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In Senate Chamber
Thursday
February 11, 2016

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

Prayer by Retired Chaplain Warren Doersam, Chestnut Street
Baptist Church in Camden.

CHAPLAIN DOERSAM: Thank you, Mr. President. Good morning. My name is Warren Doersam. I served a little over 20 years doing prison ministry in our jails and prisons. Part of that time I was Chaplain of the Waldo County Sheriff's Department for 10 years in that 20 years. I have since retired as Director of Maine Prison Ministry. Some of my best friends are in prison and I know what God has done in their lives. I've seen them change dramatically. They have no desire for their past life. I want to thank you for inviting me back and I wish you and your families my best to you all, and our Governor also. Where you may have strife I asked your marriage to be resolved and both parties be reconciled and there would be peace in your home.

In 1828 Noah Webster, an American Dictionary of the English Language, described patriotism as love for or devotion to one's country. Webster's original definition starts with a love for country but moved to specific actions: service to country, defense of country, protection of the rights of country, maintenance of the laws and institutions of country, and preservation of religion and morality in public and private lives. This kind of patriotism puts the needs of the country above personal or partisan desires, as well as above favor of foreign nations.

If you would like to join me in prayer, please do so. Our God who art in heaven, Holy is thy name. All righteousness abides in You for You do not err. Enable your Senators to recognize and then do what is right in Your sight today. Help us live as one who esteems integrity, truth, and trust in You and Your word. I pray for these precious people in political leadership, that they may turn to You when they need to make decisions. Please move upon the hearts of those who legislate and those who vote for them. May our country turn to You now more wholeheartedly than ever. God, You didn't appreciate the leaders of the Israeli people 3000 years ago as You said, "For the leaders of these people cause them to err and those who are led by them are destroyed. For all this anger is not turned away, but His hand is still outstretched."

O Lord, the preparations of the heart belong to man, but the answer on the tongue is from the Lord. You will show us what is proper and right if we seek Your advice. I pray that these men and women of the Senate, who work to preserve our state of Maine, would humble themselves and pray and seek Your face, Your wisdom, because You are holy, righteous, kind, and just. Lord, George Washington asked You in prayer something like this. I make out this earnest prayer that You will keep our state of Maine in thy holy protection, that You will incline the hearts of the citizens to cultivate a spirit of helpfulness and cooperation with

government and entertain a brotherly affection and love for one another and for their fellow citizens of the United States at large. I pray also along with Woodrow Wilson something like this: that You, God, will use these servants, our Senators, that they may be given the wisdom and the prudence to do their duty in the spirit of this great people. Today I pray that these men and women will do what is right of conscious and continue to seek to do what is right for the people of our great state. It is so easy to do what we think is right, but we are not always right. It takes a real man or woman to admit when they are wrong. Let's not fight to the end striving what we believe is right and destroy relationships over it. I pray you do what is right for the people and not just to say, "I won the argument, but in the end was wrong." In His name, Amen.

Thank you, ladies and gentlemen.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Senator Brian D. Langley of Hancock County.

Reading of the Journal of Tuesday, February 9, 2016.

Doctor of the day, Hani Jarawan, MD of Portland.

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. 635

Ordered, the House concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourn, they do so until Tuesday, February 16, 2016 at 10:00 in the morning.

READ and PASSED.

Ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

Non-Concurrent Matter

SENATE REPORTS - from the Committee on **TAXATION** on Bill "An Act To Update References to the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986 Contained in the Maine Revised Statutes" (EMERGENCY)

S.P. 616 L.D. 1564
(C "A" S-351)

Majority - **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-351)** (7 members)

Minority - **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "B" (S-352)** (6 members)

In Senate, February 4, 2016, on motion by Senator **MCCORMICK** of Kennebec, the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-351)** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-351)**.

Comes from the House, the Minority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "B" (S-352)** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "B" (S-352) AS AMENDED BY HOUSE AMENDMENT "B" (H-516)** thereto, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

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

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

House Papers

Bill "An Act To Continue To Provide Group Exemption Passes to State Parks for Persons with Disabilities"
H.P. 1075 L.D. 1584

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator **EDGECOMB** of Aroostook, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Improve Services for Persons Who Are Deaf or Hard of Hearing by Updating the Laws Governing Qualifications for Certain Members of the Telecommunications Relay Services Advisory Council"
H.P. 1076 L.D. 1585

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator **WOODSOME** of York, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: S.C. 736

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

February 9, 2016

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

Dear President Thibodeau and Speaker Eves:

Please accept this letter as the report of the findings of the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife from its review and evaluation of the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife under the State Government Evaluation Act, Title 3 Maine Revised Statutes, chapter 35.

The committee finds that the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife is operating within its statutory authority.

Sincerely,

S/Senator Paul Davis
Senate Chair

S/Representative Robert Duchesne
House Chair

READ and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**.

The Following Communication: S.C. 737

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

February 9, 2016

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

Dear President Thibodeau and Speaker Eves:

Please accept this letter as the report of the findings of the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation from its review and evaluation of the Department of the Secretary of State, Bureau of Motor Vehicles under the State Government Evaluation Act, Title 3 Maine Revised Statutes, chapter 35.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Act, the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation notified the Bureau of Motor Vehicles by letter of its intent to review the bureau on May 27, 2015. The Bureau of Motor Vehicles submitted its Program Evaluation Report on November 1, 2015 and presented the report to the committee on January 14, 2016.

The committee unanimously finds that the Bureau of Motor Vehicles is operating within its statutory authority.
Sincerely,

S/Senator Ronald F. Collins
Senate Chair

S/Representative Andrew J. McLean
House Chair

READ and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

Senate at Ease.

Senate called to order by the President.

SENATE PAPERS

Bill "An Act Regarding the Educational Opportunity Tax Credit"
S.P. 634 L.D. 1587

Presented by Senator SAVIELLO of Franklin.
Cosponsored by Representative BLACK of Wilton and Senators: ALFOND of Cumberland, McCORMICK of Kennebec, President THIBODEAU of Waldo.
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

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

ORDERS

Joint Order

On motion by Senator **DAVIS** of Piscataquis, the following Joint Order:

S.P. 637

ORDERED, the House concurring, that the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife shall report out, to the Senate, a bill regarding Maine's threatened and endangered species.

READ and **PASSED.**

Sent down for concurrence.

Expression of Legislative Sentiment recognizing:

Candice Simeoni, of Lyman, who has been named the *Kennebunk Post's* Great Person of 2015. Ms. Simeoni has been a full-time patrol officer for 10 years, 3 in Kennebunkport and 7 in Eliot, and has worked for the past 2 years at the Kennebunk Police Department, where she serves as the administrative supervisor and a court officer. She founded the department's citizen's policing academy and the Police Explorers program in Eliot, works as a self-defense instructor, organizes coat drives for the elderly, works as a counselor for Camp Postcard for needy and troubled teens and is a child passenger safety seat technician. She is also chair of the York County Elder Abuse Task Force, a leader in its Lifelong Wish program and a baker for Icing Smiles, where she makes cakes for terminally ill children. We extend to Ms. Simeoni our appreciation for all she does and our congratulations on her receiving this recognition;
SLS 912

Sponsored by Senator COLLINS of York.
Cosponsored by Representatives: BABBIDGE of Kennebunk, HARRINGTON of Sanford, PRESCOTT of Waterboro, SEAVEY of Kennebunkport.

READ.

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

Senator **COLLINS:** Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, as you can tell by the profile that was just read to you by the Senate Secretary, Candice Simeoni is a dedicated public servant. She's involved in the community. It is refreshing for this Senator to see that we have young people coming up behind us, consider anybody younger than me, but it is refreshing to see young folks coming up behind us who have the same dedication for public service that we all do here in this Chamber. When you give of your free time to help others it makes a significance difference in your community. Candice has done that and I want to publicly thank her for that.

PASSED.

Sent down for concurrence.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair is pleased to recognize in the rear of the Chamber Candice Simeoni and her husband, Sgt. Christopher Simeoni of the Kennebunk Police Department; Lt. Eric O'Brien; Chief Robert MacKenzie; and brother, Robert Nobel. Would they please stand and accept the greetings of the Maine Senate.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, the Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later Assigned (2/4/16) matter:

JOINT ORDER - Expression of Legislative Sentiment Recognizing the Gray-New Gloucester High School's International Baccalaureate Information Technology in a Global Society class.

SLS 897

Tabled - February 4, 2016, by Senator **BREEN** of Cumberland

Pending - **PASSAGE**

(In Senate, February 4, 2016, **READ.**)

READ.

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

Senator **BREEN:** Thank you, Mr. President. Men and women of the Senate, I have great news. There are young people in our high schools and in our schools who are helping us all prepare for the global economy. Some of them are in the Senate with us today. This is the third year in a row that the team from Gray-New Gloucester High School has won the Verizon App Challenge and these kids have put together for us something called Culture Connect. It's a portable application for our smart phones so that as we and our folks in the business community, our college students, are growing our Maine economy, taking Maine products all across the world, they will have the etiquette, the cultural connections, and the tools that they need to interact in a global economy. As this Body knows more than many, relationships are very, very important, whether it's in commerce or in government. I applaud these young people for helping us grow the Maine economy by giving us the tools we need to operate smoothly and effectively in the global economy. Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator **BRAKEY:** Thank you, Mr. President. I just want to echo some of the same sentiments that my colleague has just expressed. I really appreciate being able to share this school district with Senator Breen and I think she said it very nicely. These are some young people that are the future of our state, the future of this country, and, especially as we're looking at growing our economy and bringing more technological job opportunities to the state, these young people are going to be a great part of it. I want to congratulate them on this wonderful accomplishment and welcome them to the State Senate today. Thank you.

PASSED.

Sent down for concurrence.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair is pleased to recognize in the rear of the Chamber students and parents from the Gray-New Gloucester High School. Would they please rise and accept the greetings of the Senate.

Off Record Remarks

Shana Goodall, of Orono, an Orono High School social studies teacher, who has won the Association of Computer Technology Educators of Maine ACHIEVE Award. The award recognizes innovative educators who effectively apply available technology. Ms. Goodall works tirelessly to know each of her students on a personal level, learning their needs and struggles, strengths and passions. We extend to Ms. Goodall our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 759

READ.

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

Senator **DILL:** Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, I'd just like to briefly add that it's a privilege to be able to honor one of our many excellent hard working teachers today and we are going to be honoring, or are honoring, Shana Goodall. As mentioned, she has won the Association of Computer Technology Educators of Maine ACHIEVE Award. It's just great to see a teacher personally reaching out to students to get to know them and to help them with their technology needs and, again, keep up the good work of education in the state of Maine. Congratulations and thank you.

PASSED.

Sent down for concurrence.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair is pleased to recognize Shana Goodall. She's in the back of the Chamber. Would she please rise and accept the greetings of the Senate.

Joint Resolutions

On motion by Senator **LANGLEY** of Hancock (Cosponsored by Senators: ALFOND of Cumberland, BAKER of Sagadahoc, BRAKEY of Androscoggin, BREEN of Cumberland, BURNS of Washington, COLLINS of York, CUSHING of Penobscot, CYRWAY of Kennebec, DAVIS of Piscataquis, DIAMOND of Cumberland, DILL of Penobscot, EDGEComb of Aroostook, GERZOFsky of Cumberland, GRATWICK of Penobscot, HAMPER of Oxford, HASKELL of Cumberland, HILL of York, JOHNSON of Lincoln, KATZ of Kennebec, 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, BABIDGE 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, KORNFIELD 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, ORDWAY 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), the following Joint Resolution:

S.P. 636

**JOINT RESOLUTION
COMMEMORATING THE CENTENNIAL OF
ACADIA NATIONAL PARK**

WHEREAS, Sieur de Monts National Monument was created by proclamation of President Woodrow Wilson in 1916 and was renamed Lafayette National Park in 1919 and Acadia National Park in 1929; and

WHEREAS, Acadia National Park is Maine's only national park and was established to ensure that Maine's natural and cultural heritage, including its rocky coastline, granite mountains, clean water, diverse plants and wildlife and enduring Wabanaki and European histories, is protected and recognized within the National Park System as a part of America's heritage; and

WHEREAS, Acadia National Park is one of Maine's most popular outdoor destinations, with over 2,500,000 visitors annually; and

WHEREAS, Acadia National Park has inspired generations of outdoor enthusiasts to appreciate Maine's natural and historic wonders; and

WHEREAS, Acadia National Park has been named by national public polls as "America's Favorite Place" and is identified as a top destination for hiking, scenic driving and family vacations; and

WHEREAS, visitors to Acadia National Park spent more than \$221,000,000 in Maine during their visits in 2014, supporting almost 3,500 jobs and generating more than \$91,000,000 in labor income and \$154,000,000 in value-added expenditures in Maine; and

WHEREAS, more than 250 Maine organizations, businesses and individuals have joined together to plan and implement a community-based, year-long, statewide celebration of Acadia National Park's founding with an eye toward encouraging the next century of stewardship of Maine's beloved national park; 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 the centennial of Acadia National Park; to express gratitude to the founders of the park; to commend the National Park Service, volunteers and park supporters for their commitment of time, financial resources and knowledge to maintain the park for all to enjoy; and to convey our hope that future generations of Maine residents and visitors will continue this commitment to stewardship of Acadia National Park; and be it further

RESOLVED: That suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to officials at Acadia National Park and the citizens of the surrounding towns in honor of the centennial of Acadia National Park.

READ.

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

Senator **LANGLEY:** Thank you, Mr. President. Women and men of the Senate, I rise today with great pride to recognize the upcoming 100th Anniversary of the dedication of the Sieur de Monts National Monument, now known as Acadia National Park. In the late 1970s I was recruited from the hills, the mountains, of Vermont to come to Maine to work, specifically in Bar Harbor, One Main Street in Bar Harbor, to work at a restaurant. My football coach in high school had bought a restaurant downtown Bar Harbor and he knew of me having lived and grown up in the restaurant business, taken culinary arts at the vocational school. He called me up, with a bunch of others, to come and work in Maine. We rolled into Maine in April 1978 about midnight. I'd come across Vermont, New Hampshire, and come all the way to Maine. I'd never been to the coast of Maine before. When we landed in Bar Harbor that was the year they had torn up all the streets and that April were laying down cobblestone sidewalks, which are still there today. I started to regret my decision to leave the Old Country Inn with a Swiss chef in the hills of Vermont to come to Maine, but I was led to where my room was, which was on the third floor of One Main Street, right on the pier. The next morning I woke up, I looked out the front window, and there was Bar Island. I looked out my right hand window of my room and there was Agamond Park and the pier in Bar Harbor. That's the story that's happened to countless people when they've come to Maine. They come, they see its beauty, and they end up staying. We're not the first ones to do that because it's happened for well over 100 years, especially with those people who had the forethought to create this national park.

I'd like to share with you a few remarks that were given at the original dedication in 1916, on August 22nd, and link this special American treasure, really, to the folks who preceded us in this very Body. We have some stake and we have some claim to fame here. This is from the dedication of 1916. "The movement for the creation of a great public reservation on Mount Desert Island started in 1901 when, at the suggestion of Dr. Eliot, the Hancock County Trustees of Public Reservations was organized under general law. Two years later, in 1903, the organization of this corporation was confirmed by a Special Act of the Maine Legislature. For example, we must understand that other great hills of this island need to be brought into reservation to be held first by Hancock County Trustees of Public Reservations and then by the government of the United States. The purpose of this corporation, as stated in the Act, were to receive, hold, and improve for public use lands in Hancock County which by reason of historic interest, scenic beauty, or any other cause were suitable for such an object. I feel that we may congratulate Mr. Dore on having had the privilege of being one to whom the achievement of a great thing has come and that we may add thanks and congratulations of a future generation." As a member of a future generation, I'm here to give my thanks.

At my perspective, the Hancock County Trustees of Public Reservations was really the first Lands for Maine's Future and I would argue that it was really Lands for America's Future. The Hancock County Trustees of Public Reservations still exists today and is the governing board for the 300 acre Woodlawn Museum in Ellsworth. Dr. Eliot, Professor Emeritus from Harvard, had this to say, "One of the greatest satisfactions in doing any sound work for an institution, a town, or a city or for the nation is that good

work done for the public lasts, endures through generations, and the little bit of work that any individual of the passing generation is enabled to do gains through association with such collective activities an immortality of its own." One hundred years from now I fully expect the Senator from Hancock County to add to these remarks. As a testament to its standing in America, over 2.5 million visitors will visit Acadia this year. Please join us sometime this summer to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the dedication of Acadia National Park. Thank you, Mr. President.

On motion by Senator **LANGLEY** of Hancock, **ADOPTED.**

Sent down for concurrence.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair is pleased to recognize Acadia National Park Superintendent Kevin Schneider, as well as Stephanie Clement and the Honorable Jill Goldthwait. Would they please rise and accept the greetings of the Senate.

On motion by Senator **DAVIS** of Piscataquis (Cosponsored by Representative **STEARNS** of Guilford and Representative: **HIGGINS** of Dover-Foxcroft), the following Joint Resolution:
S.P. 638

JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE 200TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TOWN OF GUILFORD

WHEREAS, the Town of Guilford is situated in the southwestern part of Piscataquis County and was one of the 4 townships conveyed to Bowdoin College on the north shore of the Piscataquis River by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts; and

WHEREAS, in 1804, Elder Robert Low, Deacon Robert Herring and Michael Webber of New Gloucester purchased several tracts of land from Bowdoin College to make into lots, and Bowdoin College sold single lots to settlers; and

WHEREAS, the eldest sons of Low and Herring, with axes, hope and the spirit of cooperation, opened the first clearing that summer just west of the spot where Low's Bridge would soon stand, as its successor stands today; and

WHEREAS, in 1805, Low and Herring planted the first crop and built the first cabins to make ready the homes in which their families would settle the next year; and

WHEREAS, by the end of the decade, with 10 families in residence and a sawmill erected, a town meeting was held and self-government begun and in 1812, the settlement of Lowstown was organized as Plantation 6, Range 7; and

WHEREAS, in 1816, the settlers petitioned the General Court of Massachusetts to be incorporated and on February 8, 1816, the Town of Guilford was incorporated by an Act of the General Court; and

WHEREAS, 2016 is the 200th anniversary of the incorporation of the Town of Guilford; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the members of the One Hundred and Twenty-seventh Legislature now assembled in the Second Regular Session, express our congratulations and best wishes to the good citizens of our 215th town; and be it further

RESOLVED: That suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the Town of Guilford.

READ and ADOPTED.

Sent down for concurrence.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

House

Pursuant to Statute

The Committee on **JUDICIARY** on Bill "An Act To Implement Recommendations of the Right To Know Advisory Committee Concerning Remote Participation in Public Proceedings"
H.P. 1077 L.D. 1586

Reported that the same be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY**, pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 1, section 411, subsection 6, paragraph G.

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

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

REFERRED to the Committee on **JUDICIARY**, in concurrence.

Ought to Pass As Amended

The Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Pertaining to the Maine Public Employees Retirement System"
H.P. 704 L.D. 1021

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-511)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-511)**.

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

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-511) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

The Committee on **TAXATION** on Bill "An Act To Establish a Tax-free Savings Program for Individuals with Disabilities"
H.P. 967 L.D. 1421

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-509)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-509)**.

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

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-509) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

The Committee on **TAXATION** on Bill "An Act To Make Additional Technical Changes to Recently Enacted Tax Legislation Concerning Pension Income" (EMERGENCY)
H.P. 1029 L.D. 1506

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-510)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-510)**.

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

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-510) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

SECOND READERS

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

House

Bill "An Act To Align the Child and Family Services and Child Protection Act with the Federal Preventing Sex Trafficking and Strengthening Families Act" (EMERGENCY)
H.P. 1020 L.D. 1497

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

Senate As Amended

Bill "An Act To Exempt Certain Liquor Sales Representatives from Licensing Requirements"

S.P. 564 L.D. 1466
(C "A" S-357)

READ A SECOND TIME and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

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

ENACTORS

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

Acts

An Act Regarding the Maine Arts Commission
H.P. 1013 L.D. 1490

An Act To Provide a Private Support Organization for the Maine Arts Commission
H.P. 1016 L.D. 1493

An Act To Allow the Kennebec Sanitary Treatment District To Establish and Maintain a Capital Reserve Fund
H.P. 1018 L.D. 1495

PASSED TO BE ENACTED and, having been signed by the President, were presented by the Secretary to the Governor for his approval.

Ordered sent down forthwith.

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

ORDERS

Joint Order

On motion by Senator **BRAKEY** of Androscoggin, the following Joint Order:

S.P. 639

ORDERED, the House concurring, that the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services shall report out, to the Senate, legislation implementing the recommendations of the Commission To Study Difficult-to-place Patients.

READ.

Senate at Ease.

Senate called to order by the President.

On motion by Senator **BRAKEY** of Androscoggin, **PASSED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Off Record Remarks

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

On motion by Senator **BAKER** of Sagadahoc, **ADJOURNED**, pursuant to the Joint Order, until Tuesday, February 16, 2016, at 10:00 in the morning.