

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION  
24th Legislative Day  
Tuesday, March 28, 2017

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

Prayer by Pastor Richard Dorian, Centenary United Methodist Church, Skowhegan.

National Anthem by Wells High School Select A Cappella Chorus.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Doctor of the day, Romeo Lucas, D.O., Cumberland.

The Journal of Thursday, March 23, 2017 was read and approved.

Pursuant to her authority under House Rule 401, Section 12, the Chair excused Representative DOORE of Augusta from all House deliberations and roll calls from Tuesday, March 14, 2017 until further notice.

**SENATE PAPERS**

**Non-Concurrent Matter**

Bill "An Act To Promote Transparency with Respect to Surveillance Technology"

(S.P. 268) (L.D. 823)

**REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** in the House on March 21, 2017.

Came from the Senate with that Body having **ADHERED** to its former action whereby the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

The House voted to **RECEDE AND CONCUR**.

**Non-Concurrent Matter**

Bill "An Act To Protect a Homeowner's Equity of Redemption in a Foreclosure Action"

(S.P. 280) (L.D. 880)

**REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** in the House on March 16, 2017.

Came from the Senate with that Body having **INSISTED** on its former action whereby the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

The House voted to **RECEDE AND CONCUR**.

**Non-Concurrent Matter**

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)

**REFERRED** to the Joint Select Committee on **MARIJUANA LEGALIZATION IMPLEMENTATION** in the House on March 9, 2017.

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

On motion of Representative HERBIG of Belfast, **TABLED** pending **FURTHER CONSIDERATION** and later today assigned.

**Non-Concurrent Matter**

Bill "An Act To Remove the Legislative Council from the Capitol Area Development Approval Process"

(H.P. 26) (L.D. 25)

Majority (7) **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report of the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT READ** and **ACCEPTED** in the House on March 7, 2017.

Came from the Senate with the Minority (5) **OUGHT TO PASS** Report of the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

The House voted to **INSIST**.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

The Following Communication: (H.C. 101)

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

March 28, 2017

Honorable Robert B. Hunt

Clerk of the House

2 State House Station

Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Clerk Hunt:

Please be advised that pursuant to his authority, Governor Paul R. LePage has nominated the following:

On March 23, 2017

Honorable Brian D. Hobart of Bowdoinham and B. Charles Large of Lewiston for appointment to the Northern New England Passenger Rail Authority.

Pursuant to Title 23, MRSA §8112, these appointments are contingent on the Maine Senate confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation.

Robert D. Stone of Auburn for reappointment to the Maine Turnpike Authority Board of Directors.

Pursuant to Title 23, MRSA §1964-A, this reappointment is contingent on the Maine Senate confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation.

On March 24, 2017

Honorable Kenneth C. Fletcher of Winslow and David S. Stapp of Bremen for reappointment to the Efficiency Maine Trust Board.

Pursuant to Title 35-A, MRSA §10103, these reappointments are contingent on the Maine Senate confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology.

Sincerely,

S/Sara Gideon

Speaker of the House

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

The Following Communication: (H.C. 102)

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

March 28, 2017

Honorable Sara Gideon

Speaker of the House

2 State House Station

Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Speaker Gideon:

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, the Committee on Taxation has approved the request by the sponsor, Representative Stearns of Guilford, to report the following "Leave to Withdraw":

L.D. 741 An Act To Provide Equity in Education Funding

Sincerely,  
S/Robert B. Hunt  
Clerk of the House

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

The Following Communication: (H.C. 103)

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

March 28, 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. 430 An Act To Amend the Exemption for Highway Contractors and Subcontractors under the Arborist Licensing Laws

Transportation  
L.D. 624 An Act Concerning the Transporting of Dogs in Passenger Vehicles

Sincerely,  
S/Robert B. Hunt  
Clerk of House

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

The Following Communication: (H.C. 104)

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

TO: Honorable Michael D. Thibodeau, President of the Senate  
Honorable Sara Gideon, Speaker of the House and Democratic and Republican Leaders

FROM: S/Beth L. Ashcroft, Director

DATE: March 24, 2017

RE: Children's Licensing and Investigation Services  
Attached please find the final report from the Office of Program Evaluation and Government Accountability on Children's Licensing and Investigation Services. The report is also available on our website at <http://legislature.maine.gov/opega/opega-reports/9149>. The public comment period on this Report has been scheduled for Friday, April 14, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 220 Cross Building.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact me.

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

The Following Communication: (S.C. 236)

**MAINE SENATE  
128TH LEGISLATURE  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY**

March 23, 2017  
Honorable Sara Gideon  
Speaker of the House  
2 State House Station  
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Speaker Gideon:  
In accordance with 3 MRSA §158 and Joint Rule 506 of the 128th Maine Legislature, please be advised that the Senate today confirmed the following nomination:

Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Durward L. Humphrey of Benedicta for appointment to the Maine Land Use Planning Commission.

Best Regards,  
S/Heather J.R. Priest  
Secretary of the Senate

**READ** and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

**PETITIONS, BILLS AND RESOLVES REQUIRING REFERENCE**

Bill "An Act To Provide Funding to Municipalities Severely Infested by Brown-tail Moth Caterpillars"

(H.P. 818) (L.D. 1181)

Sponsored by Representative TEPLER of Topsham.  
Cosponsored by Senator VITELLI of Sagadahoc and Representatives: BATTLE of South Portland, BERRY of Bowdoinham, DAUGHTRY of Brunswick, DeCHANT of Bath, DEVIN of Newcastle, McCREIGHT of Harpswell, PIERCE of Dresden, Senator: DILL of Penobscot.

Bill "An Act Regarding the Disclosure of Hormone-disrupting Chemicals in Packaged Food"

(H.P. 819) (L.D. 1182)

Sponsored by Representative BATES of Westbrook.  
Cosponsored by Senator DAVIS of Piscataquis and Representatives: BABBIDGE of Kennebunk, BEEBE-CENTER of Rockland, CASAS of Rockport, HARVELL of Farmington, O'NEIL of Saco, WADSWORTH of Hiram, WHITE of Washburn.

Bill "An Act To Increase Transparency in Cooperative Agreements within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry"

(H.P. 839) (L.D. 1203)

Sponsored by Representative HICKMAN of Winthrop.  
Cosponsored by Senator SAVIELLO of Franklin and Representatives: ACKLEY of Monmouth, DUNPHY of Old Town, GRANT of Gardiner, GROHMAN of Biddeford, KINNEY of Knox, MAREAN of Hollis, MARTIN of Eagle Lake, Senator: DAVIS of Piscataquis.

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 To Expand Use of Electronic Monitoring in Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault and Stalking Cases" (H.P. 820) (L.D. 1183)

Sponsored by Representative FREDETTE of Newport.  
Cosponsored by Senator DIAMOND of Cumberland and Representatives: GERRISH of Lebanon, GINZLER of Bridgton, HEAD of Bethel, MALABY of Hancock, PICKETT of Dixfield, PIERCE of Dresden, STEWART of Presque Isle, WADSWORTH of Hiram.

Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** suggested and ordered printed.

**REFERRED** to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** and ordered printed.  
Sent for concurrence.

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Bill "An Act To Exempt Public Safety Buildings from Historic Preservation Restrictions"

(H.P. 821) (L.D. 1184)

Sponsored by Representative HARRINGTON of Sanford.  
Cosponsored by Senator DAVIS of Piscataquis and Representatives: BRYANT of Windham, CEBRA of Naples, GRIGNON of Athens, MARTIN of Sinclair, ORDWAY of Standish, PICKETT of Dixfield, SAMPSON of Alfred, STEWART of Presque Isle.

Bill "An Act To Increase State Funding to Maine Public Charter Schools"

(H.P. 842) (L.D. 1206)

Sponsored by Representative POULIOT of Augusta.  
Cosponsored by Senator LANGLEY of Hancock and Representative: GINZLER of Bridgton.

Bill "An Act To Clarify Collective Bargaining in School Districts"

(H.P. 847) (L.D. 1215)

Sponsored by Representative SYLVESTER of Portland.  
Cosponsored by Senator BELLOWS of Kennebec and Representative: HANDY of Lewiston.

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.

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Bill "An Act Regarding Renewable Portfolio Standards"

(H.P. 822) (L.D. 1185)

Sponsored by Representative FREDETTE of Newport.  
Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** suggested and ordered printed.

**REFERRED** to the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** and ordered printed.  
Sent for concurrence.

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Resolve, Establishing the Commission To Study and Assess Maine's Regulatory Environment

(H.P. 831) (L.D. 1194)

Sponsored by Representative PIERCE of Dresden.  
Cosponsored by Senator DION of Cumberland and Representatives: CHACE of Durham, FOLEY of Wells, HANLEY of Pittston, HARLOW of Portland, KINNEY of Limington, PICKETT of Dixfield, WADSWORTH of Hiram, Senator: CYRWAY of Kennebec.

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.

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Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services To Develop a Resource Guide for Assistance in Substance Abuse Matters

(H.P. 823) (L.D. 1186)

Sponsored by Representative GERRISH of Lebanon.  
Cosponsored by Representatives: CHACE of Durham, FOLEY of Wells, HAMANN of South Portland, MALABY of Hancock, Senators: BRAKEY of Androscoggin, KATZ of Kennebec, WOODSOME of York.

Bill "An Act To Facilitate MaineCare-Funded Assisted Living by Providing a Cost-of-living Adjustment to Private Nonmedical Institutions and Adult Family Care Homes"

(H.P. 825) (L.D. 1188)

Sponsored by Representative MALABY of Hancock.  
Cosponsored by Representatives: HAWKE of Boothbay Harbor, HERBIG of Belfast, PARKER of South Berwick.

Bill "An Act To Define the Age of Consent for Alcohol or Drug Treatment and Mental Health Services"

(H.P. 826) (L.D. 1189)

Sponsored by Representative POULIOT of Augusta.  
Cosponsored by Senator HILL of York and Representative: BRADSTREET of Vassalboro.

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.

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Bill "An Act To Amend the Child Protective Services Statutes"

(H.P. 824) (L.D. 1187)

Sponsored by Representative MALABY of Hancock.  
Cosponsored by Representatives: CHAPMAN of Brooksville, NADEAU of Winslow, PICCHIOTTI of Fairfield, SAMPSON of Alfred.

Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** suggested.

On motion of Representative HYMANSON of York, the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY**, ordered printed and sent for concurrence.

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Bill "An Act To Enhance the Administration of the State's Group Health Plan" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 835) (L.D. 1198)

Sponsored by Representative FOLEY of Wells.  
Submitted by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Bill "An Act To Promote Fiscal Responsibility in the Purchasing of Debt"

(H.P. 836) (L.D. 1199)

Sponsored by Representative SANBORN of Portland.  
Cosponsored by Senator WHITEMORE of Somerset and Representatives: CARDONE of Bangor, CASÁS of Rockport, FOLEY of Wells, GROHMAN of Biddeford, LAWRENCE of South Berwick, PRESCOTT of Waterboro, Senator: CARSON of Cumberland.

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.

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Bill "An Act Regarding Driver's License Suspensions for Nondriving-related Violations"

(H.P. 827) (L.D. 1190)

Sponsored by Representative MOONEN of Portland.

Cosponsored by Senator KEIM of Oxford and Representatives: HICKMAN of Winthrop, KINNEY of Limington, McLEAN of Gorham, WARREN of Hallowell, WINSOR of Norway, Senators: DIAMOND of Cumberland, KATZ of Kennebec, WHITTEMORE of Somerset.

Bill "An Act To Clarify the Law Regarding Arbitration Privacy with Respect to Executive and Legislative Branch Employees"

(H.P. 848) (L.D. 1216)

Sponsored by Representative SYLVESTER of Portland.

Cosponsored by Senator BELLOWS of Kennebec and Representative: HANDY of Lewiston.

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

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

Sent for concurrence.

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Bill "An Act Relating To the Licensure of Physicians and Surgeons"

(H.P. 837) (L.D. 1200)

Sponsored by Representative HYMANSON of York.

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.

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Bill "An Act To Make Technical Changes to Maine's Marine Resources Laws"

(H.P. 843) (L.D. 1207)

Sponsored by Representative TUELL of East Machias.

Submitted by the Department of Marine Resources pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Committee on **MARINE RESOURCES** suggested and ordered printed.

**REFERRED** to the Committee on **MARINE RESOURCES** and ordered printed.

Sent for concurrence.

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Bill "An Act To Extend to One Year the Probationary Period for Certain Municipal Employee Positions"

(H.P. 828) (L.D. 1191)

Sponsored by Representative SPEAR of South Thomaston.

Cosponsored by Senator KATZ of Kennebec and Representatives: GILLWAY of Searsport, MADIGAN of Rumford.

Bill "An Act To Require Maine Governmental Departments That Affect Citizen Health and Safety To Staff at Least 75 Percent of Available Positions"

(H.P. 829) (L.D. 1192)

Sponsored by Representative TEPLER of Topsham.

Cosponsored by Senator CHIPMAN of Cumberland and Representatives: DENNO of Cumberland, GATTINE of Westbrook, HAMANN of South Portland, Senator: CARSON of Cumberland.

Bill "An Act To Ensure the Cost-efficiency of Contracting out Services by the State"

(H.P. 830) (L.D. 1193)

Sponsored by Representative WARREN of Hallowell.

Cosponsored by Senator MIRAMANT of Knox and Representatives: DUNPHY of Old Town, HUBBELL of Bar Harbor, JORGENSEN of Portland, MARTIN of Sinclair, McLEAN of Gorham, SPEAR of South Thomaston, TIPPING of Orono, Senator: DION of Cumberland.

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.

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Bill "An Act To Allow Municipalities To Opt Out of the Collection and Assessment of Personal Property Taxes"

(H.P. 832) (L.D. 1195)

Sponsored by Representative CEBRA of Naples.

Cosponsored by Senator CUSHING of Penobscot and Representatives: LOCKMAN of Amherst, TIMBERLAKE of Turner, Senators: BRAKEY of Androscoggin, COLLINS of York, MASON of Androscoggin.

Bill "An Act To Assist Seniors and Certain Persons with Disabilities in Paying Property Taxes"

(H.P. 833) (L.D. 1196)

Sponsored by Representative BAILEY of Saco.

Cosponsored by Representatives: DENNO of Cumberland, HERBIG of Belfast, McCREIGHT of Harpswell, Senator: CHENETTE of York.

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

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

Sent for concurrence.

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Bill "An Act To Authorize Tribal Gaming"

(H.P. 838) (L.D. 1201)

Sponsored by Representative COLLINGS of Portland.

Cosponsored by Senator JACKSON of Aroostook and Representatives: BERRY of Bowdoinham, RYKERSON of Kittery, SYLVESTER of Portland, TALBOT ROSS of Portland.

Bill "An Act Regarding Absentee Voting by Residents of Nursing Homes and Other Residential Care Facilities"

(H.P. 840) (L.D. 1204)

Sponsored by Representative TIMBERLAKE of Turner.

Cosponsored by Senator MASON of Androscoggin and Representatives: DILLINGHAM of Oxford, PARRY of Arundel, SIROCKI of Scarborough, WINSOR of Norway, Senator: JACKSON of Aroostook.

Bill "An Act To Amend the Veterans Service Laws"

(H.P. 844) (L.D. 1208)

Sponsored by Representative LUCHINI of Ellsworth.

Submitted by the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

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 Support Substance Use Disorder Prevention, Treatment and Recovery"

(H.P. 834) (L.D. 1197)

Sponsored by Representative BEEBE-CENTER of Rockland. Cosponsored by Senator MAKER of Washington and Representatives: BLUME of York, CASÁS of Rockport, MALABY of Hancock, PARKER of South Berwick, WARREN of Hallowell, Senator: SAVIELLO of Franklin.

Bill "An Act To Reserve for County Government One Percent of the Excise Tax Revenue from the Sale of Retail Marijuana"

(H.P. 845) (L.D. 1209)

Sponsored by Representative MARTIN of Sinclair.

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.

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**Pursuant to Statute**

**Department of Health and Human Services**

Representative HYMANSON for the **Department of Health and Human Services** pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 8072 asks leave to report that the accompanying Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Section 21, Allowances for Home and Community Services for Adults with Intellectual Disabilities or Autism Spectrum Disorder, a Late-filed Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Health and Human Services (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 841) (L.D. 1205)

Be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** and printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Report was **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Sent for concurrence.

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**Pursuant to Statute**

**Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices**

Representative LUCHINI for the **Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices** pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 21-A, section 1124, subsection 4 asks leave to report that the accompanying Bill "An Act Regarding the Maine Clean Election Fund"

(H.P. 846) (L.D. 1210)

Be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** and printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Report was **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **REFERRED** to the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Sent for concurrence.

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

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**REPORTS OF COMMITTEE**

**Refer to the Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development Pursuant to Statute**

Representative MASTRACCIO for the **Government Oversight Committee** on Bill "An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Government Oversight Committee To Improve the Efficiency and Effectiveness of Evaluations of the State's Investments in Economic Development"

(H.P. 849) (L.D. 1217)

Reporting that it be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 3, section 997, subsection 2.

Report was **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**.

Sent for concurrence.

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**Change of Committee**

Representative KORNFIELD from the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act To Enhance the Safety of Schoolchildren by Requiring the Posting of the School Zone Speed Limit"

(H.P. 532) (L.D. 752)

Reporting that it be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION**.

Report was **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION**.

Sent for concurrence.

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**Divided Report**

Majority Report of the Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on Bill "An Act To Eliminate Retirement Benefits and Paid Health Insurance for Legislators Elected after 2017"

(H.P. 18) (L.D. 17)

Signed:

Senators:

HAMPER of Oxford  
BREEN of Cumberland  
KATZ of Kennebec

Representatives:

GATTINE of Westbrook  
FREY of Bangor  
HUBBELL of Bar Harbor  
JORGENSEN of Portland  
MARTIN of Eagle Lake  
SEAVEY of Kennebunkport  
TEPLER of Topsham  
WINSOR of Norway

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-14)** on same Bill.

Signed:

Representatives:

SIROCKI of Scarborough  
TIMBERLAKE of Turner

**READ.**

On motion of Representative GATTINE of Westbrook, the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report was **ACCEPTED** and sent for concurrence.

**CONSENT CALENDAR  
First Day**

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

(S.P. 51) (L.D. 132) Bill "An Act To Authorize Podiatrists To Perform Certain Routine Procedures" Committee on **LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** reporting **Ought to Pass**

(S.P. 207) (L.D. 592) Bill "An Act To Enable the Maine Employers' Mutual Insurance Company To Better Serve Maine Employers by Eliminating the High-risk Program" Committee on **INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** reporting **Ought to Pass**

(H.P. 503) (L.D. 712) Resolve, To Designate a Portion of Route 43 in Corinth, Exeter and Corinna the Donald Strout, Sr., Memorial Highway Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** reporting **Ought to Pass**

Under suspension of the rules, Second Day Consent Calendar notification was given.

There being no objection, the Senate Papers were **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED** and the House Paper was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED** and sent for concurrence.

**CONSENT CALENDAR  
Second Day**

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

(H.P. 191) (L.D. 258) Bill "An Act To Amend the Charter of the Southwest Harbor Water and Sewer District" (C. "A" H-15)

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

**BILLS IN THE SECOND READING**

**Senate as Amended in Non-Concurrence**

Bill "An Act To Increase the Size of Grants under the Maine State Grant Program"

(S.P. 11) (L.D. 32)  
(C. "A" S-7)

**House**

Bill "An Act To Provide for Legislative Review of Federally Mandated Major Substantive Rules under the Maine Administrative Procedure Act"

(H.P. 24) (L.D. 23)

**House as Amended**

Bill "An Act To Add Vehicles Hauling Animal Bedding to Those Exempt from Posted Road Restrictions" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 164) (L.D. 208)  
(C. "A" H-13)

Reported by the Committee on **Bills in the Second Reading**, read the second time, the Senate Paper was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED as Amended** in non-concurrence and sent for concurrence and the House Papers were **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED** or **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED as Amended** and sent for concurrence.

**ENACTORS  
Emergency Measure**

An Act To Establish Speed Limits at Loring Commerce Centre and Brunswick Landing

(S.P. 45) (L.D. 97)

Reported by the Committee on **Engrossed Bills** as truly and strictly engrossed. This being an emergency measure, a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to the House being necessary, a total was taken. 112 voted in favor of the same and 13 against, and accordingly the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

**Emergency Measure**

Resolve, To Name the Bridge over the Penobscot River in the Towns of Enfield and Howland King's Bridge

(H.P. 227) (L.D. 294)

Reported by the Committee on **Engrossed Bills** as truly and strictly engrossed. This being an emergency measure, a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to the House being necessary, a total was taken. 128 voted in favor of the same and 3 against, and accordingly the Resolve was **FINALLY PASSED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

**Acts**

An Act To Incorporate Protections for Living Donors into Maine Law

(H.P. 13) (L.D. 12)  
(C. "A" H-6)

An Act To Clarify the Tax Laws for Title to Real Estate by Releasing Inheritance Tax Liens

(H.P. 59) (L.D. 72)

An Act To Prohibit Charging Maine Seniors Higher Automobile Insurance Premiums Based Solely on Their Age

(S.P. 96) (L.D. 308)  
(C. "A" S-6)

Reported by the Committee on **Engrossed Bills** as truly and strictly engrossed, **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

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

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

The following matter, in the consideration of which the House was engaged at the time of adjournment Thursday, March 23, 2017, had preference in the Orders of the Day and continued with such preference until disposed of as provided by House Rule 502.

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Establish a Victims' Bill of Rights

(S.P. 389) (L.D. 1168)

- In Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY**.

TABLED - March 23, 2017 (Till Later Today) by Representative HERBIG of Belfast.

PENDING - **REFERENCE IN CONCURRENCE**.

Subsequently, the Resolution was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY**, in concurrence.



**SENATE PAPERS**

Bill "An Act To Allow the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife To Change the Closing Date of Fishing Seasons" (EMERGENCY)

(S.P. 409) (L.D. 1218)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** and ordered printed.

**REFERRED** to the Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** in concurrence.

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Bill "An Act To Require That Information on Prisoners' Furlough Be Reported to the National Crime Information Center, Department of Public Safety and State Bureau of Identification"

(S.P. 394) (L.D. 1173)

Bill "An Act To Expand Options for the Prevention of Domestic Violence"

(S.P. 396) (L.D. 1175)

Bill "An Act To Clear a Path to Employment"

(S.P. 403) (L.D. 1202)

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.

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Bill "An Act To Sustain and Attract Skilled Workers to Maine by Improving the Job Creation Through Educational Opportunity Program"

(S.P. 392) (L.D. 1171)

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

**REFERRED** to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** in concurrence.

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Bill "An Act To Ensure the Safety of Low-income Persons Who Are Deaf and Who Use Video and Captioned Phones by Providing Equitable Access to the Internet"

(S.P. 397) (L.D. 1176)

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

**REFERRED** to the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** in concurrence.

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Bill "An Act To Better Understand and Control Invasive Aquatic Plants and Nuisance Species"

(S.P. 399) (L.D. 1178)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** and ordered printed.

**REFERRED** to the Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** in concurrence.

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Bill "An Act To Reduce Youth Access to Tobacco Products"

(S.P. 391) (L.D. 1170)

Bill "An Act To Create an Appeals Process for Child Care Providers"

(S.P. 398) (L.D. 1177)

Bill "An Act To Create Fairness in Home-based Care Fees for Service"

(S.P. 408) (L.D. 1214)

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

**REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** in concurrence.

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Bill "An Act To Increase Funding for Programs That Support the Mission of the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife"

(S.P. 400) (L.D. 1179)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** and ordered printed.

**REFERRED** to the Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** in concurrence.

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Bill "An Act To Protect Taxpayers in the Privatization of State Services"

(S.P. 407) (L.D. 1213)

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.

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Bill "An Act To Repeal the Maine Personal Property Tax"

(S.P. 393) (L.D. 1172)

Bill "An Act To Provide a Definition of 'Primary Residence' for Purposes of Property Tax Abatements Based on Hardship or Poverty"

(S.P. 401) (L.D. 1180)

Bill "An Act To Amend the Definition of 'Eligible Business Equipment' for the Purposes of the Business Equipment Tax Exemption Program"

(S.P. 406) (L.D. 1212)

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

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

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Bill "An Act To Exempt Temporary Categorical Signs from the Identification Label Requirement for 6 Weeks Prior to the June and November Elections"

(S.P. 390) (L.D. 1169)

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

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

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Bill "An Act To Clarify the Use of Public Money for Bulk Mailing in the Election Process"

(S.P. 395) (L.D. 1174)

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Legislative Political Action Committees"

(S.P. 405) (L.D. 1211)

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.

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

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On motion of Representative ALLEY of Beals, the House adjourned at 11:03 a.m., until 10:00 a.m., Thursday, March 30, 2017, in honor and lasting tribute to John V. Sawyer, of Jonesport.