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Off Record Remarks

In Senate Chamber
Thursday
January 7, 2016

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

Prayer by Pastor Wally Staples, Wiscasset Church of the
Nazarene, Chaplain for Wiscasset Police and Edgecomb Fire
Departments.

PASTOR STAPLES: I only wish that my teachers in college and
high school could be here because I was the least expected to be
in public service of any nature. My wife said, "Why are you a
pastor?" Very difficult to answer. Thank you so much for this
privilege. Shall we pray.

Our Great God and Heavenly Father, we come to You this
morning and ask Your guidance, Your blessing, on this Body of
the Maine Senate. Would You guide their many thoughts and
decisions, that Your will be bestowed upon each Senator. You
know that their job is difficult and this is why we ask Your special
wisdom this day. May Your power rest upon each individual
Senator as they deliberate the letter of the law for the State of
Maine. Please guide each Senator, who has the responsibility of
their constituents, and give all the peace of mind, that they have
the power and have voted what is best for the great State of
Maine. Throughout history, men and women have needed to
deliberate and pass laws that will affect each of us in this room in
the future. Your mighty laws, that You gave to us from Moses
many centuries ago, we still observe willingly. It is the great
responsibility of each of us, as Maine citizens, to obey the
direction that You have taught us. Our laws come from the Body
of lawmakers that are present here. Will You please give each of
them the strength, the wisdom, to legislate the best will of the
people of this great State of Maine. Finally, as they lay their
heads on their pillows tonight, will You show them the peace, that
they have obeyed Your will. Thank You that we still have a free
society and are able to openly work for the betterment of
mankind. In all these things we ask Your will in the name of our
precious Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Senator Catherine Breen of
Cumberland County.

Reading of the Journal of Wednesday, January 6, 2016.

Doctor of the day, Constance Alder, MD of Chesterville.

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

Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, on motion by
Senator **MASON** of Androscoggin, the following Joint Order:
S.P. 603

Ordered, the House concurring, that when the Senate and House
adjourn, they do so until Tuesday, January 12, 2016 at 10:00 in
the morning.

READ and PASSED.

Ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

House Papers

Bill "An Act To Update the Laws Governing the Maine Public
Employees Retirement System as They Relate to Wartime
Veterans"

H.P. 1040 L.D. 1515

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

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

Bill "An Act To Allow School Resource Officers To Have
Jurisdiction at Off-site Events" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 1041 L.D. 1516

Bill "An Act To Enable an Alternative Organizational Structure To
Purchase Group Health Insurance for Its Employees"
(EMERGENCY)

H.P. 1042 L.D. 1517

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 Ensure Children in the Care of Caretaker Relatives Can Access Fundamental Services"

H.P. 1043 L.D. 1518

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

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

Bill "An Act To Create Equity among Essential Nonprofit Health Care Providers in Relation to the Sales Tax"

H.P. 1046 L.D. 1521

Comes 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 Amend the Tax Laws To Strengthen Charitable Institutions, Encourage Home Ownership and Manage Medical Expenses"

H.P. 1044 L.D. 1519

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

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

Bill "An Act To Amend Maine's Military Bureau Laws" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 1045 L.D. 1520

Bill "An Act To Expand the Early Processing of Absentee Ballots" H.P. 1050 L.D. 1539

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

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

Pursuant to Statute
Department of Health and Human Services

The **Department of Health and Human Services**, pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 8072 asked leave to report that the accompanying Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of the Final Repeal of Chapter 101, MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Section 32: Allowances for Waiver Services for Children with Intellectual Disabilities or Pervasive Developmental Disorders, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Health and Human Services (EMERGENCY) H.P. 1047 L.D. 1522

Be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

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

REFERRED to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218, in concurrence.

Pursuant to Statute
Citizen Trade Policy Commission

The **Citizen Trade Policy Commission**, pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 10, section 11, subsection 9, paragraph F asked leave to report that the accompanying Bill "An Act To Amend the Quorum Requirements That Apply to the Citizen Trade Policy Commission"

H.P. 1049 L.D. 1538

Be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

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

REFERRED to the Committee on **LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218, in concurrence.

Joint Order

The following Joint Order:

H.P. 1048

ORDERED, the Senate concurring, that Bill, "Resolve, Reauthorizing the Balance of the 2009 Bond Issue for Land Conservation Projects," H.P. 996, L.D. 1454, and all its accompanying papers, be recalled from the Governor's desk to the House.

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

READ and **PASSED**, in concurrence.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: H.P. 1001

**STATE OF MAINE
CLERK'S OFFICE
2 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0002**

November 23, 2015

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

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

Dear Mr. Speaker and Mr. President:

On November 23, 2015, 2 bills were received by the Clerk of the House.

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, these bills were referred to the Joint Standing Committees on November 23, 2015, as follows:

Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 30: Prior Approval Process and Stop Work Orders, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Forestry (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 999) (L.D. 1458) (Submitted by the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Forestry pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 8072.)

Education and Cultural Affairs

Bill "An Act To Delay Any New Statewide Assessment Test" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1000) (L.D. 1459) (Sponsored by Representative ESPLING of New Gloucester) (Cosponsored by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin and Representatives: FREDETTE of Newport, GIDEON of Freeport, HANLEY of Pittston, MAKER of Calais, McCABE of Skowhegan, O'CONNOR of Berwick, TUELL of East Machias) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Sincerely,

S/Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House

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

Comes from the House, **READ** and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**.

READ and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**, in concurrence.

The Following Communication: H.P. 1003

**STATE OF MAINE
CLERK'S OFFICE
2 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0002**

December 4, 2015

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

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

Dear Mr. Speaker and Mr. President:

On December 4, 2015, 1 bill was received by the Clerk of the House.

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, this bill was referred to a Joint Standing Committee on December 4, 2015, as follows:

Judiciary

Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 301: Fee Schedule and Administrative Procedures for Payment of Commission Assigned Counsel, a Major Substantive Rule of the Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1002) (L.D. 1460) (Submitted by the Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 8072.)

Sincerely,

S/Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House

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

Comes from the House, **READ** and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**.

READ and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**, in concurrence.

The Following Communication: H.P. 1007

**STATE OF MAINE
CLERK'S OFFICE
2 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0002**

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. Speaker and Mr. President:

On December 17, 2015, 3 bills were received by the Clerk of the House.

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

Appropriations and Financial Affairs

Bill "An Act To Allow Members of the State Employee and Teacher Retirement Program To Reapply for Disability Retirement Benefits after Denial and To Allow the Board of Trustees of the Maine Public Employees Retirement System To Offer Long-term Disability Insurance Coverage" (H.P. 1004) (L.D. 1463) (Sponsored by Representative FOLEY of Wells) (Cosponsored by Senator COLLINS of York and Representatives: BEAVERS of South Berwick, HANLEY of Pittston, HARRINGTON of Sanford, ORDDWAY of Standish, PICCHIOTTI of Fairfield, TIMBERLAKE of Turner, VACHON of Scarborough) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Education and Cultural Affairs

Bill "An Act To Revise the Educational Personnel Certification Statutes and To Direct the Department of Education To Review Department Rules Regarding Educational Personnel Certification" (H.P. 1005) (L.D. 1464) (Sponsored by Representative MAKER of Calais) (Cosponsored by Senator BAKER of Sagadahoc and Representatives: CAMPBELL of Orrington, ESPLING of New Gloucester, FOWLE of Vassalboro, LAJOIE of Lewiston, McCLELLAN of Raymond, ORDDWAY of Standish, PICCHIOTTI of Fairfield, PIERCE of Falmouth) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Health and Human Services

Bill "An Act To Require the State To Adequately Pay for Emergency Medical Services" (H.P. 1006) (L.D. 1465) (Sponsored by Representative LAJOIE of Lewiston) (Cosponsored by Senator BAKER of Sagadahoc and Representatives: BEAVERS of South Berwick, BLACK of Wilton, DION of Portland, FOWLE of Vassalboro, MAKER of Calais, SHORT of Pittsfield, THERIAULT of China, TUELL of East Machias) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Sincerely,

S/Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House

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

Comes from the House, **READ** and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**.

READ and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**, in concurrence.

The Following Communication: H.P. 1038

**STATE OF MAINE
CLERK'S OFFICE
2 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0002**

December 21, 2015

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

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

Dear Mr. Speaker and Mr. President:

On December 21, 2015, 28 bills were received by the Clerk of the House.

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, these bills were referred to the Joint Standing Committees on December 21, 2015, as follows:

Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

Bill "An Act To Allow the Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands To Transfer Ownership of Snowmobile Trail Maintenance Equipment to Incorporated Nonprofit Snowmobile Clubs" (H.P. 1008) (L.D. 1485) (Sponsored by Representative BLACK of Wilton) (Cosponsored by Senator MASON of Androscoggin and Representatives: HANLEY of Pittston, KINNEY of Knox, PICKETT of Dixfield, STETKIS of Canaan) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Appropriations and Financial Affairs

Resolve, To Reauthorize the Issuance of Certain Bonds for Land Conservation Projects (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1009) (L.D. 1486) (Sponsored by Representative POULIOT of Augusta) (Cosponsored by Senator CUSHING of Penobscot and Representatives: BATTLE of South Portland, BEEBE-CENTER of Rockland, BLACK of Wilton, BLUME of York, CHENETTE of Saco, CHIPMAN of Portland, COREY of Windham, DOORE of Augusta, EVANGELOS of Friendship, FECTEAU of Biddeford, GATTINE of Westbrook, GILLWAY of Searsport, GROHMAN of Biddeford, HAMANN of South Portland, HARRINGTON of Sanford, HEAD of Bethel, KINNEY of Knox, KUMIEGA of Deer Isle, MAKER of Calais, MAREAN of Hollis, McCABE of Skowhegan, McCLELLAN of Raymond, McCREIGHT of Harpswell, ORDWAY of Standish, PIERCE of Falmouth, SEAVEY of Kennebunkport, SKOLFIELD of Weld, STETKIS of Canaan, THERIAULT of China, TUELL of East Machias, WARREN of Hallowell, WHITE of Washburn, Senators: LANGLEY of Hancock, LIBBY of Androscoggin, MILLETT of Cumberland, President THIBODEAU of Waldo, WOODSOME of York) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Fund Equipment for Career and Technical Education Centers" (H.P. 1035) (L.D. 1512) (Sponsored by Representative FECTEAU of Biddeford) (Cosponsored by Senator LANGLEY of Hancock and Representatives: DAVITT of Hampden, DOORE of Augusta, DUNPHY of Old Town, EVANGELOS of Friendship, GROHMAN of Biddeford, HYMANSON of York, MAKER of Calais, MARTIN of Eagle Lake, MASTRACCIO of Sanford, McCREIGHT of Harpswell, NADEAU of Winslow, PICCHIOTTI of Fairfield, POULIOT of Augusta, RYKERSON of Kittery, TEPLER of Topsham, Senators: DUTREMBLE of York, PATRICK of Oxford, WOODSOME of York) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Criminal Justice and Public Safety

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws on Protection from Abuse and Unauthorized Dissemination of Certain Private Images" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1010) (L.D. 1487) (Sponsored by Representative FOWLE of Vassalboro) (Cosponsored by Senator DIAMOND of Cumberland and Representatives: FREDETTE of Newport, LAJOIE of Lewiston, MAKER of Calais, McCLELLAN of Raymond, PIERCE of Falmouth, SAUCIER of Presque Isle, VACHON of Scarborough, Senator: ROSEN of Hancock) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Establish the Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion Program in Maine" (H.P. 1011) (L.D. 1488) (Sponsored by Representative DION of Portland) (Cosponsored by Senator GERZOFISKY of Cumberland and Representatives: DEVIN of Newcastle, Speaker EVES of North Berwick, GATTINE of Westbrook, LAJOIE of Lewiston, PIERCE of Falmouth, Senator: WOODSOME of York) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Education and Cultural Affairs

Bill "An Act To Clarify Expenditures Regarding Androscoggin County" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1012) (L.D. 1489) (Sponsored by Representative ROTUNDO of Lewiston) (Cosponsored by Representatives: BROOKS of Lewiston, GOLDEN of Lewiston, LAJOIE of Lewiston, Senator: LIBBY of Androscoggin) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act Regarding the Maine Arts Commission" (H.P. 1013) (L.D. 1490) (Sponsored by Representative McCLELLAN of Raymond) (Cosponsored by Senator LANGLEY of Hancock and Representatives: BEAVERS of South Berwick, DeCHANT of Bath, HANLEY of Pittston, MAKER of Calais, POULIOT of Augusta, STETKIS of Canaan, TUELL of East Machias, Senator: EDGECOMB of Aroostook) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Allow Trained, Nonmedical Employees in Schools To Administer Emergency Medications" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1014) (L.D. 1491) (Sponsored by Representative CHENETTE of Saco) (Cosponsored by Senator DUTREMBLE of York and Representatives: BATTLE of South Portland, ESPLING of New Gloucester, GATTINE of Westbrook, GIDEON of Freeport, NADEAU of Winslow, Senator: CYRWAY of Kennebec) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Education Standards in Maine" (H.P. 1015) (L.D. 1492) (Sponsored by Representative TUELL of East Machias) (Cosponsored by Senator WOODSOME of York and Representatives: ESPLING of New Gloucester, FOLEY of Wells, HANLEY of Pittston, HOBART of Bowdoinham, McCABE of Skowhegan, McCLELLAN of Raymond, STETKIS of Canaan, WHITE of Washburn) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Provide a Private Support Organization for the Maine Arts Commission" (H.P. 1016) (L.D. 1493) (Sponsored by Representative McCLELLAN of Raymond) (Cosponsored by Senator LANGLEY of Hancock and Representatives: BEAVERS of South Berwick, DeCHANT of Bath, HANLEY of Pittston, MAKER of Calais, POULIOT of Augusta, STETKIS of Canaan, TUELL of East Machias, Senator: EDGECOMB of Aroostook) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Energy, Utilities and Technology

Bill "An Act To Allow the Kennebec Sanitary Treatment District To Establish and Maintain a Capital Reserve Fund" (H.P. 1018) (L.D. 1495) (Sponsored by Representative NADEAU of Winslow) (Cosponsored by Senator CYRWAY of Kennebec and Representatives: BEAR of the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians, DOORE of Augusta, LONGSTAFF of Waterville, SHORT of Pittsfield, THERIAULT of China) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Environment and Natural Resources

Bill "An Act To Revise Oil Spill Reporting Standards" (H.P. 1017) (L.D. 1494) (Sponsored by Representative DUCHESNE of Hudson) (Cosponsored by Representatives: CAMPBELL of Orrington, CHIPMAN of Portland, JORGENSEN of Portland) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Health and Human Services

Bill "An Act To Support Maine People in Recovery" (H.P. 1019) (L.D. 1496) (Sponsored by Representative MAKER of Calais) (Cosponsored by Senator LANGLEY of Hancock and Representatives: BEAVERS of South Berwick, BLACK of Wilton, FECTION of Biddeford, HARRINGTON of Sanford, KINNEY of Knox, SAUCIER of Presque Isle, TUELL of East Machias, WHITE of Washburn) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Align the Child and Family Services and Child Protection Act with the Federal Preventing Sex Trafficking and Strengthening Families Act" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1020) (L.D. 1497) (Sponsored by Representative SANDERSON of Chelsea) (Cosponsored by Senator VOLK of Cumberland and Representatives: BEAVERS of South Berwick, FOLEY of Wells, LAJOIE of Lewiston, MAKER of Calais, WHITE of Washburn) (Submitted by the Department of Health and Human Services pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Clarify Medicaid Managed Care Ombudsman Services" (H.P. 1021) (L.D. 1498) (Sponsored by Representative VACHON of Scarborough) (Cosponsored by Senator VOLK of Cumberland and Representatives: BATTLE of South Portland, COREY of Windham, FOLEY of Wells, GERRISH of Lebanon, GINZLER of Bridgton, HEAD of Bethel, HYMANSON of York, MAKER of Calais, MALABY of Hancock, McCLELLAN of Raymond, McELWEE of Caribou, ORDDWAY of Standish, PICCHIOTTI of Fairfield, PICKETT of Dixfield, TUELL of East Machias, Senators: CYRWAY of Kennebec, DAVIS of Piscataquis, VALENTINO of York) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Judiciary

Bill "An Act To Increase the Safety of Social Workers" (H.P. 1022) (L.D. 1499) (Sponsored by Representative GOODE of Bangor) (Cosponsored by Senator KATZ of Kennebec and Representatives: BEEBE-CENTER of Rockland, CHENETTE of Saco, GATTINE of Westbrook, GIDEON of Freeport, HOBBS of Saco, McCREIGHT of Harpswell, WARREN of Hallowell, Senator: PATRICK of Oxford) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Protect and Promote Access to Sport Shooting Ranges" (H.P. 1023) (L.D. 1500) (Sponsored by Representative COREY of Windham) (Cosponsored by Senator CYRWAY of Kennebec and Representatives: GROHMAN of Biddeford, MAREAN of Hollis, ORDDWAY of Standish, SIROCKI of Scarborough, TIMBERLAKE of Turner, Senators: BURNS of Washington, DIAMOND of Cumberland, VOLK of Cumberland)

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

Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development

Bill "An Act To Amend the Law Regarding Disqualification for Unemployment Benefits during Stoppages of Work" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1024) (L.D. 1501) (Sponsored by Representative STETKIS of Canaan) (Cosponsored by Senator CUSHING of Penobscot and Representatives: HARRINGTON of Sanford, ORDDWAY of Standish, SIROCKI of Scarborough, Senator: BRAKEY of Androscoggin) (Submitted by the Department of Labor pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Marine Resources

Bill "An Act To Provide Flexibility in the Designation of the Closed Period for Elver Harvesting" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1025) (L.D. 1502) (Sponsored by Representative KUMIEGA of Deer Isle) (Cosponsored by Senator LANGLEY of Hancock and Representatives: ALLEY of Beals, BATTLE of South Portland, BEEBE-CENTER of Rockland, BLUME of York, DEVIN of Newcastle, TUELL of East Machias, Senators: BAKER of Sagadahoc, MIRAMANT of Knox) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Create a Class II Limited Lobster and Crab Fishing License and Improve the Limited-entry System" (H.P. 1026) (L.D. 1503) (Sponsored by Representative KUMIEGA of Deer Isle) (Cosponsored by Senator LANGLEY of Hancock and Representatives: ALLEY of Beals, BATTLE of South Portland, BLUME of York, DEVIN of Newcastle, McCREIGHT of Harpswell, Senator: MIRAMANT of Knox) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

State and Local Government

Bill "An Act To Establish November 1st as Veterans in the Arts and Humanities Day" (H.P. 1027) (L.D. 1504) (Sponsored by Representative DUCHESNE of Hudson) (Cosponsored by Representatives: CAMPBELL of Orrington, DEVIN of Newcastle, EVANGELOS of Friendship, FECTION of Biddeford, GOLDEN of Lewiston, GROHMAN of Biddeford, LUCHINI of Ellsworth) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Taxation

Bill "An Act To Facilitate Student Loan Repayment by Allowing Graduates To Claim Educational Opportunity Tax Credits on Eligible Portions of Consolidated Loans" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1028) (L.D. 1505) (Sponsored by Representative McCREIGHT of Harpswell) (Cosponsored by Senator LANGLEY of Hancock and Representatives: BLUME of York, DAUGHTRY of Brunswick, HEAD of Bethel, PIERCE of Falmouth, POULIOT of Augusta, TEPLER of Topsham, Senators: LIBBY of Androscoggin, ROSEN of Hancock) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Make Additional Technical Changes to Recently Enacted Tax Legislation Concerning Pension Income" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1029) (L.D. 1506) (Sponsored by Representative FREDETTE of Newport) (Cosponsored by Representatives: FARRIN of Norridgewock, GOLDEN of Lewiston, HANINGTON of Lincoln, NUTTING of Oakland, SEAVEY of Kennebunkport, SIROCKI of Scarborough, TIMBERLAKE of Turner) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Transportation

Bill "An Act To Authorize a Person Whose Operator's License Is Suspended Due to Failure To Pay Child Support To Drive to and from a Place of Employment" (H.P. 1030) (L.D. 1507) (Sponsored by Representative KINNEY of Knox) (Cosponsored by Senator EDGECOMB of Aroostook and Representatives: HANLEY of Pittston, HARRINGTON of Sanford, HEAD of Bethel, ORDWAY of Standish, PICKETT of Dixfield, SEAVEY of Kennebunkport, TUELL of East Machias, VACHON of Scarborough) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Veterans and Legal Affairs

Bill "An Act Regarding the Distribution and Off-site Storage of Spirits by Licensed Reselling Agents" (H.P. 1031) (L.D. 1508) (Sponsored by Representative LUCHINI of Ellsworth) (Cosponsored by President THIBODEAU of Waldo and Representatives: Speaker EVES of North Berwick, GIDEON of Freeport, GOLDEN of Lewiston, McCABE of Skowhegan, Senators: CYRWAY of Kennebec, PATRICK of Oxford) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Simplify the Filing of Campaign Independent Expenditure and 24-hour Reports" (H.P. 1032) (L.D. 1509) (Sponsored by Representative LUCHINI of Ellsworth) (Submitted by the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Improve the Disclosure of Financial Activities by Political Action Committees and Ballot Question Committees" (H.P. 1033) (L.D. 1510) (Sponsored by Representative LUCHINI of Ellsworth) (Submitted by the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Allow Retailers To Return Promotional Alcoholic Beverages to Wholesalers" (H.P. 1034) (L.D. 1511) (Sponsored by Representative HERBIG of Belfast) (Cosponsored by President THIBODEAU of Waldo) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Sincerely,

S/Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House

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

Comes from the House, **READ** and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**.

READ and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**, in concurrence.

The Following Communication: H.P. 1039

**STATE OF MAINE
CLERK'S OFFICE
2 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0002**

December 22, 2015

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

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

Dear Mr. Speaker and Mr. President:

On December 22, 2015, 2 bills were received by the Clerk of the House.

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, these bills were referred to the Joint Standing Committees on December 22, 2015, as follows:

Energy, Utilities and Technology

Bill "An Act To Clarify Laws Relating to Affiliate Ownership of Electric Generation" (H.P. 1036) (L.D. 1513) (Sponsored by Representative DION of Portland) (Cosponsored by Senator WOODSOME of York and Representative: BEAVERS of South Berwick) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development

Bill "An Act To Conform Maine Law to the Requirements of the American Dental Association Commission on Dental Accreditation" (H.P. 1037) (L.D. 1514) (Sponsored by Representative SIROCKI of Scarborough) (Cosponsored by Senator BURNS of Washington and Representatives: BLACK of Wilton, MASTRACCIO of Sanford, Senators: DILL of Penobscot, McCORMICK of Kennebec, PATRICK of Oxford) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Sincerely,

S/Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House

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

Comes from the House, **READ** and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**.

READ and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**, in concurrence.

The Following Communication: S.C. 614

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

January 6, 2016

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 J. Kelleher, Esq. of Rome for reappointment to the Maine Board of Tax Appeals.

Pursuant to Title 36, MRSA §151-D, this reappointment is contingent on the Maine Senate confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Taxation.

Sincerely,

S/Paul R. LePage
Governor

READ and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**.

The Following Communication: S.C. 615

**STATE OF MAINE
127TH LEGISLATURE**

January 5, 2016

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

Dear Secretary Priest:

Pursuant to our authority under Title 10 MRSA §929-A, and in agreement with Governor Paul R. LePage, we are pleased to appoint the following people to the Maine Economic Growth Council.

Mark St. Germain of Scarborough
Luann Ballesteros of Glenburn
Jim Mayer of Georgetown
Greg Dugal of Lincolnville Center

Senator James Dill of Penobscot
Senator Andre Cushing of Penobscot
Representative Matthew Pouliot of Augusta
Representative Jennifer DeChant of Bath

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

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. 616

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

January 5, 2016

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

Dear Secretary Priest:

Pursuant to my authority under Title 37-B §792, I am pleased to reappoint William Sean Goodwin to the State Emergency Response Commission.

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

Sincerely,

S/Michael D. Thibodeau
President of the Senate

READ and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**.

Senate at Ease.

Senate called to order by the President.

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

Off Record Remarks

Senate at Ease.

Senate called to order by the President.

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

SENATE PAPERS

Bill "An Act To Protect All Students in Elementary or Secondary Schools from Sexual Assault by School Officials"

S.P. 601 L.D. 1540

Presented by Senator CYRWAY of Kennebec.

Cosponsored by Representative NADEAU of Winslow and

Senators: BREEN of Cumberland, DIAMOND of Cumberland,

KATZ of Kennebec, LANGLEY of Hancock, McCORMICK of

Kennebec, President THIBODEAU of Waldo, Representatives:

GERRISH of Lebanon, LUCHINI of Ellsworth.

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

Bill "An Act To Increase Sentences Imposed for the Illegal Importation of Scheduled Drugs"

S.P. 602 L.D. 1541

Presented by Senator CYRWAY of Kennebec.

Cosponsored by Representative NADEAU of Winslow and

Senators: CUSHING of Penobscot, DIAMOND of Cumberland,

KATZ of Kennebec, LANGLEY of Hancock, McCORMICK of

Kennebec, President THIBODEAU of Waldo, Representatives:

LUCHINI of Ellsworth, MALABY of Hancock, McCABE of

Skowhegan.

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 **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Improve Teaching Assignments in Maine's Public Schools"

S.P. 604 L.D. 1544

Presented by Senator BAKER of Sagadahoc.

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

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Off Record Remarks