

Senator **DUTREMBLE:** Thank you, Mr. President. I rise today on item 1-5 on the supplement number 2 in recognition of George A. "Pete" Lamontagne, Jr., of Biddeford. I met Mr. Lamontagne through the City Council when I was union president and I have to tell you Mr. Lamontagne's approach to the city and businesses and the working people of Biddeford was always in the best interest of the city. Sometimes financially it was difficult to come to those agreements, but he always looked out for the best interests. Mr. Lamontagne was well known in the city. He was stationed in France in the U. S. Army. One of the biggest feats that Mr. Lamontagne did for Biddeford was he personally restored a plaque for WWII for 200 known employees that fought in WWII, as he was a mill worker for three decades. That was a prestigious honor that still is on the mill building today. I'd just like to state here today and congratulate Mr. Lamontagne. I think it's a well deserving award for the induction into the Hall of Fame and I'm honored to be here and present it with him. Thank you.

PASSED, in concurrence.

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

THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE: The Chair is pleased to recognize in the Chamber Don Cyr, a 2015 inductee to the Franco-American Hall of Fame. Would he please rise and accept the greetings of the Maine Senate.

The Chair is pleased to recognize in the Chamber Doris Belise-Bonneau, a 2015 inductee to the Franco-American Hall of Fame. Would she please rise and accept the greetings of the Maine Senate.

The Chair is pleased to recognize in the Chamber George Lamontagne, a 2015 inductee to the Franco-American Hall of Fame. Would he please rise and accept the greetings of the Maine Senate.

The Chair is pleased to recognize in the Chamber Joseph Cyr, a 2015 inductee to the Franco-American Hall of Fame. Would he please rise and accept the greetings of the Maine Senate.

The Chair is pleased to recognize in the Chamber Maurice Pelletier, a 2015 inductee to the Franco-American Hall of Fame. Would he please rise and accept the greetings of the Maine Senate.

The Chair is pleased to recognize in the Chamber the family of Roland Ouellette, a 2015 posthumous inductee to the Franco-American Hall of Fame. Would he please rise and accept the greetings of the Maine Senate.

The Chair is pleased to recognize in the Chamber the guests of Joe Cyr: his daughter, Becky Whittemore, and son, Chris Cyr. Will they please rise and accept the greetings of the Maine Senate.

The Chair is pleased to recognize in the Chamber the guests of Doris Belisele-Bonneau: her husband, John Bonneau; Joyce Gipson, Dean of USM LA representing the Franco Collection; Mitch Thomas, the Executive Director of the Franco Center at Saint Mary's; and Ray Lagueux, former Chair of the Board at the Franco Center at Saint Mary. Will they please rise and accept the greetings of the Maine Senate.

The Chair is pleased to recognize in the Chamber the guest of George Lamontagne; his wife, Janice Lamontagne. Will she please rise and accept the greetings of the Maine Senate.

The Chair is pleased to recognize in the Chamber the guests of Maurice Pelletier: his wife, Patricia Pelletier; sons David and Mark; daughters Brenda and Michelle; granddaughter Kristen; friends Victor and Jan Michaud; and friends from the Calumet Club. Will they please rise and accept the greetings of the Maine Senate.

The Chair is pleased to recognize in the Chamber the family of the posthumous inductee, Roland Ouellette; Nancy Grimaldi, Julie Taylor, Peter and Mary Beth Ouellette, and Mark and Gaye Ouellette. Will they please rise and accept the greetings of the Maine Senate.

The President Pro Tempore requested the Sergeant-At-Arms escort the Senator from Waldo, Senator **THIBODEAU**, to the rostrum where he resumed his duties as President.

The Sergeant-At-Arms escorted the Senator from Androscoggin, Senator **LIBBY**, to his seat on the floor.

Senate called to order by the President.

Off Record Remarks

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

Non-Concurrent Matter

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

In House, February 24, 2015, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** and ordered printed.

In Senate, February 26, 2015, on motion by Senator **EDGECOMB** of Aroostook, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY**, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

Comes from the House, that Body **INSISTED**.

On motion by Senator **DAVIS** of Piscataquis, the Senate **ADHERED**.

House Papers

Bill "An Act To Promote Small Diversified Farms and Small Food Producers"
H.P. 644 L.D. 925

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

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

Bill "An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Enhance State Parks"
H.P. 643 L.D. 924

Bill "An Act To Remove the Age Penalty for State Retirees Working at Institutions That Are Closing"
H.P. 646 L.D. 927

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

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

Bill "An Act To Manage Electricity Rates To Lower Consumer Electricity Bills and Increase Utilities' Cash Flow through 3rd-party Management of Smart Meters"
H.P. 648 L.D. 945

Bill "An Act To Change Laws Amended by Public Law 2013, Chapter 369, Also Known as the Omnibus Energy Act"
H.P. 649 L.D. 946

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 Fund State Efforts To Reduce the Landfilling of Solid Waste"

H.P. 650 L.D. 947

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 Harmonize Maine's Laws Governing Toxic Chemicals in Children's Products with Those of Other States"

H.P. 651 L.D. 948

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

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

Resolve, To Enhance Consumer Awareness of Expenditures and Gifts by Manufacturers of Prescribed Products

H.P. 647 L.D. 928

Bill "An Act To Enact the Recommendations of the Commission on Independent Living and Disability"

H.P. 652 L.D. 949

Bill "An Act To Assist Patients in Need of Psychiatric Services"

H.P. 665 L.D. 966

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.

Resolve, To Increase the Number of Days a Junior Hunter May Hunt Deer

H.P. 645 L.D. 926

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

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

Bill "An Act To Provide Access to Opioid Analgesics with Abuse-deterrent Properties"

H.P. 638 L.D. 919

Bill "An Act To Amend the Maine Property Insurance Cancellation Control Laws"

H.P. 657 L.D. 954

Come 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 Require Mortgage Servicers To Act in Good Faith in Dealings with Homeowners"

H.P. 639 L.D. 920

Bill "An Act To Prohibit Discrimination against a Person Who Is Not Vaccinated"

H.P. 653 L.D. 950

Bill "An Act To Restore Judicial Discretion in the Administration of Fines"

H.P. 654 L.D. 951

Bill "An Act To Implement Changes in the Family Division To Improve the Experience of Pro Se Litigants"

H.P. 656 L.D. 953

Bill "An Act To Make Changes to Laws Governing Condominiums Regarding the Display of Signs"

H.P. 658 L.D. 955

Bill "An Act To Require the Attorney General To Investigate the Death of a Person in Police Custody or in a Correctional Facility"

H.P. 661 L.D. 962

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

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

Bill "An Act To Strengthen the Right of a Victim of Sexual Assault or Domestic Violence To Take Necessary Leave from Employment"

H.P. 640 L.D. 921

Bill "An Act Regarding the Licensure of Funeral Service Providers"

H.P. 655 L.D. 952

Bill "An Act To Support Family Caregivers in the Workforce"

H.P. 659 L.D. 960

Bill "An Act To Support Tourism Development in the City of Sanford"

H.P. 660 L.D. 961

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.

Off Record Remarks

Bill "An Act To Provide an Income Tax Exemption for Pension or Retirement Plans for Veterans Who Are Totally Disabled"

H.P. 641 L.D. 922

Bill "An Act To Strengthen the Benefits of the State Earned Income Tax Credit for Childless Workers"

H.P. 662 L.D. 963

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Permit the Freezing of Property Taxes on the Homes of Maine Residents Who Are 65 Years of Age or Older

H.P. 664 L.D. 965

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 Ensure Sustainable Infrastructure Funding"

H.P. 620 L.D. 901

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

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

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

Bill "An Act To Create Jobs and Increase Consumer Wine Choice"

H.P. 642 L.D. 923

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

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

Bill "An Act To Provide Access to Private Apartment Complexes for Political Candidates"

H.P. 663 L.D. 964

Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** suggested and ordered printed.

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

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

Sent down for concurrence.

**Pursuant to Statute
Administrator of the unorganized territory**

The **Administrator of the unorganized territory**, pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36, section 1604 asked leave to report that the accompanying Bill "An Act To Establish Municipal Cost Components for Unorganized Territory Services To Be Rendered in Fiscal Year 2015-16" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 666 L.D. 967

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

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

On motion by Senator **MCCORMICK** of Kennebec, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TAXATION** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218, in concurrence.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: S.C. 134

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

March 16, 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 163, §2003 I am pleased to re-appoint William H. Hanson to the Maine Library of Geographic Information Board as the member representing a statewide association representing real estate and development interests.

If you have any questions regarding this appointment 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. 135

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

March 16, 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 3, MRSA, Chapter 10, §227, I am pleased to appoint the following Senators to the Maine Canadian Legislative Advisory Committee, representing members of the Maine Senate:

Senator Andre Cushing of Penobscot
Senator James Dill of Penobscot

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

Sincerely,

S/Michael D. Thibodeau
President of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 136

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

March 16, 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 34-B §15004, I am pleased to appoint the following Senators to the Children's Mental Health Oversight Committee:

Senator Eric L. Brakey of Androscoggin
Senator Brian D. Langley of Hancock

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. 137

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

March 16, 2015

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

Dear Secretary Priest:

Pursuant to my authority under 22 MRSA §3883, I am pleased to appoint Senator Eric Brakey of Androscoggin to the Maine Children's Trust Incorporated.

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. 138

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

March 16, 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 10, MRSA, Chapter 1-A, Section 11, I am pleased to appoint the following Senators to the Citizen Trade Policy Commission:

Senator Amy F. Volk of Cumberland
Senator Rodney L. Whittemore of Somerset
Senator John L. Patrick of Oxford

Please let me know if you have any questions regarding these appointments.

Sincerely,

S/Michael D. Thibodeau
President of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

Senate at Ease.

Senate called to order by the President.

SENATE PAPERS

Bill "An Act To Reinstate the State Fire Marshal's Authority To Inspect Amusement Rides" (EMERGENCY)
S.P. 343 L.D. 971

Presented by President THIBODEAU of Waldo.

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 Regarding Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Requirements"

S.P. 342 L.D. 970

Presented by Senator CUSHING of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Representative GIDEON of Freeport and Senators: DILL of Penobscot, DUTREMBLE of York, HASKELL of Cumberland, WILLETTE of Aroostook, Representatives: FECTEAU of Biddeford, GINZLER of Bridgton, HICKMAN of Winthrop, LOCKMAN of Amherst.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act Requiring a Permit and Motor Vehicle Liability Insurance for Transportation Network Companies"
S.P. 344 L.D. 982

Presented by Senator COLLINS of York.
Cosponsored by Representative McLEAN of Gorham and Senators: CYRWAY of Kennebec, DIAMOND of Cumberland, HAMPER of Oxford, LANGLEY of Hancock, Representatives: BRYANT of Windham, HOGAN of Old Orchard Beach, PARRY of Arundel, RYKERSON of Kittery.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Clarify Wine Auction Licenses"
S.P. 345 L.D. 983

Presented by Senator PATRICK of Oxford.
Cosponsored by Representative GIDEON of Freeport and Senators: ALFOND of Cumberland, CYRWAY of Kennebec, DUTREMBLE of York, GRATWICK of Penobscot, LIBBY of Androscoggin, MILLETT of Cumberland, Representatives: LUCHINI of Ellsworth, PETERSON of Rumford.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

House

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act To Require Shareholder Consent for Corporate Political Contributions"

H.P. 47 L.D. 53

Reported that the same **Ought Not to Pass**.

Signed:

Senators:

CYRWAY of Kennebec
COLLINS of York

Representatives:

LUCHINI of Ellsworth
DILLINGHAM of Oxford
GOLDEN of Lewiston
HANINGTON of Lincoln
KINNEY of Limington
LONGSTAFF of Waterville
MONAGHAN of Cape Elizabeth
SCHNECK of Bangor
TURNER of Burlington

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass**.

Signed:

Senator:

PATRICK of Oxford

Representative:

SAUCIER of Presque Isle

(Representative BEAR of the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians - of the House - supports the Minority **Ought To Pass** Report.)

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

Reports **READ**.

On motion by Senator **CYRWAY** of Kennebec, the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

SECOND READERS

The Committee on **Bills in the Second Reading** reported the following:

House As Amended

Bill "An Act To Authorize up to 3 Free Sets of License Plates for 100 Percent Disabled Veterans"

H.P. 44 L.D. 50
(C "A" H-6)

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

H.P. 131 L.D. 173
(C "A" H-8)

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

H.P. 155 L.D. 223
(C "A" H-9)

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

H.P. 160 L.D. 228
(C "A" H-7)

READ A SECOND TIME and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED**, in concurrence.

Senate As Amended

Bill "An Act To Appropriate Funds To Help Restore the Historic Wood Island Life Saving Station in Kittery"

S.P. 115 L.D. 300
(C "A" S-2)

READ A SECOND TIME and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

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

ENACTORS

The Committee on **Engrossed Bills** reported as truly and strictly engrossed the following:

Emergency Resolve

Resolve, To Name the Route 11 Bridge over the Saco River in Standish and Limington the Veterans Memorial Bridge

H.P. 4 L.D. 1
(H "A" H-5)

This being an Emergency Measure and having received the affirmative vote of 34 Members of the Senate, with no Senators having voted in the negative, and 34 being more than two-thirds of the entire elected Membership of the Senate, was **FINALLY PASSED** and having been signed by the President, was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for his approval.

Ordered sent down forthwith.

On motion by Senator **MASON** of Androscoggin, **ADJOURNED** to Thursday, March 19, 2015, at 10:00 in the morning.

Resolve

Resolve, To Name Interstate 295 from Scarborough to West Gardiner the Richard A. Coleman Highway
S.P. 48 L.D. 115

FINALLY PASSED and having been signed by the President was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for his approval.

Ordered sent down forthwith.

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 (3/12/15) matter:

Bill "An Act To Authorize a Revenue Bond for a Student Loan Reduction Plan"

H.P. 533 L.D. 784

Tabled - March 12, 2015, by Senator **HAMPER** of Oxford

Pending - **REFERENCE**

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

(In House, March 11, 2015, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS**.)

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

Off Record Remarks

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