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**STATE OF MAINE
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JOURNAL OF THE SENATE**

In Senate Chamber
Wednesday
January 6, 2016

Pursuant to the provisions of Article IV, Part Third, Section 1 of the Constitution and the laws of the State of Maine, the Senate convened in the Senate Chamber at ten o'clock in the morning and was called to order by President **MICHAEL D. THIBODEAU** of Waldo County.

Prayer by Pastor Michael Horton, Faith Temple Church in Belfast.

PASTOR HORTON: Good morning. It is both a great honor and privilege to be able to open your first session of the new year in prayer and, indeed, prayer is one of our greatest privileges to me, personally, because it connects us with God and what He's able to do. One verse that sums it up best and leads me right into prayer is from Paul the Apostle, Ephesians 3. It simply says: "Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we can ask or think according to His power." Join me in prayer, please.

Our Father, we thank You for the privilege, first and foremost, to be able to relate to You, to know You, to call upon Your name, and connect with You and what You are able to do. I first want to begin praying not only for the business at hand and the challenges of the new year that are many for each and every one who is serving and leading our great state, even our nation, but; God, there are many families represented here and different things in lives and different places right now at this moment. I pray for them all that Your blessings, favor, protection, provision, and everything needed would be upon them, their families, and also for every task at hand, the legislation, the leadership, the government. It is a very good thing. It even serves the purposes of God, according to scripture. I pray that Your strong hand be upon them all, that You would lead them, guide them, bless them and, again, that we are praying according to that verse I quoted to You, God, who are able. You are able to do exceedingly abundantly above and beyond all that we can even ask or think according to Your power and that simply means that You are able to blow our minds in and through all things. I pray bless this Senate and bless this great state and even our nation. In Your holy name. Amen.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Senator Scott W. Cyrway of Kennebec County.

Doctors of the day, Lisa Gouldsbrough, DO of Biddeford and Brian Pierce, MD of West Rockport.

QUORUM CALL

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

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#455)

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

EXCUSED: Senators: MIRAMANT, WILLETTE

33 Senators having answered the Roll with 2 Senators being excused, the Chair declared a quorum present.

Off Record Remarks

Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, on motion by Senator **MASON** of Androscoggin, the following Senate Order: S.O. 28

Ordered, that a message be sent to Governor Paul R. LePage informing him that a quorum of Senators is assembled in the Senate Chamber for the consideration of such business as may come before the Senate.

READ and PASSED.

The Chair appointed the Senator from Androscoggin, Senator **MASON** to deliver the message to the Governor. The Senator was escorted to the Governor's Office.

Senate at Ease.

Senate called to order by the President.

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

Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, on motion by Senator **CUSHING** of Penobscot, the following Senate Order:
S.O. 29

Ordered, that a message be sent to the House of Representatives informing that Body that a quorum of Senators is present for the consideration of such business as may come before the Senate.

READ and PASSED.

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

Senate at Ease.

Senate called to order by the President.

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

Off Record Remarks

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: S.P. 560

**STATE OF MAINE
127TH LEGISLATURE
SENATE SECRETARY'S OFFICE**

November 19, 2015

Hon. Michael D. Thibodeau
President of the Senate
127th Legislature

Hon. Mark W. Eves
Speaker of the House
127th Legislature

Dear Mr. President and Mr. Speaker:

On November 19, 2015, 1 bill was received by the Secretary of the Senate.

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, this bill was referred to a Joint Standing Committee on November 19, 2015, as follows:

State and Local Government

Resolve, Authorizing the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services To Convey Approximately 0.75 Acre of Land in Madrid Township to the Madrid Historical Society (S.P. 558) (L.D. 1456) (Sponsored by Senator SAVIELLO of Franklin) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Sincerely,

S/Heather J.R. Priest
Secretary of the Senate

S/Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Following Communication: S.P. 561

**STATE OF MAINE
127TH LEGISLATURE
SENATE SECRETARY'S OFFICE**

November 23, 2015

Honorable Michael D. Thibodeau
President of the Senate
127th Legislature

Honorable Mark W. Eves
Speaker of the House
127th Legislature

Dear Mr. President and Mr. Speaker:

On November 23, 2015, 1 bill was received by the Secretary of the Senate.

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, this bill was referred to a Joint Standing Committee on November 23, 2015, as follows:

Taxation

Resolve, Authorizing the State Tax Assessor To Convey the Interest of the State in Certain Real Estate in the Unorganized Territory (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 559) (L.D. 1457) (Submitted by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Sincerely,

S/Heather J.R. Priest
Secretary of the Senate

S/Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Following Communication: S.P. 583

**STATE OF MAINE
127TH LEGISLATURE
SENATE SECRETARY'S OFFICE**

December 18, 2015

Honorable Michael D. Thibodeau
President of the Senate
127th Legislature

Honorable Mark W. Eves
Speaker of the House
127th Legislature

Dear Mr. President and Mr. Speaker:

On December 18, 2015, 19 bills were received by the Secretary of the Senate.

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, these bills were referred to the Joint Standing Committees on December 18, 2015, as follows:

Criminal Justice and Public Safety

Bill "An Act To Improve the Law Concerning Carbon Monoxide Detectors" (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 574) (L.D. 1476) (Sponsored by Senator DIAMOND of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by Representative MAREAN of Hollis and Representatives: BATTLE of South Portland, HARRINGTON of Sanford, ORDWAY of Standish) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Education and Cultural Affairs

Bill "An Act To Promote Private Fund-raising for the Maine Educational Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing and the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf" (S.P. 567) (L.D. 1469) (Sponsored by Senator BREEN of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by Representative PIERCE of Falmouth and Senators: LANGLEY of Hancock, MILLETT of Cumberland, HASKELL of Cumberland, Representatives: BEAVERS of South Berwick, MAKER of Calais) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Facilitate the Use of State Education Subsidies" (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 573) (L.D. 1475) (Sponsored by Senator MILLETT of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by Representative MAKER of Calais and Senators: LANGLEY of Hancock, DIAMOND of Cumberland, LIBBY of Androscoggin, BREEN of Cumberland, President THIBODEAU of Waldo, Representatives: POULIOT of Augusta, HAMANN of South Portland, BATTLE of South Portland) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Energy, Utilities and Technology

Bill "An Act To Revise the Charter of the Rumford Water District" (S.P. 580) (L.D. 1482) (Sponsored by Senator PATRICK of Oxford) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Environment and Natural Resources

Bill "An Act To Reestablish Recreational Use of a Historic Trolley Line in the Town of Gray" (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 576) (L.D. 1478) (Sponsored by Senator BREEN of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by Representative AUSTIN of Gray and Senator: DIAMOND of Cumberland, Representatives: ESPLING of New Gloucester, FECTEAU of Biddeford, COREY of Windham, GOLDEN of Lewiston) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Health and Human Services

Bill "An Act To Amend Maine's Death Certificate Disclosure Law" (S.P. 568) (L.D. 1470) (Sponsored by Senator LIBBY of Androscoggin) (Cosponsored by Representative MAREAN of Hollis and Senator: President THIBODEAU of Waldo, Representative: McCREIGHT of Harpswell) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Resolve, To Enhance the Administration of the Child and Adult Care Food Program by Creating Clear Guidelines for Organizations and Streamlining the Application Process (S.P. 570) (L.D. 1472) (Sponsored by Senator ALFOND of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by Representative GATTINE of Westbrook and Senators: BURNS of Washington, HASKELL of Cumberland, Representatives: BLACK of Wilton, HICKMAN of Winthrop, HAMANN of South Portland, MAREAN of Hollis) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Resolve, To Increase Access to Opiate Addiction Treatment in Maine (S.P. 571) (L.D. 1473) (Sponsored by Senator WOODSOME of York) (Cosponsored by Representative DION of Portland and Representatives: BEAVERS of South Berwick, DEVIN of Newcastle, POULIOT of Augusta, MASTRACCIO of Sanford, BLUME of York, GROHMAN of Biddeford, BATTLE of South Portland, HARRINGTON of Sanford) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Insurance and Financial Services

Bill "An Act To Create Improved Consumer Protection against Long-term Care Insurance Premium Rate Increases" (S.P. 577) (L.D. 1479) (Sponsored by Senator LANGLEY of Hancock) (Cosponsored by Representative KUMIEGA of Deer Isle and Senator: WOODSOME of York, Representatives: MAKER of Calais, McCLELLAN of Raymond, HUBBELL of Bar Harbor, POULIOT of Augusta, GATTINE of Westbrook, FECTEAU of Biddeford, TUELL of East Machias) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Judiciary

Bill "An Act To Protect Victims of Sexual Assault" (S.P. 575) (L.D. 1477) (Sponsored by Senator DIAMOND of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by Representative CAMPBELL of Orrington and Senators: GERZOFKY of Cumberland, DUTREMBLE of York, President THIBODEAU of Waldo, MILLETT of Cumberland, Representatives: FOWLE of Vassalboro, COREY of Windham, WARREN of Hallowell) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development

Resolve, To Facilitate the Distribution of Food Harvested or Processed in Maine to Residents with Food Insecurity (S.P. 569) (L.D. 1471) (Sponsored by President THIBODEAU of Waldo) (Cosponsored by Representative HICKMAN of Winthrop and Senators: EDGECOMB of Aroostook, WHITEMORE of Somerset, MASON of Androscoggin, HASKELL of Cumberland, Representatives: ROTUNDO of Lewiston, Speaker EVES of North Berwick, BLACK of Wilton, TIMBERLAKE of Turner) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Provide for the 2016 and 2017 Allocations of the State Ceiling on Private Activity Bonds" (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 572) (L.D. 1474) (Sponsored by Senator VOLK of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by Representative HERBIG of Belfast) (Submitted by the Finance Authority of Maine pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Create and Sustain High-quality Maine Jobs" (S.P. 578) (L.D. 1480) (Sponsored by Senator GERZOFKY of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by Representative GIDEON of Freeport and Senators: ALFOND of Cumberland, BURNS of Washington, CUSHING of Penobscot, KATZ of Kennebec, DIAMOND of Cumberland, BREEN of Cumberland, HASKELL of Cumberland, Representative: DUCHESNE of Hudson) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Taxation

Bill "An Act To Protect Maine's Natural Resources Jobs by Exempting from Sales Tax Petroleum Products Used in Commercial Farming, Fishing and Forestry" (S.P. 579) (L.D. 1481) (Sponsored by Senator DAVIS of Piscataquis) (Cosponsored by Representative BLACK of Wilton and Senators: WHITEMORE of Somerset, KATZ of Kennebec, DIAMOND of Cumberland, Representatives: McCABE of Skowhegan, SIROCKI of Scarborough, TIMBERLAKE of Turner, LOCKMAN of Amherst,

VACHON of Scarborough) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Transportation

Bill "An Act To Improve the Safety of Ferries in the State" (S.P. 566) (L.D. 1468) (Sponsored by Senator MIRAMANT of Knox) (Cosponsored by Representative KINNEY of Limington and Senators: LANGLEY of Hancock, DIAMOND of Cumberland, President THIBODEAU of Waldo, Representatives: Speaker EVES of North Berwick, KUMIEGA of Deer Isle, BATTLE of South Portland, McCREIGHT of Harpswell, BEEBE-CENTER of Rockland) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Amend Maine's Motor Vehicle Laws" (S.P. 581) (L.D. 1483) (Sponsored by Senator COLLINS of York) (Cosponsored by Representative McLEAN of Gorham and Senators: GERZOFKY of Cumberland, DIAMOND of Cumberland, Representatives: NADEAU of Winslow, POULIOT of Augusta, CHENETTE of Saco, FOLEY of Wells, DOORE of Augusta) (Submitted by the Secretary of State pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Veterans and Legal Affairs

Bill "An Act To Exempt Certain Liquor Sales Representatives from Licensing Requirements" (S.P. 564) (L.D. 1466) (Sponsored by Senator PATRICK of Oxford) (Cosponsored by Representative LUCHINI of Ellsworth and Representatives: PICCHIOTTI of Fairfield, SAUCIER of Presque Isle, SHORT of Pittsfield, BLUME of York, FECTEAU of Biddeford, McCREIGHT of Harpswell, GOLDEN of Lewiston, MAREAN of Hollis) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act Regarding Maine Spirits" (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 565) (L.D. 1467) (Sponsored by Senator COLLINS of York) (Cosponsored by Representative KINNEY of Limington and Representatives: McCABE of Skowhegan, ESPLING of New Gloucester, LUCHINI of Ellsworth, GIDEON of Freeport, GOLDEN of Lewiston) (Submitted by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act Regarding the Election Laws" (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 582) (L.D. 1484) (Sponsored by Senator CYRWAY of Kennebec) (Cosponsored by Representative LUCHINI of Ellsworth and Senators: DILL of Penobscot, DUTREMBLE of York, PATRICK of Oxford, Representatives: BLACK of Wilton, DION of Portland, POULIOT of Augusta, GOLDEN of Lewiston, MAREAN of Hollis) (Submitted by the Secretary of State pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Sincerely,

S/Heather J.R. Priest
Secretary of the Senate

S/Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

Sent down for concurrence.

**STATE OF MAINE
127TH LEGISLATURE
SENATE SECRETARY'S OFFICE**

The Following Communication: S.P. 584

January 4, 2016

**STATE OF MAINE
127TH LEGISLATURE
SENATE SECRETARY'S OFFICE**

Honorable Michael D. Thibodeau
President of the Senate
127th Legislature

December 17, 2015

Honorable Mark W. Eves
Speaker of the House
127th Legislature

Honorable Michael D. Thibodeau
President of the Senate
127th Legislature

Dear Mr. President and Mr. Speaker:

Honorable Mark W. Eves
Speaker of the House
127th Legislature

On January 4, 2016, 1 bill was received by the Secretary of the Senate.

Dear Mr. President and Mr. Speaker:

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, this bill was referred to a Joint Standing Committee on January 4, 2016, as follows:

On December 17, 2015, 2 bills were received by the Secretary of the Senate.

Appropriations and Financial Affairs

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, these bills were referred to the Joint Standing Committees on December 17, 2015, as follows:

Bill "An Act To Combat Drug Addiction through Enforcement, Prevention, Treatment and Recovery" (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 599) (L.D. 1537) (Sponsored by President THIBODEAU of Waldo) (Under suspension of the rules, cosponsored by Speaker EVES of North Berwick and Senators: VALENTINO of York, GERZOFKY of Cumberland, ALFOND of Cumberland, BURNS of Washington, CUSHING of Penobscot, LANGLEY of Hancock, VOLK of Cumberland, KATZ of Kennebec, CYRWAY of Kennebec, WOODSOME of York, HASKELL of Cumberland, HILL of York, Representatives: ROTUNDO of Lewiston, McCABE of Skowhegan, CHIPMAN of Portland, MAKER of Calais, DION of Portland, FREY of Bangor, EVANGELOS of Friendship, POULIOT of Augusta, FOWLE of Vassalboro, GIDEON of Freeport, GATTINE of Westbrook, STEARNS of Guilford, TUELL of East Machias) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.)

Veterans and Legal Affairs

Bill "An Act To Allow All Manufacturers Licensed by the Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations To Provide Samples of Products to Retail Licensees" (S.P. 562) (L.D. 1461) (Sponsored by Senator SAVIELLO of Franklin) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act Regarding the Sale of Alcohol by a Manufacturer with an On-premises Retail License" (S.P. 563) (L.D. 1462) (Sponsored by Senator SAVIELLO of Franklin) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Sincerely,

Sincerely,

S/Heather J.R. Priest
Secretary of the Senate

S/Heather J.R. Priest
Secretary of the Senate

S/Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House

S/Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

Sent down for concurrence.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Following Communication: S.C. 588

The Following Communication: S.P. 600

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

December 22, 2015

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

Dear President Thibodeau,

This is to inform you that I am today nominating the following for appointment as Judges to the Maine District Court:

Cynthia L. Montgomery, Esq. of Palermo
Charles F. Budd Jr., Esq. of Bangor
Thomas J. Nale Sr., Esq. of Waterville

Pursuant to Article V, Part First, §8, of the Maine Constitution, these appointments are contingent on the Maine Senate confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary.

Sincerely,

S/Paul R. LePage
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 589

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

December 22, 2015

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

Dear President Thibodeau,

This is to inform you that I am today nominating Paul E. Mercer of Penobscot for appointment as Commissioner, Department of Environmental and Natural Resources.

Pursuant to Title 38, MRSA §341-A, this appointment is contingent on the Maine Senate confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

Sincerely,

S/Paul R. LePage
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 590

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

December 22, 2015

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

Dear President Thibodeau,

This is to inform you that I am today nominating Brig. General Gerard F. Bolduc of Bangor for appointment as Commissioner, Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management.

Pursuant to Title 37-B, MRSA §3, this appointment is contingent on the Maine Senate confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs.

Sincerely,

S/Paul R. LePage
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 591

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

December 23, 2015

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

Dear President Thibodeau,

This is to inform you that, pursuant to Title 3 M.R.S.A., §154, I am withdrawing my nomination of Brig. General Gerard F. Bolduc of Bangor for appointment as Commissioner, Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management.

This nomination is currently pending before the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

S/Paul R. LePage
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 592

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

December 29, 2015

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

Dear President Thibodeau,

This is to inform you that I am today nominating Colonel Douglas A. Farnham of Bangor for appointment as Commissioner, Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management.

Pursuant to Title 37-B, MRSA §3, this appointment is contingent on the Maine Senate confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs.

Sincerely,

S/Paul R. LePage
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 593

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

December 29, 2015

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

Dear President Thibodeau,

This is to inform you that I am today nominating William A. Lee III, Esq. of Waterville for appointment to the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices.

Pursuant to Title 1, MRSA §1002, this appointment is contingent on the Maine Senate confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs.

Sincerely,

S/Paul R. LePage
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 594

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

December 29, 2015

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

Dear President Thibodeau,

This is to inform you that I am today nominating Dr. Sheridan R. Oldham of Rangeley for reappointment to the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Advisory Council.

Pursuant to Title 12, MRSA §10151, this reappointment is contingent on the Maine Senate confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.

Sincerely,

S/Paul R. LePage
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 595

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

December 29, 2015

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

Dear President Thibodeau,

This is to inform you that I am today nominating Clark A. Granger, Ph.D. of Woolwich and Bruce V. Flewelling of Easton for reappointment to the Board of Pesticides Control.

Pursuant to Title 22, MRSA §1471-B, these reappointments are contingent on the Maine Senate confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry.

Sincerely,

S/Paul R. LePage
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 596

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

December 29, 2015

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

Dear President Thibodeau,

This is to inform you that I am today nominating Sheryl S. Gregory of Litchfield for reappointment as a Commissioner of the Maine State Housing Authority.

Pursuant to Title 30-A, MRSA §4723.2, this reappointment is contingent on the Maine Senate confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Labor Commerce, Research and Economic Development.

Sincerely,

S/Paul R. LePage
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 597

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

December 29, 2015

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

Dear President Thibodeau,

This is to inform you that I am today nominating Colon E. Durrell of Farmington for reappointment to the Maine Milk Commission.

Pursuant to Title 7, MRSA §2952, this reappointment is contingent on the Maine Senate confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry.

Sincerely,

S/Paul R. LePage
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 598

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

December 29, 2015

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

Dear President Thibodeau,

This is to inform you that I am today nominating Shirrin L. Blaisdell of Manchester and Peter M. Leslie of Waterford for reappointment to the Board of Trustees, Maine Public Employees Retirement System.

Pursuant to Title 5, MRSA §17102, these reappointments are contingent on the Maine Senate confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs.

Sincerely,

S/Paul R. LePage
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 599

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

December 29, 2015

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

Dear President Thibodeau,

This is to inform you that I am today nominating Michael J. Cianchette, Esq. of Cumberland for appointment to the Maine Turnpike Authority Board of Directors.

Pursuant to Title 23, MRSA §1964-A, this appointment is contingent on the Maine Senate confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation.

Sincerely,

S/Paul R. LePage
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 600

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

October 28, 2015

Honorable Heather J.R. Priest
Secretary of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333-0002

Dear Secretary Priest:

Pursuant to my authority under House Rule 201.1 (I) (a), I have appointed Representative Robert Duchesne of Old Town as House Chair of the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife effective immediately. Representative Duchesne is replacing former Representative Michael Shaw who has resigned his position as a State Representative.

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. 601

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

December 7, 2015

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

Dear Secretary Priest:

Pursuant to my authority under House Rule 201.1 (I) (a), I appointed Representative Jeff M. McCabe of Skowhegan to the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, effective immediately. Representative McCabe will fill the vacancy left by the passing of Representative William F. Noon of Springvale.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, 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. 602

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

December 31, 2015

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

Dear Secretary Priest:

Pursuant to my authority under House Rule 201.1 (I) (a), I rescind the appointments of Representative Beth P. Turner of Burlington and Representative William R. Tuell of East Machias as members of the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government effective immediately.

Furthermore, pursuant to my authority under House Rule 201.1 (I) (a), I have appointed Representative Lester S. Ordway of Standish and Representative Matthew A. Harrington of Sanford as members of the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government effective immediately.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, 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. 604

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

January 5, 2016

Honorable Heather J.R. Priest
Senate Secretary
#3 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333-0003

Dear Secretary Priest,

Pursuant to my authority under Title 37-B, §792, I have reappointed Chief William Hussey of Peru to the State Emergency Response Commission effective immediately. Chief Hussey will continue to represent volunteer firefighters.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions regarding this reappointment.

Sincerely,

S/Mark W. Eves
Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 603

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE
SECRETARY OF STATE
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0148**

January 6, 2016

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

Dear President Thibodeau:

The following is a summary of the results of the November 3, 2015 Referendum Election, as derived from the accompanying copies of the Governor's Proclamations and the Secretary of State's Official Tabulation of the election results, which were signed by the Governor on November 23, 2015.

Question 1: Citizen Initiative

Number of Votes in Favor	119,992
Number of Votes Opposed	98,343

Question 2: Bond Issue

Number of Votes in Favor	151,695
Number of Votes Opposed	67,160

Question 3: Bond Issue

Number of Votes in Favor	159,050
Number of Votes Opposed	59,595

Sincerely,

S/Matthew Dunlap
Secretary of State

READ and with accompanying papers ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 605

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE STATE AUDITOR
66 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0066**

July 30, 2015

Honorable Paul R. LePage
Governor of Maine

Honorable Michael D. Thibodeau
President of the Senate

Honorable Mark W. Eves
Speaker of the House

I am pleased to submit the State Auditor's Fraud Hotline Semiannual Report for the period January 1, 2015 to June 30, 2015.

A summary of the complaints is attached.

Sincerely,

S/Pola A. Buckley, CPA, CISA
State Auditor

READ and with accompanying papers ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 606

**MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF PROGRAM EVALUATION
AND GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY**

August 20, 2015

TO: Senator Michael Thibodeau, President of the Senate
Representative Mark Eves, Speaker of the House
And Democratic and Republican Leaders

From: S/Beth Ashcroft, Director

Re: Office of Information Technology Report

Enclosed please find the final report from the Office of Program Evaluation and Government Accountability on the Office of Information Technology Follow-Up Review. The report is also available on our website at <http://legislature.maine.gov/opega/opega-reports/9149>. The public comment period on this Report has been scheduled for Tuesday, September 8, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 220 Cross Building.

If you have any question, please do not hesitate to give me a call.

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 607

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF TAX POLICY
MAINE REVENUE SERVICES
24 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0024**

October 1, 2015

Senate President Thibodeau
Speaker of the House Eves
Members of the 127th Maine Legislature:

Pursuant to 5 M.R.S.A. §13070-J, Maine Revenue Services is required to submit a report to the Legislature identifying the revenue foregone as the result of the Jobs and Investment Tax Credit ("JITC"), the Research Expense Tax Credit ("R&D"), the Seed Capital Investment Tax Credit, the Shipbuilding Facility Credit, the Credit for Maine Fishery Infrastructure Investment, and public funds spent on the Business Equipment Tax Reimbursement ("BETR") program. Attached are four reports that provide you with this information.

The first attachment shows the number of individual and corporate JITC, R&D, and Seed Capital credits for tax year 2013, as well as the value of those credits. Tax year 2013 is the last year for which we have full information on both corporate and

individual filers. Statutes governing the release of confidential taxpayer information prevent us from reporting the names of the corporations or individuals that benefited from these tax credits. No taxpayer took advantage of the Credit for Maine Fishery Infrastructure Investment in tax year 2013.

The second attachment explains that Shipbuilding Facility credit. As required by statute, the report provides information on the level of employment, yearly investment and the cumulative amount of investment. Since the inception of the credit, the level of employment has been such that the annual cost to the state treasury has been at least \$3 million per year.

The third attachment is a list of BETR recipients. For purposes of this report, businesses that filed for reimbursement during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015 are listed. Recipients filed between August 1, 2014 and December 31, 2014 for eligible property taxes paid during calendar year 2013. For that period the state reimbursed \$33,266,266 to 1,414 companies.

Public Law 2009, chapter 337 (LD 1468) amended the definition of "economic development incentive" in §13070-J to include not only the incentives listed above, but "federal and state statutorily defined programs that receive state funds, dedicated revenue funds and tax expenditures as defined by §1666 whose purposes are to create, attract or retain business entities related to business development in the State." The additional incentives identified in this new law can be found in the Maine State Tax Expenditure Report 2016-2017 prepared for the Joint Standing Committee on Taxation.

If you have any question on this report, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

S/Michael J. Allen

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 608

**MAINE HEALTH AND HIGHER EDUCATIONAL
FACILITIES AUTHORITY
127 COMMUNITY DRIVE
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04338-2268**

October 20, 2015

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

Dear President Thibodeau:

Pursuant to M.R.S.A. Title 22, Chapter 413, Section 2069, on behalf of the Board and staff of the Maine Health and Higher Educational Facilities Authority, I am pleased to provide you with our Fiscal Year 2015 Annual Report.

The Maine Health and Higher Educational Facilities Authority was established by the legislature in 1972. Since its inception, the Authority has issued in excess of \$4 billion to meet the capital needs of Maine's healthcare and higher educational institutions.

During fiscal year 2015, the Authority issued \$123,230,535 under its general tax exempt conduit resolution and \$43,185,000 under its moral obligation reserve fund resolution. These sales were accomplished in 4 series for 2 colleges, 5 hospitals, 1 nursing home, 2 community mental health institutions, and 1 continuing care retirement community.

In addition, Pursuant to M.R.S.A. Title 22, Chapter 413, Section 2075, paragraph 1C, the Authority certifies that our reserve fund investments exceed the reserve fund requirement at June 30, 2015.

We are proud of our accomplishments and look forward to continuing our commitment of providing the lowest cost financing to the community we serve.

Sincerely,

S/Michael R. Goodwin
Executive Director

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 609

**UNIVERSITY OF NEW ENGLAND
PORTLAND CAMPUS
716 STEVENS AVENUE
PORTLAND, MAINE 04103**

November 16, 2015

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

Dear President Thibodeau:

Enclosed is the annual report of the Maine Area Health Education Center (AHEC) Network for 2015. This report, outlining the Maine AHEC Network's activities funded by FAME, is sent annually to the Governor, Senate President, and Speaker of the House.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me either by phone 207.221.4620 or via email korourke3@une.edu

Respectfully,

S/Karen O'Rourke, MPH
Director, Maine AHEC Network

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 610

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

December 15, 2015

The Honorable Michael D. Thibodeau, President
Maine State Senate

The Honorable Mark W. Eves, Speaker
Maine House of Representatives
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Thibodeau and Speaker Eves:

Pursuant to Resolve 2015, c. 47, the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services is pleased to submit its final report of the Study of the Allocations of the Fund for a Healthy Maine. Copies of the full report have been distributed to committees or individuals as directed by law and copies have been placed on file with the Law and Legislative Reference Library. Others may access the full report on-line through the website of the Office of Policy and Legal Analysis at www.legislature.maine.gov/opla.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Eric L. Brakey
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Drew Gattine
House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 611

**CHILD WELFARE OMBUDSMAN
P.O. BOX 2057
HOPE, MAINE 04847**

December 28, 2015

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

Dear President Thibodeau,

I am pleased to present the thirteenth annual report of the Maine Child Welfare Ombudsman. Pursuant to 22 M.R.S.A. §4087-A our office reports to the Governor, the Department and the Legislature each year by January 1. This report reflects our fiscal year from October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2015.

I am requesting that you please distribute the enclosed reports to the Senators under your name.

Through our contract with the Executive Branch, we provide Ombudsman services to individuals involved with Maine's Office of Child and Family Services, Child Welfare Services. We provide information on policy and process to callers, as well as referrals and information about other agencies when appropriate. We also open cases for review to investigate complaints about Maine Child Welfare. We are glad to report that the Ombudsman's Office and the Office of Child and Family Services continue to have an excellent and collaborative working relationship as we work together towards keeping Maine's children safe and reuniting families.

Please let me know if you have any questions about the report or our program. I would be happy to meet and discuss those or any other issue with you.

Respectfully,

S/Christine E. Alberi
Child Welfare Ombudsman

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 612

**FINANCE AUTHORITY OF MAINE
5 COMMUNITY DRIVE
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04332-0949**

September 24, 2015

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

Dear Secretary Priest:

Enclosed please find a copy of the certification by the Maine Educational Loan Authority to the Finance Authority of Maine as required by Public Law 2015, Chapter 170.

Sincerely,

S/Bruce Wagner
Chief Executive Officer

**MAINE EDUCATIONAL LOAN AUTHORITY
131 PRESUMPSHOT STREET
PORTLAND, MAINE 04103**

**CERTIFICATION OF CONSENTS TO FINANCE AUTHORITY
OF MAINE**

Mr. Bruce E. Wagner, Chief Executive Officer
Finance Authority of Maine
P.O. Box 949
Augusta, Maine 04332-0949

September 18, 2015

The undersigned Executive Director of the Maine Educational Loan Authority (the "Authority") hereby notifies, and certifies to, the Chief Executive Officer of the Finance Authority of Maine ("FAME") in writing that, pursuant to S.P. 544-L.D. 1443 entitled "An Act To Merge the Maine Educational Loan Authority with the Finance Authority of Maine" (the "Act"), and consents required under the documents of the Authority, if any, in order to permit FAME to become the successor to the Authority on or about October 15, 2015 have, as of the date hereof, been received by the Authority

MAINE EDUCATIONAL LOAN AUTHORITY
S/Shirley M. Erickson, Executive Director

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 613

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE**

December 30, 2015

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

Dear President Thibodeau,

Pursuant to 5 MRSA § 12009, I am submitting to you the report of Board and Commission appointments or reappointments for calendar year 2016. Additionally, I am providing a report that list appointments or reappointments that have not been made from previous years through December 31, 2015, and where vacancies actually exist on a board or commission that need a new appointment. If you need a breakdown by your appointments only, we can provide this to you as well.

If you have any question concerning these reports or need additional information, please contact me or Cathy Beaudoin in the Bureau of Corporation, Elections and Commissions at 624-7748.

Sincerely,

S/Matthew Dunlap
Secretary of State

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

Senate at Ease.

Senate called to order by the President.

At this point a message was received from the House of Representatives, borne by Representative MCCABE of Skowhegan, informing the Senate that a quorum of Representatives was assembled for the consideration of such business as may come before that Body.

SENATE PAPERS

Bill "An Act To Modernize and Consolidate Court Facilities"
S.P. 590 L.D. 1528

Presented by Senator VALENTINO of York.
Cosponsored by Representative HOBBS of Saco and Senators: BURNS of Washington, HAMPER of Oxford, HILL of York, JOHNSON of Lincoln, KATZ of Kennebec, President THIBODEAU of Waldo, Representative: CHENETTE of Saco.
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Resolve, To Provide Wage Parity for Supervisors of Law Enforcement Personnel (EMERGENCY)
S.P. 585 L.D. 1523

Presented by Senator DAVIS of Piscataquis.
Cosponsored by Representative NADEAU of Winslow and Senators: BAKER of Sagadahoc, BURNS of Washington, DILL of Penobscot, KATZ of Kennebec, WHITTEMORE of Somerset, Representatives: BEAR of the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians, DUCHESNE of Hudson, LAJOIE of Lewiston.
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Bill "An Act To Permit Disclosure of Certain Intelligence and Investigative Record Information by a Criminal Justice Agency to a Nongovernmental Advocacy Program for Persons with Mental Illness"

S.P. 588 L.D. 1526

Presented by Senator BURNS of Washington.
Cosponsored by Representative HOBBS of Saco and Senators: ALFOND of Cumberland, DAVIS of Piscataquis, GRATWICK of Penobscot, WHITTEMORE of Somerset, Representatives: GATTINE of Westbrook, TIMBERLAKE of Turner.
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Bill "An Act Regarding the Application Fees and Inspection Fees Associated with the Provision of Amusement Rides"
S.P. 591 L.D. 1529

Presented by Senator ROSEN of Hancock.
Cosponsored by Senator: BURNS of Washington.
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Bill "An Act To Reduce the Trafficking of Illegal Drugs in the State"

S.P. 596 L.D. 1534

Presented by Senator BURNS of Washington.
Cosponsored by Senators: ALFOND of Cumberland, DIAMOND of Cumberland, GERZOFKY of Cumberland, HILL of York, WHITTEMORE of Somerset, Representatives: SIROCKI of Scarborough, TIMBERLAKE of Turner.
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Bill "An Act To Provide Ballistic Vests to State Law Enforcement Officers"

S.P. 598 L.D. 1536

Presented by Senator BURNS of Washington.
Cosponsored by Speaker EVES of North Berwick and Senators: BAKER of Sagadahoc, CYRWAY of Kennebec, ROSEN of Hancock, WHITTEMORE of Somerset, Representatives: FOWLE of Vassalboro, HICKMAN of Winthrop, LUCHINI of Ellsworth.
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

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 Protect Firefighters by Prohibiting the Sale and Distribution of New Upholstered Furniture Containing Certain Flame-retardant Chemicals"

S.P. 597 L.D. 1535

Presented by Senator BAKER of Sagadahoc.
Cosponsored by Representative LAJOIE of Lewiston and Senators: DAVIS of Piscataquis, GERZOFKY of Cumberland, GRATWICK of Penobscot, McCORMICK of Kennebec, WOODSOME of York, Representatives: BATTLE of South Portland, DEVIN of Newcastle, DOORE of Augusta, GIDEON of Freeport, MAKER of Calais, THERIAULT of China, TUELL of East Machias.
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

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

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

Bill "An Act To Facilitate MaineCare Assisted Living by Providing a Cost-of-living Adjustment to Private Nonmedical Institutions and Adult Family Care Homes"

S.P. 589 L.D. 1527

Presented by Senator BURNS of Washington.
Cosponsored by Representative POULIOT of Augusta and Senator: ALFOND of Cumberland, Representatives: BLUME of York, DEVIN of Newcastle, FREDETTE of Newport, HAMANN of South Portland, MAKER of Calais, McCABE of Skowhegan, TUELL of East Machias.
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Bill "An Act To Provide an Annual Cost-of-living Adjustment to Nursing Facilities To Further Implement the Recommendations of the Commission To Study Long-term Care Facilities"

S.P. 595 L.D. 1533

Presented by Senator BURNS of Washington.
Cosponsored by Representative POULIOT of Augusta and Senator: ALFOND of Cumberland, Representatives: BLUME of York, DEVIN of Newcastle, FREDETTE of Newport, HAMANN of South Portland, MAKER of Calais, McCABE of Skowhegan, TUELL of East Machias.
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

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 Protect Victims of Human Trafficking"
S.P. 593 L.D. 1531

Presented by Senator VOLK of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative HOBBS of Saco and Senators: BURNS of Washington, LANGLEY of Hancock, Representatives: DAUGHTRY of Brunswick, WARREN of Hallowell.
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Bill "An Act To Clarify Financial Responsibility in Gestational Carrier Agreements"

S.P. 594 L.D. 1532

Presented by Senator ROSEN of Hancock.
Cosponsored by Senators: BURNS of Washington, KATZ of Kennebec.
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Encourage the Purchase of Products Made in Maine and in the United States and To Give Preference to Maine Businesses When Awarding Contracts"

S.P. 587 L.D. 1525

Presented by Senator SAVIELLO of Franklin.
Cosponsored by Representative BLACK of Wilton and Senators: BAKER of Sagadahoc, CYRWAY of Kennebec, LANGLEY of Hancock, PATRICK of Oxford, WHITTEMORE of Somerset, WOODSOME of York.
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Exempt MaineCare Appendix C Private Nonmedical Institutions from the Service Provider Tax"
S.P. 592 L.D. 1530

Presented by Senator CUSHING of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Representative MAREAN of Hollis and Representatives: FREDETTE of Newport, HAMANN of South Portland, MAKER of Calais, McCABE of Skowhegan, POULIOT of Augusta, TUELL of East Machias.
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Update the Laws Governing the Maine Veterans' Homes"

S.P. 586 L.D. 1524

Presented by Senator KATZ of Kennebec.

Cosponsored by Representatives: DEVIN of Newcastle, DOORE of Augusta, FOWLE of Vassalboro, GOLDEN of Lewiston, LUCHINI of Ellsworth, POULIOT of Augusta.

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

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

Off Record Remarks

On motion by Senator **ROSEN** of Hancock, **ADJOURNED** until Thursday, January 7, 2016, at 10:00 in the morning.