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**STATE OF MAINE
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In Senate Chamber
Tuesday
January 26, 2016

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

Prayer by Reverend Russ Arnold, First Congregational Church of
Brooks.

REVEREND ARNOLD: Let us pray. O Gracious and Glorious
God, as we gather this morning we're thankful for Your presence
in our midst and we seek that presence to strengthen and sustain
us in our decisions and grant us unity and direction. May Your
loving guidance, O Lord, keep us focused and allow Your special
gifts which have been bestowed upon all who gather today to be
applied to the work ahead with effectiveness and efficiency. O
Great Creator, humble us in Your presence, that we may be
sustained by and through Your being to raise above ourselves to
govern Your people with fairness, empathy, kindness, and love,
and may our gifts be applied to our decisions with the utmost
dignity for all concerned. We ask this blessing today in Your
honorable and holy name, O God. Amen.

National Anthem performed by The Washin' Tones of Washington
Academy

Pledge of Allegiance led by Senator Kimberley C. Rosen of
Hancock County.

Reading of the Journal of Thursday, January 21, 2016.

Doctor of the day, Andrew J. Fletcher, M.D. of Dover-Foxcroft.

Off Record Remarks

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

House Papers

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Regarding the Operation of an
All-terrain Vehicle or Snowmobile on a Controlled Access
Highway" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 1063 L.D. 1567

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

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

**Pursuant to Statute
Department of Environmental Protection**

The **Department of Environmental Protection**, 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 373: Financial and Technical
Capacity Standards of the Site Location of Development Act, a
Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Environmental
Protection (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 1064 L.D. 1568

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

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

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

**Pursuant to Statute
Department of Environmental Protection**

The **Department of Environmental Protection**, 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 375: No Adverse Environmental
Effect Standards of the Site Location of Development Act, a Major
Substantive Rule of the Department of Environmental Protection
(EMERGENCY)

H.P. 1065 L.D. 1569

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

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

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

**Pursuant to Statute
Department of Environmental Protection**

The **Department of Environmental Protection**, pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 8072 asked leave to report that the accompanying Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 380: Long-term Construction Projects Under the Site Location of Development Act, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Environmental Protection (EMERGENCY) H.P. 1066 L.D. 1570

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

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

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

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: S.C. 657

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

January 21, 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 Colon E. Durrell of Farmington, for reappointment to the Maine Milk Commission.

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:

| | | | |
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| YEAS | Senators | 1 | Edgecomb of Aroostook |
| | Representatives | 9 | Hickman of Winthrop, Black of Wilton, Chapman of Brooksville, Dunphy of Old Town, Edgecomb of Fort Fairfield, Kinney of Knox, Marean of Hollis, McCabe of Skowhegan, McElwee of Caribou |
| NAYS | | 0 | |
| ABSENT | | 3 | Sen. Dill of Penobscot, Sen. Saviello of Franklin, Rep. Saucier of Presque Isle |

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 Colon E. Durrell of Farmington, for reappointment to the Maine Milk Commission 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 (#472)

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, MASON, MCCORMICK, MILLETT, MIRAMANT, PATRICK, ROSEN, SAVIELLO, VALENTINO, VOLK, WHITTEMORE, WILLETTE, WOODSOME, THE PRESIDENT - MICHAEL D. THIBODEAU

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 35 Senators having voted in the negative, 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 **Colon E. Durrell** of Farmington for reappointment to the Maine Milk Commission was **CONFIRMED**.

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 665

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

January 25, 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 Taxation has had under consideration the nomination of William J. Kelleher, Esq. of Rome, for reappointment to the Maine Board of Tax Appeals.

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:

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| YEAS | Senators | 1 | McCormick of Kennebec |
| | Representatives | 7 | Goode of Bangor, Bickford of Auburn, Chace of Durham, Moonen of Portland, Seavey of Kennebunkport, Sukeforth of Appleton, Tepler of Topsham |

NAYS 0

ABSENT 5 Sen. Davis of Piscataquis, Sen. Libby of Androscoggin, Rep. Russell of Portland, Rep. Skolfield of Weld, Rep. Stanley of Medway

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

Signed,

S/Earle L. McCormick
Senate Chair

S/Adam A. Goode
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall the recommendation of the Committee on **TAXATION** 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 (#473)

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, MASON, MCCORMICK, MILLETT, MIRAMANT, PATRICK, ROSEN, SAVIELLO, VALENTINO, VOLK, WHITTEMORE, WILLETTE, WOODSOME, THE PRESIDENT - MICHAEL D. THIBODEAU

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 35 Senators having voted in the negative, 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 J. Kelleher**, Esq. of Rome for reappointment to the Maine Board of Tax Appeals was **CONFIRMED**.

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 658

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

January 22, 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 Washington County Development Authority:

Heron Weston of Eastport, appointment
Marianne Moore of Calais, reappointment
Christine Phillips of Calais, reappointment

Pursuant to Title 5, MRSA §13083-C, this appointment and these reappointments are contingent on the Maine Senate confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development.

Sincerely,

S/Paul R. LePage
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 659

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

January 22, 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 Samantha J. Hebert of Windham for appointment to the School Board of the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf.

Pursuant to Title 20-A, MRSA §7406, this appointment is 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. 666

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

January 25, 2016

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

Pursuant to my authority under Senate Rule 201.3, I am temporarily rescinding the appointment of Senator Paul Davis as a member of the Joint Standing Committee on Taxation and temporarily appointing Senator Andre Cushing to serve on this committee for January 25, 2016.

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

Sincerely,

S/Michael D. Thibodeau
President of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 660

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY**

January 21, 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 Energy, Utilities and Technology has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 1075 An Act To Amend the Charter of the Canton Water District

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. David Woodsome
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Mark N. Dion
House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 661

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

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 Environment and Natural Resources has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 795 An Act To Encourage Prudent Development
along the Coast or in a Flood Zone by
Considering Predictions for Sea Level Rise

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Thomas B. Saviello
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Joan W. Welsh
House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 662

**MAINE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION
19 UNION STREET
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04330**

January 20, 2016

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

Honorable Mark W. Eves
Speaker of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Thibodeau and Speaker Eves:

Pursuant to 5 MRSA §12023, please consider this the letter of transmittal for the required report from the Maine Human Rights Commission due by February 1, 2016.

Please contact me if you have any questions or need additional information. Thank you.

Sincerely,

S/Amy M. Sneirson
Executive Director

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 663

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

January 20, 2016

Honorable Roger J. Katz, Senate Chair
Honorable Chuck Kruger, House Chair
and Members of the Government Oversight Committee
82 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Honorable Michael D. Thibodeau, President of the Senate
and Members of the 127th Maine Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Honorable Mark W. Eves, Speaker of the House
and Members of the 127th Maine House of Representatives
2 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Government Oversight Committee Members, Senators and Representatives:

In accordance with 3 MRSA §995.4, I respectfully submit OPEGA's Annual Report on Activities and Performance for 2015. OPEGA's service to the Legislature as a non-partisan resource is meant to provide support in overseeing and improving the performance of State government. The OPEGA staff and I are honored that Maine's legislators and legislative committees have come to view the Office as a trusted source of objective, credible information. As OPEGA begins its 12th year of service to the Legislature, we will continue to conduct our work in a manner that earns your trust and respect, as well as that of Maine's citizens. I

hope our efforts and results will continue to be viewed as a worthwhile use of taxpayer dollars.

Sincerely,

S/Beth L. Ashcroft
Director

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 664

**MAINE MARITIME ACADEMY
CASTINE, MAINE 04420
207-326-4311**

January 20, 2016

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

Honorable Mark W. Eves
Speaker of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Thibodeau and Speaker Eves:

Pursuant to 5 M.R.S.A., Section 12023, please consider this the letter of transmittal for the required report from the Maine Maritime Academy due by February 1, 2016.

Please contact me if you have any questions or need additional information.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

S/Petra Carver
Vice President for Financial and Institutional Services for Maine Maritime Academy

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

Off Record Remarks

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

Senate at Ease.

Senate called to order by the President.

SENATE PAPERS

Bill "An Act To Improve Hospital Governance by Clarifying the Requirement for a Certificate of Need for Intracorporation Transfers"

S.P. 624 L.D. 1573

Presented by President THIBODEAU of Waldo.
Cosponsored by Representative GILLWAY of Searsport and Senator: BRAKEY of Androscoggin, Representatives: BURSTEIN of Lincolnville, GATTINE of Westbrook, HERBIG of Belfast, KINNEY of Knox, KRUGER of Thomaston.
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Protect Maine Voters from Intimidating Videotaping at the Polls"

S.P. 625 L.D. 1574

Presented by Senator DIAMOND of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative VEROW of Brewer and Senators: GERZOFKY of Cumberland, ROSEN of Hancock, VALENTINO of York, Representative: HOBART of Bowdoinham.
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

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

Expression of Legislative Sentiment recognizing:

The Washington Academy Volleyball Team, of East Machias, which won the 2015 Class B State Volleyball Championship. Members of the team include Ashley Douglas, Emily Lobley, Caitlin Atkinson, Brecken Barker, Beatrice Foti, Kayla Dinsmore, Katherine Walls, Alexandra Hanscom Willey, Danielle Bragg, Logan Henderson, Maggie Hood and Kalyn Otto; managers Kayla Murdaugh, Shaina Murdaugh and Hailey Jordan; assistant coach Travis Oakes; and head coach Corey Schwinn. We extend to all the members of the team our congratulations and best wishes.

HLS 852

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Washington, Senator Burns.

Senator **BURNS:** Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, thank you today for your indulgence to allow me to turn this into Washington Academy Day at the Senate and House. This is a great honor for me and an opportunity to recognize some of our students that really put themselves out there and do their very best and represent their school and the sportsmanship that that school represents. I'm very honored today to have two teams, one is before you right now, the Washington Academy Girls Volleyball Team. They won the 2015 Class B State Volleyball Championship, defeating Calais in five games on October 31st. Again, it's a pleasure to have all these folks with us today. My alma mater. Thank you very much for your indulgence.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair wishes to congratulate the folks from Washington Academy on their successful season.

Expression of Legislative Sentiment recognizing:

The Washington Academy Boys Varsity Soccer Team, of East Machias, which won the 2015 Class C State Championship. Members of the team include Adrian Garcia, Bion Parsons, Cameron Varney, Cedar Bagley, Dillon Townsend, Ian Currier, Jordan Lambe, Logan Thompson, Preston Leighton, Ricaija Simmons, Jordi Valls, Spencer Johnson, Yi Wei, Adrian Wagmann, Simon Surin, Manuel Sanchez, Dnye-Jha Hayward, Judd Kinney, Manzi Yves, Onoko Lowe, William Davidson, Brandon Allard, Joshua Vose, Keyoshe Robinson, Nevin Rhodes, Ian Squire, Finn Sunde and Khiari Hayward; managers Sasha Gukovskaia and Madelyn Gardner; assistant coaches Tom Brown and Tyler Goodwin; and coach Chris Gardner. We extend to all the members of the team our congratulations and best wishes.

SLS 782

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Washington, Senator Burns.

Senator **BURNS:** Thank you, Mr. President. This could go on all day but we won't do that to the Senate. Thank you, ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, for the opportunity, once again, to bring before you some students that we are extremely proud of at Washington Academy and in the County of Washington. As you heard, the Boys Soccer Team won the 2015 Class C Championship, defeating Waynflete School in overtime on

November 7th. It's a pleasure to have these folks come down here and visit the Senate and to be recognized for the hard work and the sportsmanship conduct that they have. I'm very proud of each and every one of them. In my neglect I forgot to thank the volleyball coaches, Corey Schwinn and Travis Oakes. I want to thank the coaches for this team here, Chris Gardner, Tom Brown, and Tyler Goodwin, for all the work that they do with our students. We're very proud of them. Thank you, Mr. President.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair wishes to congratulate the Washington Academy on a successful soccer season.

Joint Resolution

Joint Resolution in Memoriam:

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

The Honorable Lois Anita Snowe-Mello, of Poland, a longtime state Representative and state Senator. Senator Snowe-Mello was born in Passaic, New Jersey. She attended Franklin School of Science and Arts, County College of Morris and Arizona State University and graduated from County College of Hair Design. She worked as a beautician, a social worker for Morristown, New Jersey, an admitting officer at Scottsdale Memorial Hospital in Arizona and at Maine Central Medical Center in Lewiston and a manager at Olan Mills Portrait Studios. From 1997 to 2004, she served in the House of Representatives representing Minot, part of New Gloucester and Poland, and she served in the Senate representing Auburn, Durham, Poland and New Gloucester during the 122nd Legislature, 123rd Legislature and 125th Legislature. She served as chair of the Senate Committee on Engrossed Bills and Senate chair of the Joint Standing Committee on Marine Resources. Senator Snowe-Mello was a member of the Republican State Committee from 2000 to 2004, served as the Vice Chair of the Androscoggin Republican Committee and served as State Committeewoman for the Androscoggin Republican Committee. She also served as the Chair of the Androscoggin County Legislative Delegation and served on the county's Budget Committee. She was a member of many religious, fraternal and civic organizations, including the Poland Historical Society, the Board of Directors of the Autism Society of Maine, the Androscoggin County Chamber of Commerce, the Order of the Eastern Star and the Sportsman's Alliance of Maine. Senator Snowe-Mello will be long remembered and sadly missed by her family, her friends and her colleagues in the Legislature and throughout the State;

SLS 885

Sponsored by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin. Cosponsored by Senators: ALFOND of Cumberland, BAKER of Sagadahoc, BREEN of Cumberland, BURNS of Washington, COLLINS of York, CUSHING of Penobscot, CYRWAY of Kennebec, DAVIS of Piscataquis, DIAMOND of Cumberland, DILL of Penobscot, DUTREMBLE of York, EDGECOMB of Aroostook, GERZOFISKY of Cumberland, GRATWICK of Penobscot, HAMPER of Oxford, HASKELL of Cumberland, HILL of York, JOHNSON of Lincoln, KATZ of Kennebec, LANGLEY of Hancock, LIBBY of Androscoggin, MASON of Androscoggin,

McCORMICK of Kennebec, MILLETT of Cumberland, MIRAMANT of Knox, PATRICK of Oxford, ROSEN of Hancock, SAVIELLO of Franklin, President THIBODEAU of Waldo, VALENTINO of York, VOLK of Cumberland, WHITTEMORE of Somerset, WILLETTE of Aroostook, WOODSOME of York, Representatives: ALLEY of Beals, AUSTIN of Gray, BABBIDGE of Kennebunk, BATES of Westbrook, BATTLE of South Portland, BEAR of the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians, BEAVERS of South Berwick, BECK of Waterville, BEEBE-CENTER of Rockland, BICKFORD of Auburn, BLACK of Wilton, BLUME of York, BROOKS of Lewiston, BRYANT of Windham, BUCKLAND of Farmington, BURSTEIN of Lincolnville, CAMPBELL of Newfield, CAMPBELL of Orrington, CHACE of Durham, CHAPMAN of Brooksville, CHENETTE of Saco, CHIPMAN of Portland, COOPER of Yarmouth, COREY of Windham, CRAFTS of Lisbon, DANA of the Passamaquoddy Tribe, DAUGHTRY of Brunswick, DAVITT of Hampden, DeCHANT of Bath, DEVIN of Newcastle, DILLINGHAM of Oxford, DION of Portland, DOORE of Augusta, DUCHESNE of Hudson, DUNPHY of Embden, DUNPHY of Old Town, EDGEComb of Fort Fairfield, ESPLING of New Gloucester, EVANGELOS of Friendship, Speaker EVES of North Berwick, FARNSWORTH of Portland, FARRIN of Norridgewock, FECTEAU of Biddeford, FOLEY of Wells, FOWLE of Vassalboro, FREDETTE of Newport, FREY of Bangor, GATTINE of Westbrook, GERRISH of Lebanon, GIDEON of Freeport, GILBERT of Jay, GILLWAY of Searsport, GINZLER of Bridgton, GOLDEN of Lewiston, GOODE of Bangor, GRANT of Gardiner, GREENWOOD of Wales, GROHMAN of Biddeford, GUERIN of Glenburn, HAMANN of South Portland, HANINGTON of Lincoln, HANLEY of Pittston, HARLOW of Portland, HARRINGTON of Sanford, HAWKE of Boothbay Harbor, HEAD of Bethel, HERBIG of Belfast, HERRICK of Paris, HICKMAN of Winthrop, HIGGINS of Dover-Foxcroft, HILLIARD of Belgrade, HOBART of Bowdoinham, HOBBS of Saco, HOGAN of Old Orchard Beach, HUBBELL of Bar Harbor, HYMANSON of York, JORGENSEN of Portland, KINNEY of Limington, KINNEY of Knox, KORNFELD of Bangor, KRUGER of Thomaston, KUMIEGA of Deer Isle, LAJOIE of Lewiston, LOCKMAN of Amherst, LONG of Sherman, LONGSTAFF of Waterville, LUCHINI of Ellsworth, LYFORD of Eddington, MAKER of Calais, MALABY of Hancock, MAREAN of Hollis, MARTIN of Eagle Lake, MARTIN of Sinclair, MASTRACCIO of Sanford, McCABE of Skowhegan, McCLELLAN of Raymond, McCREIGHT of Harpswell, McELWEE of Caribou, McLEAN of Gorham, MELARAGNO of Auburn, MITCHELL of the Penobscot Nation, MONAGHAN of Cape Elizabeth, MOONEN of Portland, MORRISON of South Portland, NADEAU of Winslow, NUTTING of Oakland, O'CONNOR of Berwick, ORDDAY of Standish, PARRY of Arundel, PETERSON of Rumford, PICCHIOTTI of Fairfield, PICKETT of Dixfield, PIERCE of Dresden, PIERCE of Falmouth, POULIOT of Augusta, POWERS of Naples, PRESCOTT of Waterboro, REED of Carmel, ROTUNDO of Lewiston, RUSSELL of Portland, RYKERSON of Kittery, SANBORN of Gorham, SANDERSON of Chelsea, SAUCIER of Presque Isle, SAWICKI of Auburn, SCHNECK of Bangor, SEAVEY of Kennebunkport, SHERMAN of Hodgdon, SHORT of Pittsfield, SIROCKI of Scarborough, SKOLFIELD of Weld, STANLEY of Medway, STEARNS of Guilford, STETKIS of Canaan, STUCKEY of Portland, SUKEFORTH of Appleton, TEPLER of Topsham, THERIAULT of China, TIMBERLAKE of Turner, TIMMONS of Cumberland, TIPPING-SPITZ of Orono, TUCKER of Brunswick, TUELL of East Machias, TURNER of

Burlington, VACHON of Scarborough, VEROW of Brewer, WADSWORTH of Hiram, WALLACE of Dexter, WARD of Dedham, WARREN of Hallowell, WELSH of Rockport, WHITE of Washburn, WINSOR of Norway, WOOD of Greene.

READ.

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

Senator **BRAKEY:** Thank you, Mr. President. I'll just say a few words. Today is a day of great sadness as we remember and honor one of our own. It was only three years ago that Senator Lois Snowe-Mello sat in one of these chairs, at one of these desks, as a member of this Chamber. Someone with more institutional memory than I would have to remember which chair and which desk, but she spent six years here and eight down the hall, in the lower Chamber, representing, at different times, the communities of Auburn, New Gloucester, Poland, Minot, and Durham. I know that many members in this Chamber personally served with Lois. I have only heard the stories of Lois in her prime, but there are plenty of stories to go around. She was small of stature, but mighty of spirit. She was a spitfire. There is no better word I can think of to describe her. She had an opinion on everything and she always let you know. As a result, she never shied away from controversial issues and she always spoke up for what she believed to be right. The former Senate President Rick Bennett shared a story from this Chamber when Lois was still serving in the Maine House. He said, "I voted in the wrong way on something important to her and she hustled down the hallways to the Senate Chamber and gave me a good talking to." She was unabashed about letting people know, her friends as well as her adversaries, when they were in the wrong and she was also very supportive when you were in the right with her. For those who knew and worked with her, we all have those stories. For me, Lois was not just a good friend and colleague. She was a mentor and an unofficial grandmother to me. When I decided to seek this office Lois was my partner every step of the way. I benefited from her experience. She encouraged me, she challenged me, and when I got here she continued freely giving me her advice. You know a life well lived by the amount of positive impact on the lives around it. As I visited with Lois over the last few months, both in the hospital and in hospice, so many people came to visit. While there were many dignitaries, Governors, and United States Senators visiting and sending their regards, what was most impressive were her constituents. From her constituents the stories and memories have been pouring in. It seems that everyone has a story of a time that Lois helped them or their family with an issue, or even just listened. That was one lesson Lois always taught me. Her motto was "Listen, heed, help, and lead." In the last few days, speaking with her myself, holding her hand, even as she was in and out of consciousness, even as her eyes could barely open, you knew that she was still listening. While she couldn't respond so easily any more, if you looked closely you could see that same gusto in her face, the fire in her eyes looking back at you when you spoke with her. For much of the last two years Lois spent much of her time caring for her husband, Brian, who fell ill and passed last year. It hasn't been a full year since Lois sat in the Chamber with us as we honored Brian Mello and his life. Today we are joined by some of Lois' closest friends, Paula Baril of Poland, Lucille Ouellette of Auburn, and Rita Madore of Auburn, as we honor Lois. It was comforting

to know that as Lois went through this she never went without a friend, a family member, by her side for a single moment. Thank you, Mr. President, for allowing me this time to speak in honor of our friend and colleague Senator Lois Snowe-Mello. Thank you.

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

Senator **PATRICK:** Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, colleagues and friends, I, too, rise today to say some words about my friend Lois Snowe-Mello. Lois and I actually went back both to the House and Senate and I got to know her really close on an economic development tour. I don't think she laughed any harder than that weekend that we spent together. We went to Presque Isle and, being a real quiet, reserved person, we had a karaoke and was drinking Coca-Cola that day. No one would get up and sing, so I decided to get up and dedicate a song to her birthday, on her 55th birthday. She just laughed with that neat laugh that she always had and from there on we developed -- I sat with her on the bus, came back during those two days and developed a relationship that was kind of an odd one because she had a hard time sometimes figuring out whether I was me or whether I was Senator Jackson because, if anyone knows me, Troy is known as my brother from another mother and we were always together. At one time Lois actually introduced me to her husband at a Sportsman's Alliance of Maine thing as Senator Jackson. She got up after she realized it and came over and said, "Oh my God, Senator Jackson, I introduced you wrong." I'm just saying, "Thank you, Lois." Our relationship was really neat and I will forever miss that wonderful laughter. I actually sat in her chair. The year she got done in the Senate she wrote her name and I think it's where Senator Whittemore is sitting. It's etched forever in that. I just think she brought a lot to the table. She could be funny. She could be witty. She could be knowledgeable. If you didn't vote the right way, she wouldn't mind coming and talking to you, especially if she knew you well, which she did me and we had a lot of great discussions on the issues and stuff. I will for always remember that kind lady with the neat laughter and stuff. I'm just thankful that I had an opportunity to have her as part of my life in the Legislature. 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, first I want to congratulate Senator Brakey. I think he's done an outstanding job, both here and in the press, recognizing my friend and fellow Senator. I would describe her as my friend and colleague and I had the opportunity to serve with her both here in the Senate and in the House. As I reminisce, as she came close to her passing and in her passing, I best remember her for the House. That's where one member of the other side would stand up and speak and we all knew no matter what she said the spitfire, well described, would rise to counter their argument. Sometimes I would cringe, other times I would smile, but I was always impressed with how she did it respectfully and with power. She will be missed. Thank you, Mr. President.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Washington, Senator Burns.

Senator **BURNS:** Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, it is a pleasure, my honor, to stand up and speak very briefly about Senator Snowe-Mello. I didn't have the privilege of knowing her as long as many in this Chamber, but the time that I did know her, and come to know her, in the 125th Legislature was a blessed time. This occasion, to me, is both a solemn occasion and a happy occasion. It certainly is a solemn occasion because Lois is going to be very much missed by all that knew her. She's an example of the great things that come in small packages. Her demeanor was such that she lit up the room around her, but on the other hand, as you've already heard, she also was very good at speaking her mind about the issues she believed very deeply in. As my good friend, Senator Patrick, was just speaking about confusion that happened on occasion, I can't help but think of the time when I was in the House and somebody, a Representative, by the same name as I use got into a lot of serious trouble and when she first heard about that she was very disappointed and very upset with me. Thankfully somebody reassured her, "No, no. That is not the David Burns you're thinking of." She was a wonderful lady and, as I said, this is also a happy time for some because I knew her, I knew that she had a personal relationship with her Lord and Savior, and I know where she is today. 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'd like to draw you a picture. I do that often when I stand up and speak. This one I think everybody's going to visualize very well. Being a freshman, getting elected in the 120th, and being assigned to the Criminal Justice and Public Safety Committee, I go in and I take my seat. I have sitting on my left Senator Paul Davis. I have sitting on my right, I'm only a freshman, I didn't know where the bathrooms were yet in theory, was Lois Snowe-Mello. I've often mentioned here one of the greatest experiences I ever had was that first initial session I went through because of the seatmates I acquired and the relationships that were made. Lois and I would go, we would carpool together, often and go on tours of prisons and juvenile detention centers and courts and things that Criminal Justice and Public Safety go on tours with. She would drive down to Topsham and I would pick her up. If it was in warm weather she used to love me picking her up in a convertible and we would go off and we would spend an awful lot of time in cars, driving to Charleston, to Thomaston, to different places. We'd have a lot of fun and people used to ask me, "Now, Stan, you guys are so opposite on your voting. You never vote alike. What can you possibly find fun?" Well, we both had families. We both had triumphs. We both had tragedies going on in our lives. We talked about everything except reproductive rights and some of her passionate concerns that were opposite of mine. We just didn't go there. We went to where we were comfortable. I've done that with several of my friends on the other side of the aisle. We talk and we enjoy each other for who you are quite often. We were up in Thomaston Prison. My first tour of Thomaston Prison as a Representative and Representative Snowe-Mello was with me. We did the tour and then we went into the Warden's Office. Well, as I've been known to do once or twice, I said something that he didn't really like and he said so. Well, I don't care what bear you are, but I was the cub that day and I had a bear that was wearing

lipstick, a Momma bear that went up one side of this guy and down the other side of him and I just stood there in absolute amazement, Mr. President. I just never saw that little lady tear into somebody that hard. I had just recently met her. That warden wound up coming into our committee the next day to apologize because nobody in their right mind would ever want to take on Lois when she was in a mood and when she was defending a friend. She was a lot of enjoyment to me, a lot of enjoyment to a lot of us. She took her job very, very seriously. She did some good work I didn't always agree with, but it was important work. Those times when we could support each other and vote the same, we always enjoyed that the most. There was a lot of laughing going on between us. When Senator Patrick mentioned that little woman's laugh, he was absolutely right. It was infectious. When she got going she was really quite cute. I loved Lois and I still love her today because she was just a personality and she was a good personality and she brought a lot of respect to her office. Along with the rest of the Body, I'm going to miss her. We're going to all have fond stories to tell and that's what I think the end of life is, those stories that you leave behind that people cherish and remember and I hope that we all do that with Lois because she was, I always called her Lois, just a thrill to be round. I wanted to say that, Mr. President. Thank you very much for giving me the opportunity.

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

Senator **COLLINS:** Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, I first encountered Lois Snowe-Mello, God bless her, when I first came to Maine House of Representatives in the 118th Maine Legislature. She was a lot of help to me as a rookie, freshman legislator. There was a group of us who used to talk about what happened in the State Capitol that day back at the good Representative, former Representative, John Buck's room. Paul Waterhouse, and a few others would congregate in their room after session and discuss what had happened that day. Lois was part of that. Now, protocol was kind of thrown out of the window. Conversation got pretty heated at times. A lot of cigar smoking, that kind of thing, when it was allowed. Lois would take it all in and Lois would express her opinion. Some of these off-premise meetings got to be almost the same limelight as a locker room at half time. It was pretty colorful. Lois, believe me, could hold her own. She let you know her opinion and she'd sit there and take it all in, very quietly. All of a sudden she'd tell you her opinion. I got to tell you, a lot of these guys would stop, motionless, and listen to her. Now, I guess we all try to influence our colleagues and she had that ability. She talked very easily, softly, to you sometimes, but if you voted the wrong way you found out very quickly you voted the wrong way. I will miss her, personally, and I mean that sincerely. She was just a great person, a dedicated legislator to her constituency, and she will be sadly missed by the people of Maine. Thank you.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Piscataquis, Senator Davis.

Senator **DAVIS:** Thank you very much, Mr. President. I sat here thinking about different things about Lois and a lot of things come to my mind. I was privileged to be the leader of the Republican caucus the last four years of my first stint here in the Maine

Senate. During, I think, the second term that I was leader Lois came to see me one morning. I knew her a little bit. I'd been to a few meetings where she had been and she told me that she wanted to run for the Senate. I said, "Fine, that's wonderful." There was another Representative, who was a doctor, that wanted to run too. By the time Lois got done with him he didn't want to run any more. She would come in and see me quite often and I would say to her, "Lois, on your way home tonight you've got to do 50 doors." She'd come in and say the next morning, "Senator Davis, I did 75 last night." She'd want me to know that and she'd also write about 150 notes during the day that day. Lois was small in stature but if you underestimated her at your own peril. She was not to be messed with, I can tell you. She was quite a lady. I think about my good friend Senator Patrick and speaking of confusion. Lois could do that to you alright. She came into my office one morning. She was madder than a wet hen. We had had session and she came in and she told me, she says, "The staff won't take pictures of my guests." She said, "They've done this to me and I'm fit to be tied." I said, "Alright, let's go in and see the President, see what's going on." Well, we went in and saw the President. In the long short story of it is that the guests left two hours before that. There was no picture to be taken. Bob Crockett was the Sergeant-at-Arms at the time and he was beside himself, to say the least. That was Lois. Another side of Lois, though, I remember one morning we had a bill here that had to do with the plumbing inspectors in small towns. At that time I think the fee was \$100 they would get for going to inspect septic systems. This particular bill would double it or something and she didn't like that idea at all. She got up and she very eloquently gave what I felt was a very moving speech about it. How the little homeowners couldn't afford it. That was Lois. She was always thinking about the little guy back home. That was her. That's what she did. She was great. She also could show a tremendous amount of gratitude. One morning my wife and I got up and Lois was in the hospital in Lewiston. This was probably six or eight years ago. I said to Patti, "Let's go down and see Lois Snowe-Mello. She's in the hospital." We drove down to see her and I can't tell you the gratitude that woman showed us for simply driving down and visiting with her. It just moved me. She was a wonderful person. She always had a lot of good advice for me when I was a leader. Sometimes I found it useful. I will cherish the memory of being able to serve with her, to be able to. She will be greatly missed, but let's think that she's in a better place now. Thank you, Mr. President.

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 stand up and say a few words about Lois and maybe share a couple of memories. As I've said before, in this Body when we lose a former member we lose a part of extended family. That is true whether you are a Democrat, or you are a Republican, or you are an Independent. I believe that we forge bonds here that are very hard to forge anywhere else in this world. When one of us grieves we all grieve just as we did when Lois' husband, Brian, died just a little under a year ago. We feel for each other and I'm thankful for the bonds that I have with every single one of you in this room and other Senators that I served with in the past. Lois was so proud to be a Senator. If I could think of one thing that Lois was proud of it was to serve in this Body. There are a few people that I have learned

in my role now as leader and in my role as a member who have respect for this Body and Lois was one of those people. There are two others in this Body that I can say that for and that's Senator Haskell and Senator Gerzofsky. Those are two people that if you want to learn how to respect this Body you talk to them and Lois was the same way. In 2010 I decided that I was going to run for the State Senate and I'd known Lois for years. I've known Lois for probably 20 years. My Mom got involved in Republican politics and Lois was a figurehead in Androscoggin County. I'd known her for a long time, but I got to know her in a different capacity in 2010. I remember sitting at the Androscoggin County Headquarters on Sabbatus Street in Lewiston, where U.S. Cellular is now. I had just come back from a day of doors. It was September and we all know how that feels, especially when you're in a heated race. Lois walked in and asked me what the heck I was doing there. She goes, "You're never going to win this race. You haven't knocked on enough doors." I said, "Geez, Lois, I've knocked on 5,000 doors." She goes, "Well, you need to knock on one more." That was just the kind of person that Lois was. On election night in 2010 I had won the race and I was sitting there and everybody was calling me Senator and I felt really good about myself and Lois walked in. Lois very quickly reminded me that I was very much the junior member from Androscoggin County and that she was the senior member and there was one in between and that was Senator Craven, so I was third on the pecking order. Well, we got to the Senate and I sat right where the Senator from Kennebec, Senator Cyrway, is and guess where Lois sat? Right where Senator Whitemore is. I always knew when I was voting right or wrong because I'd hear, "Garrett, Garrett." I'd just turn around and shake my head. Now, in Lois' definition, I am the senior Senator from Androscoggin County, sorry Nate and Eric, and I hope that I can bring to that role as much tenacity, grit, determination, and pride that she brought to that role for herself and I think that we would all do well and be better Senators if we followed a little bit of Lois' legacy. Thank you, Mr. President.

ADOPTED.

Sent down for concurrence.

THE PRESIDENT: As the Senate has remembered a dear friend Senator Brakey has some very special guests today. They are the friends of the former Senator, Senator Lois Snowe-Mello. Paula Baril of Poland, Lucille Ouellette of Auburn, and Rita Madore of Auburn. Would they please stand and accept the condolences of the State Senate.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

House

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** on Bill "An Act To Establish the Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion Program in Maine"
H.P. 1011 L.D. 1488

Reported that the same be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY**.

Signed:

Senators:

ROSEN of Hancock
BURNS of Washington
GERZOFSKY of Cumberland

Representatives:

FOWLE of Vassalboro
DAVITT of Hampden
GERRISH of Lebanon
LAJOIE of Lewiston
LONG of Sherman
NADEAU of Winslow
THERIAULT of China
TIMMONS of Cumberland
WARREN of Hallowell

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

Signed:

Representative:

CHENETTE of Saco

Comes from the House with the Majority Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill and accompanying papers **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY**.

Reports **READ**.

On motion by Senator **ROSEN** of Hancock, the Majority Report **ACCEPTED** and the Bill and accompanying papers **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY**, in concurrence.

Senate

Ought to Pass As Amended

Senator WOODSOME for the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** on Bill "An Act To Revise the Charter of the Rumford Water District"
S.P. 580 L.D. 1482

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-347)**.

Report **READ**.

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

Senator VOLK for the Committee on **LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** on Bill "An Act To Provide for the 2016 and 2017 Allocations of the State Ceiling on Private Activity Bonds" (EMERGENCY)

S.P. 572 L.D. 1474

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-348)**.

Report **READ**.

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

SECOND READERS

The Committee on **Bills in the Second Reading** reported the following:

House

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

READ A SECOND TIME and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**, in concurrence.

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 (1/7/16) matter:

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

H.P. 1044 L.D. 1519

Tabled - January 7, 2016, by Senator **MCCORMICK** of Kennebec

Pending - **REFERENCE**

(In House, January 6, 2016, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TAXATION** and ordered printed.)

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

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later Assigned (1/21/16) matter:

Bill "An Act Concerning the Establishment of Water Levels"
S.P. 618 L.D. 1566

Report - **REFER** to the Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

Tabled - January 21, 2016, by Senator **BRAKEY** of Androscoggin

Pending - **ACCEPTANCE OF REPORT**

(In Senate, January 21, 2016, Report **READ**.)

Report **ACCEPTED**.

Bill and accompanying papers **REFERRED** to the Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Off Record Remarks

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

On motion by Senator **BRAKEY** of Androscoggin, **ADJOURNED**, until Thursday, January 28, 2016, at 10:00 in the morning, in memory of and lasting tribute to the Honorable Lois Anita Snowe-Mello of Poland.