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**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE
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JOURNAL OF THE SENATE**

In Senate Chamber
Tuesday
January 19, 2016

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

Prayer by Pastor Kent Allen, First Parish Congregational Church
in Yarmouth.

PASTOR ALLEN: Good morning. Let us be in the spirit of
prayer. O Creative and Loving God, we pause this morning to
give thanks for the beauty and the blessings of this state, for the
abundant natural and human resources that make this place such
a wonderful place to live. We are so grateful. We pray for Your
light to shine upon all called here to serve. We are reminded by
Martin Luther King Jr.'s words that darkness cannot drive out
darkness, only light can. Shine upon this gathered Body, that
their decisions might make a difference. Help them to find areas
of compromise. Help them to work towards the common good
and provide each with a listening ear and a humble heart. We are
grateful for their sacrificial service; sensitive to the challenge that
often comes with this calling. We pray that each may have a full
measure of wisdom. As we consider those who struggle because
of hardship, whatever it may be, may this Body work towards
sowing seeds of hope. Bless these legislators, that they might
also experience some joy in the work that they do here this
morning. In Your many names we pray. Amen.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Senator G. William Diamond of
Cumberland County.

Reading of the Journal of Thursday, January 14, 2016.

Doctor of the day, Janis Petzel, MD of Islesboro.

Off Record Remarks

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

House Papers

Bill "An Act To Make Efficient Electric Heat Pumps Available to
Utility Customers, Including Low-income Customers"
H.P. 1061 L.D. 1558

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 Encourage Roller Derby"
H.P. 1062 L.D. 1559

Comes 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.

The Chair noted the absence of the Senator from Androscoggin,
Senator **MASON**, and further excused the same Senator from
today's Roll Call votes.

**Pursuant to Statute
Department of Education**

The **Department of Education**, pursuant to the Maine Revised
Statutes, Title 5, section 8072 asked leave to report that the
accompanying Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions
of Chapter 101: Maine Unified Special Education Regulation
Birth to Age 20, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of
Education (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 1058 L.D. 1555

Be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND
CULTURAL AFFAIRS** 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 **EDUCATION
AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint
Rule 218.

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

REFERRED to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL
AFFAIRS** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218, in
concurrence.

**Pursuant to Statute
Department of Education**

The **Department of Education**, pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 8072 asked leave to report that the accompanying Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 40: Rule for Medication Administration in Maine Schools, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Education (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 1059 L.D. 1556

Be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** 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 **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

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

REFERRED to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218, in concurrence.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: S.C. 634

STATE OF MAINE ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

January 14, 2016

The Honorable Michael D. Thibodeau
President of the Senate of Maine
127th Maine State Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333-0003

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Section 157, and with Joint Rule 505 of the Maine Legislature, the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs has had under consideration the nomination of Shirrin L. Blaisdell of Manchester, for reappointment to the Maine Public Employees Retirement System Board of Trustees.

After public hearing and discussion on this nomination, the Committee proceeded to vote on the motion to recommend to the Senate that this nomination be confirmed. The Committee Clerk called the roll with the following result:

YEAS	Senators	3	Hamper of Oxford, Katz of Kennebec, Valentino of York
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Representatives 9

Rotundo of Lewiston, Frey of Bangor, Grant of Gardiner, Jorgensen of Portland, Martin of Eagle Lake, Nutting of Oakland, Sirocki of Scarborough, Timberlake of Turner, Winsor of Norway

NAYS 0

ABSENT 1 Rep. Sanborn of Gorham

Twelve members of the Committee having voted in the affirmative and zero in the negative, it was the vote of the Committee that the nomination of Shirrin L. Blaisdell of Manchester, for reappointment to the Maine Public Employees Retirement System Board of Trustees be confirmed.

Signed,

S/James M. Hamper
Senate Chair

S/Margaret R. Rotundo
House Chair

READ and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall the recommendation of the Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** be overridden?"

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Chapter 6, Section 158, and with Joint Rule 506 of the 127th Legislature, the vote was taken by the Yeas and Nays.

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#458)

YEAS: Senators: None

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

EXCUSED: Senator: MASON

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 34 Senators having voted in the negative, with 1 Senator being excused, and none being less than two-thirds of the Membership present and voting, it was the vote of the Senate that the Committee's recommendation be **ACCEPTED** and the nomination of **Shirrin L. Blaisdell** of Manchester for reappointment to the Maine Public Employees Retirement System Board of Trustees was **CONFIRMED.**

The Secretary has so informed the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

The Following Communication: S.C. 635

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL
AFFAIRS**

January 14, 2016

The Honorable Michael D. Thibodeau
President of the Senate of Maine
127th Maine State Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333-0003

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Section 157, and with Joint Rule 505 of the Maine Legislature, the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs has had under consideration the nomination of Peter M. Leslie of Waterford, for reappointment to the Maine Public Employees Retirement System Board of Trustees.

After public hearing and discussion on this nomination, the Committee proceeded to vote on the motion to recommend to the Senate that this nomination be confirmed. The Committee Clerk called the roll with the following result:

YEAS	Senators	3	Hamper of Oxford, Katz of Kennebec, Valentino of York
	Representatives	9	Rotundo of Lewiston, Frey of Bangor, Grant of Gardiner, Jorgensen of Portland, Martin of Eagle Lake, Nutting of Oakland, Sirocki of Scarborough, Timberlake of Turner, Winsor of Norway
NAYS		0	
ABSENT		1	Rep. Sanborn of Gorham

Twelve members of the Committee having voted in the affirmative and zero in the negative, it was the vote of the Committee that the nomination of Peter M. Leslie of Waterford, for reappointment to the Maine Public Employees Retirement System Board of Trustees be confirmed.

Signed,

S/James M. Hamper
Senate Chair

S/Margaret R. Rotundo
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall the recommendation of the Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** be overridden?"

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Chapter 6, Section 158, and with Joint Rule 506 of the 127th Legislature, the vote was taken by the Yeas and Nays.

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#459)

YEAS: Senators: None

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

EXCUSED: Senator: MASON

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 34 Senators having voted in the negative, with 1 Senator being excused, and none being less than two-thirds of the Membership present and voting, it was the vote of the Senate that the Committee's recommendation be **ACCEPTED** and the nomination of **Peter M. Leslie** of Waterford for reappointment to the Maine Public Employees Retirement System Board of Trustees was **CONFIRMED**.

The Secretary has so informed the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

The Following Communication: S.C. 640

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS**

January 15, 2016

The Honorable Michael D. Thibodeau
President of the Senate of Maine
127th Maine State Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333-0003

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Section 157, and with Joint Rule 505 of the Maine Legislature, the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs has had under consideration the nomination of Douglas A. Farnham of Bangor, for appointment as the Adjutant General - Commissioner of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management.

After public hearing and discussion on this nomination, the Committee proceeded to vote on the motion to recommend to the Senate that this nomination be confirmed. The Committee Clerk called the roll with the following result:

YEAS	Senators	3	Cyrway of Kennebec, Collins of York, Patrick of Oxford
	Representatives	9	Luchini of Ellsworth, Golden of Lewiston, Hanington of Lincoln, Kinney of Limington, Longstaff of Waterville, Monaghan of Cape Elizabeth, Saucier of Presque Isle, Schneck of Bangor, Turner of Burlington
NAYS		0	
ABSENT		1	Rep. Dillingham of Oxford

Rep. Bear of Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians supports the Committee's recommendation.

Twelve members of the Committee having voted in the affirmative and zero in the negative, it was the vote of the Committee that the nomination of Douglas A. Farnham of Bangor, for appointment as the Adjutant General - Commissioner of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Scott W. Cyrway
Senate Chair

S/Louis J. Luchini
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Penobscot, Senator Cushing.

Senator **CUSHING:** Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, I'm delighted today to rise in support of this nominee. I've had the pleasure of knowing Colonel Farnham for many years as a member of the Bangor community. He's someone who has been a small business owner in multi-generational business in the Bangor area, technically for the good Senator from Hancock, in her district, Brewer. They've served the community well. In 1991 Doug Farnham joined the National Guard. He has had a distinguished career serving as one of Maine's Guardsmen and has moved up to through the ranks; has made a very positive contribution to the service to our country through the National Guard; has been active in our community and, I think, for the Guard, with the new direction that our country has taken in depending so much on the citizen soldier, he truly understands the needs of this community in Maine and will serve

us very well. I'm honored that he accepted this and proud to stand and encourage my colleagues here in the Senate to support this nomination. Thank you, Mr. President.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Penobscot, Senator Gratwick.

Senator **GRATWICK:** Thank you very much, Mr. President. I, too, rise in support of this nomination. The Farnham's have had very long roots in the Bangor area. They are very distinguished. Have many different members of that clan have helped in public service. Colonel Farnham has a very distinguished record, which makes me proud for both for him and our area. I think, most importantly, he has shown the ability to both lead and bring people together in this very important task. I'm wholeheartedly in support. Thank you, Mr. President.

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 not often, really, we get to rise and speak on a nomination of somebody you know personally. Interactions with Colonel Farnham, I'd like to speak from sort of the education side of things. I've been on trips, field trips, where students have gone up to the Air Guard Base and Colonel Farnham has made a point to take time out of his busy day in running a base and coming and talking to students about serving your country and what kind of opportunities are in the Air Guard for our Maine students, both for their careers and for advancing into post-secondary to college opportunities. Also I know some pilots that fly out of there. The Maniacs, as you know, probably have a reputation around the world as one of the best units for refueling and that certainly speaks very highly of his leadership. I've had the pleasure of serving with his wife, Nichi, here in this Body. Simply put, this is a tremendous family. Lastly, I know Colonel Farnham as a customer of his family business, the ice business. Last summer, on a really busy hot August weekend, I was out of ice and Colonel Farnham and his wife hand delivered the ice. I think I was sort of the winner in that because they spent more dining with me that night than I spent on buying the ice. It worked out very well. It's just a real, real pleasure to stand here and see this nomination on the board in front of us, Mr. President.

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall the recommendation of the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** be overridden?"

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Chapter 6, Section 158, and with Joint Rule 506 of the 127th Legislature, the vote was taken by the Yeas and Nays.

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#460)

YEAS: Senators: None

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

Representatives 9 Luchini of Ellsworth, Golden of Lewiston, Hanington of Lincoln, Kinney of Limington, Longstaff of Waterville, Monaghan of Cape Elizabeth, Saucier of Presque Isle, Schneck of Bangor, Turner of Burlington

EXCUSED: Senator: MASON

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 34 Senators having voted in the negative, with 1 Senator being excused, and none being less than two-thirds of the Membership present and voting, it was the vote of the Senate that the Committee's recommendation be **ACCEPTED** and the nomination of **Douglas A. Farnham** of Bangor for appointment as the Adjutant General - Commissioner of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management was **CONFIRMED**.

The Secretary has so informed the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair is pleased to recognize in the Chamber today the Honorable Nichi Farnham, joined by her husband, Colonel Doug Farnham. Would they please rise and accept the greetings of the Senate.

The Following Communication: S.C. 641

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS**

January 15, 2016

The Honorable Michael D. Thibodeau
President of the Senate of Maine
127th Maine State Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333-0003

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Section 157, and with Joint Rule 505 of the Maine Legislature, the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs has had under consideration the nomination of William A. Lee III, Esq. of Waterville, for appointment to the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices.

After public hearing and discussion on this nomination, the Committee proceeded to vote on the motion to recommend to the Senate that this nomination be confirmed. The Committee Clerk called the roll with the following result:

YEAS Senators 3 Cyrway of Kennebec, Collins of York, Patrick of Oxford

NAYS 0

ABSENT 1 Rep. Dillingham of Oxford

Rep. Bear of Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians supports the Committee's recommendation.

Twelve members of the Committee having voted in the affirmative and zero in the negative, it was the vote of the Committee that the nomination of William A. Lee III, Esq. of Waterville, for appointment to the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Scott W. Cyrway
Senate Chair

S/Louis J. Luchini
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

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 today in support of the Governor's appointment of William Lee III to the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices. Mr. Lee is a constituent of mine, residing in the City of Waterville. He thoroughly impressed our committee last week during his hearing, garnering a unanimous vote from the committee. His background is impressive. He was a founding partner in his current firm, which he began in 1996. Besides his private law practice, Mr. Lee serves as a city solicitor and counselor for the City of Waterville and the Towns of Winslow and Fairfield and works as a part-time professor in administrative science and government departments at Colby College. A prime example of how well he's performed, we had a serious situation happen in Winslow where they removed the dam. When they did the water had receded very low and there was a big debate on ownership of the property that was in the back of the property owners. He resolved that in a very fair fashion. I have no doubt that he will serve on the commission with dignity and fairness, while upholding the ethics and election process to the highest standard. Thank you.

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

Senator **KATZ:** Thank you very much, Mr. President. Men and women of the Senate, I, too, rise in support of this nomination. Bill Lee and I started practicing law about the same time, back many decades ago. Over the years I've had the pleasure of dealing with him on many, many cases. Bill Lee is probably one of the finest examples that I know of someone who can fight like

cats and dogs for his client in the courtroom and then go out and have a beer with you after it's all over and probably one of the most gentlemanly and ethical people I know and what a fine place for him to find himself, on the Ethics Commission. I couldn't be more pleased for him. Thank you, Mr. President.

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall the recommendation of the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** be overridden?"

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Chapter 6, Section 158, and with Joint Rule 506 of the 127th Legislature, the vote was taken by the Yeas and Nays.

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#461)

YEAS: Senators: None

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

EXCUSED: Senator: MASON

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 34 Senators having voted in the negative, with 1 Senator being excused, and none being less than two-thirds of the Membership present and voting, it was the vote of the Senate that the Committee's recommendation be **ACCEPTED** and the nomination of **William A. Lee III**, Esq. of Waterville for appointment to the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices was **CONFIRMED**.

The Secretary has so informed the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair is pleased to recognize in the rear of the Chamber William A. Lee. Would he please rise and accept the greeting of the State Senate.

Off Record Remarks

The Following Communication: S.C. 636

STATE OF MAINE
127TH LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

January 15, 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 Robert W. Bower, Esq. of Cumberland for reappointment to the State Civil Service Appeals Board.

Pursuant to Title 5, MRSA §7081, this reappointment is contingent on the Maine Senate confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government.

Sincerely,

S/Paul R. LePage
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 637

STATE OF MAINE
127TH LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

January 15, 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 Timothy L. Thompson of Cape Elizabeth for reappointment to the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority.

Pursuant to Title 4, MRSA §1602, this reappointment is contingent on the Maine Senate confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government.

Sincerely,

S/Paul R. LePage
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 639

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

January 14, 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 the following to the School Board of the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf:

Michelle S. Ames of Portland, appointment
John G. Shattuck of New Castle, appointment
Frances R. Frost of Portland, reappointment
Laurel A. Kelly of Dixmont, reappointment
Roxanne Baker of Cape Elizabeth, reappointment

Pursuant to Title 20-A, MRSA §7406, these appointments and reappointments are contingent on the Maine Senate confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs.

Sincerely,

S/Paul R. LePage
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 638

**STATE OF MAINE
SUPREME JUDICIAL COURT**

January 13, 2016

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

Dear President Thibodeau:

I am pleased to enclose a copy of the final Report of the Intergovernmental Pretrial Justice Task Force.

We very much appreciated the participation of the legislative members, which greatly informed the recommendations of the Task Force.

The Report confirmed that, while Maine has the lowest incarceration rate in the nation, there has been a steady increase over the last five years in pretrial detention in the county jails. The Task Force Report makes recommendations for measures Maine could implement to reduce pretrial detention without compromising public safety. Some of the proposals recommend statutory amendments requiring legislation. Others propose further study, and I look forward to discussing with you the potential for additional working groups. Finally, a few recommendations suggest administrative changes to the judicial process, and we will be addressing those proposals this spring.

Justice Mullen, who chaired the Task Force, will be providing a briefing on the work of the Task Force to the Joint Standing Committees on the Judiciary and Criminal Justice and Public Safety on February 2 at 1:00 p.m.

Thank you for your attention to this Report. I am happy to discuss this further at your convenience.

Sincerely,

S/Leigh I. Saufley
Chief Justice

READ and with accompanying papers ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

Senate at Ease.

Senate called to order by the President.

Off Record Remarks

RECESSED until the sound of the bell.

After Recess

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 Enact the Uniform Interstate Enforcement of Domestic Violence Protection Orders Act"

S.P. 615 L.D. 1563

Presented by President THIBODEAU of Waldo.

Cosponsored by Representative GUERIN of Glenburn and

Senators: BAKER of Sagadahoc, BURNS of Washington, CYRWAY of Kennebec, KATZ of Kennebec, VOLK of Cumberland, WOODSOME of York, Representatives: FOWLE of Vassalboro, MAKER of Calais.

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 Update References to the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986 Contained in the Maine Revised Statutes" (EMERGENCY)

S.P. 616 L.D. 1564

Presented by Senator McCORMICK of Kennebec.

Cosponsored by Representative GOODE of Bangor and

Senators: LIBBY of Androscoggin, President THIBODEAU of Waldo.

Submitted by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

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 were ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Senate

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act To Combat Drug Addiction through Enforcement, Prevention, Treatment and Recovery" (EMERGENCY)

S.P. 599 L.D. 1537

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-344)**.

Signed:

Senators:

HAMPER of Oxford

KATZ of Kennebec

VALENTINO of York

Representatives:

ROTUNDO of Lewiston

FREY of Bangor

GRANT of Gardiner

JORGENSEN of Portland

MARTIN of Eagle Lake

SANBORN of Gorham

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "B" (S-345)**.

Signed:

Representatives:

NUTTING of Oakland

SIROCKI of Scarborough

TIMBERLAKE of Turner

WINSOR of Norway

Reports **READ**.

On motion by Senator **HAMPER** of Oxford, the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-344)** Report **ACCEPTED**.

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-344) **READ**.

On motion by Senator **HAMPER** of Oxford, Senate Amendment "A" (S-346) to Committee Amendment "A" (S-344) **READ**.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Oxford, Senator Hamper.

Senator **HAMPER:** Thank you, Mr. President. Just a brief explanation of what this amendment does. In Section B of the bill, this gives the Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety the ability to administer the grants to local law enforcement and also, in Section F, the source of funding for the whole treatment portion of this bill would be used, or would come from, the Medical Use of Marijuana Fund. It's licensing fees that were in that fund. Also, Mr. President, I would request a roll call on this.

On motion by Senator **HAMPER** of Oxford, supported by a Division of one-fifth of the members present and voting, a Roll Call was ordered.

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#462)

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

NAYS: Senators: None

EXCUSED: Senator: MASON

34 Senators having voted in the affirmative and no Senator having voted in the negative, with 1 Senator being excused, the motion by Senator **HAMPER** of Oxford to **ADOPT** Senate Amendment "A" (S-346) to Committee Amendment "A" (S-344) **PREVAILED**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-344) as Amended by Senate Amendment "A" (S-346) thereto, **ADOPTED**.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-344) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-346)** thereto.

Ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

On motion by Senator **HAMPER** of Oxford, the Senate removed from the **SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS TABLE** the following:

An Act To Improve the Evaluation of Elementary and Secondary Schools

H.P. 853 L.D. 1253
(C "A" H-467)

Placed on the Special Appropriations Table - June 19, 2015, by Senator **HAMPER** of Oxford

Pending - **ENACTMENT**, in concurrence

(In Senate, June 18, 2015, **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-467)**, in concurrence.)

(In House, June 19, 2015, **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**.)

On further motion by same Senator, **COMMITTED** to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS**, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Senate at Ease.

Senate called to order by the President.

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later Assigned (1/14/16) matter:

Bill "An Act To Establish a Foster Parents' Bill of Rights"
H.P. 1055 L.D. 1548

Tabled - January 14, 2016, by Senator **BRAKEY** of Androscoggin

Pending - **REFERENCE**

(In House, January 12, 2016, **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.

Off Record Remarks

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

RECESSED until 12:45 in the afternoon.

After Recess

Senate called to order by the President.

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

ENACTORS

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

Emergency Measure

An Act To Combat Drug Addiction through Enforcement, Prevention, Treatment and Recovery

S.P. 599 L.D. 1537
(S "A" S-346 to C "A" S-344)

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Oxford, Senator Hamper.

Senator **HAMPER**: Thank you, Mr. President. I just want to take a moment to thank the Body for cooperation on the efforts on this bill, 1537. Some of us were a little further ahead of others, but it all worked out. What I want to say today is, I just want to make sure that members of this Body and the other Body, through the course of this bill, let us not walk away from this session taking the dust off our hands and saying, "There we go, we solved it." This is nothing more than a first step, and a baby step at that, towards fighting addiction in the state. I spent an inordinate amount of time in 2015, and it's continuing into 2016, on the issue of heroin and, yes, we got a good start on that three legged stool of enforcement, education, and treatment, but this is only a start. There's more work ahead, folks. Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator **VALENTINO**: Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, it seems fitting that L.D. 1537 is the first enactor of this session because L.D. 1537 is only the first, but important, first step on addressing Maine's drug crisis. Four committees, Criminal Justice, Health and Human Services, Judiciary, and Appropriations, all came together to work on this bill. We just had a unanimous vote on the first reading of this first bill, sending a strong signal to Maine people that we are committed to work together on drug enforcement, education, and treatment. I would also like to thank the sponsor of this bill and leadership for working collaboratively and quickly to get this bill passed today. Today is a good day for the Maine Legislature. Thank you.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Androscoggin, Senator Brakey.

Senator **BRAKEY**: Thank you, Mr. President. I rise in support of enactment, though with a very small hint of reluctance; reluctance not because of any particular item in the bill but because of, to echo my colleague from Oxford County, the fear that we might think that we have solved the problem and walk away. I know that won't be the case, but I do think it bears mentioning. Sometimes the expectations around this bill, as we were coming into it, seemed very high. At its best, this legislation can make a dent in Maine's heroin and opiate epidemic, but it is not a silver bullet. Sometimes in the Health and Human Services Committee the buzz and expectation in the media around this bill seems to suggest that we, with one piece of legislation, are going to cure opiate addiction, solve Maine's drug problem, and send all the drug dealers back to wherever they came from; all in our first week back. Well, I don't mean to throw a cold towel on the enthusiasm because there are some very important items accomplished in this legislation, I do think it's important that we, as this Body, as well as the people of Maine, keep this all in perspective. Too often in government we fall prey to the old adage that when all you have is a hammer every problem looks like a nail. Government is a hammer but the drug epidemic in our state and in our nation is not so easily nailed down. Drug addiction has been with us throughout human history and it is not disappearing any time soon. It is a multi-layered and complex problem. As much as we, in the government, would like to imagine that government can fix this problem, at best we can play a role in reducing harm. To that end, in making our recommendations as the Health and Human Services Committee,

we recommended amendments that brought more accountability and transparency to the process for allocating these funds for treatment services and I'm very pleased that those recommendations have been adopted. It is my hope that when this legislation goes into effect it does have a positive impact on the lives of those suffering with opiate addiction and helps individuals on the path to recovery. Let us not rest easy that the job is done. From addressing Maine's outlier status as the state with the highest rate of opiate prescription in the nation to getting government out of the way for individuals seeking to try experimental opiate addiction treatments, there is much more we, in the Legislature, can do, but the most important real long-term solutions to the opiate problems will not be found in the hall of Augusta. Those solutions will be found in the communities, the families, and the individual spirits of those suffering. To conquer opiate addiction there is no government substitute for the natural supports of family, community, and individual determination. Mr. President, let us vote today to pass this legislation. Let us do what we can and let us also remember that government alone can never, and will never, wipe out the scourge of addiction. That task can only happen with the action and involvement of all the people of Maine. Thank you.

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

Senator **HASKELL**: Thank you very much, Mr. President. Colleagues of the Senate, I rise also in support and also to reinforce a couple of the matters that have come before us in this bill. First of all, this is a crisis. There's no question about that. It's rooted in criminal activity and it's also a crisis of public health. The crisis brought together law enforcement, doctors, teachers, religious leaders, regular citizens, mothers and fathers, all because they are seeing that very real impact of this crisis every day. I think it's important to remember all those folks who came forward, who brought us all of their thoughts, their suggestions, their pain, their stories, their good stories and their bad stories, and how important it is that we're able to support each one of those areas here. People suffering from substance abuse disorder can't wait any longer for help. When they reach out and they need help, they need it right then. We are one step on the way to getting them those resources to get them on that road to recovery. I thank you very much for your time and I thank all of you for your support and interest in supporting this bill. Thank you.

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

Senator **VOLK**: Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, I'll try to make this brief. I know we have committees waiting for us over in the Cross Building and upstairs. I just wanted to talk a little bit about something that I'm really proud of and that's the role that the Scarborough Police Department has played in bringing attention to this issue and the innovation and leadership that they've shown in developing Operation Hope. Last Tuesday they actually referred their 100th addict to a treatment program. The way that Operation Hope works, it's based upon a program from Gloucester, Massachusetts, which they modeled it after. Addicts are invited to enter the police department and ask for help. So long as they don't have a warrant out for their arrest, they are counseled by

either Officer John Gill, our Chief Robbie Moulton, or any number of Angel Volunteers who have been trained to take these people in, talk to them, make sure that they are ready for treatment, and then they are placed in treatment with, a lot of times, places that are out-of-state. They've actually placed, at this point, addicts from Kittery to Fort Kent in eight different states in treatment programs. A lot of these treatment programs are charitable beds and so it's at no cost to the user, especially since two-thirds of them actually don't have any means of payment. It's been an incredible program and I know that Officer Gill and Chief Moulton have been up here several times meeting with many members of state government to talk about how this is working and they've been the inspiration to a lot of other departments around the state and also even around the country. People have reached out to model their own programs after them. I'm happy that included in this bill is \$50,000 in grant money that will help seed other programs around the state so that people don't have to travel to Scarborough to be placed in a treatment facility and they'll go through a very similar program. I just wanted to quote Office Gill. This is something that he put out in a statement last Tuesday, when they celebrated their 100th referral. "As we tell the Operation Hope story to politicians and government officials they are recognizing the need for increased programs and resources. We are confident that they will see beyond politics and ideology to come up with real solutions to help save our fellow Mainers." I'm just really proud that today we have not let them down. Thank you very much.

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

Senator **GERZOFSKY:** Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, I want to get up and throw all my support behind enactment of this bill. I want to not only thank leadership here in the Senate but also at the other end of the building for coming together and realizing that this epidemic has been coming to Maine the last couple of years on Criminal Justice and Public Safety. We've been seeing this. The Maine Legislature has stepped up to the plate. When we're having this epidemic coming throughout New England and throughout most of the country, we here in Maine have taken this very seriously. Years ago, just a few years ago, when law enforcement brought into Criminal Justice and Public Safety the problem with bath salts it didn't take us a week to run a bill through the committee and then through the Legislature to help put an end to that scourge. The committee took it very seriously. The Legislature took it very seriously. That's the kind of response our people expect from us. As this epidemic has grown and grown we have realized that it's not going to be just a law enforcement issue. It's going to be treatment and education. As the good Senator mentioned earlier today, Senator Hamper, about the three legged stool, it is a three legged stool. This is probably the first, but most important, step we're taking because we're sending a message. We're sending a message to anybody that thinks they're going to come to Maine and try and deal in that kind of destruction on our people that we're going to make room for them in our prison system. We're telling people that if you've been unfortunate and fallen into this trap we're going to try and help you. What they're doing in Scarborough and in other places in the state of Maine is really what we need to do and we need to expand on that. That's what this bill is going to start doing. As far as this Senator is concerned, this is a giant step that we're taking. It's the first one

but it's a very important one and I think that it shows how this Legislature can work together. We can bring an important bill like this and we can run it through and we can touch all the bases and we can get all the right things in place and that is the most important thing. Other states are still trying to flounder. They are still floundering and trying to figure out how to take care of this issue. We here, in Maine, realize the problem. We looked at the problem. We got serious about the problem and now we're doing something that's going to help cure the problem and it's going to go a long way in making the streets of the state of Maine a lot safer and be able to help our people get away from such a destructive drug. Thank you very much, Mr. President, for leading the fight in many ways and I thank all the people on this bill, counting myself, that have something to do with this. Thank you very much.

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 discuss briefly why this bill is so important to me, as it is to many of you. I was recently contacted by a constituent who wanted to share with me the story of her son and the battle he has been recently fighting. This young man, unbeknownst to his parents, got involved in drugs and became addicted. When he reached out to his parents for help they sought treatment here in the state of Maine. Their experience and treatment here in Maine did not go as they had planned and hoped. Because of this, they were forced to seek further treatment outside of Maine. While my constituents had been lucky thus far in his battle, there are countless others who continue this fight every day, many unsuccessfully. My constituent's e-mail to me began with the sentence, "Heroin has no boundaries." Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, there are no truer words about this horrible drug than that. As many of you know, I spent my career in law enforcement in drug education. This war on drugs must be fought on all fronts with funding for the new drug agents and treatment centers, as well as education. I have devoted my career to trying to instill the negative effects of drugs on our state's youth, as well as the importance of good decision making. Programs such as DARE are essential components to education and prevention. We must continue to teach our children that drugs are devastating to one's life and the lives of those all around us. It is for these reasons, and many more, that I wholeheartedly support L.D. 1537 and hope that all my colleagues will help me do so. Thank you.

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

Senator **LANGLEY:** Thank you, Mr. President. Men and women of the Senate, I rise to support this bill and to thank you on behalf of our schools, the teachers, and the students. In early December I spent a day, as part of a project with the Education Committee, in the life of a Principal. That day started at 7 a.m. at a local high school in my district. I went and followed the Principal around all day. The first meeting of the day, about 7:15, was in the guidance counselor's office and they were trying to develop a plan for how to deal with two students for when their Dad got out of jail and made bail after holding the family at knifepoint hostage the previous weekend while he was high on drugs. That's not a way to start your day in a school system.

They had to develop a plan of where they would take these two children, to a safe house, once he was out. The Principal told me that over the past ten years substance abuse has become the number one issue facing students, with mental health issues a close second. Our teachers, our schools, are asked every day to take on this issue and they need our help. This bill will not solve all of the issues surrounding substance abuse, but will start what will be many efforts to combat this destructive epidemic. Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator **ALFOND:** Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, I will speak briefly. First, I do want to thank the President for bringing this bill forward. It's an important bill. There are many issues that are bigger than all of us and combatting the drug crisis is just one of them. It's bigger than any of us. It's bigger than any of our titles. We have to do something about it and this is an important first step. There are many important low-hanging pieces of fruit that we took care of in this bill. Like many others who spoke before me, there are five or six other bills that we need to give as much attention to as this to make sure that we have a comprehensive look at drugs and the drug crisis here in the state. Finally, momentum builds on momentum. It is wonderful that we have this bill in front of us. It's the first bill that we are going to enact. It's the first bill that we're going to send down to the Chief Executive. I only hope that this can build on other great things that we can do as a Senate. Thank you, Mr. President.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Penobscot, Senator Cushing.

Senator **CUSHING:** Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, I rise, too, to briefly add my thanks and appreciation to the Senate President and my colleagues here in this Chamber and in the other Body for the good work we've done to highlight the importance to us, as policy leaders here in Maine, of changing the message that drugs are in any way welcome here. I think the interdiction part of this should, hopefully, send a clear message to those who peddle this type of poison that they are not welcome in our state, and that Maine has many good things and this just distracts from many of the positive things we have. I commend my colleagues who have worked in law enforcement and the healthcare fields for the commitment that they have made. I have attended a number of meetings over the last month of community leaders who see the gravity of this situation and have come together in a very effective way to offer comprehensive solutions to some of these problems. I think it will start a good and lasting dialogue. As my good friend and colleague from Portland has indicated, this may be a forerunner of other positive things that we here, in the Senate and in the Legislature, may be able to offer the citizens of Maine. I look forward to those opportunities. I thank you all for your support of this; the Chairs of the committees, the work that was done in the Appropriations Committee to find the necessary funding in a way that met the needs and satisfied many of the concerns that are colleagues had. With that, Mr. President, I thank you for the opportunity to speak to the Body and look forward to casting our vote.

The President requested the Sergeant-At-Arms escort the Senator from Piscataquis, Senator **DAVIS**, to the rostrum where he assumed the duties as President Pro Tempore.

The President took a seat on the Floor.

The Senate was called to order by President Pro Tempore **PAUL T. DAVIS, SR.** of Piscataquis County.

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

Senator **THIBODEAU:** Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, I didn't want to miss an opportunity to really recognize something that is amazing, something that deserves recognition, and that's when a group of 35 people in the Maine Senate and a group of 151 people in the Maine House come together and do something that's tremendously important to the people that we all represent. The folks back home, I believe, should be proud of us here today because we set aside a lot of bickering and a lot of pride and ego of not getting our own way but instead we decided to work together and come up with a bill that we all can be very proud of. I don't think that that should go unnoticed. That bodes very well for the upcoming legislative session. We have a tremendous amount of work to do together; not just around the drug bill and additional agents, but a lot of work to do together on a whole host of policy issues. Today we take that first step together towards accomplishing passing good public policy. I don't think that that's a small thing. If we had failed it would have set a very different tone, but the fact of the matter is that we're not going to fail. We're all going to come together and do the right thing for the people that sent us here.

What a clear message to the people that want to come to our state and peddle these god-awful drugs to our children. Whether they're coming across the border or people that live within our state that are setting up these meth labs, we're not going to tolerate that kind of activity in our state and we will marshal the resources. We are committed to the families of this state and we are going to be sure that we do whatever it takes to make sure that our children have a safe place to grow up in, one where there isn't somebody trying to peddle some sort of substance that's going to destroy their lives. At the same time, for those people that are our friends and neighbors that are actually addicted to some of this stuff, we're offering some relief, some help, and an opportunity to change their life and change it for the better, because none of these people's lives should be thrown away. I am incredibly proud of this institution. I'm incredibly proud of each and every member of this Senate Chamber for working together to that end and I so look forward to the upcoming session when we can continue to pass really great public policy. Mr. President, with that, I'd like to request a roll call.

On motion by Senator **THIBODEAU** of Waldo, supported by a Division of one-fifth of the members present and voting, a Roll Call was ordered.

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

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

Senate called to order by the President.

Off Record Remarks

THE PRESIDENT: The pending question before the Senate is Enactment. A Roll Call has been ordered. Is the Senate ready for the question?

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#463)

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

NAYS: Senators: None

EXCUSED: Senator: MASON

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

Ordered sent down forthwith.

Off Record Remarks

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

On motion by Senator **CUSHING** of Penobscot, **ADJOURNED** until Thursday, January 21, 2016, at 10:00 in the morning.