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ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE
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In Senate Chamber
Thursday
March 19, 2015

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

Prayer by Reverend Dr. Elbert Brewster, Smithfield Baptist
Church.

REVEREND BREWSTER: Let us pray. Gracious God, our
Loving Creator, we give You thanks this morning for this new day.
Thank You for a day that is beginning to show some small signs
of spring, offering us hope the long winter is coming to an end.
We also thank You for a day that offers each of us a new
beginning, an opportunity to live and love and create a better day
for ourselves and for those we serve. I offer You thanks, O God,
for each of these men and women who are here before me today.
I thank You for their willingness to serve their state and the
people that they represent. My prayer for them today, O God, is
that they can begin this day refreshed in spirit and filled again with
zeal for the work that they've undertaken. I pray for their health,
for their wellbeing, and for the good health of their families. I pray
for any who are sick today. Please bless them with Your healing
and helping presence. I pray, O God, that You will bless each of
our Senators, our Representatives, their aides, their advisors,
with hope and faith and confidence so they're filled with
enthusiasm and what they do today can really make a difference
in the lives of all of us that they serve. You have blessed us so
richly, O God, with a state and a nation that is filled with incredible
beauty, with energetic people, and democratic values that serve
us so well. Please continue, we pray, to lead us and guide us
each day, to learn from You how to live well, serve gladly, and
love deeply. With deep faith and reverence we pray. Amen.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Senator Geoffrey M. Gratwick of
Penobscot County.

Reading of the Journal of Wednesday, March 18, 2015.

Doctor of the day, Sam Cady, MD of Portland.

Off Record Remarks

Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, on motion by
Senator **MASON** of Androscoggin, the following Joint Order:
S.P. 357

Ordered, the House concurring, that when the Senate and House
adjourn, they do so until Tuesday, March 24, 2015 at 10:00 in the
morning.

READ and PASSED.

Ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

Non-Concurrent Matter

Bill "An Act To Permit the Use of Firearm Noise Suppression
Devices in Hunting and To Provide for a Chief Law Enforcement
Officer's Certification for Certain Firearms"
S.P. 333 L.D. 942

In Senate, March 17, 2015, on motion by Senator **ROSEN** of
Hancock, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE
AND PUBLIC SAFETY** and ordered printed.

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

On motion by Senator **DAVIS** of Piscataquis, the Senate
RECEDED and **CONCURRED**.

House Papers

Bill "An Act To Amend Maine's Genetically Modified Food
Products Labeling Law"
H.P. 686 L.D. 991

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 Create the Crime of Operating While Fatigued"
H.P. 683 L.D. 988

Comes 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 Provide Compensation to a Corrections Officer Injured by a Patient or Prisoner"

H.P. 671 L.D. 974

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

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**.

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 Establish a Veterinary School"

H.P. 678 L.D. 981

Bill "An Act To Align Maine's School Marketing Law with Current Federal Food Standards"

H.P. 680 L.D. 985

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 Regulate Standards of Service for Mobile Telecommunications Services and Broadband Services"

H.P. 687 L.D. 992

Comes 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 Improve Child Care in the State"

H.P. 674 L.D. 977

Bill "An Act To Limit the Use of Extended-release Hydrocodone Bitartrate"

H.P. 684 L.D. 989

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 Regarding Travel Insurance in the Maine Insurance Code"

H.P. 672 L.D. 975

Bill "An Act To Promote Patient Choice and Access to Health Care"

H.P. 675 L.D. 978

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 Eliminate Unnecessary Regulatory Burdens on Motor Vehicle Dealer-to-dealer Transactions"

H.P. 673 L.D. 976

Resolve, To Provide for Workforce Development in the Forest Products Industry

H.P. 676 L.D. 979

Bill "An Act To Authorize the Dispensing of Eyeglasses with an Expired Prescription"

H.P. 679 L.D. 984

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 Ensure That Nicotine Products Are Taxed Equally"

H.P. 670 L.D. 973

Bill "An Act To Restore Revenue Sharing" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 677 L.D. 980

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 Suspend the Right of an Out-of-state Toll Violator To Operate a Motor Vehicle on Maine Roads"

H.P. 682 L.D. 987

Comes 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 Streamline Certain Regulations on Small Distilleries"

H.P. 681 L.D. 986

Bill "An Act To Limit Agency Expenditures To Influence Elections"
H.P. 685 L.D. 990

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.

Bill "An Act To Provide for the Nonpartisan Election of County Officials"

H.P. 669 L.D. 972

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

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT**.

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

Joint Resolution

The following Joint Resolution:

H.P. 668

**JOINT RESOLUTION
RECOGNIZING MARCH AS BRAIN INJURY AWARENESS
MONTH**

WHEREAS, 2,400,000 Americans sustain a traumatic brain injury each year; and

WHEREAS, a traumatic brain injury is a contributing factor in a third of all injury-related deaths in the United States; and

WHEREAS, traumatic brain injuries are largely the result of motor vehicle crashes, falls, assaults or sports-related or occupation-related accidents; and

WHEREAS, traumatic brain injury is the signature injury of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, presenting new challenges for members of the military and their families; and

WHEREAS, an injury that happens in an instant can bring a lifetime of physical, cognitive and behavioral challenges; and

WHEREAS, early, equal and adequate access to care can greatly increase the overall quality of life for those people with traumatic brain injury and can enable them to return to home, school, work and the community; and

WHEREAS, family members, friends and members of the community can play a central role in enhancing the lives of our citizens with traumatic brain injury; and

WHEREAS, the Brain Injury Association of America offers education and support to families and to individuals with traumatic brain injury to achieve community integration and to help individuals with traumatic brain injury live as independently as possible; and

WHEREAS, March has been designated as Brain Injury Awareness Month to promote public awareness of the prevention, causes, consequences, treatment and extent of traumatic brain injuries; 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 March 2015 as Brain Injury Awareness Month in Maine.

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

READ and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: S.C. 140

**STATE OF MAINE
127TH LEGISLATURE**

February 17, 2015

Brigadier General James D. Campbell
Adjutant General, Maine Army National Guard
33 State House Station
Camp Keyes
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear General Campbell:

We are pleased to invite you to address a Joint Session of the 127th Maine Legislature on Tuesday, March 24, 2015 at 11:00 a.m. concerning matters of defense, veterans' services, emergency management and any other matters that you may care to bring to our attention.

We look forward to seeing you then.

Sincerely,

S/Michael D. Thibodeau
President of the Senate

S/Mark W. Eves
Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 141

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

March 18, 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 413, §11053, I have appointed Representative Matthea Daughtry of Brunswick to the New England Board of Higher Education.

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

Sincerely,

S/Mark W. Eves
Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 142

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND
FORESTRY**

March 17, 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 Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry has voted unanimously to report the following bills out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 304 An Act To Support Marketing of Maine's Farms and Fisheries

L.D. 414 An Act To Remove Certain Exemptions to the Laws Concerning Tree Specialists

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

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Peter E. Edgecomb
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Craig V. Hickman
House Chair

READ and with accompanying papers ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 143

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

March 17, 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 Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development has voted unanimously to report the following bills out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 402 Resolve, To Amend Rules Regarding Proof of Ownership of Logging Equipment and Recruitment by Employers Employing Foreign Laborers To Operate Logging Equipment

L.D. 562 An Act To Protect Casino Workers

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

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Amy F. Volk
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Erin D. Herbig
House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 144

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

March 16, 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 Sen. Saviello of Franklin, to report the following bill Leave to Withdraw:

L.D. 741 An Act To Provide Expanded Powers to the
Executive Director of the Kennebec Regional
Development Authority

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Michael J. Willette
Senate Chair

S/Roland Danny Martin
House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 145

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

March 17, 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 Transportation has voted unanimously to report the following bills out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 262 Resolve, Directing the Department of
Transportation and the Maine Turnpike
Authority To Erect Highway Signs for Thornton
Academy

L.D. 285 Resolve, Directing the Department of
Transportation To Install a Traffic Light in the
Town of Prospect

L.D. 293 Resolve, To Require the Department of
Transportation To Establish a Working Group
To Examine Weight Limits for Tractor-trailers
with Different Axle Spacings

L.D. 371 An Act To Enhance Safety for Highway
Maintenance Vehicles

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

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Ronald F. Collins
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Andrew J. McLean
House Chair

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

Senate at Ease.

Senate called to order by the President.

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 (3/5/15) matter:

JOINT ORDER - Expression of Legislative Sentiment
Recognizing the Members of the Ellsworth High School Wrestling
Team

SLS 197

Tabled - March 5, 2015, by Senator **LANGLEY** of Hancock

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

(In Senate, March 5, 2015, **READ.**)

The Joint Order was **READ.**

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

Senator **LANGLEY:** Thank you, Mr. President. Men and women of the Senate, it's a proud day for me to have the Ellsworth High School Wrestling Team down here. I taught in the Ellsworth school system for nearly 30 years. The last time the wrestling team won they won two State titles in the early 1980's. They have never won an Eastern Maine title. Wrestling's a little bit different than basketball. There is more than one way to get to the State Championship. This year they won both the Eastern Maine and the State wrestling title. What's most notable about this team is that there are fourteen weight classes and they only had ten entrants in those weight classes. Every other team that they competed against ran fourteen team members and they won both Eastern Maine and the State with only ten, which also means they had five State Champions in the midst of those ten wrestlers. One of them, Jack Weeks, got his 100th win during the Eastern Maine Tourney and 100 wins in a wrestling career in high school is no small feat. Thank you very much and congratulations to the Ellsworth High School Wrestling Team.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair is pleased to recognize in the balcony the State Champion Ellsworth Eagles Wrestling Team. Would they please rise and accept the greetings of the Senate.

Senate at Ease.

Senate called to order by the President.

All matters thus acted upon, with exception of those matters being held, were ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

SENATE PAPERS

Bill "An Act To Prevent the Shackling of Pregnant Prisoners"
S.P. 353 L.D. 1013

Presented by Senator **HASKELL** of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative **MAKER** of Calais and Senators: **BREEN** of Cumberland, **HILL** of York, **MILLETT** of Cumberland, **ROSEN** of Hancock, **VALENTINO** of York, Representatives: **ALLEY** of Beals, **BABBIDGE** of Kennebunk, **BATES** of Westbrook, **BEAVERS** of South Berwick, **BEEBE-CENTER** of Rockland, **BLUME** of York, **BROOKS** of Lewiston, **BRYANT** of Windham, **BURSTEIN** of Lincolnville, **CHENETTE** of Saco, **COOPER** of Yarmouth, **DAUGHTRY** of Brunswick, **DAVITT** of Hampden, **DeCHANT** of Bath, **DEVIN** of Newcastle, **DOORE** of Augusta, **DUNPHY** of Old Town, **ESPLING** of New Gloucester, **EVANGELOS** of Friendship, **FOWLE** of Vassalboro, **GIDEON** of Freeport, **GILBERT** of Jay, **GINZLER** of Bridgton, **GRANT** of Gardiner, **GUERIN** of Glenburn, **HARLOW** of Portland, **HERBIG**

of Belfast, **HICKMAN** of Winthrop, **HOBBINS** of Saco, **HOGAN** of Old Orchard Beach, **HYMANSON** of York, **KINNEY** of Knox, **KORNFIELD** of Bangor, **MALABY** of Hancock, **MARTIN** of Sinclair, **MASTRACCIO** of Sanford, **McCABE** of Skowhegan, **McCREIGHT** of Harpswell, **MELARAGNO** of Auburn, **MONAGHAN** of Cape Elizabeth, **MOONEN** of Portland, **NADEAU** of Winslow, **PIERCE** of Falmouth, **POWERS** of Naples, **ROTUNDO** of Lewiston, **RUSSELL** of Portland, **SANBORN** of Gorham, **SANDERSON** of Chelsea, **SHAW** of Standish, **SHORT** of Pittsfield, **STUCKEY** of Portland, **TEPLER** of Topsham, **WARREN** of Hallowell, **WELSH** of Rockport.

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 Prevent Beneficiaries under the Statewide Food Supplement Program from Carrying Forward Unused Benefit Amounts"

S.P. 346 L.D. 1006

Presented by Senator **KATZ** of Kennebec.
Cosponsored by Representative **POULIOT** of Augusta and Senators: **BURNS** of Washington, **LANGLEY** of Hancock, **WHITTEMORE** of Somerset.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Ensure Confidentiality of Personally Identifying Information for Private Investigators, Investigative Assistants and Dependents of Deployed Members of the Military"
S.P. 354 L.D. 1014

Presented by Senator **BURNS** of Washington.
Cosponsored by Representative **DION** of Portland and Senators: **DAVIS** of Piscataquis, **KATZ** of Kennebec, **SAVIELLO** of Franklin, **WHITTEMORE** of Somerset, Representatives: **DUNPHY** of Embden, **LONG** of Sherman, **PICKETT** of Dixfield, **STANLEY** of Medway.

Bill "An Act To Update Maine's Family Law"
S.P. 358 L.D. 1017

Presented by Senator **ROSEN** of Hancock.
Cosponsored by Senator **KATZ** of Kennebec, Representative **MOONEN** of Portland and Senators: **ALFOND** of Cumberland, **BRAKEY** of Androscoggin, **CUSHING** of Penobscot, **VALENTINO** of York.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Benefit the Education of Denturism Students"
S.P. 349 L.D. 1009

Presented by Senator CUSHING of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Representative WARD of Dedham and
Senators: LANGLEY of Hancock, MASON of Androscoggin,
ROSEN of Hancock, VOLK of Cumberland, Representatives:
AUSTIN of Gray, CAMPBELL of Newfield, LOCKMAN of
Amherst, STETKIS of Canaan.

Bill "An Act To Afford Public Employers Flexibility To Achieve
Efficiency and Quality in Management"
S.P. 350 L.D. 1010

Presented by Senator CUSHING of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Representative SIROCKI of Scarborough and
Senators: BRAKEY of Androscoggin, MASON of Androscoggin,
Representatives: BICKFORD of Auburn, WOOD of Sabattus.

Bill "An Act To Address Drug Testing in the Workplace and the
Effect of Approved Substances on Current Drug Policy"
S.P. 351 L.D. 1011

Presented by Senator CUSHING of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Representative WARD of Dedham and
Senators: BRAKEY of Androscoggin, BURNS of Washington,
COLLINS of York, EDGECOMB of Aroostook, MASON of
Androscoggin, ROSEN of Hancock, President THIBODEAU of
Waldo, Representative: BICKFORD of Auburn.

Bill "An Act To Require Large Employers To Report
Compensation Information"
S.P. 355 L.D. 1015

Presented by Senator PATRICK of Oxford.
Cosponsored by Representative HERBIG of Belfast and
Senators: ALFOND of Cumberland, DILL of Penobscot,
DUTREMBLE of York, Representatives: DeCHANT of Bath,
MASTRACCIO of Sanford, PETERSON of Rumford, SHORT of
Pittsfield.

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 Allow Retired Marine Patrol Officers To Obtain up
to 2 Marine Fisheries Licenses"

S.P. 356 L.D. 1016

Presented by Senator BURNS of Washington.
Cosponsored by Representative LONG of Sherman and
Senators: BAKER of Sagadahoc, DAVIS of Piscataquis, KATZ of
Kennebec, LANGLEY of Hancock, SAVIELLO of Franklin,
WHITTEMORE of Somerset, Representatives: STANLEY of
Medway, TURNER of Burlington.

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 Extend Options for Publicly Funded Projects"
S.P. 348 L.D. 1008

Presented by Senator CUSHING of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Representative BICKFORD of Auburn and
Senators: BRAKEY of Androscoggin, MASON of Androscoggin,
President THIBODEAU of Waldo, VOLK of Cumberland,
WILLETTE of Aroostook, Representatives: LOCKMAN of
Amherst, STETKIS of Canaan, WARD of Dedham.

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of
Maine To Increase the Length of Terms of Senators
S.P. 352 L.D. 1012

Presented by Senator VOLK of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Senators: ALFOND of Cumberland, BAKER of
Sagadahoc, CUSHING of Penobscot, CYRWAY of Kennebec,
DUTREMBLE of York, GERZOFISKY of Cumberland, GRATWICK
of Penobscot, KATZ of Kennebec, LANGLEY of Hancock,
ROSEN of Hancock, WHITTEMORE of Somerset, WOODSOME
of York, Representatives: ALLEY of Beals, BEAR of the Houlton
Band of Maliseet Indians, BLUME of York, BURSTEIN of
Lincolntonville, DAUGHTRY of Brunswick, DEVIN of Newcastle,
ESPLING of New Gloucester, EVANGELOS of Friendship,
GINZLER of Bridgton, HOBBS of Saco, KINNEY of Knox,
KORNFELD of Bangor, MAREAN of Hollis, McCABE of
Skowhegan, MONAGHAN of Cape Elizabeth, POWERS of
Naples, SAUCIER of Presque Isle, STUCKEY of Portland,
VACHON of Scarborough, WARD of Dedham, WARREN of
Hallowell.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Resolve, To Study the Tax Exemption Provided to Nonprofit Entities

S.P. 347 L.D. 1007

Presented by Senator BURNS of Washington.
Cosponsored by Representative TUELL of East Machias and
Senators: DAVIS of Piscataquis, KATZ of Kennebec, SAVIELLO
of Franklin, WHITTEMORE of Somerset, WILLETTE of
Aroostook, Representatives: MAKER of Calais, McCREIGHT of
Harpwell.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

All matters thus acted upon, with exception of those matters being
held, were ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

ORDERS

Joint Order

Expression of Legislative Sentiment recognizing:

The following members of the Lawrence High School Girls
Basketball Team, of Fairfield, who won the 2015 Class A State
Championship: players Paige Belanger, Abby Weigang, Jordyn
Towers, Nia Irving, Dominique Lewis, Elise Guimond, Carly
LaRochelle, Emily Tozier, Morgan Boudreau, Kiana Letourneau,
Camryn Caldwell, Olivia Patterson, Molly Folsom and Hunter
Mercier; head coach John Donato; junior varsity coach Greg
Chesley; freshman coach Rusty Mercier; manager Kellie
Goldsmith; and volunteers Gail Bucklin and Russ Belanger. We
extend to all the members of the team our congratulations on this
achievement and best wishes;

SLS 247

Sponsored by Senator CYRWAY of Kennebec.
Cosponsored by Representative: PICCHIOTTI of Fairfield.

READ.

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

Senator **CYRWAY:** Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and
gentlemen of the Senate, I rise before you today to congratulate
the members and coaches of the Lawrence High School Girls
Basketball Team, the winners of this year's Class A State
Championship. I, along with everyone in the towns of Albion,
Benton, Clinton, and Fairfield and Lawrence High School alumni
across Maine, are proud of these young ladies and all that they
have accomplished this season. Four years ago the Lawrence
High School Girls Basketball Team won two games and five years
ago they didn't win any games. This year we celebrate a Class A
State Championship with a total of 21 wins and 1 loss. This
Championship gives the Lawrence Girls their first State title since
1994, to hold the gold ball in 21 years, to be exact. In the days
when Cindy Blodgett played for the Lawrence Bulldogs, as a side
note, none of the players of this State Championship were even
born yet. The Bulldogs won their last title in 1994, doesn't this
make us all feel super old? I am a Lawrence High alumni, and a
Bulldog, and have been fortunate to have taught there, Drug
Abuse Resistance Education, to almost all these girls through the
four towns. I am very proud of the example that they have
portrayed as a great role model for their peers. You'll never know
the unmeasurable influence you have made in your community to
help others make good decisions in their lives to be like you. I
have the deepest respect for the game, as I am a Bulldog. I was
once in basketball and I actually kept my letter and my basketball.
We were runner-up champions at 81 to 80 in triple overtime in
Portland. The team is joined today by the Head Coach, John
Donato, who was previously recognized in this Body for earning
up to 500 career wins within all the seasons. Also joining him is
Athletic Director and Assistant Principal Bill McManus, who I have
had the pleasure of working with on several occasions. What a
great asset these two men are at Lawrence High School. These
young ladies and their coaching staff have worked extremely hard
to get where they are and it is with great pleasure to congratulate
them in front of this Body. Thank you, Mr. President.

PASSED.

Sent down for concurrence.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair is pleased to recognize in the rear
of the Chamber members of the Class A Girls Basketball State
Championship Team and Head Coach John Donato and the
Athletic Director and Assistant Principal Bill McManus. Would
they please rise and accept the greetings of the Maine Senate.

Joint Resolutions

Joint Resolutions in Memoriam:

WHEREAS, the Legislature has learned with deep regret of the death of:

The Honorable Peter Danton, of Saco, a former State Senator and Deputy Secretary of State. Mr. Danton served 7 terms in the Maine State Senate, from 1971 to 1980 and from 1983 to 1986, serving as Assistant Minority Leader from 1973 to 1978. He also served on the board of the Maine Turnpike Authority, as Chief of Staff to Governor Joseph Brennan, as Deputy Secretary of State, as Chair of the State Liquor and Lottery Commission and as Chair of the Gambling Control Board. Before his public service began, Mr. Danton was a restaurateur, beginning by working in his family's restaurant at the age of 14. He went on to open his own restaurants in Old Orchard Beach and other towns along the State's southern coast. We acknowledge Mr. Danton's long service in the Legislature and to the State. Mr. Danton will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family and friends and his colleagues from the Legislature and elsewhere in State Government;

SLS 241

Sponsored by Senator VALENTINO of York.
Cosponsored by Senators: ALFOND of Cumberland, DIAMOND of Cumberland, DUTREMBLE of York, GERZOFISKY of Cumberland, HASKELL of Cumberland, HILL of York, KATZ of Kennebec, PATRICK of Oxford, Representatives: CHENETTE of Saco, HOBBS of Saco, HOGAN of Old Orchard Beach, MAREAN of Hollis, MARTIN of Eagle Lake.

READ.

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

Senator **VALENTINO:** Thank you, Mr. President. Men and women of the Senate, I rise today to pay tribute the Honorable Peter Danton of Saco. Over the past few days many members of the Legislature, the Lobby, and staff have approached me with their fond memories of Senator Danton. One person said that Peter had served with their father. Another said her mother was Secretary of the Senate when he served. Another remarked that he was a member of the Chamber Staff when Senator Danton served. No matter how you knew him I think it was universally known that Peter was always a gentlemen and one who showed great respect for serving the people of Maine. In addition to being a State Senator for 14 years, he had many other positions. A few being Chief of Staff to Governor Brennan, Deputy Secretary of State, Chairman of both the Gambling Control Board and the Liquor and Lottery Commission, plus a member of the Maine Turnpike Authority. I think his fondest memories were of the State House when he served as Chair of the Transportation Committee. He loved the Transportation Committee. He always said it was the best committee for constituent work. Everyone needed a road paved. For years he proudly displayed a newspaper picture of himself and Senator Conley, who was then President of the Senate, for getting stopped and fined by the State Police for traveling on the unopened portion of the new I-295. He couldn't understand what was taking so long to open the

road and, after it was completed, he thought, as Chair of Transportation, "I'm going to go check it out for myself." He went through the barriers and went up the road. After his ticket and a newspaper article, miraculously a couple of days later the road opened. Peter was the political guru of Saco. From the age of 14 he worked in family's restaurant and later owned the Hitching Post and Holiday Chateau. Everyone, Democrat or Republican, stopped in at the restaurant to see Peter. Whether you were a Governor, a President, or an aspiring city councilor, like I was in the 1970s, you stopped by to seek his advice, for you see Peter was my political mentor. He was one of my father's best friends and they were together constantly. One a Democrat, one a Republican. Always arguing politics. My father asked Peter to teach me the ropes and he went on to guide me for over 35 years, whether I was on the city council, a Representative, or a Senator. He was my campaign manager, treasurer, advisor, plus he put up signs, got signatures, and went to events with me. He would often stop by unexpectedly at the State House to visit me when he was on business in Augusta. He would pop his head into whatever committee I was on and we'd go for a snack or lunch. It got to the point where he didn't even have to pop his head in. Usually someone like Senator Patrick would come in, tap me on the shoulder, and say, "Go on, get out of here. Peter is here," and I'd leave. Peter was more than a politician. He was a Statesman. Always gracious, polite, understanding, and concerned. Senator Danton left a legacy that will be remembered. Thank you.

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

Senator **GERZOFISKY:** Thank you, Mr. President. I am that Senator that used to work on the staff and Peter Danton, Senator Danton, the most Honorable Senator Danton, was one of my Senators. He sat in that end seat where Senator Dutremble sits and he was Chair of Transportation when I knew him. He was just an absolutely stellar politician. Statesman. He crossed all those barriers. He was pleasant, but he was firm. When Peter drove down I-295 that morning it made the news and it got that part of the road opened. Him and Gerry Conley, President of the Senate at that time, took a lot of teasing about that. I can't say how highly respected Senator Danton was. I couldn't believe it when he died. I thought he was going to be one of those people that just outlive all of us. He would call me anytime he felt like it, just to tell me what I was doing right and wrong. We spent hundreds of hours on the rail, railroad lines, for Guilford when he was lobbying for them, just showing me how the rail system in this state works, both passenger and freight. He was just one of the best mentors this institution's ever had and ever will have. He was a city kid. He was a street kid. He could talk with the most average of us and you'd understand everything he said. He was also that statesman I mentioned that could talk to people at a much different level. He was just somebody to emulate. The work that he did here in this Chamber, I observed, but the work he did as Commissioner of Transportation or lobbyist for a rail company, on the Board of the Turnpike Authority, all those positions he held he held with distinction. I'll tell you, to serve that many years for the people of the State of Maine is a credit because he was a public servant. I want to get everybody to understand, he was that person we all want to emulate. Thank you very much, Mr. President.

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

Senator **DIAMOND:** Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, I just wanted to say a couple of things about Peter Danton. You've heard a lot of some of the things people all know. He was a gentleman, above all. What I admired most about Peter was his ability to work with all types of folks and across the aisle on a regular basis. In fact, he would do some things that I tried to learn from him that would benefit the people of the State of Maine and his ability to do that and his genuineness. Of all the jobs he had, many of them were public, but many people don't realize he was also Deputy Secretary of State at one of the times when the Department of Secretary of State had a lot of problems with the commercial end and in the corporate end. He did his job quietly and significantly and I really will always remember those kinds of accomplishments. Mr. President and ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, I'm proud to stand here and say that Peter Danton was a friend of mine, but, more than that, he was a gentleman and a servant to the state. Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator **COLLINS:** Thank you, Mr. President. The Honorable Peter Danton. I'm a lifelong resident of York County and it seemed like if there was something going on in York County that affected a lot of folks, and they didn't agree with it, they'd say, "Get a hold of Peter Danton. He'll take care of it." That was the kind of individual he was, as mentioned previously in Peter's testimony. He was the personified definition of a politician. He worked for a lot of different folks, whether they had an "R" after their name or a "D". He got things resolved. He got things done. As a member of the Transportation Committee now for 6 terms, I was Senate Chair in the 125th, Peter would wait patiently down by the committee room door and he's go, "Now, Ron," I'd say, "Yes, Peter," "I don't think we should be doing this," "Okay." Most people you'd just kind of walk by and ignore them, but Peter you always paid attention to because he had the experience and the knowhow and you always wanted to listen to what he had to say about a given topic. He'd point out the different pitfalls of things coming before the Committee. He said, "Ya, we dealt with that back in whenever. That's how we handled it." Okay, good, alright. He was a mentor to me and we always worked closely together on transportation issues. I will sadly miss him and his knowledge. He was a lot of help to me and the Transportation Committee, so he'll be sadly missed. Thank you.

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

Senator **KATZ:** Thank you, Mr. President. Men and women of the Senate, I didn't know Peter Danton well, but my father did. He served with Peter in the 1970s and I remember coming home from college and being introduced to my dad's colleagues and Peter Danton. After they would leave, he would tell me about each one of them. I remember very clearly about Peter Danton because they were usually in opposite sides of the issue and they would fight fiercely in this Chamber. My dad always told me that Peter Danton was a man of his word, that he was the ultimate gentleman, and I know that of all the folks that he served with

over the many years that he was here he had no greater respect for any person that he served with than Peter Danton. In the last few years I've had a chance to see him a few times in this Chamber myself. We'd make that connection. We have obviously lost a real giant of this institution. Thank you, Mr. President.

ADOPTED.

Sent down for concurrence.

WHEREAS, the Legislature has learned with deep regret of the death of:

Donald Nutting Hewett, of Somerville. Mr. Hewett was a lifelong resident of Somerville. He became a partner of his father, Lloyd Frank Hewett, in the dairy business, taking full ownership in 1958. He was married to Shirley A. Brown for 63 years, until his passing. He was a member of the South Somerville Baptist Church, where he was a deacon and at times taught Sunday School. He served the town as a selectman for 33 years, moderated town meetings and worked on the planning board. Mr. Hewett was a charter member of the Somerville Fire Department and served as Fire Warden for over 50 years. He was presented with the Spirit of America award for his many years of volunteering in the community. Mr. Hewett will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family and friends and all those who knew him;

SLS 246

Sponsored by Senator JOHNSON of Lincoln.
Cosponsored by Representative: FOWLE of Vassalboro.

READ.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Lincoln, Senator Johnson.

Senator **JOHNSON:** Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, I want to speak for a moment about the kind of person that Donald Hewett was. He had a very kind manner, a gentle but firm leadership. In all his years living in the town he was known very much as a father figure, rather a model of what people talk about as being a town father. To many people in that town he was the father that they missed, someone who took them out in the dairy barn, gave them a job working on the farm when they needed it, and, in his gentle way, provided guidance that everyone in the town remembers and benefited from. In the recent service for Don, the South Somerville Baptist Church was filled, standing room only and overflowing into other rooms. People came from many states because of the influence that Don had in their lives. He was from a family, and growing up and working that land, that moved there from Newcastle before Maine was a state. His family's history and Don's work will actually be soon told, that story to be published in a book by another Somerville resident titled *Life, Death, and A Tractor*. He and Shirley thoroughly enjoyed each other's company. They were, to many people in town, the model of a good marriage, a loving couple, and people that enjoyed little things that would bring a smile to the other and make life enjoyable. When I think

of Don I think of someone who had a manner in which he could tell you what you was doing wrong and you'd be happy that he did. Not too many people can do that and make you so glad that he spoke to you, but it's because Don, in his gentle way, was saying that were clear. He was firm in what he believed was right, but you knew that he wasn't trying to belittle you or criticize you. He was trying to tell you how he saw it in a way that he felt was constructive and he did so very well because we all took it that way. I'd like to think of Don as someone that the Town of Somerville came together around as a community because of the kind of person that he was and the kind of presence that he brought, the spirit that he showed that others seek to emulate. I became the Town Moderator in town simply because Don, who decided that he'd been doing it long enough, asked me if I would. There are a lot of things in the Town of Somerville that happened in just that kind of way. It was a firm and gentle leadership that Don brought to the town and a true father figure. He'll be sadly missed.

ADOPTED.

Sent down for concurrence.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

House

Ought to Pass As Amended

The Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** on Bill "An Act To Require Notice to Municipal Officers of Violations of Emergency Medical Services Law and Rule" H.P. 56 L.D. 62

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-13).**

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-13).**

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

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-13) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

The Committee on **TAXATION** on Bill "An Act To Exempt the Sale of the United States Flag from the Sales Tax" H.P. 14 L.D. 11

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-11).**

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-11).**

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

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-11) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

The Committee on **TAXATION** on Bill "An Act To Extend the Period of Time for Persons Who Purchase Special Fuel and Gasoline for Off-highway Use To Apply for the Special Fuel and Gasoline Tax Refunds" H.P. 170 L.D. 238

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-12).**

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-12).**

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

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-12) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** on Resolve, To Study the Use of Social Impact Bonds as a Funding Mechanism for Public Education Programs in Maine H.P. 285 L.D. 418

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-10).**

Signed:

Senators:

LANGLEY of Hancock
EDGEComb of Aroostook
MILLETT of Cumberland

Representatives:

KORNFELD of Bangor
DAUGHTRY of Brunswick
FARNSWORTH of Portland
HUBBELL of Bar Harbor
MAKER of Calais
PIERCE of Falmouth
POULIOT of Augusta
STEARNS of Guilford
TIPPING-SPITZ of Orono

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought Not To Pass**.

Signed:

Representative:

McCLELLAN of Raymond

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-10)**.

Reports **READ**.

On motion by Senator **LANGLEY** of Hancock, the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-10) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** on Bill "An Act Regarding the Funding of Volunteer Fire Departments"

H.P. 123 L.D. 165

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

Signed:

Senators:

WILLETTE of Aroostook
LIBBY of Androscoggin
WOODSOME of York

Representatives:

MARTIN of Sinclair
BABIDGE of Kennebunk
BRYANT of Windham
DOORE of Augusta
GREENWOOD of Wales
PICKETT of Dixfield
TUELL of East Machias
TURNER of Burlington

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

Signed:

Representatives:

EVANGELOS of Friendship
NADEAU of Winslow

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

Reports **READ**.

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

Senate

Ought to Pass

Senator **WOODSOME** for the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** on Bill "An Act To Change the Name of the Public Utilities Commission's Consumer Assistance Division"

S.P. 175 L.D. 446

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass**.

Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

READ ONCE.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** on Bill "An Act Regarding Posting of Legal Notices and Legal Advertising"

S.P. 96 L.D. 258

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

Signed:

Ordered sent down forthwith.

Senators:

LIBBY of Androscoggin
WOODSOME of York

Representatives:

MARTIN of Sinclair
BABBIDGE of Kennebunk
BRYANT of Windham
DOORE of Augusta
GREENWOOD of Wales
PICKETT of Dixfield
TURNER of Burlington

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

Signed:

Senator:

WILLETTE of Aroostook

Representatives:

EVANGELOS of Friendship
NADEAU of Winslow
TUELL of East Machias

Reports **READ**.

On motion by Senator **WILLETTE** of Aroostook, the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **ACCEPTED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

ENACTORS

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

Acts

An Act To Provide an Exemption from Sales Tax and Service Provider Tax to Nonprofit Collaboratives of Libraries
S.P. 14 L.D. 13
(C "A" S-1)

An Act To Reduce Registration Fees and Excise Taxes for For-hire Vehicles with Adaptive Equipment Enabling Access by Persons with Disabilities

H.P. 42 L.D. 48

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

H.P. 58 L.D. 64

PASSED TO BE ENACTED and having been signed by the President were presented by the Secretary to the Governor for his approval.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

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

JOINT ORDER - Expression of Legislative Sentiment
Recognizing Balt von Heune of Arrowsic
SLS 144

Tabled - February 24, 2015, by Senator **BAKER** of Sagadahoc

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

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

The Joint Order was **READ**.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Sagadahoc, Senator Baker.

Senator **BAKER:** Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, I rise today to recognize an amazing young man. Balt von Heune, a senior at Morse High School in Bath and a resident of Arrowsic, has made the State of Maine and, indeed, the entire United States very proud. Last year over one and a half million high school juniors and seniors took advance placement exams on nearly 40 topics. The AP program gives high school students a chance to learn in a college level curriculum and take college level exams. The best and brightest students in the world take part in this program. Worldwide, 130,000 students took the environmental science advance placement exam last year. Balt was one of those 130,000 students, but he set himself apart. This young man scored the only perfect score in the world on his environmental science AP exam. Many students get a score of 5, which is impressive enough. While it is a high numeric score, it is not a perfect score. Balt attained a perfect score. As an educator for 35 years, with 5 of those being in the Bath School System, I am particularly proud of this accomplishment. Since I was an English teacher, I am pleased to hear of Balt's interest in possibly pursuing the subject of communications in his academic career. There is no doubt in my mind that he will be successful no matter what he chooses. I want to acknowledge Balt's teacher, Eric Varney, who, no doubt, has helped foster and encourage this talented young man's interest in science, and his amazing father, who joins him today, Andreas von Heune. It is with great pleasure that I congratulate Balt. You have a wonderful future ahead of you and you have made the great State of Maine incredibly proud. Thank you, sir.

On motion by Senator **BAKER** of Sagadahoc, **PASSED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair is pleased to recognize in the Chamber today Balt von Heune of Morse High School; his teacher, Eric Varney; and his father, Andreas. Would they please rise and accept the greetings of the Maine Senate.

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later Assigned (3/17/15) matter:

Bill "An Act Regarding Residential Drinking Water Arsenic Testing"

S.P. 328 L.D. 937

Tabled - March 17, 2015, by Senator **BURNS** of Washington

Pending - **REFERENCE**

(Committee on **JUDICIARY** suggested and ordered printed.)

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Off Record Remarks

All matters thus acted upon, with exception of those matters being held, were ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

On motion by Senator **VALENTINO** of York, **ADJOURNED**, pursuant to the Joint Order, to Tuesday, March 24, 2015, at 10:00 in the morning, in memory of and lasting tribute to the Honorable Peter Danton of Saco, Donald Nutting Hewett of Somerville, and Daniel Morin of Lyman.