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STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION
JOURNAL OF THE SENATE

In Senate Chamber
Thursday
January 26, 2017

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

Prayer by Reverend Deril Stubenrod of Clinton.

REVEREND STUBENROD: Thank you, Mr. President. First of all, honored members of the Senate, I want to thank you for the opportunity to come here today and to open the Senate in prayer. I also wanted to quote President George Washington when he mentioned about service. All places of service are a service of honor and when folks think of service, they rightfully think first of the military and first responders, as they should; but I also wanted to, on behalf of your constituents, thank each and every one of you for your service because it is together as a team that we put our communities forward, we move them forward to the goals that we set. Let us pray.

Gracious Heavenly Father, Lord, we thank You for the opportunity to gather here today; and we thank You for these men and women, Your servants, and to their constituents that they serve, to this great state, and to this nation, by extension. Lord, from Portland to Fort Kent, from Oxford County all the way up to Aroostook County and everywhere in between, we pray for these leaders, for their clarity of thought, Lord, that You would give them a vision for this state and for our nation by extension. We ask that You bless everything that they do. May they seek You in everything that they do and say, Lord, and may everything that they do be according to Your will. For all this we thank You on behalf of a grateful state, their constituents, and, by extension, a grateful nation. Amen.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Senator James M. Hamper of Oxford County.

Reading of the Journals of Thursday, January 19, 2017 and Tuesday, January 24, 2017.

Doctor of the day, Lisa Ryan, D.O. of Naples.

Off Record Remarks

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

House Papers

Bill "An Act To Require the Reporting of Animal Cruelty or Neglect"

H.P. 115 L.D. 157

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

On motion by Senator **DAVIS** of Piscataquis, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for Maine's Community Colleges"

H.P. 97 L.D. 139

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

On motion by Senator **HAMPER** of Oxford, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act Regarding Bringing Certain Criminal Charges"

H.P. 99 L.D. 141

Bill "An Act To Establish a Statewide Sexual Assault Forensic Examination Kit Tracking System"

H.P. 100 L.D. 142

Bill "An Act To Support Sexual Assault Survivors"

H.P. 125 L.D. 169

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

On motion by Senator **ROSEN** of Hancock, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Provide Funding for Upgrades of Learning Spaces and Other Projects Funded by the School Revolving Renovation Fund"

H.P. 101 L.D. 143

Bill "An Act To Improve the Certification and Evaluation of New Educators and Administrators by Consolidating Standards"

H.P. 116 L.D. 158

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

On motion by Senator **LANGLEY** of Hancock, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Prohibit the Mining of Massive Sulfide Ore Deposits under the Maine Metallic Mineral Mining Act"
H.P. 118 L.D. 160

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

On motion by Senator **SAVIELLO** of Franklin, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Create a Pilot Project To Reduce Substance Use Disorders among Youth in Piscataquis County To Be Used as a Model for All Maine Communities"
H.P. 102 L.D. 144

Bill "An Act To Remove the Treasurer of State from the Maine Vaccine Board"
H.P. 119 L.D. 161

Bill "An Act To Improve Care Provided to Forensic Patients" (EMERGENCY)
H.P. 120 L.D. 162

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

On motion by Senator **BRAKEY** of Androscoggin, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act Regarding Transportation of Methadone Patients"
H.P. 111 L.D. 153

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

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**.

On motion by Senator **COLLINS** of York, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** and ordered printed, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Protect Consumers from Closure of Inactive Bank Accounts"
H.P. 103 L.D. 145

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

On motion by Senator **WHITEMORE** of Somerset, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Protect the Confidentiality of Local Government Employees' Private Information"
H.P. 104 L.D. 146

Bill "An Act To Amend the Maine Parentage Act"
H.P. 105 L.D. 147

Bill "An Act To Allow and Recognize a Legal Name Change upon Marriage"
H.P. 126 L.D. 170

Come from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator **KEIM** of Oxford, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Allow Overhead Garage Door Installers To Install and Repair Dumbwaiters"
H.P. 106 L.D. 148

Bill "An Act To Strengthen the Enforcement of Maine's Labor Laws"
H.P. 121 L.D. 163

Bill "An Act To Provide Matching Funds for Federal Community Development Block Grants"
H.P. 123 L.D. 165

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

On motion by Senator **VOLK** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Provide Additional Management for Limited-entry Lobster Zones"
H.P. 107 L.D. 149

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

On motion by Senator **MAKER** of Washington, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **MARINE RESOURCES** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act Regarding the Funding of Volunteer Fire Departments"

H.P. 108 L.D. 150

Bill "An Act To Strengthen Intragovernment Communication"

H.P. 110 L.D. 152

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

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

Bill "An Act To Reform Maine's Motor Vehicle Inspection Guidelines"

H.P. 112 L.D. 154

Bill "An Act To Add the Air Medal as an Option for a Special Commemorative Decal on Special Veterans Registration Plates"

H.P. 127 L.D. 171

Bill "An Act To Improve Officer Safety at Roadside Incidents"

H.P. 128 L.D. 172

Come from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator **COLLINS** of York, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Protect Voting Integrity by Establishing a Residency Verification Requirement for Purposes of Voting"

H.P. 113 L.D. 155

Bill "An Act To Implement the National Popular Vote for President"

H.P. 114 L.D. 156

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

On motion by Senator **CUSHING** of Penobscot, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Joint Orders

The following Joint Order:

H.P. 124

**JOINT RESOLUTION
COMMEMORATING MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY**

WHEREAS, January 16, 2017 marks the national and state holiday in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., commemorating his birth on January 15, 1929; and

WHEREAS, Martin Luther King, Jr., advocated the furtherance of civil rights for black Americans through nonviolence; and

WHEREAS, this man of powerful voice and spirit showed this country a dream of "an oasis of freedom and justice"; and

WHEREAS, for his tireless work to ensure equality and justice, Dr. King was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize, a high and honorable distinction, in 1964; and

WHEREAS, his eloquence, his perseverance and his faith moved mountains and brought about sweeping changes by appealing to the better instincts and consciences of his fellow human beings; and

WHEREAS, the life of Martin Luther King, Jr., which ended so tragically on April 4, 1968, is a shining example to Americans and citizens of the world at large of uncompromising dedication to the highest ideals; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Twenty-eighth Legislature now assembled in the First Regular Session, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to acknowledge the extraordinary life and works of this teacher, reformer and humanitarian, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and pause in our deliberations to recognize and commemorate the occasion of his birth.

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

READ and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: S.C. 53

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION**

January 19, 2017

The Honorable Michael D. Thibodeau
President of the Senate of Maine
128th Maine State Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333-0003

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Section 157, and with Joint Rule 505 of the Maine Legislature, the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation has had under consideration the nomination of John G. Melrose of Vassalboro, for reappointment to the Northern New England Passenger Rail Authority.

After public hearing and discussion on this nomination, the Committee proceeded to vote on the motion to recommend to the Senate that this nomination be confirmed. The Committee Clerk called the roll with the following result:

YEAS	Senators	3	Collins of York, Miramant of Knox, Rosen of Hancock
	Representatives	8	McLean of Gorham, Austin of Skowhegan, Bryant of Windham, Cebra of Naples, Gillway of Searsport, Parry of Arundel, Perkins of Oakland, Sheats of Auburn
NAYS		0	
ABSENT		2	Rep. Grant of Gardiner, Rep. Schneck of Bangor

Eleven members of the Committee having voted in the affirmative and zero in the negative, it was the vote of the Committee that the nomination of John G. Melrose of Vassalboro, for reappointment to the Northern New England Passenger Rail Authority be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Ronald F. Collins
Senate Chair

S/Andrew J. McLean
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

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

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall the recommendation of the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** be overridden?"

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Chapter 6, Section 158, and with Joint Rule 506 of the 128th Legislature, the vote was taken by the Yeas and Nays.

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#3)

YEAS: Senators: None

NAYS: Senators: BELLOWS, BRAKEY, BREEN, CARPENTER, CARSON, CHENETTE, CHIPMAN, COLLINS, CUSHING, CYRWAY, DAVIS, DESCHAMBAULT, DIAMOND, DILL, DOW, GRATWICK, HAMPER, HILL, JACKSON, KATZ, KEIM, LANGLEY, LIBBY, MAKER, MASON, MILLETT, MIRAMANT, ROSEN, SAVIELLO, VITELLI, VOLK, WHITTEMORE, WOODSOME, PRESIDENT THIBODEAU

EXCUSED: Senator: DION

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 34 Senators having voted in the negative, with 1 Senator being excused, and none being less than two-thirds of the Membership present and voting, it was the vote of the Senate that the Committee's recommendation be **ACCEPTED** and the nomination of **John G. Melrose** of Vassalboro for reappointment to the Northern New England Passenger Rail Authority was **CONFIRMED**.

The Secretary has so informed the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

The Following Communication: S.C. 55

STATE OF MAINE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR AUGUSTA, MAINE

January 18, 2017

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

Dear President Thibodeau,

This is to inform you that, pursuant to Title 3 M.R.S.A., §154, I am withdrawing my nomination of The Honorable Richard A. Nass of Acton for appointment as a member of the Maine Board of Tax Appeals.

This nomination is currently pending before the Joint Standing Committee on Taxation. I am withdrawing my nomination pending enactment of the FY '18-'19 Biennial Budget. As you know, my biennial budget proposal eliminates the Maine Board of Tax Appeals and related administrative structure as of October 1, 2017. Pursuant to this proposal, starting July 1, 2017, all Maine Revenue Services reconsideration decisions may be appealed directly to Superior Court. Because the budget initiative eliminates the Board and provides that the terms of its members expire on October 1, 2017, I feel that it is premature to move forward with this nomination until the biennial budget is enacted.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

S/Paul R. LePage
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 59

**STATE OF MAINE
128TH LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT**

January 23, 2017

Honorable Heather J.R. Priest
Secretary of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Secretary Priest:

Pursuant to my authority under Senate Rule 201.3, I am pleased to appoint the Senator from Kennebec, Senator Katz to serve as President Pro Tempore. With this appointment Senator Katz will serve as President Pro Tempore for the scheduled session on January 24, 2017.

Please let me know if you have any questions regarding this appointment.

Sincerely,

S/Michael D. Thibodeau
President of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 54

**MIDCOAST REGIONAL REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
15 TERMINAL ROAD, SUITE 200
BRUNSWICK, MAINE 04011**

January 18, 2017

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 MRSA, §12023, please consider this letter of transmittal for the required report from the Midcoast Regional Redevelopment Authority due by February 1, 2017.

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

Thank you.

Sincerely,

S/Jeffrey K. Jordan
Deputy Director

READ and with accompanying papers ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 56

**STATE OF MAINE
DEPARTMENT OF PROFESSIONAL AND
FINANCIAL REGULATION
BUREAU OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS**

January 17, 2017

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

Dear President Thibodeau and Speaker Gideon:

In accordance with Title 9-B MRSA §217, as amended, enclosed please find a copy of the Annual Report from the Superintendent of the Bureau of Financial Institutions to the Legislature. This Annual Report contains statistical information for financial institutions doing business in Maine.

In the event that you may have any questions regarding the information contained in this Report, the Bureau would be pleased to respond. This Report will also be available in electronic format at www.maine.gov/pfr/financialinstitutions.

Very truly yours,

S/Lloyd P. LaFountain III
Superintendent

READ and with accompanying papers ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 57

**MAINE MARITIME ACADEMY
CASTINE, MAINE 04420**

January 19, 2017

Honorable Sara Gideon Speaker of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333

Honorable Michael D. Thibodeau President of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, ME 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, 2017.

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: S.C. 58

**MAINE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04330**

January 25, 2017

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 required report from the Maine Human Rights Commission due by February 1, 2017.

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

Sincerely,

S/Amy M. Sneirson
Executive Director

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

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

Senate at Ease.

The Senate was called to order by the President.

Off Record Remarks

SENATE PAPERS

Bill "An Act Regarding the Place of Imprisonment of Certain Prisoners"

S.P. 63 L.D. 217

Presented by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin.
Cosponsored by Senators: LIBBY of Androscoggin, MASON of Androscoggin, Representative: GOLDEN of Lewiston.

Bill "An Act To Curb Drunk Driving by Prohibiting a Person Convicted of Operating Under the Influence from Purchasing Alcohol"

S.P. 71 L.D. 225

Presented by Senator BREEN of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Senator: LIBBY of Androscoggin,
Representatives: McLEAN of Gorham, TUCKER of Brunswick.

On motion by Senator **ROSEN** of Hancock, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Amend the Mathematics Requirements for High School Graduation"

S.P. 74 L.D. 228

Presented by Senator LANGLEY of Hancock.
Cosponsored by Representative MALABY of Hancock and Representative: McCREA of Fort Fairfield.

On motion by Senator **LANGLEY** of Hancock, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Prohibit an Electric Utility from Charging a Customer for Using an Electromechanical Meter"

S.P. 75 L.D. 229

Presented by Senator MIRAMANT of Knox.
Cosponsored by Representative SIROCKI of Scarborough and Senators: BELLOWS of Kennebec, CARSON of Cumberland, MILLETT of Cumberland, Representatives: O'CONNOR of Berwick, PARRY of Arundel, WADSWORTH of Hiram, WARREN of Hallowell.

Bill "An Act To Increase Transparency in Maine's Electricity Market"

S.P. 86 L.D. 240

Presented by Senator HAMPER of Oxford. (BY REQUEST)
Cosponsored by Representative WADSWORTH of Hiram.

On motion by Senator **WOODSOME** of York, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Exclude Cardboard Beverage Containers from the Laws Governing Returnable Beverage Containers"

S.P. 73 L.D. 227

Presented by Senator SAVIELLO of Franklin.
Cosponsored by Representative BLACK of Wilton.

On motion by Senator **SAVIELLO** of Franklin, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Prioritize Use of Available Resources in General Assistance Programs"

S.P. 65 L.D. 219

Presented by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin.
Cosponsored by Senator: MASON of Androscoggin, Representative: SANDERSON of Chelsea.

Bill "An Act To Align Time Limits in the Municipal General Assistance Program and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program"

S.P. 66 L.D. 220

Presented by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin.
Cosponsored by Senator: MASON of Androscoggin, Representative: SANDERSON of Chelsea.

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Regarding the Municipality of Responsibility for General Assistance Applicants Released from a State Correctional Facility or County Jail Facility"

S.P. 67 L.D. 221

Presented by Senator GRATWICK of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Representative PIERCE of Dresden and Senators: DILL of Penobscot, DION of Cumberland, KATZ of Kennebec, ROSEN of Hancock, VOLK of Cumberland, Representative: ZEIGLER of Montville.

Bill "An Act To Determine When the Remains of Deceased Persons May Be Considered Abandoned"

S.P. 69 L.D. 223

Presented by Senator DAVIS of Piscataquis.
Cosponsored by Senators: BELLOWS of Kennebec, CYRWAY of Kennebec, DESCHAMBAULT of York, WOODSOME of York.

Bill "An Act To Protect and Improve the Health of Maine Citizens and the Economy of Maine" (EMERGENCY)

S.P. 72 L.D. 226

Presented by Senator SAVIELLO of Franklin.

Bill "An Act To Increase Access to Head Start"

S.P. 76 L.D. 230

Presented by Senator MILLETT of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative McELWEE of Caribou and Senators: BREEN of Cumberland, CARPENTER of Aroostook, MAKER of Washington, WOODSOME of York, Representatives: FARNSWORTH of Portland, FREY of Bangor, HERBIG of Belfast, POULIOT of Augusta.

Bill "An Act To Establish an Exemption to the 30-day Supply Limitation on Certain Pain Medication"

S.P. 78 L.D. 232

Presented by Senator DAVIS of Piscataquis.
Cosponsored by Representative BLACK of Wilton and Senators: CYRWAY of Kennebec, HAMPER of Oxford, MIRAMANT of Knox, Representative: TIMBERLAKE of Turner.

On motion by Senator **MASON** of Androscoggin, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Amend the Maine Medical Use of Marijuana Act"
S.P. 84 L.D. 238

Presented by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin.

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

On motion by Senator **MASON** of Androscoggin, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending **REFERENCE**.

Bill "An Act To Require National Banks To Cooperate in the Administration of the General Assistance Program"

S.P. 85 L.D. 239

Presented by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin.
Cosponsored by Senator: LIBBY of Androscoggin.

On motion by Senator **MASON** of Androscoggin, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act Regarding Maine's Moose Lottery"

S.P. 68 L.D. 222

Presented by Senator DAVIS of Piscataquis.
Cosponsored by Senators: CARPENTER of Aroostook, CYRWAY of Kennebec, DESCHAMBAULT of York, SAVIELLO of Franklin.

On motion by Senator **CYRWAY** of Kennebec, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Establish a State Bank"

S.P. 83 L.D. 237

Presented by Senator MIRAMANT of Knox.
Cosponsored by Representative CASÁS of Rockport, Representative MOONEN of Portland and Senators: CARPENTER of Aroostook, CYRWAY of Kennebec, DAVIS of Piscataquis, DESCHAMBAULT of York, Representatives: SCHNECK of Bangor, SPEAR of South Thomaston.

On motion by Senator **WHITEMORE** of Somerset, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Reduce Criminal Justice System Costs by Allowing Arraignments and Hearings in the Unified Criminal Docket To Be Held by Means of Audiovisual Telecommunications"

S.P. 64 L.D. 218

Presented by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin.
Cosponsored by Senators: LIBBY of Androscoggin, MASON of Androscoggin, Representative: GOLDEN of Lewiston.

Bill "An Act Regarding Actions for Failure To Follow Condominium Association Requirements"

S.P. 70 L.D. 224

Presented by Senator COLLINS of York.
Cosponsored by Representative SHERMAN of Hodgdon and Senators: HILL of York, KEIM of Oxford, WHITEMORE of Somerset, Representatives: BAILEY of Saco, BRADSTREET of Vassalboro, MOONEN of Portland.

On motion by Senator **KEIM** of Oxford, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Allow Municipalities To Regulate the Growing of Marijuana"

S.P. 77 L.D. 231

Presented by Senator DAVIS of Piscataquis.
Cosponsored by Representative HANDY of Lewiston, Representative NADEAU of Winslow and Senators: CYRWAY of Kennebec, DILL of Penobscot.

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

On motion by Senator **MASON** of Androscoggin, **REFERRED** to the Joint Select Committee on **MARIJUANA LEGALIZATION IMPLEMENTATION**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Repeal the Service Provider Tax"

S.P. 79 L.D. 235

Presented by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin. (BY REQUEST)
Cosponsored by Senators: BELLOWS of Kennebec, LIBBY of Androscoggin.

On motion by Senator **DOW** of Lincoln, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TAXATION** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Resolve, Directing the Department of Transportation To Erect Signs on Interstate 95 Directing Motorists to Lincoln
S.P. 62 L.D. 216

Presented by Senator ROSEN of Hancock.
Cosponsored by Representative HANINGTON of Lincoln and Senator: CARPENTER of Aroostook, Representatives: DUNPHY of Old Town, SHERMAN of Hodgdon, TURNER of Burlington.

Bill "An Act To Update Accessibility Requirements on Highways"
S.P. 80 L.D. 236

Presented by Senator COLLINS of York.
Cosponsored by Representative McLEAN of Gorham and Senator: ROSEN of Hancock, Representative: PARRY of Arundel.
Submitted by the Department of Transportation pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

On motion by Senator **COLLINS** of York, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

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

ORDERS

Joint Orders

Tammy Goldfrank, of Kingfield, who has received a Spirit of America Award. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the award is presented to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We send our congratulations to Ms. Goldfrank on her receiving this award;
SLS 38

Sponsored by Senator SAVIELLO of Franklin.
Cosponsored by Representatives: BLACK of Wilton, SKOLFIELD of Weld.

Frank Forster, of New Vineyard, who has received a Spirit of America Award. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the award is presented to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We send our congratulations to Mr. Forster on his receiving this award;
SLS 39

Sponsored by Senator SAVIELLO of Franklin.
Cosponsored by Representative: BLACK of Wilton.

Harlan Clemens, of Chesterville, who has received a Spirit of America Award. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the award is presented to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We send our congratulations to Mr. Clemens on his receiving this award;
SLS 40

Sponsored by Senator SAVIELLO of Franklin.
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Thomas Doak, of Wilton, Deputy Chief of the Wilton Fire Department, who has received a Spirit of America Award. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the award is presented to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We send our congratulations to Deputy Chief Doak on his receiving this award;
SLS 1454

Sponsored by Senator SAVIELLO of Franklin
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READ.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Senator **SAVIELLO** of Franklin.

Senator **SAVIELLO:** Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, the Spirit of America Award came to the State of Maine in the early 1990s. It was our opportunity to simply say thank you to those in our communities that have done special things, whether they be individuals, whether they be groups or organizations. Thanks to Bruce Flaherty, I became introduced to this program and noticed that in the Kennebec County, one of the counties that I also represent four unique towns in, that it had not been - or was not located in Franklin County. So we began that effort to bring it home and the people that you heard mentioned, Tom from Wilton, Tammy from Kingfield, Frank from New Vineyard, who we finally made speechless, and Harlan from Chesterville, are those special individuals who have given so much to their communities that their communities have taken time to recognize them for their special efforts with the Spirit of America Award. Thank you to all of you for what you've done to our communities and for our special place in the State of Maine. Thank you, Mr. President.

PASSED.

Sent down for concurrence.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair is pleased to recognize in the rear of the Chamber Tammy Goldfrank, with her husband, John Goldfrank, from Kingfield; Frank Forster and Lynn Ricardo; Harlan Clemens and his family from Chesterville; and Tom Doak and his wife, Arlene Doak, and other members of his family. Would they please all rise and accept the greetings of the Senate.

Joint Resolution

On motion by Senator **VITELLI** of Sagadahoc, the following Joint Resolution:

S.P. 81

**STATE OF MAINE
IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
TWO THOUSAND AND SEVENTEEN**

**JOINT RESOLUTION
RECOGNIZING JANUARY 27TH 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 27, 2017 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 2016, these volunteers helped Maine residents save more than \$3,500,000 in tax filing fees and claim over \$5,200,000 in earned income tax credits, returning over \$21,200,000 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 First Regular Session, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to recognize January 27, 2017 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.

READ.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Sagadahoc, Senator Vitelli.

Senator **VITELLI**: Thank you, Mr. President. The Earned Income Tax Credit has been around for 50 or more years and is widely seen as one of the most effective anti-poverty programs that we have. Along with the child tax credit, the EITC puts real money back in the pockets of our working families. You have to earn it to claim it and to claim it you have to file your taxes. Had we been here on Tuesday we would have been joined by members of the Maine CA\$H Coalition. The Maine CA\$H Coalition, along with

AARP Tax Aide, organizes free tax preparation services around the state to aide people in filing their taxes and applying for the Earned Income Tax Credit and other benefits that they may be eligible for. The IRS provides training to volunteer tax preparers and the CA\$H Coalition members provide information about other asset building activities that people may be interested in. I urge you, if you're not aware of the Maine CA\$H Coalition and the Earned Income Tax Credit, to visit the Maine CA\$H website where you can find out the schedules and locations of these free tax preparation services and other resources that help people build their financial capabilities. Thank you.

On motion by Senator **VITELLI** of Sagadahoc, **ADOPTED.**

Sent down for concurrence.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Unfinished Business

The following matters in the consideration of which the Senate was engaged at the time of Adjournment had preference in the Orders of the Day and continue with such preference until disposed of as provided by Senate Rule 516.

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later Assigned (1/5/17) matter:

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Exclude Wildlife Issues from Citizen Initiatives
H.P. 7 L.D. 5

Tabled - January 5, 2017, by Senator **MASON** of Androscoggin

Pending - **REFERENCE**

(In House, the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed.)

On motion by Senator **MASON** of Androscoggin, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later Assigned (1/10/17) matter:

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Establish the Right To Hunt and Fish
H.P. 12 L.D. 11

Tabled - January 10, 2017, by Senator **CYRWAY** of Kennebec

Pending - **REFERENCE**

(In House, the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** and ordered printed.)

On motion by Senator **CYRWAY** of Kennebec, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later Assigned (1/10/17) matter:

Bill "An Act To Strengthen the Maine Children's Growth Council"
S.P. 17 L.D. 38

Tabled - January 10, 2017, by Senator **BRAKEY** of Androscoggin

Pending - **REFERENCE**

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

On motion by Senator **BRAKEY** of Androscoggin, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later Assigned (1/11/17) matter:

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Require That Signatures on a Direct Initiative of Legislation Come from Each Congressional District
H.P. 32 L.D. 31

Tabled - January 11, 2017, by Senator **MASON** of Androscoggin

Pending - **REFERENCE**

(In House, the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed.)

On motion by Senator **MASON** of Androscoggin, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later Assigned (1/11/17) matter:

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Prohibit Payment Per Signature for Citizen Petition Drives

H.P. 39 L.D. 53

Tabled - January 11, 2017, by Senator **MASON** of Androscoggin

Pending - **REFERENCE**

(In House, the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed.)

On motion by Senator **MASON** of Androscoggin, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later Assigned (1/19/17) matter:

Bill "An Act To Increase the Number of Suboxone Prescribers"
H.P. 82 L.D. 114

Tabled - January 19, 2017, by Senator **MASON** of Androscoggin

Pending - **REFERENCE**

(In House, the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** and ordered printed.)

On motion by Senator **VOLK** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Off Record Remarks

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

Off Record Remarks

RECESSED until the sound of the bell.

After Recess

The Senate was called to order by the President.

Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, the Senate considered the following:

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

House

Ought to Pass As Amended

The Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act To Delay the Implementation of Certain Portions of the Marijuana Legalization Act" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 66 L.D. 88

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-1)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-1)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-1) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

Under suspension of the Rules, Bill **READ A SECOND TIME**.

On motion by Senator **MASON** of Androscoggin, supported by a Division of one-fifth of the members present and voting, a Roll Call was ordered.

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

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#4)

YEAS: Senators: BELLOWS, BREEN, CARPENTER, CARSON, CHENETTE, CHIPMAN, COLLINS, CUSHING, CYRWAY, DAVIS, DESCHAMBAULT, DIAMOND, DILL, DOW, GRATWICK, HAMPER, HILL, JACKSON, KATZ, KEIM, LANGLEY, LIBBY, MAKER, MASON, MILLETT, MIRAMANT, ROSEN, SAVIELLO, VITELLI, VOLK, WHITEMORE, WOODSOME, PRESIDENT THIBODEAU

NAYS: Senators: None

EXCUSED: Senators: BRAKEY, DION

33 Senators having voted in the affirmative and No Senator having voted in the negative, with 2 Senators being excused, the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED**, in concurrence.

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

Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, the Senate considered the following:

ORDERS

Joint Order

On motion by Senator **MASON** of Androscoggin, the following Joint Order:

S.P. 87

Ordered, the House concurring, that when the House and Senate adjourn they do so until the call of the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House, respectively, when there is a need to conduct business, or consider possible objections of the Governor.

READ and **PASSED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

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

Off Record Remarks

RECESSED until the sound of the bell.

After Recess the Senate was called to order by the President.

Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, the Senate considered the following:

ENACTORS

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

Emergency Measure

An Act To Delay the Implementation of Certain Portions of the Marijuana Legalization Act

H.P. 66 L.D. 88
(C "A" H-1)

Senator **MIRAMANT** of Knox moved the Senate **RECONSIDER** whereby the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED**, in concurrence.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Knox, Senator Miramant.

Senator **MIRAMANT**: Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, I've watched such an impressive series of events happen in the last couple of days. When we realized we had a problem with a bill, we came up with a solution. One of our Senators brought a bill to Transportation to try to solve a problem. It was put in last Thursday. We heard it yesterday. Anyway, moving on to this. We have rushed through what we saw as some problems and we're already dealing with it in two days, and it's pretty impressive. We have nine months built into this bill to do what needs to be done. We've recognized a couple of problems and they will be on the way to be fixed. We could probably fix them in a week. We could certainly fix them in nine months. We do not need to delay. This, my amendment, seeks only to stick to the original timeline of this bill, that it amends, before the additional three months were added. Nine months is plenty of time. That's the biggest piece that I want to address. Any of the issues that have arisen, people seem to be disagreeing on whether they are a problem or not; but I support the Commission that's being formed to solve those problems, and they also - that has been formed quickly and can deal with the timeline. If we're starting to say that something's a problem before it even gets heard or before we see what problems arise, we're just saying to the citizens who voted for the referendum that they didn't know what they wanted; and that's not true. They knew what they wanted. They knew what they got when they voted it in and they need to have us understand that their will does need to be done. Thank you, Mr. President.

On motion by Senator **MASON** of Androscoggin, supported by a Division of one-fifth of the members present and voting, a Roll Call was ordered.

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#5)

YEAS: Senators: BELLOWS, CHENETTE, CHIPMAN, DILL, JACKSON, LIBBY, MIRAMANT

NAYS: Senators: BRAKEY, BREEN, CARPENTER, CARSON, COLLINS, CUSHING, CYRWAY, DAVIS, DESCHAMBAULT, DIAMOND, DOW, GRATWICK, HAMPER, HILL, KATZ, KEIM, LANGLEY, MAKER, MASON, MILLETT, ROSEN, SAVIELLO, VITELLI, VOLK, WHITEMORE, WOODSOME, PRESIDENT THIBODEAU

EXCUSED: Senator: DION

7 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 27 Senators having voted in the negative, with 1 Senator being excused, the motion by Senator **MIRAMANT** of Knox to **RECONSIDER** whereby the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED**, in concurrence, **FAILED**.

This being an Emergency Measure and having received the affirmative vote of 34 Members of the Senate, with no Senator having voted in the negative, and 34 being more than two-thirds of the entire elected Membership of the Senate, was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED** and, having been signed by the President, was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for his approval.

Ordered sent down forthwith.

Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, the Senate considered the following:

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

House Papers

Bill "An Act To Reduce Food Insecurity"
H.P. 129 L.D. 173

Bill "An Act To Limit the Use of Pesticides on School Grounds"
H.P. 130 L.D. 174

Bill "An Act Regarding the Regulation of Rabbit Production for Local Consumption"
H.P. 131 L.D. 175

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

On motion by Senator **DAVIS** of Piscataquis, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Pertaining to Disability Retirement Benefits Administered by the Maine Public Employees Retirement System"
H.P. 132 L.D. 176

Bill "An Act To Remove the Age Penalty for State Retirees Working at State Correctional Institutions That Are Closing"
H.P. 133 L.D. 177

Bill "An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Provide Jobs, Improve Road Infrastructure and Protect Water Resources"
H.P. 134 L.D. 178

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

On motion by Senator **HAMPER** of Oxford, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Make Creating a Police Standoff a Class E Crime"
H.P. 135 L.D. 179

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

On motion by Senator **ROSEN** of Hancock, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Enhance Higher Education in Maine through the Creation of a Unified Board of Higher Education"

H.P. 136 L.D. 180

Bill "An Act To Improve Teacher Preparation Programs"
H.P. 137 L.D. 181

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

On motion by Senator **LANGLEY** of Hancock, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Protect Firefighters by Establishing a Prohibition on the Sale and Distribution of New Upholstered Furniture Containing Certain Flame-retardant Chemicals"

H.P. 138 L.D. 182

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

On motion by Senator **SAVIELLO** of Franklin, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act Requiring the Use of the Electronic Death Registration System"

H.P. 139 L.D. 183

Bill "An Act To Allow Hospitals To More Efficiently Monitor the Prescribing of Controlled Substances by Amending the Laws Governing Access to Prescription Monitoring Information"

H.P. 140 L.D. 184

Bill "An Act To Establish a Pilot Project for Medicaid Reimbursement for Acupuncture Treatment of Substance Abuse Disorders"

H.P. 141 L.D. 185

Bill "An Act To Improve Peer Support Services"

H.P. 142 L.D. 186

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

On motion by Senator **BRAKEY** of Androscoggin, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Resolve, To Establish a Commission To Simplify Maine's Fishing Rules

H.P. 143 L.D. 187

Bill "An Act To Allow Dipping for Smelt on King Pond in Hancock County" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 144 L.D. 188

Bill "An Act To Allow Bird Hunting on Sunday in Aroostook County and Unorganized Townships in Western Maine"

H.P. 145 L.D. 189

Bill "An Act To Allow Spearfishing for Northern Pike in Sebago Lake"

H.P. 146 L.D. 190

Bill "An Act To Authorize 3-day All-terrain Vehicle Registration Reciprocity with the Provinces of New Brunswick and Quebec"

H.P. 147 L.D. 191

Bill "An Act To Eliminate the Authority of Game Wardens To Violate the Hunting and Fishing Laws When Carrying Out the Duties of the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife"

H.P. 174 L.D. 241

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

On motion by Senator **CYRWAY** of Kennebec, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Require Insurance Coverage for Hearing Aids"

H.P. 148 L.D. 192

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

On motion by Senator **WHITEMORE** of Somerset, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Protect Individual Retirement Accounts from Creditor Collection"

H.P. 149 L.D. 193

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

On motion by Senator **KEIM** of Oxford, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY**, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Ensure Equity in the Awarding of Compensation for Tort Claims"

H.P. 150 L.D. 194

Bill "An Act Amending the So-called 'Good Samaritan' Laws"

H.P. 151 L.D. 195

Bill "An Act To Protect Personal Information of Participants in a Community Well-being Check Program"

H.P. 152 L.D. 196

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Explicitly Protect against Sex Discrimination

H.P. 153 L.D. 197

Bill "An Act To Protect Landlords from Lawsuits for Damage or Harm Caused by Assistance Animals"

H.P. 154 L.D. 198

Come from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator **KEIM** of Oxford, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Implement Decibel Limits for Mechanical Rockweed Harvesters"

H.P. 155 L.D. 199

Bill "An Act To Allow Certain Municipal Shellfish Conservation Wardens To Seize and Sell Marine Organisms Taken in Violation of a Shellfish Conservation Ordinance"

H.P. 156 L.D. 200

Bill "An Act To Provide Flexibility in the Purchase of Lobster and Crab Trap Tags"

H.P. 157 L.D. 201

Bill "An Act To Abolish Municipal Shellfish Ordinances"

H.P. 158 L.D. 202

Bill "An Act To Establish a Statewide Scallop Harvesting Limit and Extend the Scallop Season"

H.P. 172 L.D. 233

Come from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **MARINE RESOURCES** and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator **MAKER** of Washington, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **MARINE RESOURCES** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Opt Out of Federal Daylight Saving Time and To Ask the United States Secretary of Transportation To Place the State in the Atlantic Time Zone"

H.P. 159 L.D. 203

Bill "An Act To Clarify the Status of a Certain Section of the Pelletier Road in the Town of Frenchville as a Town Way"

H.P. 173 L.D. 234

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

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

Bill "An Act To Exempt Veterans with ALS from the Excise Tax on Automobiles"

H.P. 160 L.D. 204

Bill "An Act To Exempt Certain International Athletic Competition Prizes from Maine Income Tax"

H.P. 161 L.D. 205

Bill "An Act To Exempt Feminine Hygiene Products from Sales Tax"

H.P. 162 L.D. 206

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

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

Resolve, To Designate a Bridge in East Machias as the Norman E. Bagley Memorial Bridge

H.P. 163 L.D. 207

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

H.P. 164 L.D. 208

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Temporary Sign Usage"

H.P. 165 L.D. 209

Bill "An Act To Allow Disabled Veterans To Have More Than One Set of Disabled Veteran License Plates"

H.P. 166 L.D. 210

Bill "An Act To Allow Extra Lights on the Front of a Motorcycle"

H.P. 175 L.D. 242

Come from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator **COLLINS** of York, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Require That Signatures on a Direct Initiative of Legislation Come from Each State Senatorial District
H.P. 168 L.D. 212

Bill "An Act To Provide Funds for Access for Veterans Seeking Health Care" (EMERGENCY)
H.P. 169 L.D. 213

Resolve, To Establish the Commission To Streamline Veterans' Licensing and Certification (EMERGENCY)
H.P. 170 L.D. 214

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

On motion by Senator **MASON** of Androscoggin, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Require a License for the Possession, Sale, Cultivation or Transportation of Marijuana for Recreational Use"
H.P. 171 L.D. 215

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Joint Select Committee on **MARIJUANA LEGALIZATION IMPLEMENTATION** and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator **MASON** of Androscoggin, **REFERRED** to the Joint Select Committee on **MARIJUANA LEGALIZATION IMPLEMENTATION** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Off Record Remarks

RECESSED until the sound of the bell.

After Recess the Senate was called to order by the President.

Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, the Senate considered the following:

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

House Paper

Bill "An Act To Change the Oversight Agency for Recreational Marijuana from the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations and To Allocate Funds for Implementation" (EMERGENCY)
H.P. 176 L.D. 243

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Joint Select Committee on **MARIJUANA LEGALIZATION IMPLEMENTATION** and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator **MASON** of Androscoggin, **REFERRED** to the Joint Select Committee on **MARIJUANA LEGALIZATION IMPLEMENTATION** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Off Record Remarks

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair would advise members that we passed a Joint Order earlier today that said that the Senate would be - yes, we passed a Joint Order that would recess the Senate until the call of the Chair. At this point the Chair would let the members know that I believe that call will happen for Tuesday morning at 10 a.m. That doesn't mean that that's an absolute. It won't be any later than that. So if there's some sort of action necessary by the Senate over the next few days, certainly staff will be reaching out to you to make sure you know that; but I would anticipate - I think it's highly likely that we would not come back in until Tuesday at 10 a.m., so I would make sure you had plans to be here Tuesday morning at 10 a.m. Again, you will be notified; but that's the intention of the Chair.

Off Record Remarks

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

ADJOURNED, pursuant to the Joint Order, until the call of the President of the Senate.