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ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION
8th Legislative Day
Tuesday, January 30, 2018

Representative KUMIEGA of Deer Isle assumed the Chair.
The House met according to adjournment and was called to order by the Speaker Pro Tem.
Prayer by Reverend David Collins, Coastal Community Church of Scarborough.
National Anthem by Gray-New Gloucester High School Band.
Pledge of Allegiance.
Doctor of the day, Patrick Connolly, M.D., Falmouth.
The Journal of Thursday, January 25, 2018 was read and approved.

SENATE PAPERS

The following Joint Resolution: (S.P. 674)
**JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING JANUARY 26TH AS
EITC AWARENESS DAY**

WHEREAS, in order to promote the federal and Maine state earned income tax credit, which enhances family household budgets, we recognize January 26, 2018 as EITC Awareness Day; and

WHEREAS, 4 of 5 people eligible for the credit claim it, which demonstrates the importance of raising awareness of this credit and urging individuals to find out if they qualify for it; and

WHEREAS, throughout the State, IRS-certified volunteer tax preparers who are members of CA\$H Maine and AARP Tax-Aide, a collaboration of 10 statewide coalitions including 50 nonprofit and for-profit partners, provide free federal and state tax preparation; and

WHEREAS, since 2003, CA\$H Maine has also educated hard-working families and individuals about programs in the community that can increase their income, reduce debt and build savings; and

WHEREAS, in 2017, these volunteers helped Maine residents save more than \$3,300,000 in tax filing fees and claim over \$4,700,000 in earned income tax credits, returning over \$20,500,000 to Maine residents in federal income tax refunds; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Twenty-eighth Legislature now assembled in the Second Regular Session, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to recognize January 26, 2018 as EITC Awareness Day; and be it further

RESOLVED: That we send our appreciation to all the volunteers who participate in EITC Awareness Day for the benefit of Maine citizens and we urge participation in this worthy cause.

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

Resolve, Authorizing the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services To Sell, Lease or Convey the Interests of the State in Certain Real Property Located in Augusta, Bangor, Bucksport, Limestone, Brookton Township, Penobscot County Unorganized Territory and Rockwood Strip Township
(S.P. 673) (L.D. 1804)

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 Amend the Maine Tax Laws"
(S.P. 676) (L.D. 1805)

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

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

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: (H.C. 399)

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

January 30, 2018
Honorable Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333
Dear Clerk Hunt:
Pursuant to my authority under House Rule 201.1 (H), I appoint Representative Walter A. Kumiega III of Deer Isle to serve as Speaker Pro Tem to convene the House on January 30, 2018.
Sincerely,
S/Sara Gideon
Speaker of the House
READ and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 400)

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

January 24, 2018
Honorable Sara Gideon
Speaker of the House
Honorable Michael D. Thibodeau
President of the Senate
128th Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333
Dear Speaker Gideon and President Thibodeau:
Pursuant to State Government Evaluation Act (GEA), Title 3 of the Maine Revised Statutes, chapter 35, we are pleased to submit the findings of the Joint Standing Committee on Environment and Natural Resources resulting from the review and evaluation of the Board of Environmental Protection under the GEA.

As a result of our review, although the Committee found that the Board of Environmental Protection is operating within its statutory authority, the Committee has voted to report out legislation pursuant to 3 MRSA §955(4) in order to consider implementation of the following statutory changes relating to the authority and administration of the Board:

1. Amend 38 MRSA §341-D(4)(D) to clarify that participation of the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) in appeals to the Board of license decisions relating to expedited wind energy development, offshore wind energy demonstration

projects or tidal demonstration projects is optional and at the PUC Chair's discretion; and

2. Amend 38 MRSA §341-C to clarify that a member of the Board shall continue to serve until that member has been reappointed or a successor has been appointed.

It is our Committee's intent that this legislation be referred back to Committee for a public hearing, work session(s) and a Committee vote before it is considered by the full Legislature.

Sincerely,
S/Thomas Saviello
Senate Chair
S/Ralph L. Tucker
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 401)

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

January 24, 2018
Honorable Sara Gideon
Speaker of the House
Honorable Michael D. Thibodeau
President of the Senate
128th Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

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As a result of our review, although the Committee found that the Department of Environmental Protection is operating within its statutory authority, the Committee has voted to report out legislation pursuant to 3 MRSA §955(4) in order to consider implementation of the following statutory changes relating to the administration and efficiency of the Department:

1. Amend 38 MRSA §349(2-A) to remove a limitation that prohibits a repeat violator of the same environmental law to take advantage of a supplemental environmental project (SEP) and remove language limiting a violator to offsetting no more than 80% of a monetary penalty by conducting a SEP (i.e., allow offset of up to 100% of a penalty);

2. Amend 38 MRSA §589(3) to clarify two exemptions from the requirement that air contamination sources maintain continuous emission monitoring systems to mitigate a conflict between the current statutory provisions on continuous emission monitoring and existing applicable federal regulations; and

3. Amend 38 MRSA §2124-A to provide that the solid waste generation and disposal capacity report the Department must submit annually to the ENR Committee must be submitted only biennially.

It is our Committee's intent that this legislation be referred back to Committee for a public hearing, work session(s) and a Committee vote before it is considered by the full Legislature.

Sincerely,
S/Thomas Saviello
Senate Chair

S/Ralph L. Tucker
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 398)

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE STATE AUDITOR
66 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0066**

January 23, 2018
Honorable Paul R. LePage
Governor of Maine
Honorable Michael D. Thibodeau
President of the Senate
Honorable Sara Gideon
Speaker of the House

I am pleased to submit the State Auditor's Fraud Hotline Semiannual Report for the period July 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017.

A summary of the complaints is attached.

Sincerely,
S/Polia A. Buckley, CPA, CISA
State Auditor

READ and with accompanying papers ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 402)

**MAINE MARITIME ACADEMY
CASTINE, MAINE 04420**

January 23, 2018
Honorable Sara Gideon
Speaker of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333
Honorable Michael D. Thibodeau
President of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Speaker Gideon and President Thibodeau:
Pursuant to 5 M.R.S.A., Section 12023, please consider this the letter of transmittal for the required report from Maine Maritime Academy due by February 1, 2018.

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

Thank you.

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

READ and with accompanying papers ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 403)
**MAINE HEALTH AND HIGHER EDUCATIONAL
FACILITIES AUTHORITY
127 COMMUNITY DRIVE
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04338-2268**

January 26, 2018
Honorable Sara Gideon
Speaker of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333
Honorable Michael D. Thibodeau
President of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Speaker Gideon and President Thibodeau:
Pursuant to 5 M.R.S.A., Section 12023, please consider this the letter of transmittal for the required report from the Maine Health and Higher Educational Facilities Authority due by February 1, 2018.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or if you need additional information. I can be reached at 622-1958 or by email at mrq@mhhefa.com.

Sincerely Yours,
S/Michael R. Goodwin
Executive Director

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

The Following Communication: (H.C. 404)
**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
SPEAKER'S OFFICE
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0002**

January 30, 2018
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 January 25, 2018

Bruce E. Wagner of Cumberland Foreside for reappointment as the Chief Executive Officer, Finance Authority of Maine. Pursuant to Title 10, MRSA §972, this reappointment is contingent on the Maine Senate confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development.

Sincerely,
S/Sara Gideon
Speaker of the House

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

The Following Communication: (H.C. 405)
**MAINE VENTURE FUND
P. O. BOX 63
NEWPORT, MAINE 04953**

January 22, 2018
Honorable Sara Gideon
Speaker of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

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

Dear Speaker Gideon and President Thibodeau:
Pursuant to 5 M.R.S.A., §12023, please consider this the letter of transmittal for the attached "Report to Legislature for 2017" on behalf of the quasi-independent state entity, Small Enterprise Growth Board, due February 1, 2018.

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

Sincerely,
S/Terri Wark
Office Operations Manager
Small Enterprise Growth Board
d/b/a Maine Venture Fund

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

The Following Communication: (H.C. 406)
**MAINE MUNICIPAL BOND BANK
127 COMMUNITY DRIVE
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04338-2268**

January 26, 2018
Honorable Sara Gideon
Speaker of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

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

Dear Speaker Gideon and President Thibodeau:
Pursuant to 5 M.R.S.A., Section 12023, please consider this the letter of transmittal for the required report from the Maine Municipal Bond Bank due by February 1, 2018.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or if you need additional information. I can be reached at 622-9386 or by email at mrq@mmbb.com.

Sincerely Yours,
S/Michael R. Goodwin
Executive Director

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

The Following Communication: (H.C. 407)
**MAINE GOVERNMENTAL FACILITIES AUTHORITY
127 COMMUNITY DRIVE
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04338-2268**

January 26, 2018
Honorable Sara Gideon
Speaker of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

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

Dear Speaker Gideon and President Thibodeau:
Pursuant to 5 M.R.S.A., Section 12023, please consider this the letter of transmittal for the required report from the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority due by February 1, 2018.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or if you need additional information. I can be reached at 622-9386 or by email at mrq@mgfa.com.

Sincerely Yours,
S/Michael R. Goodwin
Executive Director

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

The Following Communication: (H.C. 408)
MAINE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM
96 SEWALL STREET
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04332-0349

January 26, 2018
Honorable Sara Gideon
Speaker of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333
Dear Speaker Gideon:

The Maine Public Employees Retirement System (MainePERS) is submitting the enclosed report pursuant to 5 M.R.S.A. §12023 to provide information on procurement, contributions, and changes to relevant policies and procedures by MainePERS during Fiscal Year 2017.

We would be pleased to respond to any questions you might have about the report.

Sincerely,
S/Sandra J. Matheson
Executive Director

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

The Following Communication: (H.C. 409)
STATE OF MAINE
CLERK'S OFFICE
2 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0002

January 30, 2018
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:"

Energy, Utilities and Technology

L.D. 1701 An Act To Improve the Energy Efficiency of Group Homes in the Northern Part of the State

Transportation

L.D. 1595 An Act Regarding Inspection Requirements for Public Safety and Municipal Vehicles Owned by Island Communities

Sincerely,
S/Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of House

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

The Following Communication: (H.C. 410)
MAINE TURNPIKE AUTHORITY
2360 CONGRESS STREET
PORTLAND, MAINE 04102

January 26, 2018
Honorable Sara Gideon
Speaker of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Re: An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Office of Program Evaluation and Government Accountability and the Government Oversight Committee Regarding Quasi-Independent State Entities

Dear Speaker Gideon:

Enclosed are the reports required under 5 M.R.S.A. §12023, due February 1, 2018. The reports include: a list of all procurements in 2017 exceeding \$10,000 for which competitive procurement was waived; a list of contributions made in 2017 that exceed \$1,000. Section 12023(2c) requires a description of changes to the written policies and procedures required by Section 12022. There were no changes to the policies and procedures required by this section in 2017, therefore, there is nothing to report.

In 2017, the Maine Turnpike Authority made \$85 million in payments to approximately 679 vendors. The vast majority of these payments, approximately \$74 million, were for competitively bid products or services or were legally or legislatively required. The Authority sole-sourced approximately \$9.6 million in 2017. Most of these products or services were either proprietary in nature or were procured under long-term contracts. As these long-term contracts expire, the Authority will seek competitive bids.

Respectfully,
S/Peter Mills

Executive Director

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

The Following Communication: (H.C. 411)
MAINEHOUSING
MAINE STATE HOUSING AUTHORITY
353 WATER STREET
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04330-4633

January 29, 2018
Honorable Sara Gideon
Speaker of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333
Honorable Michael D. Thibodeau
President of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Speaker Gideon and President Thibodeau: Pursuant to 5 M.R.S.A., Section 12023, please consider this the letter of transmittal for the required report from the Maine State Housing Authority due by February 1, 2018.

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

Thank you.

Sincerely,
S/Peter Merrill
Interim Director

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

The Following Communication: (S.C. 791)

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

January 25, 2018

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 nominations:

Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources,

- Mark P. Dubois of Falmouth for appointment to the Board of Environmental Protection;

- Susan M. Lessard of Belfast for appointment to the Board of Environmental Protection;

Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Marine Resources,

- Matthew E. Moretti of Cape Elizabeth for appointment to the Marine Resources Advisory Council;

- Peter C. Mourmouras of Biddeford for appointment to the Marine Resources Advisory Council.

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 Amend the Laws Governing Expedited Permitting for Wind Energy Development" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 1255) (L.D. 1810)

Sponsored by Representative STETKIS of Canaan. (GOVERNOR'S BILL)

Cosponsored by Senator DAVIS of Piscataquis and Representatives: GRIGNON of Athens, HANLEY of Pittston, HARLOW of Portland, STEARNS of Guilford, WADSWORTH of Hiram, WINSOR of Norway.

Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** suggested.

Representative GOLDEN of Lewiston moved that the Bill be **TABLED** until later in today's session pending **REFERENCE**.

Representative ESPLING of New Gloucester **REQUESTED** a roll call on the motion to **TABLE** pending **REFERENCE**.

More than one-fifth of the members present expressed a desire for a roll call which was ordered.

The **SPEAKER PRO TEM**: A roll call has been ordered. The pending question before the House is to Table pending Reference. All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 478

YEA - Ackley, Alley, Austin B, Babbidge, Bailey, Bates, Beebe-Center, Berry, Blume, Brooks, Bryant, Cardone, Collings, Cooper, Daughtry, DeChant, Denno, Devin, Doore, Duchesne, Dunphy, Farnsworth, Fay, Fecteau, Frey, Fuller, Gattine, Golden, Grant, Grohman, Hamann, Handy, Hickman, Hogan, Hubbell, Hymanson, Jorgensen, Kornfield, Kumioga, Lawrence, Longstaff, Luchini, Madigan C, Madigan J, Martin J,

Martin R, Mastraccio, McCrea, McCreight, Melaragno, Monaghan, Moonen, Nadeau, O'Neil, Parker, Perry, Pierce T, Reckitt, Rykerson, Sanborn, Schneck, Sheats, Stanley, Sylvester, Talbot Ross, Tepler, Terry, Tipping, Tucker, Warren, Zeigler, Madam Speaker.

NAY - Austin S, Battle, Bickford, Black, Bradstreet, Campbell, Casas, Cebra, Chace, Chapman, Corey, Craig, Dillingham, Espling, Farrin, Foley, Fredette, Gerrish, Gillway, Ginzler, Grignon, Guerin, Hanington, Hanley, Harlow, Harrington, Harvell, Head, Herrick, Higgins, Hilliard, Johansen, Kinney J, Kinney M, Lyford, Marean, Mason, McElwee, O'Connor, Parry, Perkins, Picchiotti, Pickett, Pouliot, Prescott, Reed, Sampson, Sanderson, Seavey, Sherman, Simmons, Sirocki, Skolfield, Stearns, Stetkis, Stewart, Strom, Sutton, Theriault, Timberlake, Tuell, Turner, Vachon, Wadsworth, Wallace, Ward, White, Winsor, Wood.

ABSENT - Haggan, Hawke, Herbig, Lockman, Malaby, McLean, Ordway, Pierce J, Riley, Spear.

Yes, 72; No, 69; Absent, 10; Excused, 0.

72 having voted in the affirmative and 69 voted in the negative, with 10 being absent, and accordingly the Bill was **TABLED** pending **REFERENCE** and later today assigned.

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

SPECIAL SENTIMENT CALENDAR

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

Recognizing:

Technical Sergeant Douglas G. Connolly, of Hermon, Non-Commissioned Officer in Charge of the Combat Arms Training and Maintenance section for the 101st Air Refueling Wing, 101st Security Forces Squadron in Bangor, who has been named Outstanding Airman of the Year. We extend to Technical Sergeant Connolly our congratulations and best wishes;

(HLS 864)

Presented by Representative FARRIN of Norridgewock.

Cosponsored by Senator GRATWICK of Penobscot, Representative REED of Carmel.

On **OBJECTION** of Representative FARRIN of Norridgewock, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

READ.

The **SPEAKER PRO TEM**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Norridgewock, Representative Farrin.

Representative **FARRIN**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, every year the Maine Army and Air National Guard has a Soldier and Airman of the Year competition, where their supervisors and officers and commanders recommend, from each category, soldiers and airmen to be recognized. Tech Sergeant Doug Connolly was recognized as the Outstanding Airman of the Year for the Maine Air National Guard. Tech Sergeant Connolly has been deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation New Dawn, as well as several high-profile Raven missions, which involve detainee movements and transports. Tech Sergeant Connolly is the best of the best that the Maine Air National Guard has to offer, and sometimes I like to remind folks in here that, as the House of Representatives and the Legislature of the State of Maine, the care and feeding of the Maine Army and Air National Guard

is our responsibility; and I'm very privileged to have him here today along with some folks that have supported him, and congratulations Tech Sergeant Connolly.

The SPEAKER PRO TEM: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Carmel, Representative Reed.

Representative **REED**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker Pro Tem. Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, I rise to voice my congratulations to Tech Sergeant Douglas Connolly on this wonderful achievement of being chosen the Outstanding Airman of the Year. To be recognized as outstanding among this special group of people is certainly worthy of our praise and recognition on the floor of the House today. I not only want to recognize Tech Sergeant Connolly, but on behalf of all of my colleagues in the House, I want to thank him, and all the members of the 101st Air Refueling Wing, 101st Security Forces Squadron for their service. Thank you for joining us today. It has been our pleasure to have you in the House. Thank you, Mr. Speaker Pro Tem. Thank you, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House.

The SPEAKER PRO TEM: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Newport, Representative Fredette.

Representative **FREDETTE**: Thank you. Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, again, I want to rise to also recognize Tech Sergeant Connolly. I have the great opportunity once a month to put a uniform on and to drive to the 101st Air Refueling Wing in Bangor, and serve alongside of about 1200 members of the Maine Air National Guard: people that get up on the weekend once a month to go do their service, and people also that are deploying overseas, to fight ongoing wars that America continues to fight. So, while we honor Tech Sergeant Connolly today, I think we should recognize all our members of the Maine Air and the Maine Army National Guard, and the sacrifices that they make, not only for their family, but for themselves, but in service to this state and their country.

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

The Speaker resumed the Chair.
The House was called to order by the Speaker.

The SPEAKER: The Chair would like to thank the Representative from Deer Isle, Representative Kumiega, for acting as Speaker Pro Tem today. If you will all join me in thanking him.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

Ought to Pass Pursuant to Joint Order

Representative HYMANSON for the **Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services** on Bill "An Act Regarding Rules Governing the Medical Use of Marijuana Program"

(H.P. 1256) (L.D. 1811)

Reporting **Ought to Pass** pursuant to Joint Order 2017, H.P. 1241.

The Report was **READ**.

On motion of Representative GOLDEN of Lewiston, **TABLED** pending **ACCEPTANCE** of the Committee Report and later today assigned.

**Refer to the Committee on
Environment and Natural Resources
Pursuant to Statute**

Representative TUCKER for the **Joint Standing Committee on Environment and Natural Resources** on Bill "An Act To Implement Recommendations Resulting from a State Government Evaluation Act Review of the Board of Environmental Protection by the Joint Standing Committee on Environment and Natural Resources"

(H.P. 1253) (L.D. 1807)

Reporting that it be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 3, section 955, subsection 4.

Report was **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **REFERRED** to the Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES**.

Sent for concurrence.

**Refer to the Committee on
Environment and Natural Resources
Pursuant to Statute**

Representative TUCKER for the **Joint Standing Committee on Environment and Natural Resources** on Bill "An Act To Implement Recommendations Resulting from a State Government Evaluation Act Review of the Department of Environmental Protection by the Joint Standing Committee on Environment and Natural Resources"

(H.P. 1254) (L.D. 1808)

Reporting that it be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 3, section 955, subsection 4.

Report was **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **REFERRED** to the Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES**.

Sent for concurrence.

Change of Committee

Representative KORNFIELD from the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act To Clarify Educational Placement and Notification in Regard to Parental Rights and Responsibilities"

(H.P. 1175) (L.D. 1695)

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

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

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. 613) (L.D. 1663) Bill "An Act To Improve the Regulation of Debt Collectors" Committee on **INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** reporting **Ought to Pass**

(S.P. 626) (L.D. 1727) Resolve, To Designate a Bridge in Surry the Old Surry Schoolhouse Bridge Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** reporting **Ought to Pass**

(H.P. 895) (L.D. 1298) Bill "An Act To Update Maine's Water Quality Standards" Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-574)**

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 as Amended** and sent for concurrence.

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

Refer to the Committee on Judiciary

Pursuant to Public Law

Representative MOONEN for the **Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary** on Resolve, Directing an Independent, Nonpartisan, Objective Evaluation of the Provision of Indigent Legal Services (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 1257) (L.D. 1812)

Reporting that it be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** pursuant to Public Law 2017, chapter 284, Pt. UUUU, section 17.

Report was **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY**.

Sent for concurrence.

SENATE PAPERS

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Issuance of Burn Permits"

(S.P. 678) (L.D. 1809)

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

REFERRED to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** in concurrence.

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

On motion of Representative FAY of Raymond, the House adjourned at 11:27 a.m., until 10:00 a.m., Thursday, February 1, 2018, in honor and lasting tribute to Elwin R. Thorpe, of Casco.