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Thursday, September 13, 2018

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

Prayer by Honorable Craig V. Hickman, Winthrop.

National Anthem by Honorable Craig V. Hickman, Winthrop.

Pledge of Allegiance.

The Journal of Thursday, August 30, 2018 was read and approved.

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

Representative **FREDETTE**: Thank you, Madam Speaker, and good morning. I question whether or not there's a quorum present. I request a quorum call.

Representative **FREDETTE** of Newport inquired if a Quorum was present.

The Chair ordered a quorum call.

More than half of the members responding, the Chair declared a Quorum present.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: (H.C. 597)

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
1 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0001**

September 11, 2018

The 128th Legislature of the State of Maine
State House
Augusta, Maine

Dear Honorable Members of the 128th Legislature:

Under the authority vested in me by Article IV, Part Third, Section 2 of the Constitution of the State of Maine, I am hereby vetoing LD 1925, "An Act To Provide Funding for the Conduct of Elections."

As I prepare this veto message, I realize it is likely my last as Governor of this great state. Over the past eight years, I have exercised this constitutional prerogative more than any of my predecessors. I did this not for my own amusement nor to claim bragging rights. Rather, I vetoed your bills because it was my responsibility—my sacred responsibility to the people of Maine—to defend their liberties, to keep our fiscal house in order and to hold the Legislature accountable for both the content of law and the conduct leading to its enactment. Sometimes blocking bad bills is just as important as passing good ones.

This bill, passed at what is hopefully the end of the longest and most dysfunctional legislative session in recent history, is the embodiment of bad governance. It represents shifty financing and insouciant oversight at its worst. Just a few months ago, the Secretary of State assured us that ample funding existed to conduct Maine's 2018 elections, despite the cost of implementing ranked-choice voting. Now, he tells us that an additional \$334,330 is needed for the election in November. The facts do not add up and the process used to pass this bill stinks.

The 2016 fiscal note attached to Question 5 on the ballot estimated well over one million additional dollars would be

needed in 2018 to implement the ranked-choice boondoggle. In October 2017, the Secretary of State's Office clamored that over \$1.5 million more would be necessary just to get through the June 2018 primary. As legislators considered whether the voting system could be shelved by declining to appropriate funds, the cost projections quickly dropped. In March 2018, the figure had suddenly fallen to approximately \$700,000. Then, in an April 9 letter to the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs, Secretary Dunlap announced he had miraculously cut estimated costs to almost nothing and promised he could cover them with existing funds. As a result, the Secretary averted the need to continue interaction with the hostile Legislature about implementation of the controversial voting system. Had this not taken place, an additional funding request made at that time most certainly would have been rejected and jeopardized the future of ranked-choice voting. With the primary behind us and passions over the issue subsiding, on August 30 Secretary Dunlap then advised the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs that an additional \$334,330 would be necessary to conduct November's election because of the cost of ranked-choice voting.

Committee members were told that if the money were not appropriated now, taxpayers would be saddled with even heavier financial burdens. Committee members were shocked enough to wring their hands, but they failed to hold anyone accountable. Instead, finding themselves in a bind, they capitulated.

The "public hearing" on this bill that was announced that day—mere minutes before it was to be held and without a printed bill to review—offered no meaningful opportunity for the taxpayers to provide input or to inquire why so much more money was suddenly needed. At 11 p.m. that night, before the news could even report what had transpired, the bill was approved in the House without debate and with virtually no discussion. Nearly one-third of the Representatives were not even present, and most of those in attendance had never seen the bill before. No debate or discussion on the bill took place in the Senate, which passed it less than two minutes after it was introduced without any roll call vote.

This shakedown of Maine taxpayers for more money, after they were told in April that they had paid enough, is politics at its worst. Fighting this kind of devious and unethical dealing is a large part of the reason I became Governor. The way this bill was jammed through without notice and in the dark of night is repugnant to the ideals of transparency and thoughtful decision-making. All Mainers should feel discomfort with this process and the bait-and-switch tactics used to hoodwink legislators into spending even more of the taxpayers hard-earned dollars on the eve of our fall elections.

Therefore, I return LD 1925 unsigned and vetoed to give you a second chance on this matter. I strongly urge you to take it and sustain the veto.

Sincerely,
S/Paul R. LePage
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The accompanying item An Act To Provide Funding for the Conduct of Elections

(H.P. 1368) (L.D. 1925)
(H. "A" H-812)

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Ellsworth, Representative Luchini.

Representative LUCHINI: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, Men and Women of the House, I urge you vote to override the pending veto today. As you know, this is an appropriation request from the Secretary of State's office regarding the funding of this November's election because the cost came in higher than anticipated.

As many people know, we are under a contract with the vendor for our election systems. That bill is coming due soon, so I think, regardless of how we've gotten into this position or how we feel about the election system being used, the bill before us really is about the State paying its bills, it's about paying its bills on time. Should this fail today, the election will still go on as planned. We'll still have to pay the bill at a later point in time, however, we'll also be assessed an interest penalty, for late payment, of 3%. So, I'd urge you to override this veto. It will, in the long term, save taxpayers money.

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

Representative FREDETTE: Thank you, Madam Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. So, as we sit here on our last day of session, unfortunately we are into the month of September, and so, as we know, the emergency preamble was taken off this bill. And, so, as a result of that, this bill would not become law until 90 days after session concludes. Now, by my math, that means we're going to be into 2019, a new Legislature and a new Chief Executive, and I would much prefer to see this matter be dealt with; I suspect we'll be seeing a supplemental budget coming forward at that time, and so it would actually be happening, give or take a couple of weeks, my guess would be is at about the same time. I understand that the funds are available from the Secretary of State moving some money around to get us through the election, and we should be dealing with this at the beginning of next year, given the fact that the emergency preamble on this bill was removed. So, I will be supporting, as I have many times, the Chief Executive's veto on this bill, and I ask that you follow my light. Thank you.

After reconsideration, the House proceeded to vote on the question, 'Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?' A roll call was taken.

The SPEAKER: The pending question before the House is 'Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?' All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 748V

YEA - Ackley, Alley, Austin B, Babbidge, Bailey, Beebe-Center, Berry, Bickford, Black, Blume, Brooks, Bryant, Cardone, Casas, Collings, Cooper, Corey, DeChant, Denno, Devin, Doore, Duchesne, Fay, Fecteau, Frey, Fuller, Gattine, Golden, Grant, Grohman, Hamann, Handy, Harlow, Herbig, Hickman, Hubbell, Jorgensen, Kumiega, Longstaff, Luchini, Madigan C, Madigan J, Martin J, Martin R, Mason, Mastraccio, McCreight, Monaghan, Moonen, Nadeau, O'Neil, Perry, Pierce T, Pouliot, Reckitt, Riley, Rykerson, Sanborn, Schneck, Sheats, Spear, Stanley, Sylvester, Talbot Ross, Tepler, Terry, Timberlake, Tipping, Tucker, Tuell, Warren, Zeigler, Madam Speaker.

NAY - Austin S, Bradstreet, Campbell, Cebra, Chace, Craig, Espling, Farrin, Foley, Fredette, Gillway, Ginzler, Guerin, Hanington, Hanley, Harrington, Hawke, Head, Hilliard, Johansen, Kinney J, Kinney M, Lockman, Lyford, Ordway, Parry, Perkins, Picchiotti, Pickett, Pierce J, Prescott, Reed, Sampson, Sanderson, Seavey, Simmons, Sirocki, Skolfield,

Stearns, Stetkis, Stewart, Strom, Sutton, Theriault, Turner, Vachon.

ABSENT - Battle, Chapman, Daughtry, Dillingham, Dunphy, Farnsworth, Gerrish, Grignon, Haggan, Harvell, Herrick, Higgins, Hogan, Hymanson, Kornfield, Lawrence, Malaby, Marean, McElwee, McLean, Melaragno, O'Connor, Parker, Sherman, Wadsworth, Wallace, Ward, White, Winsor, Wood.

Yes, 74; No, 46; Absent, 30; Vacant, 1; Excused, 0.

74 having voted in the affirmative and 46 voted in the negative, 1 vacancy with 30 being absent, and accordingly the Veto was **SUSTAINED**.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 594)

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

August 31, 2018

Honorable Robert B. Hunt

Clerk of the House

2 State House Station

Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Clerk Hunt:

Pursuant to my authority under Public Law 2017, Chapter 460, Part L, I am pleased to appoint the following members of the public to serve on The Task Force To Study and Plan for the Implementation of Maine's Early Childhood Special Education Services, effective immediately:

- Representative Richard R. Farnsworth of Portland, as a member of the House of Representatives;
- Melissa Camire of Saco, Senior Director of Education Programs at the Morrison Center, as a representative of the Maine Association of Community Service Providers;
- Gayle Keeshen of Falmouth, a staff member of the Child Development Services System;
- Susan Hufnagel of Owls Head, a staff member of the Child Development Services System;
- Leslee Pierce of Portland, Director of St. Elizabeth's Child Development Center, as a representative of a child care program;
- Jane Stork of Etna, Principal of Etna-Dixmont School, as a representative of the Maine Principal's Association;
- Katy Grondin of Auburn, Superintendent of the Auburn School Department, as a representative of the Maine School Superintendents' Association;
- Nancy Cronin of Augusta, Executive Director of the Maine Developmental Disabilities Council (MDDC), as a representative of the Maine Developmental Disabilities Council;
- Kim Feeney of Brownfield, who is employed as a speech language pathologist by both the Winthrop School Department and Child Development Services, as a representative of a statewide association of speech, language and hearing therapists.

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 SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Bethel, Representative Head.

Representative HEAD: Madam Speaker, I would like to speak on the record.

The SPEAKER: The Representative from Bethel, Representative Head, has asked permission to speak on the record. Hearing no objection, the Representative may proceed.

Representative HEAD: Thank you. I have a real concern about the appointments: not the appointments themselves, but the area that they serve seems to be located in southern Maine, and rural Maine is not represented, in my opinion, as well as it could be, and that is a concern because the education of all children in Maine should be involved in this, and we need more representation from rural Maine. Thank you very much.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 595)

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

September 5, 2018

Honorable Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Clerk Hunt:

Pursuant to Joint Order S.P. 760 passed on August 30, 2018, the House and Senate will convene on Thursday, September 13, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.

Sincerely,

S/Sara Gideon

Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 596)

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

September 13, 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 under Title 3 MRSA, §154, Governor Paul R. LePage has withdrawn the following nominations:

September 5, 2018

Ronald J. McKinnon of Chebeague Island and Honorable Douglas A. Thomas of Ripley for appointment as members of the Northern New England Passenger Rail Authority. These nominations are currently pending before the Senate.

September 6, 2018

John C. Norman of Portland for reappointment as a member of the Maine Human Rights Commission.

This nomination is currently pending before the Senate.

Jonathan T. Nass, Esq. of Kennebunk for appointment as a member of the Maine Turnpike Authority.

This nomination is currently pending before the Senate.

Jack L. Waterman, M.D. of Waldoboro and John M. Jemison, Ph.D. of Orono for reappointment as members of the Board of Pesticides Control.

These nominations are currently pending before the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry.

George A. Spear of Buxton, Donna M. Chapman of Windham and Richard R. Shiers of Gorham for reappointment as members of the State Harness Racing Commission.

These nominations are currently pending before the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry.

Michael A. Wiers, Esq. of St. Albans for reappointment as a member of the Maine Milk Commission.

This nomination is currently pending before the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry.

Joshua A. Chalmers of Scarborough, James E. Havu of Augusta, Joel E. Pike of Jay and Marian A. Reagan of Kennebunkport for appointment; David R. Ferguson, Esq. of Kennebunk for reappointment as members of the Board of Trustees, Maine School of Science and Mathematics.

These nominations are currently pending before the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs.

Morten Arntzen of Norwalk, CT and Arthur K. Watson, Jr. of New Canaan, CT for reappointment as members of the Board of Trustees, Maine Maritime Academy.

These nominations are currently pending before the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs.

Peter J. DeIGreco of North Yarmouth and Raymond C. Stevens, Ph.D. of Los Angeles, CA for appointment as members of the Board of Trustees, University of Maine System.

These nominations are currently pending before the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs.

Honorable Nichi S. Farnham of Bangor and Craig G. Larrabee of Belgrade for appointment as members of the Board of Trustees, University of Maine System.

These nominations are currently pending before the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs.

Honorable David E. Bowles of Sanford and Betsy B. Gleysteen of Scarborough for appointment as members of the State Board of Education.

These nominations are currently pending before the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs.

Kelly M. LaRue, Ph.D. of Ellsworth for appointment as a member of the Board of Trustees, Maine School of Science and Mathematics.

This nomination is currently pending before the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs.

Samantha J. Hebert of Windham, Robin L. Foster of Orrington and Roxanne Baker of Cape Elizabeth for reappointment as members of the School Board of the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf.

These nominations are currently pending before the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs.

Jason A. Oney of Falmouth for reappointment as a member of the Board of Trustees, Maine Maritime Academy.

This nomination is currently pending before the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs.

Steven N. Whipple of Yarmouth for appointment as a member of the Board of Environmental Protection.

This nomination is currently pending before the Joint Standing Committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

Daniel M. Sullivan of Cooper and Rebecca J. McKenna of Machias for appointment as members of the Washington County Development Authority.

These nominations are currently pending before the Joint Standing Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development.

Honorable Jean Ginn Marvin of Scarborough for reappointment and Casey J. Cramton of Scarborough and Ernest E. Kilbride of Carmel for appointment as members of the Maine Community College System Board of Trustees.

These nominations are currently pending before the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs.

Eric B. Lusk of Harpswell, Holly D. Ferguson, CPA of Yarmouth, Blue Keim of Dixfield, and Clifford Andrew McGadney, Ph.D. of Waterville for appointment and Richard M. Roderick of Cape Elizabeth for reappointment as members of the Finance Authority of Maine.

These nominations are currently pending before the Joint Standing Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development.

John G. Gallagher of Brunswick for reappointment as a member of the Maine State Housing Authority.

This nomination is currently pending before the Joint Standing Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development.

John H. Kilbourne of Brunswick for reappointment as a member of the Midcoast Regional Redevelopment Authority.

This nomination is currently pending before the Joint Standing Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development.

Christine E. Riendeau of Durham and Robert W. Bower, Jr. Esq. of Cumberland for reappointment and Robert C. Brooks, Esq. of Portland for appointment as members of the Maine Labor Relations Board.

These nominations are currently pending before the Joint Standing Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development.

Bruce S. Harrington of Fairfield and Peter J. DelGreco of North Yarmouth for reappointment as members of the Maine Rural Development Authority.

These nominations are currently pending before the Joint Standing Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development.

William J. Cody of Calais for appointment as a member of the Gambling Control Board.

This nomination is currently pending before the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs.

Robert T. Weston of Hermon for appointment as a member of the Maine Board of Tax Appeals.

This nomination is currently pending before the Joint Standing Committee on Taxation.

Gerald T. Reid of Northport for appointment and Robert A. Harmon of Raymond for reappointment as members of the Gambling Control Board.

These nominations are currently pending before the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs.

September 10, 2018

Honorable John H. O'Neil, Jr. of Kennebunk for reappointment as a Justice, Maine Superior Court.

This nomination is currently pending before the Senate.

Sincerely,

S/Sara Gideon

Speaker of the House

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

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. 76)

ORDERED, that Representative Robert S. Duchesne of Hudson be excused June 25 and 26, and July 9 for personal reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Donald G. Marean of Hollis be excused June 19, 20, 21, 25 and 26 for personal reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Anne C. Perry of Calais be excused August 30 for health reasons.

READ and PASSED.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Gardiner, Representative Grant, who wishes to address the House on the record.

Representative **GRANT**: Thank you, Madam Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I am pleased to rise today to honor Debra Butterfield of Knox, who was named Walter J. Taranko School Librarian of the Year by the Maine Association of School Libraries for her exemplary work as teacher librarian at Gardiner Area High School and Gardiner Regional Middle School.

I am pleased that we are able to honor her here in person today. Her keen knowledge of history makes placing her in the permanent official record of the 128th Maine Legislature especially meaningful. I know for Deb it's an opportunity to celebrate reading and literacy. But, for me, it's important to take a moment to thank her for all she does every day with such energy, enthusiasm, and professionalism. In fact, many of you don't know, but it's actually why we're meeting today. Thank you, Madam Speaker, for that opportunity. Seriously, Debra's tireless service to literacy and learning for nearly 1300 students in my district as well as her work as an integral part of their faculty has been recognized by a prestigious body of her peers and now we honor her as an outstanding citizen of the State of Maine for her work on behalf of our students.

Our future as a state rests with our students, so there is, I would argue, no more important work to be done than to help our youth become citizens who realize their highest potential. I have personal experience visiting the school for programs Debra has coordinated with teachers to enrich students' experiences by bringing speakers and other programs to the school to complement and support their learning. The atmosphere in the library is nothing like what many of us experienced in school. Let me read what Evelyn Rie Kittridge, Chair of the English Department at Gardiner High School, wrote to me about Debra. "Debra Butterfield has a profound impact on our school culture. From her sunny welcome to the warmth she extends to every student and faculty member, the library has become the center of our school. When students arrive during study halls, Deb moves from table to table, chatting with students about the books they are reading and the research projects they are working on. She knows personally about these things because she talks with individual students in book conferences to help them decide on their free read choice. Because of her multi-departmental contacts, she

also knows about every research project and understands teachers' goals. Debra is the single most respected individual in our school."

Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, in this time of our history, when we are literally bombarded with so-called information every minute, it seems, it is all the more critical that people with the skills and dedication of Debra Butterfield are helping our students learn how to evaluate, critique, and understand the volume of competing ideas so that they can learn to think critically and be empowered as citizens. I thank her for all of her work, and I know the best is yet to come. Thank you, Madam Speaker and my esteemed colleagues of the 128th Maine Legislature.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Knox, Representative Kinney, who wishes to address the House on the record.

Representative **KINNEY**: Thank you, Madam Speaker, Men and Women of the House. I would be remiss if I didn't stand to recognize my friend and neighbor on this momentous occasion.

Our school librarians introduce us to the plethora of wonderful adventures reading can bring. Congratulations, Debra, on this amazing achievement. Thank you.

Under suspension of the rules, members were allowed to remove their jackets.

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

SENATE PAPERS

The following Joint Resolution: (S.P. 761)

JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING OCTOBER 7-13, 2018 AS CASE MANAGEMENT WEEK

WHEREAS, case management is a multidisciplinary profession that seeks to ensure the delivery of high-quality, appropriate, efficient and cost-effective health care services to patients throughout the State; and

WHEREAS, case managers function in a variety of contexts including hospitals and home health care, long-term care, rehabilitation, elder care, managed care and occupational health settings to facilitate the coordination of continuing care services; and

WHEREAS, case management is a medical management strategy that fosters the careful shepherding of health care dollars while maintaining a primary and consistent focus on patient advocacy; and

WHEREAS, case management services enhance patients' quality of life while promoting the achievement of positive health care outcomes; and

WHEREAS, case management is an integral component of health care delivery in the State and throughout the United States; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Twenty-eighth Legislature now assembled in the Second Special Session, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to recognize October 7-13, 2018 as Case Management Week and encourage all citizens of the State to recognize the contributions of case managers.

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

READ and **ADOPTED** in concurrence.

ORDERS

On motion of Representative RECKITT of South Portland, the following Joint Resolution: (H.P. 1369)

JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE STATE OF THE SCOTCH-IRISH MIGRANTS OF 1718 ON THE OCCASION OF THE 300TH ANNIVERSARY OF THEIR ARRIVAL

WHEREAS, October 2018 marks the 300th anniversary of the arrival in Casco Bay of 2 ships, the HMS McCallum and the HMS Robert, carrying a large group of immigrants from the north of Ireland; and

WHEREAS, the HMS Robert anchored in the Fore River off the coast of what is now South Portland and the HMS McCallum discharged settlers in the area of Merrymeeting Bay; and

WHEREAS, Maine has many descendants of these settlers and later immigrants from the north of Ireland, who brought with them a unique worldview, language and musical culture that enriched and influenced Maine's development; and

WHEREAS, the settlers brought with them fundamental beliefs in representative democracy and in freedom of religion, as they had been persecuted in Scotland and Ireland for their Presbyterian faith; and

WHEREAS, they planted some of the first field crops of potatoes to be grown in New England, an agricultural product that has played a key role in the State's economic development; and

WHEREAS, they brought with them a knowledge of textile production, having participated in the linen manufacturing trade in Ireland, and helped establish important textile manufacturing industries in Maine; and

WHEREAS, these settlers and their descendants participated fully in Maine's local militias and the descendants have participated in all military activities in which the United States has been involved since 1776; and

WHEREAS, these settlers and their descendants have produced many significant legislative and political figures who have played important roles in the history of the State and there have been at least 20 American Presidents with Scotch-Irish ancestry; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Twenty-eighth Legislature now assembled in the Second Special Session, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to recognize in October 2018 the contributions of the Scotch-Irish in Maine and the Tricentennial of the Arrival of the 1718 Migrants.

READ.

The SPEAKER: The Chair now recognizes the Representative from South Portland, Representative Reckitt.

Representative **RECKITT**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I think that most of you, all of you should know by the fact that I was around getting signatures from each and every one of you, that I happen to be Irish. But, what most of you don't know is that I'm actually Scotch-Irish. So, when it came to my attention that this tricentennial of the landing in Maine of the Scotch-Irish settlers from Northern Ireland had happened, actually, and is being commemorated next month, but the reenactment actually happened about three weeks ago, and I'm ashamed to say I didn't know about it until I got a call from a constituent saying, "Can you do this?" And then, I realized that maybe I could. And I also realized that the place where they stepped ashore was not just in my district, it was right next to the grocery store where I shop, so, I felt very at home. But, the

things that I wanted to point out to you, as a proud Scotch-Irish person, which also explains sort of my --

The SPEAKER: The Representative will defer. A reminder to the House that the House is in order. It's difficult to hear the Representative who is speaking right now. Thank you. The Representative may proceed.

Representative **RECKITT**: There are two things in the resolution that I want to raise up for you. One is, it appears that this group of settlers brought the first potatoes from Ireland to Maine. So, for my friends in Northern Maine, I give you Scotch-Irish potatoes and am glad to -- I knew there was a reason I ate them all the time. The second thing is that the linen industry, which I had occasion to see when I traveled to Northern Ireland, which was incredibly impressive, apparently also helped bring the textile industries to Maine. So, I think that just for those two things alone, the gifts that these settlers brought to Maine have been really incredibly crucial to our long-term economic and agricultural preservation.

So, I am very happy today to present this resolution on behalf of the Scotch-Irish settlers, of which I've found several since I agreed to do this, and I'm somewhat ashamed that although I'm on the board of the Maine Irish Heritage Center, they didn't know anything about this, either. So, we're now bringing all parts of the Irish population and immigration together under one roof, hopefully, and I thank you today for your support of the recognition of the Scotch-Irish settlers who came to South Portland in 1718. Thank you very much.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Weld, Representative Skolfield.

Representative **SKOLFIELD**: Thank you, Madam Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I, too, am proud of my Scotch-Irish ancestry. My great-great-great -- seventh ago came across at this time period in 1718 with the Orr family from Orr's Island, and my great-great-great-great granddad married John Orr's sister, and John Orr married my great grandfather's sister, and that's how our family got started. They started by harvesting birch on Birch Island in Casco Bay and sending it back to Boston, because Boston needed fuel. The only problem was that is that great-grandfather and great-uncle Orr did not own Birch Island, they just took the wood from it. But that's how they got started, and you got to look at their Yankee ingenuity. And, I also wanted to point out, in light of all of this, and they have; we have some great history here, but I am proud of my Scotch-Irish history, and you know that the Irish tend to be of liking a bit of the brandy, the Scotch-Irish, Scotch whisky, Irish whisky, and you know that the Scots tend to be frugal. Well, following in that vein, I enjoy a good drink but I'm too cheap to pay for it. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians, Representative Bear.

Representative **BEAR**: Thank you, Madam Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I would be remiss if I didn't once again rise to thank our friends of the Scotch and Irish peoples, tribes and nations. As a descendant of some of the original hosts of this region, the Aroostook, or *Wolastokuk* region, and also to thank them again for the transfer of technology that we have adopted in the making of our splint basket from the wicker weave and -- but, just, I join with you in celebrating this resolution. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Kittery, Representative Rykerson.

Representative **RYKERSON**: Thank you, Madam Speaker, Men and Women of the House. I would like to point out that

the origin and the native area for potatoes is the Andes in South America. Thank you.

Subsequently, the Joint Resolution was **ADOPTED**. Sent for concurrence.

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

First Day

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

(H.P. 1366) (L.D. 1924) Bill "An Act To Improve Information Sharing Relating to Investigations of Educators" Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-813)**

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

There being no objection, the House Paper was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED as Amended** and sent for concurrence.

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

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Knox, Representative Kinney, who wishes to address the House on the record.

Representative **KINNEY**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I just received a press release, and I'd just like to ask for just a moment of silence. A barn was being torn down in my hometown, right around the corner from my farm, and it collapsed, and one person is dead. I don't know who it is yet, but I would just like to ask for a moment of silence just to; for this occasion. Thank you.

At this point, the Members of the House stood and joined in a moment of silence in honor of those involved in the barn collapse in the Town of Knox.

SENATE PAPERS

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Specify the Qualifications of Electors (S.P. 762) (L.D. 1926)

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**.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: (S.C. 1183)

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

September 13, 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 nomination:

Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Judiciary, John W. Martin, Esq. of Skowhegan for appointment as a District Court Judge.

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

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

ENACTORS

Mandate

An Act To Improve Information Sharing Relating to Investigations of Educators

(H.P. 1366) (L.D. 1924)
(C. "A" H-813)

Was reported by the Committee on **Engrossed Bills** as truly and strictly engrossed.

Representative ESPLING of New Gloucester **REQUESTED** a roll call on **PASSAGE TO BE ENACTED**.

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

The SPEAKER: A roll call has been ordered. The pending question before the House is Passage to be Enacted. All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

In accordance with the provisions of Section 21 of Article IX of the Constitution, a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to the House being necessary, a total was taken.

ROLL CALL NO. 749

YEA - Ackley, Alley, Austin B, Austin S, Babbidge, Bailey, Beebe-Center, Berry, Bickford, Black, Blume, Bradstreet, Brooks, Bryant, Campbell, Cardone, Casas, Chace, Collings, Cooper, Corey, Craig, DeChant, Denno, Devin, Duchesne, Espling, Farrin, Fay, Fecteau, Foley, Fredette, Frey, Fuller, Gattine, Gillway, Ginzler, Golden, Grant, Grohman, Guerin, Handy, Hanington, Hanley, Harlow, Harrington, Hawke, Head, Herbig, Hickman, Hilliard, Hogan, Hubbell, Hymanson, Johansen, Jorgensen, Kinney J, Kinney M, Kumiega, Lockman, Longstaff, Lyford, Madigan C, Madigan J, Martin J, Martin R, Mason, Mastraccio, McCrea, McCreight, Monaghan, Moonen, Nadeau, O'Neil, Ordway, Parry, Perry, Picchiotti, Pickett, Pierce J, Pierce T, Pouliot, Prescott, Reckitt, Reed, Rykerson, Sampson, Sanderson, Schneck, Seavey, Sheats, Simmons, Sirocki, Skolfield, Spear, Stanley, Stewart, Strom, Sutton, Sylvester, Talbot Ross, Tepler, Terry, Timberlake, Tipping, Tucker, Tuell, Turner, Vachon, Ward, Warren, White, Zeigler, Madam Speaker.

NAY - NONE.

ABSENT - Battle, Cebra, Chapman, Daughtry, Dillingham, Doore, Dunphy, Farnsworth, Gerrish, Grignon, Haggan, Hamann, Harvell, Herrick, Higgins, Kornfield, Lawrence, Luchini, Malaby, Marean, McElwee, McLean, Melaragno,

O'Connor, Parker, Perkins, Riley, Sanborn, Sherman, Stearns, Stetkis, Theriault, Wadsworth, Wallace, Winsor, Wood.

Yes, 114; No, 0; Absent, 36; Vacant, 1; Excused, 0.

114 having voted in the affirmative and 0 voted in the negative, 1 vacancy with 36 being absent, and accordingly the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

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

At this point, the Speaker recognized all members who have served as Speaker Pro Tem during the 128th Legislature.

The SPEAKER: It is now my great pleasure to recognize members of the House who served as Speaker Pro Tem and thank them on behalf of all the members of the House for their service to this chamber. I want to present them with a ceremonial gavel and a photo. As I call your name please approach the rostrum on my right.

The Representative from Eliot, Representative Lawrence, who served as Speaker Pro Tem on April 19, 2017 during Franco American Day. The Representative from Glenburn, Representative Guerin, who served as Speaker Pro Tem on January 16, 2018. The Representative from Brooksville, Representative Chapman, who served as Speaker Pro Tem on January 18, 2018. The Representative from Searsport, Representative Gillway, who served as Speaker Pro Tem on January 23, 2018. The Representative from Chelsea, Representative Sanderson, who served as Speaker Pro Tem on January 28, 2018. The Representative from Deer Isle, Representative Kumiega, who served as Speaker Pro Tem on January 30, 2018. The Representative from New Gloucester, Representative Espling, who served as Speaker Pro Tem on February 6, 2018. The Representative from Eagle Lake, Representative Martin, who served as Speaker Pro Tem on January 24, and February 9, 2017 and March 8 and March 13, 2018. The Representative from Belfast, Representative Herbig, who served as Speaker Pro Tem on January 31, February 16, April 6, May 11,17,18, 25, and 31, June 7,8, 13,14, 15, 16, 19, 22, 23 28 and 29 and July 1,2017 and January 3, February 1 and 27, March 29 and April 13, 2018.

One more round of applause for all those who served as Speaker Pro Tem, thank you.

SENATE PAPERS

Non-Concurrent Matter

Bill "An Act To Protect the Elderly from Tax Lien Foreclosures"

(H.P. 1124) (L.D. 1629)

PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-771) in the House on June 21, 2018.

Came from the Senate **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-771) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "D" (S-551)** thereto in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

Representative ESPLING of New Gloucester moved that the House **RECEDE**.

Representative HERBIG of Belfast **REQUESTED** a roll call on the motion to **RECEDE**.

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

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

ROLL CALL NO. 750

YEA - Austin S, Bailey, Bickford, Black, Bradstreet, Casas, Chace, Corey, Craig, Espling, Farrin, Foley, Fredette, Ginzler, Guerin, Hanington, Hanley, Hawke, Hilliard, Kinney J, Kinney M, Lockman, Mason, Parry, Picchiotti, Pickett, Pierce J, Pouliot, Sanderson, Seavey, Simmons, Sirocki, Stewart, Strom, Sutton, Timberlake, Tuell, Turner, Vachon, White.

NAY - Ackley, Alley, Austin B, Babbidge, Beebe-Center, Brooks, Bryant, Cardone, Collings, Cooper, DeChant, Devin, Fay, Fecteau, Frey, Fuller, Gattine, Golden, Grant, Handy, Harlow, Herbig, Hickman, Hubbell, Hymanson, Jorgensen, Kumiega, Longstaff, Madigan C, Madigan J, Martin J, Martin R, Mastraccio, McCrea, McCreight, Monaghan, Moonen, Nadeau, O'Neil, Perry, Pierce T, Prescott, Reckitt, Rykerson, Schneck, Sheats, Stanley, Sylvester, Talbot Ross, Tepler, Terry, Tipping, Tucker, Warren, Madam Speaker.

ABSENT - Battle, Berry, Blume, Campbell, Cebra, Chapman, Daughtry, Denno, Dillingham, Doore, Duchesne, Dunphy, Farnsworth, Gerrish, Gillway, Grignon, Grohman, Haggan, Hamann, Harrington, Harvell, Head, Herrick, Higgins, Hogan, Johansen, Kornfield, Lawrence, Luchini, Lyford, Malaby, Marean, McElwee, McLean, Melaragno, O'Connor, Ordway, Parker, Perkins, Reed, Riley, Sampson, Sanborn, Sherman, Skolfield, Spear, Stearns, Stetkis, Theriault, Wadsworth, Wallace, Ward, Winsor, Wood, Zeigler.

Yes, 40; No, 55; Absent, 55; Vacant, 1; Excused, 0.

40 having voted in the affirmative and 55 voted in the negative, 1 vacancy with 55 being absent, and accordingly the motion to **RECEDE FAILED**.

Subsequently, Speaker **GIDEON** of Freeport moved that the House **RECEDE AND CONCUR**.

Representative **ESPLING** of New Gloucester **REQUESTED** a roll call on the motion to **RECEDE AND CONCUR**.

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

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

ROLL CALL NO. 751

YEA - Ackley, Alley, Austin B, Babbidge, Bailey, Beebe-Center, Brooks, Bryant, Cardone, Casas, Collings, Cooper, Corey, DeChant, Devin, Fay, Fecteau, Frey, Fuller, Gattine, Golden, Grant, Handy, Harlow, Herbig, Hickman, Hubbell, Hymanson, Jorgensen, Kumiega, Lockman, Longstaff, Madigan C, Madigan J, Martin J, Martin R, Mastraccio, McCrea, McCreight, Monaghan, Moonen, Nadeau, O'Neil, Perry, Pierce T, Prescott, Reckitt, Rykerson, Schneck, Sheats, Sirocki, Stanley, Sylvester, Talbot Ross, Tepler, Terry, Timberlake, Tipping, Tucker, Warren, Madam Speaker.

NAY - Austin S, Bickford, Black, Bradstreet, Chace, Craig, Espling, Farrin, Foley, Fredette, Ginzler, Guerin, Hanington, Hanley, Hawke, Hilliard, Kinney J, Kinney M, Mason, Parry, Picchiotti, Pickett, Pierce J, Pouliot, Sanderson, Seavey, Simmons, Stewart, Strom, Sutton, Tuell, Turner, Vachon, White.

ABSENT - Battle, Berry, Blume, Campbell, Cebra, Chapman, Daughtry, Denno, Dillingham, Doore, Duchesne, Dunphy, Farnsworth, Gerrish, Gillway, Grignon, Grohman,

Haggan, Hamann, Harrington, Harvell, Head, Herrick, Higgins, Hogan, Johansen, Kornfield, Lawrence, Luchini, Lyford, Malaby, Marean, McElwee, McLean, Melaragno, O'Connor, Ordway, Parker, Perkins, Reed, Riley, Sampson, Sanborn, Sherman, Skolfield, Spear, Stearns, Stetkis, Theriault, Wadsworth, Wallace, Ward, Winsor, Wood, Zeigler.

Yes, 61; No, 34; Absent, 55; Vacant, 1; Excused, 0.

61 having voted in the affirmative and 34 voted in the negative, 1 vacancy with 55 being absent, and accordingly the House voted to **RECEDE AND CONCUR**.

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

At this point, the House performed the Ceremony of Lights.

The **SPEAKER**: At this time the House will proceed with the Ceremony of Lights. During the Ceremony of Lights we take the time to honor those of us who after years of service will be moving on to other endeavors. We will truly miss you in this chamber.

I want to take a moment to thank each of you for your service. You did an immense amount of work to earn your seat in this chamber, and even more once you got here. You've been steadfastly dedicated, each and every one of you, to the people of Maine, the institution of democracy, and to this legislative chamber. We all took an oath, and in doing so, each member here became the closest representative to state government that any citizen could have. I hope you are all proud of this. I know I am proud of this.

You listened to your friends and your neighbors, your colleagues and your local businesses, and voted according to them, and that is not always an easy thing to do. We all know about the difficult or trying days that we might have had in this chamber, but we have also had many good days together. We've had laughter in this chamber and we've also had, on a number of occasions, the really incredible feeling that comes when we work together, when we compromise, and when we find a way to pass legislation that we feel certain is going to move Maine people forward.

So, I hope that when you reflect on your service, you remember that we all move together in many ways, sharing our goals for this beautiful state. I hope you'll look back and know with certainty that, at the end of the day, you fought for better health for people, for better education for our kids, for jobs and opportunities for all of our communities. I'm honored to serve alongside each of you, and as I say that, I wish I had said that every day to all of you. Each of us here will leave a lasting legacy for this state. As the Clerk calls your name, please vote green so that it will appear on the boards. The Clerk will read the names.

The **CLERK**: The Representative from Lewiston, Representative Roger Jason Fuller, 2 years of legislative service; the Representative from South Thomaston, Representative John Alden Spear, 2 years of legislative service; the Representative from South Portland, Representative Kevin J. Battle, 4 years of legislative service; the Representative from Norridgewock, Representative Bradlee Thomas Farrin, 4 years of legislative service; the Representative from Wells, Representative Robert A. Foley, 4 years of legislative service; the Representative from Lebanon, Representative Karen A. Gerrish, 4 years of legislative service;

the Representative from Bridgton, Representative Phyllis A. Ginzler, 4 years of legislative service; the Representative from Lewiston, Representative Jared F. Golden, 4 years of legislative service; the Representative from Biddeford, Representative Martin J. Grohman, 4 years of legislative service; the Representative from Paris, Representative Lloyd C. Herrick, 4 years of legislative service; the Representative from Belgrade, Representative Gary L. Hilliard, 4 years of legislative service; the Representative from Portland, Representative Heather B. Sanborn, 4 years of legislative service; the Representative from Dedham, Representative Karleton S. Ward, 4 years of legislative service; the Representative from Gardiner, Representative Gay M. Grant, 6 years of legislative service; the Representative from South Portland, Representative Scott M. Hamann, 6 years of legislative service; the Representative from Limington, Representative Jonathan L. Kinney, 6 years of legislative service; the Representative from Caribou, Representative Carol A. McElwee, 6 years of legislative service; the Representative from Fairfield, Representative John Joseph Picchiotti, 6 years of legislative service; the Representative from Augusta, Representative Matthew G. Pouliot, 6 years of legislative service; the Representative from Wilton, Representative Russell J. Black, 8 years of legislative service; the Representative from Brooksville, Representative Ralph Chapman, 8 years of legislative service; the Representative from New Gloucester, Representative Ellie Espling, 8 years of legislative service; the Representative from Newport, Representative Kenneth Wade Fredette, 8 years of legislative service; the Representative from Searsport, Representative James S. Gillway, 8 years of legislative service; the Representative from Glenburn, Representative Stacey K. Guerin, 8 years of legislative service; the Representative from Portland, Representative Denise Patricia Harlow, 8 years of legislative service; the Representative from Farmington, Representative Lance Evans Harvell, 8 years of legislative service; the Representative from Belfast, Representative Erin D. Herbig, 8 years of legislative service; the Representative from Deer Isle, Representative Walter A. Kumiega III, 8 years of legislative service; the Representative from Waterville, Representative Thomas R. W. Longstaff, 8 years of legislative service; the Representative from Ellsworth, Representative Louis J. Luchini, 8 years of legislative service; the Representative from Hancock, Representative Richard S. Malaby, 8 years of legislative service; the Representative from Cape Elizabeth, Representative Kimberly J. Monaghan, 8 years of legislative service; the Representative from Arundel, Representative Wayne R. Parry, 8 years of legislative service; the Representative from Chelsea, Representative Deborah J. Sanderson, 8 years of legislative service; the Representative from Scarborough, Representative Heather W. Sirocki, 8 years of legislative service; the Representative from Turner, Representative Jeffrey L. Timberlake, 8 years of legislative service; the Representative from Burlington, Representative Beth Peloquin Turner, 8 years of legislative service; the Representative from Dexter, Representative Raymond A. Wallace, 8 years of legislative service; the Representative from Greene, Representative Stephen J. Wood, 8 years of legislative service; the Representative from Hudson, Representative Robert S. Duchesne, 12 years of legislative service; the Representative from Old Orchard Beach, Representative George W. Hogan, 12 years of legislative service; the Representative from Eliot, Representative Mark W. Lawrence, 14 years of legislative service; the Representative from Kennebunkport, Representative H. Stedman Seavey, 14

years of legislative service; the Representative from Norway, Representative Tom J. Winsor, 16 years of legislative service; the Representative from Hodgdon, Representative Roger L. Sherman, 20 years of legislative service.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Newport, Representative Fredette, who wishes to address the House on the record.

Representative FREDETTE: Thank you, Madam Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House.

First of all, I would just like to thank, recognize the Good Lord for providing me guidance in eight years that I've served in the Legislature here and for all the work that we've done together. If you look at the lights up there today, you can see 50 lights, roughly. That means a third of this body will not be back in the next Legislature, and if you assume some legislators losing races, you probably will come back with probably 60 new members in the next Legislature, and that's a big deal.

I want to be very brief, but I'd just like to go back and talk about, very quickly, when I came into the Legislature, and many of you came into the Legislature. Back in 2010, we were in the midst of a financial crisis in this country and in the state. We had used up our rainy-day funds, we were getting ARRA money from the Federal Government to operate State Government, and we embarked on eight years of work, over the last eight years, that, inevitably, we had to accomplish together. Whether it was Democrats or Republicans, in the end we did it together. Where we are today, we did it together. And sometimes the process was not always pretty, but we are where we are today, and I think we've brought the state to a very good point; and we leave much of that work to be done, quite frankly, in another 90 days, for many of you who will be here again, and a new Chief Executive, and I wish you all the very best. I think when you look at the work that we've accomplished, it's been significant. What I will take away with me will be, quite frankly, the personal relationships and the personal experiences that I have had the opportunity to share over the last eight years.

You know, when I look back on it, when I; I did two years of school and then came here, and so it's been about a decade. My son was ten when I started this process, and he's now 20 and a sophomore in college. So, an entire lifetime has happened. And many of the relationships and the work that we've done together have been truly amazing. We've laughed, we've cried, we've shared, we've loved, we've been mad at each other, but it's all been real, and I've been honored to share that with many of you, on both sides of the aisle. I took it as a personal challenge to myself to never speak negatively or personally against someone, whether it was on this side of the aisle or on that side of the aisle, and in caucus, we never tried to break anybody's arm to vote a certain way. We always tried to respect that people can take different positions and respect them for that. And, so, I think I've tried to do that, and I appreciate you for all that you have done.

I would like to recognize a couple of people on the Democratic side that I've enjoyed; Representative Martin, and when I started Appropriations in 2010 and I was, quite frankly, lost, helped me figure out some of the work that needed to get done down there, and I've appreciated his work and willingness to work with me throughout those eight years. And, Representative Barry Hobbins, who I also worked with; Representative Luchini, Speaker Gideon, leadership, Speaker Eves, and our caucus minority leaders, Ellie Espling, Alex

Willette. And, as I close, I really want to recognize the, really, I think the 12 people that have really been the backbone of this caucus for the last eight years; those 12 members that came in in 2010 and really led this caucus over the last eight years, and particularly the last four years, most oftentimes as leads on committees, working with the other side of the aisle and working with the Chief Executive, in terms of moving policy forward. My hat is off to each of you.

Now, I think I have a new middle name because every time everyone sees me they say; they don't say Ken, how are you, they say well, what are you going to do next? And, so, I'm not looking for a job in state government, I'm not looking to be a judge, and so I will probably be somewhere out there in the private sector working and working to create jobs. And, so, I leave with, I think, many accomplishments for the great State of Maine. There's much, much work left to be undone and for those of you that are returning, we pass that on to you to do the very good work that has been done and to my friends on both sides of the aisle, I wish you love, laughter, lots of life and success. And, thank you, Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Belfast, Representative Herbig, who wishes to address the House on the record.

Representative **HERBIG**: Thank you, Madam Speaker.

It's kind of awesome to be here in this setting with all of you. This is my eighth year here. It has been an honor. Many of you, on both sides of the aisle, I have served alongside of in eight years. I actually think of Robert Hunt's eldest child being a tiny little baby, eight years ago when we were being sworn in, and how well-behaved he was during the swearing-in ceremony. I think that I ;I think of the fact that I got pregnant and had my baby here, and appreciated how very supportive you all were, asking me about how he was doing and how that was going, and now he's about to turn three; can you believe that? I just think that so many of us go through so much in the years that we spend here.

I want to thank Speaker Gideon for really guiding us every day and showing incredible leadership, always keeping us on track, the trains on the track, and always conducting herself in just the most respectful woman of absolute integrity.

I want to thank my whip here, Representative Golden, for always working hard, always being honest and true, and doing such a good job for his constituents and everyone in this chamber.

I want to thank Representative Fredette and Representative Espling. We've been in this for eight years together. I've really enjoyed working with both of you. I perhaps enjoyed the most having conversations about your kids and your families, and how we balance all of this and continue to keep what is most important always at the center of our attention. But, I've really appreciated getting to know you both and have respected the work that you have done in this chamber.

I know, like many of you, this has been an incredible experience. I wish I could actually speak about every single; maybe a top ten list of all these great moments that I've had with each of you, but it has been a real honor and pleasure to get to know many of you in different ways: through committee work, through bipartisan caucuses, through working on important pieces of legislation. The thing that I am the most proud of is the work that we have done together. I feel lucky that we get to learn something new every day, that this job remains exciting, that people continue to come with us and

trust us to bring forward things that are really important to them, and tell us when things aren't going so well and we need to fix things. I think that this is such an incredible privilege to have this job, and it has been such an honor to do that with all of you for the last eight years in this chamber. So, thank you so much for this.

**ENACTORS
Acts**

An Act To Protect Homeowners Affected by Tax Lien Foreclosure

(H.P. 1124) (L.D. 1629)
(S. "D" S-551 to C. "A" H-771)

Was reported by the Committee on **Engrossed Bills** as truly and strictly engrossed.

On motion of Representative TUELL of East Machias, was **SET ASIDE**.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from East Machias, Representative Tuell.

Representative **TUELL**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. It would be fitting to end this session and I do think, I certainly hope, we end tonight, but it would be fitting to end the session registering my opposition to this.

On many different levels, this bill is wrong. It's adding regulation and more bureaucracy onto local government. It's encouraging behavior that may or may not be the best interest of the state, and I just feel; I just would be remiss if I didn't register my objection to it. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Subsequently, the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

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

The Speaker appointed Representative HERBIG of Belfast on the part of the House to inform the Senate that the House was ready to adjourn without day.

The Speaker appointed the following members on the part of the House to wait upon his Excellency, Governor PAUL R. LEPAGE, and inform him that the House was ready to receive any communication that he may be pleased to make:

Representative TIPPING of Orono
Representative STANLEY of Medway
Representative TEPLER of Topsham
Representative COOPER of Yarmouth
Representative GRANT of Gardiner
Representative TERRY of Gorham
Representative HILLIARD of Belgrade
Representative BICKFORD of Auburn
Representative POULIOT of Augusta
Representative WARD of Dedham

Subsequently, the Committee reported that they had attempted to deliver the message with which they were charged.

Subsequently, Representative HERBIG reported that she had delivered the message with which she was charged.

At this point, a message came from the Senate borne by Senator MASON of Androscoggin and Senator JACKSON of Aroostook, of that Body, informing the House that the Senate was ready to adjourn without day.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Waterville, Representative Longstaff, who wishes to address the House on the record.

Representative **LONGSTAFF**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I would like to thank my colleagues on both sides of the aisle for their service to the people of the State of Maine. I would also like to thank the incredible staff for the support that they have given us every day. And, as I make the final motion for which all of us have been waiting, I'd like to wish you all the very best for the future.

On motion of Representative LONGSTAFF of Waterville, the House adjourned without day at 6:43 p.m.