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**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE
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In Senate Chamber
Thursday
January 21, 2016

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

Prayer by Senator David C. Burns of Washington County.

SENATOR BURNS: Good morning, folks. Just so there's no confusion, I'm not Pastor Hubbard, but I am filling in for Pastor Hubbard. He's under the weather this morning. Can we bow our heads and hearts in prayer, please.

Our Gracious and Heavenly Father, it is such a privilege, once again, to come humbly before You this morning. It's also a privilege to be able to serve in this Body and serve the people of the state of Maine. We all, each one of us, count that as an exceptional privilege. We thank You for that. Father, we just ask You to help us to remember our obligations to each and every citizen that we represent, regardless of who they are or what their stand is. Father, we ask You also to help us to remember our accountability to them, but more so to You, Father. I pray this morning that each of us will be able to carry out our duties in a spirit that pleases You and I pray for Your blessings on each member of this Body, those who work with us, and our families back at home. These things I pray in Christ's name. Amen.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Senator Ronald F. Collins of York County.

Reading of the Journal of Tuesday, January 19, 2016.

Doctor of the day, Margaret Bordeau, DO of Biddeford.

Off Record Remarks

Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, on motion by Senator **MASON** of Androscoggin, the following Joint Order:
S.P. 623

Ordered, the House concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourn, they do so until Tuesday, January 26, 2016 at 10:00 in the morning.

READ and PASSED.

Ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: S.C. 647

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

January 19, 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 Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry has had under consideration the nomination of Bruce V. Flewelling of Easton, for reappointment to the Board of Pesticides Control.

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	Edgecomb of Aroostook, Dill of Penobscot, Saviello of Franklin
	Representatives	9	Hickman of Winthrop, Black of Wilton, Dunphy of Old Town, Edgecomb of Fort Fairfield, Kinney of Knox, Marean of Hollis, McCabe of Skowhegan, McElwee of Caribou, Saucier of Presque Isle
NAYS		0	
ABSENT		1	Rep. Chapman of Brooksville

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 Bruce V. Flewelling of Easton, for reappointment to the Board of Pesticides Control be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Peter E. Edgecomb
Senate Chair

S/Craig V. Hickman
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall the recommendation of the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** be overridden?"

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

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 (#464)

YEAS: Senators: None

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

EXCUSED: Senator: KATZ

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 **Bruce V. Flewelling** of Easton for reappointment to the Board of Pesticides Control was **CONFIRMED**.

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

Off Record Remarks

The Following Communication: S.C. 648

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

January 19, 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 Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry has had under consideration the nomination of Dr. Clark A. Granger, Ph.D. of Woolwich, for reappointment to the Board of Pesticides Control.

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	Edgecomb of Aroostook, Dill of Penobscot, Saviello of Franklin
	Representatives	9	Hickman of Winthrop, Black of Wilton, Dunphy of Old Town, Edgecomb of Fort Fairfield, Kinney of Knox, Marean of Hollis, McCabe of Skowhegan, McElwee of Caribou, Saucier of Presque Isle
NAYS		0	
ABSENT		1	Rep. Chapman of Brooksville

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 Dr. Clark A. Granger, Ph.D. of Woolwich, for reappointment to the Board of Pesticides Control be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Peter E. Edgecomb
Senate Chair

S/Craig V. Hickman
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall the recommendation of the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** 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 (#465)

YEAS Senators 3 Davis of Piscataquis, Cyrway of Kennebec, Dutremble of York

YEAS: Senators: None

Representatives 10 Duchesne of Hudson, Alley of Beals, Corey of Windham, Crafts of Lisbon, Hilliard of Belgrade, Lyford of Eddington, Martin of Sinclair, Reed of Carmel, Short of Pittsfield, Wood of Greene

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

NAYS 0

ABSENT: Senator: CUSHING

ABSENT 0

EXCUSED: Senator: KATZ

Rep. Dana of Passamaquoddy Tribe was absent.

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 33 Senators having voted in the negative, with 1 Senator being absent and 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 Dr. **Clark A. Granger**, Ph.D. of Woolwich for reappointment to the Board of Pesticides Control was **CONFIRMED**.

Thirteen 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 Sheridan R. Oldham of Rangeley, for reappointment to the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Advisory Council be confirmed.

Signed,

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

S/Paul T. Davis
Senate Chair

S/Robert S. Duchesne
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 649

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall the recommendation of the Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** 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 (#466)

YEAS: Senators: None

Dear Mr. President:

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

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Section 157, and with Joint Rule 505 of the Maine Legislature, the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife has had under consideration the nomination of Sheridan R. Oldham of Rangeley, for reappointment to the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Advisory Council.

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:

EXCUSED: Senator: KATZ

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE**

January 19, 2016

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

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 **Sheridan R. Oldham** of Rangeley for reappointment to the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Advisory Council was **CONFIRMED**.

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 652

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

January 20, 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 Marine Resources has had under consideration the nomination of Michael E. Murphy II of Machiasport, for reappointment to the Marine Resources Advisory Council.

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	2	Baker of Sagadahoc, Miramant of Knox
	Representatives	8	Kumiega of Deer Isle, Alley of Beals, Battle of South Portland, Blume of York, Devin of Newcastle, Hawke of Boothbay Harbor, Pierce of Dresden, Tuell of East Machias
NAYS		0	
ABSENT		3	Sen. Langley of Hancock, Rep. McCreight of Harpswell, Rep. Sawicki of Auburn

Ten 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 Michael E. Murphy II of Machiasport, for reappointment to the Marine Resources Advisory Council be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Linda L. Baker
Senate Chair

S/Walter A. Kumiega
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall the recommendation of the Committee on **MARINE RESOURCES** 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 (#467)

YEAS: Senators: None

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

EXCUSED: Senator: KATZ

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 **Michael E. Murphy II** of Machiasport for reappointment to the Marine Resources Advisory Council was **CONFIRMED**.

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 653

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

January 20, 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 Marine Resources has had under consideration the nomination of Thomas W. Casamassa of Saco, for reappointment to the Marine Resources Advisory Council.

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	2	Baker of Sagadahoc, Miramant of Knox
	Representatives	8	Kumiega of Deer Isle, Alley of Beals, Battle of South Portland, Blume of York, Devin of Newcastle, Hawke of Boothbay Harbor, Pierce of Dresden, Tuell of East Machias

NAYS 0

ABSENT	3	Sen. Langley of Hancock, Rep. McCreight of Harpswell, Rep. Sawicki of Auburn
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Ten 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 Thomas W. Casamassa of Saco, for reappointment to the Marine Resources Advisory Council be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Linda L. Baker
Senate Chair

S/Walter A. Kumiega
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall the recommendation of the Committee on **MARINE RESOURCES** 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 (#468)

YEAS: Senators: None

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

EXCUSED: Senator: KATZ

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 **Thomas W. Casamassa** of Saco for reappointment to the Marine Resources Advisory Council was **CONFIRMED**.

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 654

STATE OF MAINE ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE COMMITTEE ON MARINE RESOURCES

January 20, 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 Marine Resources has had under consideration the nomination of Michael E. Love of North Yarmouth, for reappointment to the Marine Resources Advisory Council.

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	2	Baker of Sagadahoc, Miramant of Knox
	Representatives	8	Kumiega of Deer Isle, Alley of Beals, Battle of South Portland, Blume of York, Devin of Newcastle, Hawke of Boothbay Harbor, Pierce of Dresden, Tuell of East Machias

NAYS 0

ABSENT 3 Sen. Langley of Hancock,
Rep. McCreight of Harpswell,
Rep. Sawicki of Auburn

Ten 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 Michael E. Love of North Yarmouth, for reappointment to the Marine Resources Advisory Council be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Linda L. Baker
Senate Chair

S/Walter A. Kumiega
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall the recommendation of the Committee on **MARINE RESOURCES** 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 (#469)

YEAS: Senators: None

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

EXCUSED: Senator: KATZ

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 **Michael E. Love** of North Yarmouth for reappointment to the Marine Resources Advisory Council was **CONFIRMED**.

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

Off Record Remarks

The Following Communication: S.C. 655

STATE OF MAINE ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE COMMITTEE ON MARINE RESOURCES

January 20, 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 Marine Resources has had under consideration the nomination of Kristin E. Brawn of Bath, for appointment to the Marine Resources Advisory Council.

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	2	Baker of Sagadahoc, Miramant of Knox
	Representatives	9	Kumiega of Deer Isle, Alley of Beals, Battle of South Portland, Blume of York, Devin of Newcastle, Hawke of Boothbay Harbor, McCreight of Harpswell, Pierce of Dresden, Tuell of East Machias
NAYS		0	
ABSENT		2	Sen. Langley of Hancock, Rep. Sawicki of Auburn

Eleven 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 Kristin E. Brawn of Bath, for appointment to the Marine Resources Advisory Council be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Linda L. Baker
Senate Chair

S/Walter A. Kumiega
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall the recommendation of the Committee on **MARINE RESOURCES** 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 (#470)

YEAS: Senators: None

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

EXCUSED: Senator: KATZ

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 **Kristin E. Brawn** of Bath for appointment to the Marine Resources Advisory Council was **CONFIRMED**.

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 650

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

January 19, 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 Dr. William Beardsley of Ellsworth for appointment as the Commissioner of Education.

Pursuant to Title 20-A, MRSA §251, this nomination will require 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. 643

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

January 12, 2016

Honorable Michael D. Thibodeau, President of the Senate
Honorable Mark W. Eves, Speaker of the House
127th Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Thibodeau and Speaker Eves:

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 518 An Act To Clarify and Protect Certain Public
Service Retirement Benefits

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. James M. Hamper S/Rep. Margaret R. Rotundo
Senate Chair House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 644

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES**

January 19, 2016

Honorable Michael D. Thibodeau, President of the Senate
Honorable Mark W. Eves, Speaker of the House
127th Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Thibodeau and Speaker Eves:

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that the Joint Standing Committee on Insurance and Financial Services has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 889 An Act To Protect Maine's Small Businesses
from High Interest Rates on Commercial and
Business Loans

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Rodney L. Whittemore S/Rep. Henry E. Beck
Senate Chair House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 645

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

January 19, 2016

Honorable Michael D. Thibodeau, President of the Senate
Honorable Mark W. Eves, Speaker of the House
127th Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Thibodeau and Speaker Eves:

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 1190 An Act To Amend the Androscoggin County
Charter

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Rodney L. Whittemore S/Rep. Roland Danny Martin
Senate Chair House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 646

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

January 19, 2016

Honorable Michael D. Thibodeau, President of the Senate
Honorable Mark W. Eves, Speaker of the House
127th Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Thibodeau and Speaker Eves:

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that the Joint Standing Committee on Taxation has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 973 An Act To Ensure That Nicotine Products Are
Taxed Equally

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Earle L. McCormick S/Rep. Adam A. Goode
Senate Chair House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 651

**STATE OF MAINE
DEPARTMENT OF PROFESSIONAL
AND FINANCIAL REGULATION
BUREAU OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS
36 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0036**

January 15, 2016

Honorable Michael D. Thibodeau, President of the Senate
Honorable Mark W. Eves, Speaker of the House
127th Maine Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Thibodeau and Speaker Eves:

In accordance with Title 9-B MRSA §217, as amended, enclosed please find a copy of the Annual Report from the Superintendent of the Bureau of Financial Institutions to the Legislature. In addition to the annual statistical information, the Report also includes informational segments which address issues of current

importance to the Legislature, the Executive Branch, and the Maine financial institution community.

In the event that you may have any questions regarding the information contained in this Report, the Bureau would be pleased to respond. This Report will also be available in electronic format at www.maine.gov/pfr/financialinstitutions.

Very truly yours,

S/Lloyd P. LaFountain III
Superintendent

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

The Following Communication: H.P. 1060

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

January 7, 2016

Honorable Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Clerk Hunt:

Enclosed please find my official certification to the 127th Legislature of the citizen initiative petition entitled "An Act To Establish Ranked-choice Voting".

Sincerely,

S/Matthew Dunlap
Secretary of State

**STATE OF MAINE
SECRETARY OF STATE**

I, Matthew Dunlap, Secretary of State, hereby certify that written petitions bearing valid signatures of 64,687 electors of this State were addressed to the Legislature of the State of Maine and were filed in the office of the Secretary of State on October 19, 2015, requesting that the Legislature consider an act entitled, "An Act To Establish Ranked-choice Voting".

I further certify that the number of signatures submitted is in excess of ten percent of the total votes cast in the last gubernatorial election preceding the filing of such petitions, as required by Article IV, Part Third, Section 18 of the Constitution of Maine, that number being 61,123.

I further certify this initiative petition to be valid and attach herewith the text of the legislation circulated on the petition's behalf.

In testimony whereof, I have caused the Great Seal of the State of Maine to be hereunto affixed. Given under my hand at Augusta on the seventh day of January in the year two thousand and sixteen.

S/Matthew Dunlap
Secretary of State

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

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

The accompanying Bill:

An Act To Establish Ranked-choice Voting
I.B. 2 L.D. 1557

Comes from the House, with the Bill and accompanying papers **INDEFINITELY POSTPONED**.

On motion by Senator **MASON** of Androscoggin, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending **CONSIDERATION**.

Senate at Ease.

Senate called to order by the President.

SENATE PAPERS

Bill "An Act To Attract and Retain Medical Examiners by Increasing the Fees for Services Provided by Medical Examiners"
S.P. 617 L.D. 1565

Presented by Senator BURNS of Washington.
Cosponsored by Representative HOBBS of Saco.
Submitted by the Department of the Attorney General 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 Ensure Nondiscrimination against Gun Owners in Public Housing"

S.P. 620 L.D. 1572

Presented by Senator CUSHING of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Representative FREDETTE of Newport and Senators: BRAKEY of Androscoggin, BURNS of Washington, President THIBODEAU of Waldo, WHITTEMORE of Somerset, Representatives: ESPLING of New Gloucester, GINZLER of Bridgton, GUERIN of Glenburn, SHERMAN of Hodgdon.
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

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

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

Resolve, To Name a Bridge between Atkinson and Sebec the Captain John 'Jay' Brainard Gold Star Memorial Bridge
S.P. 619 L.D. 1571

Presented by Senator DAVIS of Piscataquis.
Cosponsored by Representative FREDETTE of Newport and Senators: COLLINS of York, DIAMOND of Cumberland, SAVIELLO of Franklin, President THIBODEAU of Waldo, Representatives: HIGGINS of Dover-Foxcroft, MARTIN of Sinclair, STEARNS of Guilford, WALLACE of Dexter.
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Pursuant to Public Law
Joint Standing Committee on Environment and Natural Resources

Senator BRAKEY for the **Joint Standing Committee on Environment and Natural Resources**, pursuant to Public Law, chapter 264, section 5 asked leave to report that the accompanying Bill "An Act Concerning the Establishment of Water Levels"

S.P. 618 L.D. 1566

Be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Report **READ**.

On motion by Senator **BRAKEY** of Androscoggin, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending **ACCEPTANCE OF THE REPORT**

ORDERS

Joint Resolutions

On motion by Senator **VOLK** of Cumberland (Cosponsored by Representative DAUGHTRY of Brunswick and Senators: BURNS of Washington, CYRWAY of Kennebec, DAVIS of Piscataquis, Representatives: FARRIN of Norridgewock, HARRINGTON of Sanford), the following Joint Resolution:

S.P. 621

JOINT RESOLUTION
TO RECOGNIZE JANUARY 24 TO JANUARY 30, 2016 AS
HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS WEEK

WHEREAS, human trafficking is a form of modern-day slavery that violates basic human rights, denies victims personal freedom and knows no geographical boundaries; and

WHEREAS, human trafficking is the crime of recruiting, harboring, transporting, providing or obtaining a person for compelled labor or commercial sexual exploitation through the use of force, fraud or coercion, including but not limited to involuntary servitude, sex trafficking, debt bondage, domestic servitude and forced child labor, and can, but does not necessarily, include the physical transportation of a victim from one location to another; and

WHEREAS, human trafficking is recognized as the fastest-growing criminal enterprise in the world and the International Labour Organization estimates annual profits of \$150,000,000,000 from forced labor internationally; and

WHEREAS, the International Labour Organization estimated in 2012 that 26% of persons trafficked were children and the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children estimated in 2014 that one out of every 6 endangered runaways in the United States reported to them were likely child sex-trafficking victims; and

WHEREAS, victims of human trafficking suffer severe emotional, psychological and physical damage at the hands of their traffickers, who instill fear in their victims in order to keep them enslaved, resulting in complex post-traumatic stress disorder and increased rates of disease, drug addiction and other lifelong effects of trauma, and these experiences require years of trauma-informed health care and mental health services as part of a victim's recovery upon intervention; and

WHEREAS, human trafficking exists in the State and many state, federal and local agencies and organizations are working to prevent human trafficking, to intervene when human trafficking is discovered and to provide restorative care to victims; and

WHEREAS, no one person, organization, agency or community can eliminate human trafficking, but we can work together to educate our entire population about how we can all prevent human trafficking and support survivors of human trafficking and their communities; and

WHEREAS, the State is committed to protecting the vulnerable and ending human trafficking through prevention, prosecution, education and awareness; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Twenty-seventh Legislature now assembled in the Second Regular Session, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to recognize January 24 to January 30, 2016 as Human Trafficking Awareness Week.

READ.

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

Senator **VOLK:** Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, I just wish to speak very briefly and call your attention to the fact that next week, January 24th to January 30th, is Human Trafficking Awareness Week and January has actually been Human Trafficking Awareness Month. I would welcome you reading this Joint Resolution. I'm not going to take up your time reading it this morning, but this continues to be a challenging issue in Maine, particularly one of the things that we know we've heard so much about our drug crisis and our addiction crisis and so many of these people actually fall victim because of their addictions and they are taken advantage of and very, very often human trafficking, particularly sex trafficking, goes hand-in-hand with drug trafficking and so we know that this is continuing to be an issue in Maine and something that the top members of our government, including ourselves, are all very concerned with and so I just urge you to continue to educate your constituents about this issue and about making sure that they know what some of the warning signs are and that they don't hesitate to report those to the police. Thank you.

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

Senator **GERZOFSKY:** Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, I rise today in total support of this issue that we're talking about. I often say there's nothing really new under the dome. We hear some of the same issues year after year after year. I remember very clearly when this issue first came in front of the Criminal Justice and Public Safety Committee. We had, at the time, Senator Lisa Marrache who brought that bill in front of us to talk about it. We had people come in from the Council of State Governments to explain to us. I was a little bit of a skeptic, as I am on a lot of bills that come into Criminal Justice, because it was a term I really wasn't familiar with. I had heard it at some forums around the country, but I really wasn't that familiar with it. I knew all about what prostitution meant. I knew all about what trafficking meant, but not the term. We held hearings and then we set up a task force. It just happens to be that the Senate Chair of that task force is my seatmate, Senator Diamond. We have history in this Body on the subject and, as I heard the previous speaker mention, Senator Volk, it affects us here in Maine. This is a very, very important Resolution. This is a very important subject. The people that we are trying to protect are sitting in front of us today. At the time we had a hard time understanding how Maine could possibly be a destination. It wasn't, but it was certainly a go-through state. It was certainly a place where this kind of trafficking was going on

and, through the task force's work and through the committee's work and through the good Senator's work, over the years we've made this a very serious topic in the state of Maine because it should be and it really is. It's time that we do these things. I hand a lot of credit to Senator Volk for bringing this forward and making it really stick and making it really rise to the level that it deserves. These kinds of actions cannot be done in Maine. We protect our people far better than that and, like we do often, we led a lot of states in taking this subject seriously, putting some stiff sentences with it, putting a task force together to look at what it really means, and it wasn't done yesterday, it's been done over the course of time. I believe the task force first came in in the 123rd Legislature. We're in the 127th now. We're still trying to make this a top priority for the state of Maine. Very similar, Mr. President, to what we did with drugs earlier this week, to bring it forward and let the people of Maine know that it is here and that we are going to do something about it. Thank you very much for allowing me the time to speak, but this is very important for us to get behind. 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 to speak briefly, obviously in support. I think it's important and interesting that it comes up on this day, which is Women's Day in the Maine Legislature. This is not an issue which impacts only young women, it also impacts young men, but by in large the huge number of these are young women and this is one of those places where you begin to apply the "my child" test. There but for the grace of God go any one of us, understanding how these things happen. I think that what the good Senator brings forward to us is an opportunity to raise our awareness about this matter, to begin to understand the implications of substance abuse disorders, as well as many other issues, which are intertwined and I commend the presentation of this Joint Resolution and am in full support. Thank you for your time, Mr. President.

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

Senator **DIAMOND:** Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, just briefly. I really support this Resolution and thank the good Senator for bringing it forward today. As you heard, in 2006 there was a task force and we took that very, very seriously and we really got into information that was new to all of us, both international and national information. We found out how extensive trafficking is and what struck me the most, and I think others as well, was the realization in discovering that children, little children, were involved in trafficking as well. Sometimes we tend to think it may be just older teens, which is horrible, or adults, which is horrible as well, but when we got into the fact that there were children involved, young children involved, in this it really kind of brought, certainly me, us to attention on this whole issue and I think, of the task force, maybe the most important recommendation that came out of that was that trafficking victims would be treated as victims and have victims' rights. That really was a step forward because until then that really hadn't been the case. There had been an assumption made which is totally erroneous. A great Resolution. Thank you for putting this forward. As Senator Gerzofsky said, this has been

around, but I think it's nice that it is still and maybe rising to a higher level today. Thank you, Mr. President, for the opportunity to speak.

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

Senator **MASON:** Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, I just wanted to extend my thank you to the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Volk, for sponsoring this Resolution. I know this has been a subject matter that she has really taken on over the past few years and I appreciate her involvement. I wanted to also bring up and make note of the people who go into harm's way to save the victims of human trafficking. I have a friend that is living in Thailand right now and she is doing just that every single day and saves men and women who are captured, essentially, in the sex trade. She risks her life every day to do what she does, so there's a lot of good people out there that are doing a lot of great work around the world, not just in our country but everywhere. I just wanted to bring attention to that. Thank you, Mr. President.

On motion by Senator **VOLK** of Cumberland, **ADOPTED.**

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Senator **MILLETT** of Cumberland (Cosponsored by Representative KORNFIELD of Bangor and Senators: ALFOND of Cumberland, BREEN of Cumberland, DIAMOND of Cumberland, DILL of Penobscot, DUTREMBLE of York, EDGECOMB of Aroostook, GERZOFISKY of Cumberland, GRATWICK of Penobscot, HASKELL of Cumberland, HILL of York, JOHNSON of Lincoln, LIBBY of Androscoggin, MIRAMANT of Knox, PATRICK of Oxford, VALENTINO of York, Representatives: BEAVERS of South Berwick, BEEBE-CENTER of Rockland, DeCHANT of Bath, FARNSWORTH of Portland, FOLEY of Wells, GERRISH of Lebanon, GILBERT of Jay, HICKMAN of Winthrop, HUBBELL of Bar Harbor, HYMANSON of York, KRUGER of Thomaston, MARTIN of Sinclair, MASTRACCIO of Sanford, PICCHIOTTI of Fairfield, PIERCE of Falmouth, STEARNS of Guilford, TEPLER of Topsham, TUELL of East Machias, WARD of Dedham), the following Joint Resolution:
S.P. 622

**JOINT RESOLUTION
DESIGNATING JANUARY AS SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER
RECOGNITION MONTH**

WHEREAS, it is the mission of Maine's school administrative units to provide all students with the best possible education in order that they may be prepared for productive and rewarding lives; and

WHEREAS, school boards are accountable for the education of Maine's children; and

WHEREAS, school boards articulate a vision for their school systems, set high academic standards and approve the hiring of the staff who make that vision a reality; and

WHEREAS, school boards chart the educational goals and direction of their communities as they work with administrators, teachers, parents and local residents while serving as advocates for public education; and

WHEREAS, school boards set the policies and procedures that govern all aspects of schools' operations and adopt the budgets that provide the resources necessary to meet the needs of all students; and

WHEREAS, all of these responsibilities and more are met by volunteer school board members, who put in countless hours in meetings and in their communities advocating for their schools, representing the interests of children and parents and other members of their communities and preserving the valued tradition of local control over kindergarten to grade 12 public education; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Twenty-seventh Legislature now assembled in the Second Regular Session, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to express our appreciation to members of all local school boards in the State; and be it further

RESOLVED: That we declare the month of January 2016 as School Board Member Recognition Month and encourage local school administrative units and community leaders across the State to recognize their dedicated school board members; and be it further

RESOLVED: That suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the Maine School Management Association.

READ.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Senator **MILLETT** of Cumberland.

Senator **MILLETT:** Thank you, Mr. President. Colleagues, a solid education is one of the most important things we can pass on to Maine's children. One of the key components in providing that education for our youngsters is our local school boards. As a former school board member, I know they do the hard work of balancing the various needs of the schools within their districts, and the infrastructure requirements to meet those needs, with the resources that are available. School boards work within our communities with our administrators, teachers, and students to create the vision, mission, and strategic plans that guide our children's educational experience. They then evaluate their district's hundreds of policies to make sure they support the strategic plan and meet any legal requirements. They field many questions, inquiries, and complaints from all corners of the community about a broad spectrum of issues; athletics, bus routes, snow days, and class rankings. The list goes on. With School Board Appreciation Month we have an opportunity to take a special moment to say thank you for all the hard work and long hours they put into making our schools and our children success. I know I am grateful every day. I am pleased that we are joined this morning by members of the Maine School Board Association's Board of Directors. Thank you, Mr. President.

On motion by Senator **MILLETT** of Cumberland, **ADOPTED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair is pleased to recognize school board members. We are joined today by President of the Maine School Board Association, Becky Fles, and members Jerry Nault and Lester Harmon. Will they please rise and accept the greetings of the State Senate.

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

House

Ought to Pass

The Committee on **JUDICIARY** on 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

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

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**.

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

READ ONCE.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

ENACTORS

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

Emergency Resolve

Resolve, Reauthorizing the Balance of the 2009 Bond Issue for Land Conservation Projects

H.P. 996 L.D. 1454
(H "B" H-508 to H "A" H-505)

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

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

Senator **BREEN:** Thank you, Mr. President. I want to say thank you to all the men and women of the Maine State Senate today for taking action on these long awaited Land for Maine's Future bonds. It's been a long time coming and it's great just to take a minute and celebrate our success. I have four projects funded by Land for Maine's Future in my Senate District. They've waited a long time for funding that was promised but, unfortunately, delayed. A vote to reauthorize these bonds will put them back on track. Your green light today will give those projects the go-ahead to protect natural resources, working waterfronts, and all sorts of community values in my Senate District and in many of yours as well. In particular, I want to recognize Senator Katz for his leadership in this endeavor. Lastly, and most importantly, I want to thank the people of Maine who have spoken loudly, clearly, consistently with one voice to say that these bonds must be issued. They voted more than five years ago to authorize these projects. They've put a lot of their own personal and local funding into these projects and they demanded, rightfully, that their decision be respected. I look forward to voting in favor of this and I hope you will follow my light. Thank you, Mr. President.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Franklin, Senator Saviello.

Senator **SAVIELLO:** Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, I, as many of you know, am a strong supporter of Land for Maine's Future and I have been, now my 14th year, serving here in the State Legislature. Why it is important to me is because it insures this land will be available now and into the future for our children, our grandchildren, future Mainers. It will be allowed for their use, whether it be hunting, fishing, snowmobiling, ATVing. It will be available to them. The land is chosen in a proper way and it is a wonderful program that we should all be in support of today by pushing our green light. Thank you very much, Mr. President.

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

Senator **JOHNSON:** Thank you, Mr. President. I rise today to also thank actually all of the Senate and the other Body for moving this forward and finding a way to live up to our promise to people like the Priors in Bremen who were approved for a working waterfront project a year ago this past November and now will be able to fulfil that promise and I thank you for your assistance.

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

Senator **GRATWICK:** Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, a program like this really rests on the specifics. In Bangor we now have a city forest, as well as land trust lands, that are nearly 1,200 acres. That is two square miles of wild land. I'm delighted to tell people that you can go downtown Bangor and have a wonderful meal. You can do many things in Bangor. You can also get lost in the wilderness within the city limits of Bangor. You can see bear, moose, and many other things. This is a remarkable thing. This is what makes Maine special and I think this is significantly due to this bonding. Thank you very much, Mr. President.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Aroostook, Senator Edgcomb.

Senator **EDGEComb**: Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, I'm not blaming anybody but I am disappointed that less than 1% of Land for Maine's Future money is spent in Aroostook County. I just felt I had to make that statement and hopefully those that serve on that committee will take that into consideration the next time and support projects. Thank you.

THE PRESIDENT: The pending question before the Senate is Final Passage. 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 (#471)

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

NAYS: Senators: None

EXCUSED: Senator: KATZ

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

Ordered sent down forthwith.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Unfinished Business

The following matters in the consideration of which the Senate was engaged at the time of Adjournment had preference in the Orders of the Day and continued with such preference until disposed of as provided by Senate Rule 516.

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

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Oversight of and Responsibility for the Kim Wallace Adaptive Equipment Loan Program Fund"

H.P. 1056 L.D. 1549

Tabled - January 14, 2016, by Senator **CUSHING** of Penobscot

Pending - **REFERENCE**

(Committee on **LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** suggested and ordered printed.)

(In House, January 12, 2016, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**.)

On motion by Senator **VOLK** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Off Record Remarks

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

On motion by Senator **HAMPER** of Oxford, **ADJOURNED**, pursuant to the Joint Order, until Tuesday, January 26, 2016, at 10:00 in the morning.