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

In Senate Chamber
Thursday
February 18, 2016

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

Prayer by Pastor Gary Pierson, Emmanuel Assembly of God in
Livermore Falls.

PASTOR PIERSON: Let us pray. Our precious Heavenly Father,
we're so thankful for life. Thank You for life in Maine, a wonderful
place to live and raise our families. We ask Your blessings upon
this state and upon those who serve. Thank every person in this
Senate that serves, every person in our government, everyone
who receives a paycheck, everyone who volunteers, and for
every citizen. We ask Your blessings, Lord. We need You. We
need Your help. We are grateful that You extend Your loving
hand to us, to help us and direct our lives. Guide this Senate, we
pray, guide our state. We ask for Your grace, for Your love and
Your strength and Your favor. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Senator Stanley J. Gerzofsky of
Cumberland County.

Reading of the Journal of Tuesday, February 16, 2016.

Doctor of the day, David Scaccia, DO, MPH of Kittery.

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. 644

Ordered, the House concurring, that when the Senate and House
adjourn, they do so until Tuesday, February 23, 2016 at 10:00 in
the morning.

READ and PASSED.

Ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

House Papers

Bill "An Act To Require That Public Postsecondary Educational
Institutions in the State Give Preference to Maine Producers
When Entering into Contracts Related to Heating Fuel"
H.P. 1079 L.D. 1588

Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS**
suggested and ordered printed.

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **STATE
AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT**.

On motion by Senator **WHITEMORE** of Somerset, **REFERRED**
to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** and
ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Exempt from the Sales and Use Tax Sales to
Certain Veterans' Organizations Funding Direct Supportive
Services to Veterans and Their Families" (EMERGENCY)
H.P. 1081 L.D. 1590

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

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

Resolve, To Name the Essex Street Overpass Bridge in Bangor
the Brent Cross Bridge

H.P. 1080 L.D. 1589

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.

Joint Resolution

The following Joint Resolution:

H.P. 1082

**JOINT RESOLUTION
RECOGNIZING THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA ON
FEBRUARY 16, 2016**

WHEREAS, scouting is the largest voluntary youth
movement in the world, with a membership totaling more than 32
million; and

WHEREAS, the Boy Scouts of America is an organization that was incorporated on February 8, 1910, and recognized by federal charter on June 15, 1916, to provide an educational program for boys and young men to build strong moral character, learn the responsibilities of participatory citizenship and develop personal fitness; and

WHEREAS, the Boy Scouts of America teaches the core values of duty to God and country, personal honor, respect for the beliefs of others, volunteerism and interdependence with the environment, values that are conducive to good character, citizenship and health; and

WHEREAS, since 1910, more than 114,000,000 people have been members of the Boy Scouts of America; and

WHEREAS, the Boy Scouts of America has enhanced the lives of millions of boys and young men from every ethnic, religious and economic background, including those with disabilities and special needs, participating in scouting programs across the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Boy Scouts of America prepares boys and young men for lives of service by providing opportunities for them to help their communities through service to others; and

WHEREAS, more than 980,000 adult volunteer leaders selflessly serve boys and young men in their communities through organizations chartered by the Boy Scouts of America; and

WHEREAS, the Boy Scouts of America has always affirmed faith in God as foundational and essential to its purpose and mission, animated by Lord Baden-Powell's insight that "God has given us...the great Book of Nature to read"; and

WHEREAS, the Boy Scouts of America enjoys a sustained record of proven success in producing leaders for our nation who are trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean and reverent; 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 Boy Scouts of America and express our appreciation for the public service it performs through its contributions to the lives of the nation's boys and young men.

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

READ and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: S.C. 751

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

February 16, 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 Insurance and Financial Services from its review and evaluation of the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation under the State Government Evaluation Act, Title 3 Maine Revised Statutes, chapter 35.

The committee finds that the Administrative Services Division, Bureau of Consumer Credit Protection, Bureau of Financial Institutions, Bureau of Insurance and Office of Securities within the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation are operating effectively within their statutory authority. The review of the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation is done in conjunction with the Joint Standing Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development. Because the Joint Standing Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development has reviewed the Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation, we make no findings with regard to that office.

Sincerely,

S/Senator Rodney L. Whittemore
Senate Chair

S/Representative Henry E.M. Beck
House Chair

READ and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**.

The Following Communication: S.C. 743

STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

February 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 Criminal Justice and Public Safety has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 195 An Act Regarding County Jails

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Kimberley C. Rosen
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Lori A. Fowle
House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 744

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS**

February 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 Education and Cultural Affairs has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 356 An Act To Permit the New England School of Dental Technology To Grant the Degree of Bachelor of Science

L.D. 1491 An Act To Allow Trained, Nonmedical Employees in Schools To Administer Emergency Medications (EMERGENCY)

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Brian D. Langley
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Victoria P. Kornfield
House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 745

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

February 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 Health and Human Services has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 1030 An Act To Better Coordinate the Work of Mental Health Crisis Agencies with Law Enforcement Agencies

L.D. 1149 Resolve, Directing the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention To Report on Progress toward Meeting Healthy Maine 2020 Goals Pertaining to Reproductive Health

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Eric L. Brakey
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Andrew M. Gattine
House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 746

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

February 17, 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 Health and Human Services has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 966 An Act To Assist Patients in Need of Psychiatric Services

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Eric L. Brakey
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Andrew M. Gattine
House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 747

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

February 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 Marine Resources has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 493 An Act To Create the Ocean Acidification Council

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Linda L. Baker
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Walter A. Kumiega
House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 748

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

February 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 State and Local Government has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 1206 An Act To Allow County Corrections Officers To Participate in the Retired County and Municipal Law Enforcement Officers and Municipal Firefighters Health Insurance Program

L.D. 1328 An Act To Clarify the Ownership of and Access to Ancient and Family Burying Grounds

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Rodney L. Whittemore
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Roland Danny Martin
House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 749

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

February 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 Veterans and Legal Affairs has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 1509 An Act To Simplify the Filing of Campaign Independent Expenditure and 24-hour Reports

L.D. 1511 An Act To Allow Retailers To Return Promotional Alcoholic Beverages to Wholesalers

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Scott W. Cyrway
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Louis J. Luchini
House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 750

**STATE OF MAINE
127TH LEGISLATURE
TASK FORCE ON SCHOOL LEADERSHIP**

February 12, 2016

The Honorable Michael D. Thibodeau
Maine State Senate

The Honorable Mark W. Eves, Speaker
Maine House of Representatives
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Thibodeau and Speaker Eves:

Pursuant to Resolve 2015, Chapter 46, the Task Force on School Leadership is pleased to submit its final report. Copies of the full report have been distributed to committees or individuals as directed by law and copies have been placed on file with the Law and Legislative Reference Library. Others may access the full report on-line through the website of the Office of Policy and Legal Analysis at www.legislature.maine.gov/opla.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Brian Langley
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Victoria Kornfield
House Chair

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

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

Senate at Ease.

Senate called to order by the President.

ORDERS

Joint Orders

Expressions of Legislative Sentiment recognizing:

Decal Gymnastics, of Waterville, which in the autumn of 2015 raised more than \$3,000 for the Travis Mills Foundation, a nonprofit organization formed to benefit and assist wounded and

injured veterans and their families. Decal Gymnastics is owned and operated by Mrs. Carol Hamilton Brewer and is named after her daughters, Delani, Carlee and Alexis, who all play important roles in the business. It had its first permanent home in Dover-Foxcroft and now has four sites located in Waterville, Augusta, Skowhegan and Wilton. Over the years, thousands of boys and girls of all ages have benefited from its classes, and its gymnasts have been recognized as the best in New England for their respective ages and levels. In 2014, the Waterville YMCA and Decal Gymnastics were recognized by USA Gymnastics Maine as JO Club of the Year. We extend to Decal Gymnastics our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 917

Sponsored by Senator CYRWAY of Kennebec.
Cosponsored by Representatives: BECK of Waterville,
LONGSTAFF of Waterville.

READ.

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

Senator **CYRWAY:** Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, I am thrilled to rise before you today to recognize a successful business located in my district. Decal Gymnastics started 25 years ago by its owner, Carol Hamilton Brewer, and Decal Gymnastics first opened in Dover-Foxcroft and has since expanded the company into four sites: Waterville, Augusta, Skowhegan, and Wilton. Over the years of operation countless boys and girls, ranging from only a few months old to adulthood, have attended classes at these four sites. The programs offered focus on self-confidence and discipline through lessons and training in coordination, flexibility, balance, and strength. Recently Decal Gymnastics received the Count of Kindness award given by the International Gymnastics Camp. The award is given to programs that promote positive role models and that ensure, through their classes, that students feel a sense of belonging. In the autumn of 2015 Decal Gymnastics raised more than \$3,000 for the Travis Mills Foundation, a non-profit organization formed to benefit and assist wounded and injured veterans and their families. Mrs. Hamilton, along with her daughters, knows the importance of community service and it is for this reason and many more that I am thrilled to be able to recognize them today. Thank you, Mr. President.

PASSED.

Sent down for concurrence.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair is pleased to recognize in the rear of the Chamber Carol Hamilton; her daughters, Delani Sher and Alexis Evans; and Whitney Blanchett. They are accompanied by the gymnasts from Decal Gymnastics who are located in the gallery. Would they all please stand and accept the greetings of the Senate.

Peter G. Thompson, of Readfield, who has received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Kennebec Valley Chamber of Commerce. This award is given to a business professional with a legacy of community involvement. Mr. Thompson served as mayor of Augusta for 4 consecutive terms. He later served as president and chief executive officer of the chamber. Much of the success in the Kennebec Valley region is a result of his leadership. We extend to Mr. Thompson our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 924

Sponsored by Senator KATZ of Kennebec.
Cosponsored by Senator: McCORMICK of Kennebec,
Representative: HICKMAN of Winthrop.

READ.

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

Senator **KATZ:** Thank you, Mr. President. Men and women of the Senate, I rise to honor Peter Thompson, who is with us today. My good friend from Piscataquis, Senator Davis, has reminded me that Mr. Thompson is actually from Guilford originally, but he spent most of his adult life here in the Kennebec Valley. It's particularly good for me to be able to recognize one of my mentors. Peter did serve as Mayor of Augusta for eight years and for many years as President and CEO of the Kennebec Valley Chamber of Commerce. My guess is that Peter feels like a pretty lucky person when he drives around this community because he can see his handiwork almost wherever he would go. Whether it's the expansive development of the University of Maine at Augusta, the Augusta Commerce Center, the Augusta Marketplace, or the new regional hospital, Peter Thompson's fingerprints are all over that. I know we are all proud of people who live in our own communities, but I couldn't be more proud to call Peter Thompson my friend and have the honor to recognize him here today, Mr. President. Thank you.

PASSED.

Sent down for concurrence.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair is pleased to recognize in the rear of the Chamber today Peter Thompson of Readfield and Guilford. Would he please rise and accept the greetings of the Senate.

Expression of Legislative Sentiment recognizing:

Rocky's Stove Shoppe, of Augusta, which has been named the 2016 Small Business of the Year by the Kennebec Valley Chamber of Commerce. The business, owned and operated by Rocky and Barbara Gaslin, has 9 full-time employees and sells and services all brands of wood, pellet and gas stoves. Over its 35 years of operation, the business has served over 100,000 customers. In that time, Mr. and Mrs. Gaslin have also supported many charitable organizations and coached youth sports. We extend to everyone at Rocky's Stove Shoppe our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 863

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

Senator **KATZ:** Thank you, Mr. President. Men and women of the Senate, we all have those small businesses in our community which are the backbone of our economy and Rocky's Stove Shoppe is certainly one of those. I've known Rocky for many, many years and he has been one of those great employers in Augusta. Beyond that, Rocky's contributions to the community have been important and perhaps the one that most people are proud of is the fact that he has been, or was, the coach of the Cony Girls Softball Team for many, many years. If we can all remember back to that great State Class A Championship season of Cony, Rocky was the coach of that team. If I might just take a moment of personal privilege, Mr. President, Rocky is also here this morning with his father-in-law, Duke Dulac, Barbara's dad. Duke is king of a legend around here as well. He was a local barber for decades. You may remember him from the time that he started the Duke's Barber Poll. It was the only entity in the entire state of Maine that correctly predicted that James Longley was going to win the Governorship many years ago and then for decades his polling was by far the most accurate polling in the state of Maine. It slipped a bit at the end. I do recall towards the end I got to vote more than once on occasion when I would go to get a haircut, but the Duke's Barber Poll was famous and I'm very proud to have him here today as well. Just one other thing about Duke's Barber Shop, and this is, to me, the epitome of living in the state of Maine, one time I went to Duke's to get my haircut and the person right before me was Jock McKernan and the person who came right after me was Dan Waltham. Thank you, Mr. President.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair is pleased to recognize in the rear of the Chamber today Rocky Gaslin; his daughter, Ashley Gaslin; and his father-in-law, Duke Dulac, all of Augusta. Would they please rise and accept the greetings of the 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 (2/9/16) matter:

JOINT ORDER - Expression of Legislative Sentiment
Recognizing Kennebec Land Trust, of Winthrop
SLS 907

Tabled - February 9, 2016, by Senator **KATZ** of Kennebec

Pending - **PASSAGE**

(In Senate, February 9, 2016, **READ.**)

READ.

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

Senator **KATZ**: Thank you, Mr. President. Men and women of the Senate, thank you for your patience as we go through these today. We all have Land Trust in our districts that we are very thankful for the work of the volunteers. I've got to think that we've got one of the best right here in Kennebec County. When you think of the Vaughan Wood's Project, the Vassalboro Wildlife Habitat, the Horseshoe Island Preserve, and the list goes on and on and on, their work will not only benefit us but many generations to come in the best tradition of Land Trust and they were also real leaders and fighting hard to preserve the Lands for Maine's Future program. I am so proud to have them here in our community and so appropriate that they would be recognized for community service by the Chamber. Thank you, Mr. President.

PASSED.

Sent down for concurrence.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair is pleased to recognize in the rear of the Chamber today Theresa Kerchner, Executive Director of the Kennebec Land Trust, and Sue Bell, Director of the Kennebec Land Trust. They are the guests today of the Senators from Kennebec, Senator Katz and Senator McCormick. Would they please rise and accept the greetings of Senate.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

House

Ought to Pass

The Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** on Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 101: Maine Unified Special Education Regulation Birth to Age 20, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Education (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 1058 L.D. 1555

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.

Ought to Pass As Amended

The Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Participating Local Districts in the Maine Public Employees Retirement System"

H.P. 690 L.D. 995

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-514)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-514)**.

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

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-514) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

The Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** on Bill "An Act To Allow York County To Better Provide Rescue and Ambulance Services"

H.P. 124 L.D. 166

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "B" (H-513)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "B" (H-513)**.

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

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "B" (H-513) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

Senate

Ought to Pass

Senator McCORMICK for the Committee on **TAXATION** on Bill "An Act To Make Additional Technical Changes to Recently Enacted Tax Legislation" (EMERGENCY)

S.P. 607 L.D. 1551

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

Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

READ ONCE.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

Senator COLLINS for the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** on
Resolve, To Name a Bridge between Atkinson and Sebec the
Captain John 'Jay' Brainard Gold Star Memorial Bridge
S.P. 619 L.D. 1571

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

Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

READ ONCE.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

(See action later today.)

Ought to Pass As Amended

Senator VOLK for the Committee on **LABOR, COMMERCE,
RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** on Bill "An Act
To Promote Reemployment of Unemployed Workers"
S.P. 406 L.D. 1137

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by
Committee Amendment "A" (S-360)**.

Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-360) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

Senator McCORMICK for the Committee on **TAXATION** on
Resolve, Authorizing the State Tax Assessor To Convey the
Interest of the State in Certain Real Estate in the Unorganized
Territory (EMERGENCY)

S.P. 559 L.D. 1457

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by
Committee Amendment "A" (S-361)**.

Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-361) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

Senate at Ease.

Senate called to order by the President.

On motion by Senator **DAVIS** of Piscataquis, the Senate
RECONSIDERED whereby it **ASSIGNED FOR SECOND
READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY** the following:

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

(In Senate, February 18, 2016, the **Ought to Pass** Report **READ**
and **ACCEPTED**. **READ ONCE**. **ASSIGNED FOR SECOND
READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY**.)

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ A SECOND TIME** and
PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED.

Sent down for concurrence.

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

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL
SERVICES** on Bill "An Act Regarding Recovery of Emergency
Response Costs Related to an OUI Offense"
S.P. 335 L.D. 944

Reported that the same be **REFERRED** to the Committee on
CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY.

Signed:

Senators:

WHITTEMORE of Somerset
BAKER of Sagadahoc
GRATWICK of Penobscot

Representatives:

COOPER of Yarmouth
FOLEY of Wells
PICCHIOTTI of Fairfield
PRESCOTT of Waterboro
WALLACE of Dexter

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

Signed:

Representatives:

BECK of Waterville
BROOKS of Lewiston
MELARAGNO of Auburn
MORRISON of South Portland
TUCKER of Brunswick

Reports **READ**.

On motion by Senator **WHITEMORE** of Somerset, the Majority Report **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **REFERRED** to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY**.

Sent down for concurrence.

All matters thus acted upon, with the exception of those matters being held, were ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

SECOND READERS

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

House

Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 30: Prior Approval Process and Stop Work Orders, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Forestry (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 999 L.D. 1458

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

House As Amended

Bill "An Act To Facilitate Student Loan Repayment by Allowing Graduates To Claim Educational Opportunity Tax Credits on Eligible Portions of Consolidated Loans" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 1028 L.D. 1505
(C "A" H-512)

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

Senate As Amended

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Require That 5 Percent of Signatures on a Direct Initiative of Legislation Come from Each County

S.P. 272 L.D. 742
(C "B" S-356)

Bill "An Act To Amend Maine's Death Certificate Disclosure Law"
S.P. 568 L.D. 1470
(C "A" S-358)

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

Sent down for concurrence.

All matters thus acted upon, with the exception of those matters being held, were ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

ENACTORS

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

Emergency Measure

An Act To Align the Child and Family Services and Child Protection Act with the Federal Preventing Sex Trafficking and Strengthening Families Act

H.P. 1020 L.D. 1497

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

This being an Emergency Measure and having received the affirmative vote of 32 Members of the Senate, with no Senator having voted in the negative, and 32 being more than two-thirds of the entire elected Membership of the Senate, was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED** and, having been signed by the President, was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for his approval.

Ordered sent down forthwith.

Acts

An Act To Promote Private Fund-raising for the Maine Educational Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing and the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf

S.P. 567 L.D. 1469

An Act To Revise the Charter of the Rumford Water District

S.P. 580 L.D. 1482
(C "A" S-347; S "A" S-349)

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.

Off Record Remarks

All matters thus acted upon, with the exception of those matters being held, were ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

On motion by Senator **MASON** of Androscoggin, **ADJOURNED**, pursuant to the Joint Order, until Tuesday, February 23, 2016, at 10:00 in the morning.