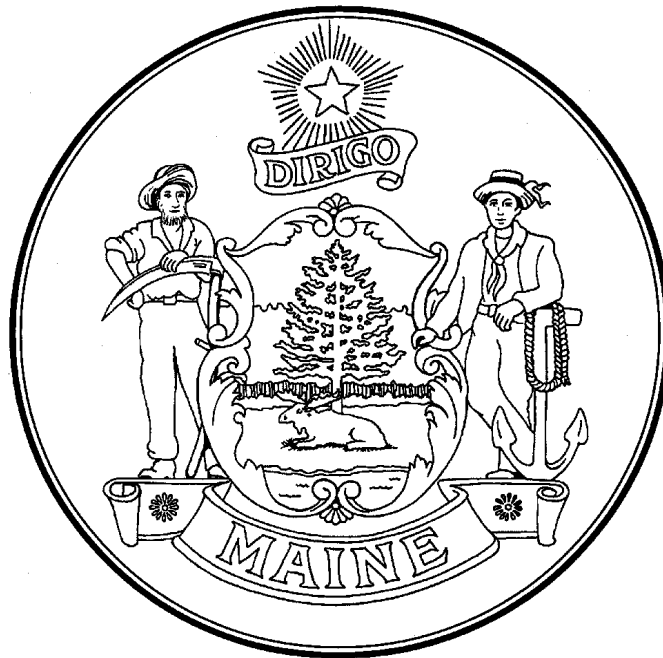


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ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION
19th Legislative Day
Thursday, March 9, 2017

The House met according to adjournment and was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by Bishop Marrell Cornwell, First Pentecostal Church, Wichita, Kansas.

National Anthem by Candace Marchand, North Berwick.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Doctor of the day, Marya Goettsche Spurling, M.D., New Sharon.

The Journal of Tuesday, March 7, 2017 was read and approved.

SENATE PAPERS

The following Joint Order: (S.P. 293)

ORDERED, the House concurring, that the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs shall report out, to the Senate, a bill regarding attainment of certain goals for postsecondary education of the work force.

Came from the Senate, **READ** and **PASSED**.

On motion of Representative HERBIG of Belfast, **TABLED** pending **PASSAGE** in concurrence and later today assigned.

The following Joint Order: (S.P. 294)

WHEREAS, historically, Maine has been world-renowned for its hard-working people, its enviable quality of life and its production of high-quality products; and

WHEREAS, for generations, citizens of the State had jobs in industries such as logging, shipbuilding, papermaking, textiles, manufacturing, farming and fishing that allowed workers to live and raise families in the State; and

WHEREAS, jobs that supported a thriving Maine economy were responsible for decades of growth in many of our communities in the State, but over the years, jobs that provided living wages, benefits and job security became harder and harder to find; and

WHEREAS, as the prospects for well-paying jobs diminished in the rapidly changing world economy, so too did Maine's ability to retain its young people, who increasingly sought opportunities elsewhere, contributing to Maine's looming demographic crisis; and

WHEREAS, a prosperous Maine economy will require skilled workers capable of succeeding in the modern economy as well as innovative investments that will help Maine businesses grow and thrive; and

WHEREAS, it is essential that the Legislature work with the State's businesses, education community and workforce, as well as with policy experts, to develop and implement measures to strengthen the State's economy, bring back jobs and young people and expand the middle class; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Joint Select Committee on Maine's Workforce and Economic Future in the 126th Legislature worked together in a bipartisan manner with input from experts throughout the State to unanimously support legislation to help move Maine toward stronger economic growth and to prepare Maine's workers and businesses to compete in the global marketplace; now, therefore, be it

ORDERED, the House concurring, that, notwithstanding Joint Rule 353, the Task Force on Maine's 21st Century

Economy and Workforce, referred to in this order as "the task force," is established as follows.

1. Appointments; composition. The task force consists of members appointed as follows:

A. Four members of the Senate, appointed by the President of the Senate, including 2 members of the party holding the largest and 2 members of the party holding the 2nd largest number of seats in the Senate;

B. Four members of the House of Representatives, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, including 2 members of the party holding the largest and 2 members of the party holding the 2nd largest number of seats in the House of Representatives;

C. One member representing the interests of the Maine Community College System, appointed by the President of the Senate;

D. One member representing the interests of the University of Maine System, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

E. One member representing the interests of apprenticeship programs in the State, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

F. One member representing the interests of providers and teachers of adult education in the State, appointed by the President of the Senate;

G. One member representing the interests of private colleges in the State, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

H. One member representing the statewide interests of the business community, appointed by the President of the Senate;

I. One member representing the interests of a Maine business that employs more than 1,000 workers, appointed by the President of the Senate; and

J. One member representing the interests of a Maine business that employs fewer than 1,000 workers, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

The President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall invite to participate as members of the task force the Commissioner of Education, or the commissioner's designee, and the Commissioner of Labor, or the commissioner's designee.

2. Chairs. The first-named Senator is the Senate chair of the task force and the first-named member of the House of Representatives is the House chair of the task force. Notwithstanding Joint Rule 353, the chairs may appoint, as nonvoting members, individuals who represent the interests of those sectors of industry that have experienced significant workforce shortages. Any additional members appointed pursuant to this section are not entitled to compensation or reimbursement under section 5.

3. Appointments; convening. All appointments must be made no later than 15 days following passage of this order. The appointing authorities shall notify the Executive Director of the Legislative Council once all appointments have been made. When the appointment of all members has been completed, the chairs of the task force shall call and convene the first meeting of the task force. If 15 days or more after the passage of this order a majority of but not all appointments have been made, the chairs may request authority and the Legislative Council may grant authority for the task force to meet and conduct its business.

4. Duties. The task force shall review ways to strengthen the State's economy, improve the State's business climate and facilitate economic growth in the State, including strategies to

make targeted and strategic investments in the State's workforce and businesses; to expand partnerships among the State's workers, educators and businesses to specifically address workforce needs and worker training; to develop strategies for attracting, retaining and training Maine workers in sectors of industry most acutely affected by workforce shortage, as identified in priority order by the Maine Department of Labor, including health care, government, retail trade, professional and business services and the hospitality industry; and to help improve the ability of small businesses to innovate and expand.

5. Compensation. The legislative members of the task force are entitled to receive the legislative per diem, as defined in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 3, section 2, and reimbursement for travel and other necessary expenses related to their attendance at authorized meetings of the task force. Public members not otherwise compensated by their employers or other entities that they represent are entitled to receive reimbursement of necessary expenses and, upon a demonstration of financial hardship, a per diem equal to the legislative per diem for their attendance at authorized meetings of the task force.

6. Quorum. A quorum is a majority of the voting members of the task force, including those members invited to participate who have accepted the invitation to participate.

7. Staffing. The Legislative Council shall contract for necessary staff support for the task force during the legislative session and may contract for such staff support for a longer period to the extent needed and if sufficient funding is available. At the request of the task force, the Legislative Council may provide drafting assistance to the task force during the legislative session and other staffing support to the task force when the Legislature is not in session.

8. Reports. The task force may submit an initial report, including suggested legislation, prior to the adjournment of the First Regular Session of the 128th Legislature. No later than March 1, 2018, the task force shall submit a final report that includes its findings and recommendations, including suggested legislation, for introduction to the Second Regular Session of the 128th Legislature.

Came from the Senate, **READ** and **PASSED**.
READ and **PASSED** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Address Mandatory Overtime for Hospital Professionals"

(S.P. 300) (L.D. 898)

Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** suggested and ordered printed.

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** and ordered printed.

The Bill was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**, in **NON-CONCURRENCE** and sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Recognize Local Control Regarding Food and Water Systems"

(S.P. 242) (L.D. 725)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** and ordered printed.

On motion of Representative ESPLING of New Gloucester, **TABLED** pending **REFERENCE** in concurrence and later today assigned.

Bill "An Act To Facilitate the Return of Unclaimed Property"
(S.P. 230) (L.D. 668)

Committee on **JUDICIARY** suggested and ordered printed.
Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** and ordered printed.

The Bill was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY**, in **NON-CONCURRENCE** and sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Allow an Attorney Responding to an Incident that Involved the Use of Deadly Force To Use Emergency Lights on a Vehicle"

(S.P. 292) (L.D. 892)

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

Came from the Senate, with the Bill and accompanying papers **INDEFINITELY POSTPONED**.

Bill and accompanying papers **INDEFINITELY POSTPONED** in concurrence.

Non-Concurrent Matter

Bill "An Act To Ensure Transparency in Public Union Negotiations"

(H.P. 552) (L.D. 772)

REFERRED to the Committee on **LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** in the House on March 2, 2017.

Came from the Senate **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

The House voted to **ADHERE**.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: (H.C. 89)

STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
SPEAKER'S OFFICE
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0002

March 8, 2017

Honorable Robert B. Hunt

Clerk of the House

2 State House Station

Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Clerk Hunt:

Pursuant to my authority under Joint Order, SP 210, I am pleased to appoint the following legislators and members of the public to serve on the Task Force to Address the Opiate Crisis in the State, effective March 8, 2017:

Representative Joyce McCreight of Harpswell as House Chair

Representative Pinny Beebe-Center of Rockland

Representative Harold L. Stewart III of Presque Isle

Representative Karen Vachon of Scarborough

Mr. Ross Hicks of Brunswick as a person who is recovering from opioid addiction

Ms. Malory Shaughnessy of Westbrook as a representative of the interests of providers of substance abuse and recovery services

Dr. Vernon Gardner of Hampden as a physician specializing in addiction treatment

Mr. Robert Fowler of South Portland as a behavioral health specialist

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,
S/Sara Gideon
Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 88)

**STATE OF MAINE
CLERK'S OFFICE
2 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0002**

March 9, 2017
Honorable Sara Gideon
Speaker of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333
Dear Speaker Gideon:

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, the following Joint Standing Committees have voted unanimously to report the following bills out "Ought Not to Pass:"

- Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry
L.D. 157 An Act To Require the Reporting of Animal Cruelty or Neglect
- L.D. 246 An Act To Provide for the Adoption of Cats and Dogs Previously Used for Research Purposes
- Education and Cultural Affairs
L.D. 48 An Act To Provide for Fairness in the Transfer of Students (EMERGENCY)
- Energy, Utilities and Technology
L.D. 55 An Act To Provide Funding for the Restoration of China Lake
- Environment and Natural Resources
L.D. 103 An Act To Prohibit the Use of Certain Disposable Food Service Containers
- Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development
L.D. 84 An Act To Clarify the Contracts Used for Automobile Sales
- L.D. 114 An Act To Increase the Number of Suboxone Prescribers
- L.D. 148 An Act To Allow Overhead Garage Door Installers To Install and Repair Dumbwaiters
- L.D. 163 An Act To Strengthen the Enforcement of Maine's Labor Laws
- L.D. 489 An Act To Ensure Firefighters Receive Cancer Treatment Pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 39-A
- State and Local Government
L.D. 71 Resolve, Directing the Secretary of State To Request That the United States Secretary of Transportation Place Maine in the Atlantic Standard Time Zone
- Transportation
L.D. 210 An Act To Allow Disabled Veterans To Have More Than One Set of Disabled Veteran License Plates
- L.D. 242 An Act To Allow Extra Lights on the Front of a Motorcycle

Sincerely,
S/Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of House

READ and with accompanying papers ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

PETITIONS, BILLS AND RESOLVES REQUIRING REFERENCE

Bill "An Act To Protect Maine's Agriculture" (H.P. 667) (L.D. 939)

Sponsored by Representative DUNPHY of Old Town.
Cosponsored by Senator DILL of Penobscot and Representatives: ACKLEY of Monmouth, MAREAN of Hollis, MARTIN of Sinclair, O'NEIL of Saco, WARREN of Hallowell.

Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** suggested and ordered printed.

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

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act Making Certain Supplemental Appropriations and Allocations and Changing Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 652) (L.D. 924)

Sponsored by Representative GATTINE of Westbrook.

Bill "An Act Making Certain Appropriations and Allocations and Changing Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 653) (L.D. 925)

Sponsored by Representative GATTINE of Westbrook.

Bill "An Act Regarding the State Retirement System"

(H.P. 657) (L.D. 929)

Sponsored by Representative DAUGHTRY of Brunswick.

Bill "An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Upgrade Municipal Culverts at Stream Crossings"

(H.P. 677) (L.D. 964)

Sponsored by Representative FREDETTE of Newport.

Cosponsored by Senator DAVIS of Piscataquis and Representatives: BLACK of Wilton, Speaker GIDEON of Freeport, HERBIG of Belfast, Senators: CARPENTER of Aroostook, JACKSON of Aroostook.

Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** suggested and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed.

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Improve Equity in State Aid to Schools"

(H.P. 654) (L.D. 926)

Sponsored by Representative STEARNS of Guilford.

Cosponsored by Senator DAVIS of Piscataquis and Representatives: FARRIN of Norridgewock, FREDETTE of Newport, FULLER of Lewiston, LYFORD of Eddington, SIROCKI of Scarborough, TUELL of East Machias.

Bill "An Act To Increase Student Learning Time"

(H.P. 668) (L.D. 940)

Sponsored by Representative DAUGHTRY of Brunswick.

Bill "An Act To Facilitate the Purchase of Textbooks for Low-income College Students"

(H.P. 669) (L.D. 941)

Sponsored by Representative DAUGHTRY of Brunswick.

Cosponsored by Senator MILLETT of Cumberland and Representatives: MADIGAN of Waterville, McCREA of Fort Fairfield, MOONEN of Portland, O'NEIL of Saco, PIERCE of Falmouth, POULIOT of Augusta, TIPPING of Orono.

Resolve, To Create the Task Force To Study School Board Member Training

(H.P. 678) (L.D. 965)

Sponsored by Representative CHAPMAN of Brooksville.
Cosponsored by Senator MILLETT of Cumberland and Representatives: HANINGTON of Lincoln, HIGGINS of Dover-Foxcroft, HUBBELL of Bar Harbor, KUMIEGA of Deer Isle, McELWEE of Caribou, Senators: MIRAMANT of Knox, SAVIELLO of Franklin.

Bill "An Act To Simplify the In-service Days Requirement in Education" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 691) (L.D. 978)

Sponsored by Representative TUELL of East Machias.
Cosponsored by Senator MAKER of Washington and Representatives: ALLEY of Beals, GINZLER of Bridgton, HANINGTON of Lincoln, SAMPSON of Alfred, SIMMONS of Waldoboro.

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

REFERRED to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed.

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Protect Maine Families by Enhancing Well Water Regulation"

(H.P. 658) (L.D. 930)

Sponsored by Representative FREDETTE of Newport.

Bill "An Act To Create Extended Producer Responsibility for Post-consumer Waste Generated from the Use of Tobacco Products"

(H.P. 659) (L.D. 931)

Sponsored by Representative BLUME of York.
Cosponsored by Senator CHIPMAN of Cumberland and Representatives: COOPER of Yarmouth, DEVIN of Newcastle, FAY of Raymond, MASTRACCIO of Sanford, SCHNECK of Bangor.

Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** suggested and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** and ordered printed.

Sent for concurrence.

Resolve, To Establish the Commission To Study the Siting and Building of a Drug Treatment Facility in Northern Maine (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 660) (L.D. 932)

Sponsored by Representative KINNEY of Knox.
Cosponsored by Senator CUSHING of Penobscot and Representatives: ACKLEY of Monmouth, BROOKS of Lewiston, CRAIG of Brewer, DILLINGHAM of Oxford, GATTINE of Westbrook, MALABY of Hancock, McELWEE of Caribou, PICKETT of Dixfield.

Bill "An Act To Create Mental Health Liaison Positions in Each County Jail"

(H.P. 679) (L.D. 966)

Sponsored by Representative MALABY of Hancock.
Cosponsored by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin and Representatives: DILLINGHAM of Oxford, HANINGTON of Lincoln, HAWKE of Boothbay Harbor, HEAD of Bethel, KINNEY of Knox, PICKETT of Dixfield, SANDERSON of Chelsea, SIROCKI of Scarborough.

Bill "An Act To Ensure Access to Community Services for Persons with Intellectual Disabilities or Autism" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 680) (L.D. 967)

Sponsored by Representative HERBIG of Belfast.
Cosponsored by Senator HAMPER of Oxford and Representatives: CEBRA of Naples, FREY of Bangor, GATTINE of Westbrook, HARVELL of Farmington, HYMANSON of York, MALABY of Hancock, Senator: LIBBY of Androscoggin.

Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** suggested and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** and ordered printed.

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Prohibit Personal Watercraft on Third Pond in Blue Hill"

(H.P. 661) (L.D. 933)

Sponsored by Representative LUCHINI of Ellsworth.

Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** suggested and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** and ordered printed.

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Help Prevent Financial Elder Abuse"

(H.P. 681) (L.D. 968)

Sponsored by Representative LONGSTAFF of Waterville.
Cosponsored by Senator CARPENTER of Aroostook and Representatives: DILLINGHAM of Oxford, LUCHINI of Ellsworth, MADIGAN of Waterville, NADEAU of Winslow, SCHNECK of Bangor, TEPLER of Topsham, WARREN of Hallowell, Senator: KATZ of Kennebec.

Committee on **INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** suggested and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** and ordered printed.

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Establish an Expedited Temporary Guardianship Process"

(H.P. 662) (L.D. 934)

Sponsored by Representative FREDETTE of Newport.

Bill "An Act Regarding Nonprobate Transfers on Death"

(H.P. 682) (L.D. 969)

Sponsored by Representative FOLEY of Wells.
Cosponsored by Senator WHITTEMORE of Somerset and Representatives: GERRISH of Lebanon, GUERIN of Glenburn, PICCHIOTTI of Fairfield, POULIOT of Augusta, PRESCOTT of Waterboro, SEAVEY of Kennebunkport, VACHON of Scarborough.

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

REFERRED to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** and ordered printed.

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Establish a Presumption of Impairment of Health in the Line of Duty for Corrections Employees under the Workers' Compensation Laws"

(H.P. 655) (L.D. 927)

Sponsored by Representative TUCKER of Brunswick.

Bill "An Act To Prohibit a Prospective Employer from Asking a Prospective Hire about the Person's Compensation History until after a Job Offer Is Made"

(H.P. 670) (L.D. 942)

Sponsored by Representative BRYANT of Windham.

Cosponsored by Representative GOLDEN of Lewiston, Senator BREEN of Cumberland and Representatives: AUSTIN of Skowhegan, FECTION of Biddeford, MADIGAN of Waterville, McCREIGHT of Harpswell, MELARAGNO of Auburn, Senators: DESCHAMBAULT of York, JACKSON of Aroostook, LIBBY of Androscoggin.

Bill "An Act Regarding the Cancellation of Subscription Services"

(H.P. 671) (L.D. 943)

Sponsored by Representative DAUGHTRY of Brunswick.

Cosponsored by Senator BELLOWS of Kennebec and Representatives: FAY of Raymond, FECTION of Biddeford, McCREIGHT of Harpswell, MOONEN of Portland.

Bill "An Act To Prohibit the State from Asking a Prospective Hire about the Person's Compensation History until after a Job Offer Is Made"

(H.P. 672) (L.D. 944)

Sponsored by Representative BRYANT of Windham.

Cosponsored by Senator DESCHAMBAULT of York and Representatives: AUSTIN of Skowhegan, MADIGAN of Waterville, MARTIN of Sinclair, McCREIGHT of Harpswell, MELARAGNO of Auburn, Senators: BREEN of Cumberland, JACKSON of Aroostook, LIBBY of Androscoggin.

Bill "An Act To End Homelessness by Expanding Housing Support Services"

(H.P. 683) (L.D. 970)

Sponsored by Representative JORGENSEN of Portland.

Cosponsored by Senator DION of Cumberland and Representatives: FECTION of Biddeford, TALBOT ROSS of Portland, TEPLER of Topsham, VACHON of Scarborough, Senators: BELLOWS of Kennebec, VOLK of Cumberland.

Bill "An Act To Exempt Certain Employees from the Minimum Wage Laws"

(H.P. 684) (L.D. 971)

Sponsored by Representative SAMPSON of Alfred.

Cosponsored by Senator WOODSOME of York and Representatives: GERRISH of Lebanon, HARVELL of Farmington, O'CONNOR of Berwick, SIROCKI of Scarborough, STEWART of Presque Isle, TUELL of East Machias, TURNER of Burlington, WADSWORTH of Hiram.

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

REFERRED to the Committee on **LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** and ordered printed.

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Modify the Lincoln County Budget Advisory Committee"

(H.P. 685) (L.D. 972)

Sponsored by Representative HAWKE of Boothbay Harbor.

Cosponsored by Senator DOW of Lincoln and Representatives: BRADSTREET of Vassalboro, DEVIN of Newcastle, HANINGTON of Lincoln, HANLEY of Pittston,

MALABY of Hancock, PIERCE of Dresden, SANDERSON of Chelsea, SIMMONS of Waldoboro.

Bill "An Act To Allow the Waldo County Budget Committee To Appoint Replacement Members" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 686) (L.D. 973)

Sponsored by Representative GILLWAY of Searsport.

Cosponsored by President THIBODEAU of Waldo and Representatives: HERBIG of Belfast, KINNEY of Knox, WARD of Dedham, ZEIGLER of Montville.

Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** suggested and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** and ordered printed.

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act Requiring a Dynamic Fiscal Analysis of Changes to Visual Media Production Tax Credits and Reimbursements" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 656) (L.D. 928)

Sponsored by Representative PICCHIOTTI of Fairfield.

Cosponsored by Senator WHITEMORE of Somerset and Representatives: COLLINGS of Portland, CRAIG of Brewer, FOLEY of Wells, LONGSTAFF of Waterville, PRESCOTT of Waterboro, SEAVEY of Kennebunkport, WALLACE of Dexter, Senator: KATZ of Kennebec.

Bill "An Act To Exempt from Taxation Certain Out-of-state Pensions"

(H.P. 663) (L.D. 935)

Sponsored by Representative BLUME of York.

Cosponsored by Representative TURNER of Burlington, Senator HILL of York and Representatives: CAMPBELL of Orrington, HARLOW of Portland, HYMANSON of York.

Bill "An Act To Modernize and Simplify the Tax Code"

(H.P. 664) (L.D. 936)

Sponsored by Representative HARVELL of Farmington.

Cosponsored by Senator DION of Cumberland and Representatives: CHACE of Durham, GINZLER of Bridgton, GRANT of Gardiner, GROHMAN of Biddeford, HICKMAN of Winthrop, HILLIARD of Belgrade, MONAGHAN of Cape Elizabeth, Senator: VOLK of Cumberland.

Bill "An Act To Reduce the Burden of Tobacco-related Illness by Increasing Revenue from the Cigarette Tax for Use for Tobacco Cessation"

(H.P. 673) (L.D. 945)

Sponsored by Representative McCREIGHT of Harpswell.

Cosponsored by Senator CHENETTE of York and Representatives: HEAD of Bethel, HILLIARD of Belgrade, HYMANSON of York, JOHANSEN of Monticello, RECKITT of South Portland, SANBORN of Portland, TERRY of Gorham, TIPPING of Orono.

Bill "An Act To Provide an Income Tax Credit for Students Returning to College"

(H.P. 674) (L.D. 946)

Sponsored by Representative DAUGHTRY of Brunswick.

Bill "An Act To Support Employees with Significant Commutes"

(H.P. 675) (L.D. 947)

Sponsored by Representative HERBIG of Belfast.

Cosponsored by President THIBODEAU of Waldo and Representatives: GRANT of Gardiner, STANLEY of Medway, TERRY of Gorham, Senators: DOW of Lincoln, JACKSON of Aroostook, MASON of Androscoggin.

Bill "An Act To Increase the Homestead Exemption"

(H.P. 687) (L.D. 974)

Sponsored by Representative McLEAN of Gorham.

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

REFERRED to the Committee on **TAXATION** and ordered printed.

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Allow a Motorist To Make a Left Turn at a Red Light under Certain Conditions"

(H.P. 690) (L.D. 977)

Sponsored by Representative THERIAULT of China.

Cosponsored by Senator DION of Cumberland and Representatives: PIERCE of Dresden, SEAVEY of Kennebunkport, WARD of Dedham.

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

REFERRED to the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** and ordered printed.

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Require the Fiscal Impact of a Direct Initiative of Legislation To Be Included on the Ballot"

(H.P. 665) (L.D. 937)

Sponsored by Representative FREDETTE of Newport.

Resolve, To Direct the Adjutant General To Procure Medals for Maine National Guard Members Mobilized for the 1958-1961 Berlin Crisis

(H.P. 676) (L.D. 948)

Sponsored by Representative BAILEY of Saco.

Cosponsored by Senator CUSHING of Penobscot and Representatives: HANINGTON of Lincoln, PARRY of Arundel.

Bill "An Act Regarding Licensing of Cribbage Tournaments"

(H.P. 688) (L.D. 975)

Sponsored by Representative LUCHINI of Ellsworth.

Cosponsored by Senator LANGLEY of Hancock and Representative: DAUGHTRY of Brunswick.

Bill "An Act Regarding Primary Election Contribution Limits and Contribution Limits for Unenrolled Candidates"

(H.P. 689) (L.D. 976)

Sponsored by Representative LUCHINI of Ellsworth.

Bill "An Act Regarding Early Voting in Person"

(H.P. 692) (L.D. 979)

Sponsored by Representative PIERCE of Falmouth.

Cosponsored by Senator BREEN of Cumberland and Representatives: DAUGHTRY of Brunswick, FULLER of Lewiston, HUBBELL of Bar Harbor, McCREA of Fort Fairfield, MOONEN of Portland, SYLVESTER of Portland, TIPPING of Orono, Senator: MILLETT of Cumberland.

Bill "An Act To Improve Absentee Balloting"

(H.P. 693) (L.D. 980)

Sponsored by Representative PIERCE of Falmouth.

Cosponsored by Senator MILLETT of Cumberland and Representatives: DAUGHTRY of Brunswick, DENNO of Cumberland, FULLER of Lewiston, MOONEN of Portland, O'NEIL of Saco, TIPPING of Orono.

Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** suggested and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed.

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Harmonize Provisions of 'An Act To Legalize Marijuana' with Related Provisions of the Maine Medical Use of Marijuana Act"

(H.P. 666) (L.D. 938)

Sponsored by Representative HAMANN of South Portland.

Joint Select Committee on **MARIJUANA LEGALIZATION IMPLEMENTATION** suggested and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Joint Select Committee on **MARIJUANA LEGALIZATION IMPLEMENTATION** and ordered printed.

Sent for concurrence.

By unanimous consent, all matters having been acted upon were **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH**.

ORDERS

On motion of Representative LONGSTAFF of Waterville, the following House Order: (H.O. 24)

ORDERED, that Representative Kevin J. Battle of South Portland be excused February 28 for health reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Russell J. Black of Wilton be excused January 31, February 14, 16 and 28 and March 2 for health reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Richard M. Cebra of Naples be excused February 16 for personal reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Donna R. Doore of Augusta be excused February 14 and 16 for health reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Martin J. Grohman of Biddeford be excused March 2 for personal reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative David G. Haggan of Hampden be excused February 28 and March 2 for personal reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Stephanie Hawke of Boothbay Harbor be excused February 28 for personal reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Richard S. Malaby of Hancock be excused February 16 for personal reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Heather B. Sanborn of Portland be excused February 16 and 28 for personal reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Abden S. Simmons of Waldoboro be excused March 2 for legislative business.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative John Alden Spear of South Thomaston be excused February 14 and 16 for personal reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Stephen J. Wood of Greene be excused March 2 for personal reasons.

READ and PASSED.

SPECIAL SENTIMENT CALENDAR

In accordance with House Rule 519 and Joint Rule 213, the following items:

Recognizing:

Ann Morris and Michelle Gifford, both of Rockland, who were recognized by the Rockland City Council for their efforts to preserve Edna St. Vincent Millay's house, on the occasion of the city's Edna St. Vincent Millay Day, February 22, 2017. We extend to them our congratulations and best wishes;

(HLS 119)

Presented by Representative BEEBE-CENTER of Rockland. Cosponsored by Senator MIRAMANT of Knox.

On **OBJECTION** of Representative BEEBE-CENTER of Rockland, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

READ.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Rockland, Representative Beebe-Center.

Representative **BEEBE-CENTER**: Madam Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, in the summer of 2015, a small group of friends and neighbors got together to walk through a deteriorating bright blue house in Rockland that was in danger of falling down or being torn down. This house, built in 1891, is a double house, is of architectural interest on its own, but it also happens to be the house where Edna St. Vincent Millay was born. Michelle Gifford led this group. Roxanne Quimby heard about the group of friends trying to save the house and her interest turned into a matching grant that enabled purchase of the house, stabilizing the foundation, and beginning the restoration process. The Board of Directors of the Rockland Historical Society agreed that this architectural leap of faith was a good risk, and they signed on to become the fiscal agent. This group then created their mission, "Preserve the birth place of Edna St. Vincent Millay and celebrate her legacy through education, the literary arts, and significant collaborations within the Maine community and beyond." Towards this end, they are partnering with some of the finest organizations in the state: writers-in-residence programs, the Telling Room out of Portland, the University of Maine Humanities Center out of Orono, as well as a very special community that is the Midcoast, involving the schools, the businesses, individuals, and a diverse set of groups. All of this is happening because of what Edna St. Vincent Millay did, how she lived, and what she embodied. She empowered young women of her era, allowing them to break out of the box of female stereotypes. Through her words and life, she encouraged people to look at their lives with new eyes, find their own voices, and stand up for their own rights. This tenacious group of friends in Rockland are making the connection between a literary legacy and bringing the literary arts to life for all ages, all people, in this diverse community. And I commend them for their vision, for their efforts, for their dreams, and for their ability to make a difference. I commend Michelle Gifford, the original organizer of that group of friends, and Lisa Westcamper, Chair of their Board of Directors, Ann Morris and the Rockland Historical Society for their work on the project, and I want to recognize the ongoing efforts of the new literary organization, Millay House Rockland, and all of their partners. Thank you.

Subsequently, this Expression of Legislative Sentiment was **PASSED** and sent for concurrence.

Recognizing:

Ethan James, of Wiscasset, a senior at Wiscasset High School and a player on the boys basketball team, who recently scored his 1,000th career point. We extend to Ethan our congratulations and best wishes;

(HLS 120)

Presented by Representative HANLEY of Pittston.

Cosponsored by Senator DOW of Lincoln.

On **OBJECTION** of Representative HANLEY of Pittston, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

READ.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Pittston, Representative Hanley.

Representative **HANLEY**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, I rise today in recognition of an outstanding basketball player from my district, Ethan James, of Wiscasset. This year Ethan, as you know, has scored his 1,000th career point at Wiscasset High School, being only the third player in the school history to achieve this milestone. Actually, it's closer I think to around 1,200 points at this time. This is a tremendous accomplishment and I know his family, team, and entire community are proud of him. Anyone who has ever participated in a school sport, or has had a child participate in school sports, knows that it certainly helps to have dedicated parents as well. And that being said, I would also like to recognize his parents. A young man like this isn't just produced out of thin air. You know the old saying, that an apple doesn't fall far from the tree. So, again, congratulations to Ethan and thank you for joining us here today at the State House and thank you, Madam Speaker.

Subsequently, this Expression of Legislative Sentiment was **PASSED** and sent for concurrence.

By unanimous consent, all matters having been acted upon were **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH**.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

Divided Report

Majority Report of the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** reporting **Ought to Pass** on Bill "An Act To Allow Conveyance of Land Previously Conveyed by the State to the Town of Bridgton"

(H.P. 8) (L.D. 7)

Signed:

Senators:

DAVIS of Piscataquis
DILL of Penobscot
SAVIELLO of Franklin

Representatives:

DUNPHY of Old Town
BLACK of Wilton
HIGGINS of Dover-Foxcroft
KINNEY of Knox
MARTIN of Sinclair
McELWEE of Caribou
O'NEIL of Saco
SKOLFIELD of Weld

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on same Bill.

Signed:

Representatives:

ACKLEY of Monmouth
CHAPMAN of Brooksville

READ.

On motion of Representative DUNPHY of Old Town, the Majority **Ought to Pass** Report was **ACCEPTED**.

The Bill was **READ ONCE** and was assigned for **SECOND READING** Tuesday, March 14, 2017.

CONSENT CALENDAR

First Day

In accordance with House Rule 519, the following items appeared on the Consent Calendar for the First Day:

(S.P. 32) (L.D. 83) Bill "An Act Regarding Changing the Designation of a Parent on the Birth Certificate of an Adult" Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** reporting **Ought to Pass**

(H.P. 243) (L.D. 329) Bill "An Act Concerning the Law Governing the Posting of Newspaper Legal Notices and the Statewide Repository for Legal Notices" Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** reporting **Ought to Pass**

(H.P. 25) (L.D. 24) Bill "An Act To Change the Name of Township 17, Range 4, WELS, in the Unorganized Territory to Sinclair" Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-5)**

There being no objections, the above items were ordered to appear on the Consent Calendar tomorrow under the listing of Second Day.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Second Day

In accordance with House Rule 519, the following items appeared on the Consent Calendar for the Second Day:

(H.P. 92) (L.D. 124) Bill "An Act To Make Changes to the Potato Marketing Improvement Fund"

(H.P. 127) (L.D. 171) Bill "An Act To Add the Air Medal as an Option for a Special Commemorative Decal on Special Veterans Registration Plates"

(H.P. 163) (L.D. 207) Resolve, To Designate a Bridge in East Machias as the Norman E. Bagley Memorial Bridge

No objections having been noted at the end of the Second Legislative Day, the House Papers were **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED** and sent for concurrence.

The following items were taken up out of order by unanimous consent:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The following matters, in the consideration of which the House was engaged at the time of adjournment Tuesday, March 7, 2017, had preference in the Orders of the Day and continued with such preference until disposed of as provided by House Rule 502.

Expression of Legislative Sentiment in Memory of the Honorable Paulette G. Beaudoin, of Biddeford

(SLS 47))

- In Senate, **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

TABLED - February 14, 2017 (Till Later Today) by Representative HERBIG of Belfast.

PENDING - **ADOPTION**.

Subsequently, on motion of Representative HERBIG of Belfast, this Expression of Legislative Sentiment and all accompanying papers were **INDEFINITELY POSTPONED**, in **NON-CONCURRENCE** and sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Use Taxes on Nonmedical Marijuana and Increase the Tax on Cigarettes To Partially Offset the 3% Income Tax Surcharge"

(H.P. 499) (L.D. 708)

(Committee on **TAXATION** suggested)

TABLED - February 28, 2017 (Till Later Today) by Representative TIPPING of Orono.

PENDING - **REFERENCE**.

Subsequently, the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Joint Select Committee on **MARIJUANA LEGALIZATION IMPLEMENTATION**, ordered printed and sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Fund and Enhance the Maine Diversion Alert Program" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 182) (L.D. 249)

- In House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** on January 31, 2017.

- In Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

TABLED - March 7, 2017 (Till Later Today) by Representative GOLDEN of Lewiston.

PENDING - **FURTHER CONSIDERATION**.

Subsequently, the House voted to **INSIST**.

Bill "An Act To Prohibit Certain Gifts to Health Care Practitioners"

(H.P. 639) (L.D. 911)

(Committee on **LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** suggested)

TABLED - March 7, 2017 (Till Later Today) by Representative FECTEAU of Biddeford.

PENDING - **REFERENCE**.

Subsequently, the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**, ordered printed and sent for concurrence.

By unanimous consent, all matters having been acted upon were **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH**.

SENATE PAPERS

The following Joint Order: (S.P. 312)

ORDERED, the House concurring, that when the House and Senate adjourn they do so until Tuesday, March 14, 2017, at 10:00 in the morning.

Came from the Senate, **READ** and **PASSED**.

READ and **PASSED** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Support the Biomass Industry"

(S.P. 308) (L.D. 953)

Bill "An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Recapitalize the Municipal Investment Trust Fund"

(S.P. 310) (L.D. 955)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Adopt the Uniform Act on Prevention of and Remedies for Human Trafficking"

(S.P. 306) (L.D. 951)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act Regarding Telehealth"

(S.P. 304) (L.D. 949)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Make Certain Contraception Available over the Counter"

(S.P. 309) (L.D. 954)

Bill "An Act Regarding Unemployment Compensation for Workers Involved in Certain Seasonal Occupations"

(S.P. 318) (L.D. 962)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Establish the Maine Buy America and Build Maine Act"

(S.P. 311) (L.D. 956)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Expand Property Tax Relief for Maine Residents"

(S.P. 315) (L.D. 959)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TAXATION** and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **TAXATION** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Use State Employees and Resources for Transportation Bond Projects"

(S.P. 316) (L.D. 960)

Bill "An Act To Require Certain Personnel on a Bridge Painting Project To Be Certified"

(S.P. 319) (L.D. 963)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** in concurrence.

Resolve, To Study Using Blockchain Technology in Conjunction with Paper Ballots in Maine Elections (EMERGENCY)

(S.P. 305) (L.D. 950)

Resolve, To Update Maine's Liquor Laws

(S.P. 313) (L.D. 957)

Bill "An Act To Improve the Cost-efficiency of Funds Disbursed under the Maine Clean Election Act"

(S.P. 317) (L.D. 961)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** in concurrence.

By unanimous consent, all matters having been acted upon were **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH**.

On motion of Representative COOPER of Yarmouth, the House adjourned at 11:10 a.m., until 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, March 14, 2017, pursuant to the Joint Order (S.P. 312) and in honor and lasting tribute to Cheryl Ann Lessard, of Madison; Judith Robertson, of Solon; and Robert C. Dowe, of China.