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

In Senate Chamber
Tuesday
February 7, 2017

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

Prayer by Pastor Jordan Shaw, Trinity United Methodist Church in
Farmington.

PASTOR SHAW: Thank you for the invitation. Let us be in a spirit of prayer. Holy One, all of life begins and ends with You. You created us and called us good. You remind us of Your goodness with warm sunshine with a bright blue backdrop on a winter day, the unbridled laughter of children, and through sights of a friend's face. We often forget, Loving One, we forget that You created us, that You called us good, and You called others, often different than we are, good as well. We allow political ideologies and other human constructed barriers to separate us. When we allow these things to separate us we forget the words of the Old Testament prophets. Mandates of our varying faiths; treat strangers among you like family for you were once a stranger in a strange land. Act justly, love mercy, walk humbly with God. We forget the words of Jesus, his command to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and visit the imprisoned. We forget the words of the Quran, the mandate to care for the poor with dignity and respect. When we focus on our divisions the vulnerable suffer. The people on the edge of homelessness, starvation, and addiction break our hearts, O Holy One. Break our hearts at the sight of the things that break Your heart. Give us the courage to stand up to rhetoric that is counter to the vision of the abundant community laid out in our sacred texts where the poor are honored, where wealth is distributed so that everyone might have a little bit and whoever has a surplus gives more so that those who do not have enough may have enough to put food on the table and to keep a roof over their head. Give us the courage to embrace the challenge of our sacred texts. Like You envision, a beloved community; a community that embraces all people for who they are; lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgendered or straight, Caucasian or Black, Native American and new emigrant, people from the United States and people from all over the world. A beloved community that celebrates our diversity instead of spreading fear. Give us the courage, O Holy One, to work together to protect the most vulnerable in our communities and to have ears to listen to one another, hearts to love one another, and the courage to always do what is right, regardless of political persuasion. This we pray in the name of all that is holy. Amen.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Senator Justin M. Chenette of York
County.

Reading of the Journal of Thursday, February 2, 2017.

Doctor of the day, John P. Herzog, D.O .

Off Record Remarks

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

House Paper

Bill "An Act Making Unified Appropriations and Allocations for the Expenditures of State Government, General Fund and Other Funds and Changing Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2018 and June 30, 2019" (EMERGENCY)
H.P. 281 L.D. 390

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.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: S.C. 117

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

February 2, 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 Judiciary has had under consideration the nomination of Honorable Beth Dobson of Falmouth, for reappointment as a District Court Judge.

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 2 Hill of York, Whittemore of
 Somerset

 Representatives 10 Moonen of Portland,
 Babbidge of Kennebunk,
 Bailey of Saco, Bradstreet of
 Vassalboro, Cardone of
 Bangor, Galgay Reckitt of
 South Portland, Guerin of
 Glenburn, Johansen of
 Monticello, McCreight of
 Harpswell, Sherman of
 Hodgdon

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

EXCUSED: Senator: KEIM

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 the Honorable **Beth Dobson** of Falmouth for reappointment as a District Court Judge was **CONFIRMED**.

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 118

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

February 2, 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 Judiciary has had under consideration the nomination of Honorable Daniel F. Driscoll of Biddeford, for reappointment as a District Court Judge.

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 2 Hill of York, Whittemore of
 Somerset

NAYS 0

ABSENT 1 Sen. Keim of Oxford

Twelve 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 Honorable Beth Dobson of Falmouth, for reappointment as a District Court Judge be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Lisa Keim
Senate Chair

S/Matthew W. Moonen
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall the recommendation of the Committee on **JUDICIARY** 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 Chair noted the absence of the Senator from Oxford, Senator **KEIM**, and further excused the same Senator from today's Roll Call votes.

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#16)

YEAS: Senators: None

Representatives 10 Moonen of Portland,
Babbidge of Kennebunk,
Bailey of Saco, Bradstreet of
Vassalboro, Cardone of
Bangor, Galgay Reckitt of
South Portland, Guerin of
Glenburn, Johansen of
Monticello, McCreight of
Harpwell, Sherman of
Hodgdon

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 119

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

February 2, 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
Judiciary has had under consideration the nomination of Michael
A. Duddy, Esq. of Cape Elizabeth, for appointment as a District
Court Judge.

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	2	Hill of York, Whittemore of Somerset
	Representatives	10	Moonen of Portland, Babbidge of Kennebunk, Bailey of Saco, Bradstreet of Vassalboro, Cardone of Bangor, Galgay Reckitt of South Portland, Guerin of Glenburn, Johansen of Monticello, McCreight of Harpwell, Sherman of Hodgdon

NAYS	0
ABSENT	1 Sen. Keim of Oxford

Twelve 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 Michael A. Duddy, Esq. of Cape Elizabeth, for
appointment as a District Court Judge be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Rodney L. Whittemore Senate Member	S/Matthew W. Moonen House Chair
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READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

NAYS 0

ABSENT 1 Sen. Keim of Oxford

Twelve 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 Honorable Daniel F. Driscoll of Biddeford, for
reappointment as a District Court Judge be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Rodney L. Whittemore Senate Member	S/Matthew W. Moonen House Chair
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READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

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 (#17)

YEAS: Senators: None

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

EXCUSED: Senator: KEIM

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 the
Honorable **Daniel F. Driscoll** of Biddeford for reappointment as a
District Court Judge was **CONFIRMED**.

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 (#18)

YEAS: Senators: None

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

EXCUSED: Senator: KEIM

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 **Michael A. Duddy**, Esq. of Cape Elizabeth for appointment as a District Court Judge was **CONFIRMED**.

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

Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, on motion by Senator **MASON** of Androscoggin, the following Senate Order:
S.O. 13

Ordered, that a message be sent to the House of Representatives proposing a Convention of the two branches of the Legislature be held at 6:45 this evening, in the Hall of the House for the purpose of extending to Governor Paul R. LePage, an invitation to attend and make such communication as pleases him.

READ and PASSED.

The Chair appointed the Senator from Androscoggin, Senator **MASON**, to deliver the message to the House of Representatives. The Senator was escorted to the House of Representatives.

Subsequently, the Senator from Androscoggin, Senator **MASON**, reported that he had delivered the message with which he was charged.

The Following Communication: S.C. 114

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

February 3, 2017

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

Dear President Thibodeau:

This is to inform you that I am today nominating William W. McFarland of South China for reappointment to the State Harness Racing Commission.

Pursuant to Title 8, MRSA §261-A, this reappointment is contingent on the Maine Senate confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry.

Sincerely,

S/Paul R. LePage
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 115

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

February 3, 2017

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

Dear President Thibodeau:

This is to inform you that I am today nominating John Moncure, Esq. of Harpswell for reappointment to the Midcoast Regional Redevelopment Authority.

Pursuant to Title 5, MRSA §13083-I, this reappointment is contingent on the Maine Senate confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development.

Sincerely,

S/Paul R. LePage
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 116

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

February 3, 2017

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

Dear President Thibodeau:

This is to inform you that I am today nominating John G. Peters of Harpswell for reappointment to the Midcoast Regional Redevelopment Authority.

Pursuant to Title 5, MRSA §13083-I, this reappointment is contingent on the Maine Senate confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development.

Sincerely,

S/Paul R. LePage
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 113

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY EIGHTH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON MARINE RESOURCES**

February 1, 2017

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

Dear President Thibodeau and Speaker Gideon,

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that we have approved the request by the bill sponsor Rep. Simmons of Waldoboro, to report the following bill Leave to Withdraw:

L.D. 202 An Act To Abolish Municipal Shellfish
Ordinances

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Joyce A. Maker
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Walter A. Kumiega, III
House Chair

READ and with accompanying papers ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 110

**MAINE PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES
UNIVERSITY OF MAINE SYSTEM
ORONO, ME**

27 January 2017

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

Dear President Thibodeau:

Pursuant to 5 M.R.S.A., Section 12023, please consider this the letter of transmittal for the required report from the University of Maine System due by February 1, 2017.

As provided in law and corresponding University policy and practice, there are legitimate reasons for waiving competitive procurement as part of standard procurement policy and all of the purchases in this report are consistent with that. For example, within the report that follows, a majority of the expenses for which waivers were granted involve purchases as required or provided in a grant awarded to the University or a library acquisition, as distinct from the University's purchases of general operating supplies and services.

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

Thank you.

Sincerely,

S/James H. Page, Chancellor
University of Maine System

READ and with accompanying papers ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 111

**STATE OF MAINE
CHILD DEVELOPMENT SERVICES
AUGUSTA, ME**

January 31, 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., Section 12023, please consider this the letter of transmittal for the required report from Child Development Services due by February 1, 2017.

- A. A list of all procurements exceeding \$10,000 during the 2015-2016 fiscal year as required under Section 2A.
- B. A list of all contributions greater than \$1,000 during the 2015-2016 fiscal year as required under Section 2B.
- C. There were no new or updated Finance policies for the 2015-2016 fiscal year.

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

Thank you.

Sincerely,

S/Janice E. Breton
Acting Director
Child Development Services

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 112

**STATE OF MAINE
CONNECTME AUTHORITY
AUGUSTA, ME**

February 1, 2017

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

Honorable Michael 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 the letter of transmittal for the required report from the ConnectME Authority due by February 1, 2017.

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

Thank you.

Sincerely,

S/Lisa Leahy
Associate 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.

At this point a message was received from the House of Representatives, borne by Representative HERBIG of Belfast, informing the Senate that the House concurred with the proposition for a Convention of the two branches of the Legislature to be held in the Hall of the House at 6:45 this evening for the purpose of extending to Governor Paul R. LePage an invitation to attend and make such communication as pleases him.

Off Record Remarks

SENATE PAPERS

Bill "An Act To Create the Maine Forest Resources Council"
S.P. 141 L.D. 414

Presented by Senator SAVIELLO of Franklin.
Cosponsored by Representative CAMPBELL of Orrington and
Senators: DAVIS of Piscataquis, LANGLEY of Hancock,
Representatives: DUCHESNE of Hudson, HARLOW of Portland.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Pertaining to the Maine Public Employees Retirement System"

S.P. 136 L.D. 409

Presented by Senator HAMPER of Oxford.
Submitted by the Maine Public Employees Retirement System pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Allow Municipally Funded Hospitals To Prohibit the Presence of Firearms on Their Property" (EMERGENCY)

S.P. 145 L.D. 443

Presented by Senator DAVIS of Piscataquis.
Cosponsored by Representative HIGGINS of Dover-Foxcroft and Senator: JACKSON of Aroostook, Representative: McELWEE of Caribou.

Bill "An Act Regarding Imposition of an Automatic Life Sentence in the Case of Domestic Abuse Resulting in Murder"

S.P. 151 L.D. 449

Presented by Senator JACKSON of Aroostook.
Cosponsored by Representative MARTIN of Eagle Lake.

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 Require the Completion of Courses of Study in Home Economics and Industrial Arts Education Prior to Graduation from High School"

S.P. 139 L.D. 412

Presented by Senator SAVIELLO of Franklin.
Cosponsored by Senator WOODSOME of York and Senator: LANGLEY of Hancock.

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 Make Changes to the So-called Dig Safe Law"
S.P. 132 L.D. 405

Presented by Senator WOODSOME of York.
Cosponsored by Representative BERRY of Bowdoinham.
Submitted by the Public Utilities Commission pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Bill "An Act To Amend the Law Regarding Joint Use of Certain Utility and Telecommunications Infrastructure"

S.P. 133 L.D. 406

Presented by Senator WOODSOME of York.
Cosponsored by Representative BERRY of Bowdoinham and Senator: President THIBODEAU of Waldo.
Submitted by the Public Utilities Commission pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

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 Prevent Oil Spills in Casco Bay"
S.P. 152 L.D. 450

Presented by Senator CHIPMAN of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Senators: BREEN of Cumberland, DION of Cumberland, GRATWICK of Penobscot, MILLETT of Cumberland, SAVIELLO of Franklin, Representatives: CAMPBELL of Orrington, SYLVESTER of Portland, TUCKER of Brunswick.

Bill "An Act To Remove the Reformulated Gasoline Requirement"
S.P. 154 L.D. 452

Presented by Senator HAMPER of Oxford.
Cosponsored by Representative WADSWORTH of Hiram and Senator: COLLINS of York.

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 Add Addiction to or Dependency on Opiates or Prescription Drugs to the List of Qualifying Conditions for Medical Marijuana"

S.P. 138 L.D. 411

Presented by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin.
Cosponsored by Senators: BELLOWS of Kennebec, CHIPMAN of Cumberland, DION of Cumberland, KATZ of Kennebec, MIRAMANT of Knox, SAVIELLO of Franklin, Representatives: HAMANN of South Portland, HICKMAN of Winthrop.

Bill "An Act To Coordinate Services and Support Workforce Development for Substance Use Disorder Prevention and Peer Recovery Services"

S.P. 149 L.D. 447

Presented by Senator MAKER of Washington.
Cosponsored by Representative BEEBE-CENTER of Rockland and Senators: CYRWAY of Kennebec, VITELLI of Sagadahoc, Representatives: ESPLING of New Gloucester, MALABY of Hancock, O'NEIL of Saco, STEWART of Presque Isle, TIPPING of Orono, TUELL of East Machias.

Bill "An Act To Fund Research on Cancer in Firefighters"
S.P. 150 L.D. 448

Presented by Senator JACKSON of Aroostook.

Bill "An Act To Continue MaineCare Coverage for Parents during the Rehabilitation and Reunification Process"
S.P. 153 L.D. 451

Presented by Senator CHIPMAN of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Senator: VITELLI of Sagadahoc, Representatives: CHACE of Durham, HEAD of Bethel, HYMANSON of York, MADIGAN of Waterville, MALABY of Hancock, PARKER of South Berwick, PERRY of Calais.

Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services To Facilitate the Scheduling of Transportation for Persons with Disabilities

S.P. 158 L.D. 464

Presented by Senator VOLK of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative MALABY of Hancock and Senators: BRAKEY of Androscoggin, CHIPMAN of Cumberland, Representatives: DENNO of Cumberland, HAMANN of South Portland, HYMANSON of York, PERRY of Calais, VACHON of Scarborough.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Encourage Maine Consumers To Comparison-shop for Certain Health Care Procedures and To Lower Health Care Costs"

S.P. 147 L.D. 445

Presented by Senator WHITEMORE of Somerset.
Cosponsored by Representative PICCHIOTTI of Fairfield and Senators: BRAKEY of Androscoggin, COLLINS of York, CUSHING of Penobscot, KATZ of Kennebec, President THIBODEAU of Waldo, Representatives: FARRIN of Norridgewock, FOLEY of Wells, WALLACE of Dexter.

Resolve, Regarding Insurance Coverage for Alternative Therapies for Addiction and Recovery
S.P. 155 L.D. 453

Presented by Senator GRATWICK of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Representative BROOKS of Lewiston and Senators: CARSON of Cumberland, CHIPMAN of Cumberland, LIBBY of Androscoggin, Representatives: HAMANN of South Portland, JORGENSEN of Portland, RYKERSON of Kittery.

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 Except from the Freedom of Access Act Certain Information in the Possession of the Maine Public Employees Retirement System"

S.P. 137 L.D. 410

Presented by Senator HAMPER of Oxford.
Submitted by the Maine Public Employees Retirement System pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Require Certification under the United States Environmental Protection Agency's Lead Renovation, Repair and Painting Rule"

S.P. 143 L.D. 441

Presented by Senator LIBBY of Androscoggin.
Cosponsored by Representative PIERCE of Dresden and Senators: KATZ of Kennebec, VOLK of Cumberland, Representatives: BROOKS of Lewiston, FULLER of Lewiston, GOLDEN of Lewiston, HANDY of Lewiston.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Create a Family Caregiver Income Tax Credit"
S.P. 144 L.D. 442

Presented by Senator DAVIS of Piscataquis.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Increase the Maximum Registered Gross Weight Allowed for Vehicles with Disabled Veterans or Special Veterans Registration Plates"

S.P. 146 L.D. 444

Presented by President THIBODEAU of Waldo.
Cosponsored by Representative GILLWAY of Searsport and Senators: COLLINS of York, DIAMOND of Cumberland, MASON of Androscoggin, ROSEN of Hancock, Representatives: FARRIN of Norridgewock, GOLDEN of Lewiston, HANINGTON of Lincoln, WHITE of Washburn.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Simplify the Laws Regarding Games of Chance"
S.P. 134 L.D. 407

Presented by Senator COLLINS of York.
Cosponsored by Representative HANINGTON of Lincoln and Senators: CARPENTER of Aroostook, MASON of Androscoggin, Representatives: ALLEY of Beals, FARRIN of Norridgewock, LONGSTAFF of Waterville, LUCHINI of Ellsworth, TURNER of Burlington, WHITE of Washburn.

Bill "An Act To Prohibit Taxpayer-funded Campaign Expenditures from Being Used on Post-election Parties"
S.P. 135 L.D. 408

Presented by Senator COLLINS of York.
Cosponsored by Representative FARRIN of Norridgewock and Senators: CARPENTER of Aroostook, MASON of Androscoggin, Representatives: DILLINGHAM of Oxford, HANINGTON of Lincoln, LONGSTAFF of Waterville, LUCHINI of Ellsworth, SCHNECK of Bangor, TURNER of Burlington.

Bill "An Act To Limit the Influence of Lobbyists by Expanding the Prohibition on Accepting Political Contributions"
S.P. 140 L.D. 413

Presented by Senator CHENETTE of York.
Cosponsored by Representative DILLINGHAM of Oxford and Senator: CHIPMAN of Cumberland, Representatives: BERRY of Bowdoinham, HICKMAN of Winthrop.

Bill "An Act To Modify the Amount of Product Samples of Malt Liquor, Wine or Spirits That May Be Provided to Retail Licensees"
S.P. 142 L.D. 415

Presented by Senator MASON of Androscoggin.
Cosponsored by Representative LUCHINI of Ellsworth and Senators: CARPENTER of Aroostook, COLLINS of York, Representative: FARRIN of Norridgewock.

Bill "An Act To Allow Campgrounds To Obtain Licenses To Operate Beano or Bingo Games"

S.P. 148 L.D. 446

Presented by Senator COLLINS of York.
Cosponsored by Representative LUCHINI of Ellsworth and Senators: CHENETTE of York, CUSHING of Penobscot, CYRWAY of Kennebec, DIAMOND of Cumberland, WOODSOME of York, Representatives: HANINGTON of Lincoln, HOGAN of Old Orchard Beach, STANLEY of Medway.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

**Pursuant to Statutes
Maine Turnpike Authority**

Senator COLLINS for the **Maine Turnpike Authority**, pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 23, section 1961, subsection 6 asked leave to report that the accompanying Bill "An Act To Make Allocations from Maine Turnpike Authority Funds for the Maine Turnpike Authority for the Calendar Year Ending December 31, 2018"

S.P. 157 L.D. 460

Be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

On motion by Senator **COLLINS** of York, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Sent down for concurrence.

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

ORDERS

Joint Order

Expression of Legislative Sentiment recognizing:

Jobs for Maine's Graduates, of Augusta, which received the Community Service Award for 2017 from the Kennebec Valley Chamber of Commerce. We extend to President and Chief Executive Officer Craig Larrabee and the staff of Jobs for Maine's Graduates our congratulations and best wishes;

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Sponsored by Senator KATZ of Kennebec.
Cosponsored by Representatives: BRADSTREET of Vassalboro,
DOORE of Augusta, POULIOT of Augusta.

READ.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Kennebec, Senator Katz.

Senator **KATZ:** Thank you, Mr. President and men and women of the Senate. You know in the Legislature we appropriate about \$6 billion a year General Fund money and I think wonder sometimes if we are really getting our bang for our buck in particular programs and are never really sure. I think if there's one program, Mr. President, that we know is working, and we know that our dollars are well spent, it has to be the Jobs for Maine's Graduates. This program deals with kids who are at risk in our junior high schools and our high schools and, through their participation in this program, end up with a graduation rate of high school that is actually higher than that of our peers. They get admitted to colleges. They articulate in colleges. They stay in colleges. The program has been a huge success as it extended, as I said, into the junior high schools. It's now actually in freshman year in college; has proposals to deal with foster kid populations. It's just a real success and I'm so happy that, among other places where Jobs for Maine's Graduates is, it's now at Cony High School. So the Kennebec Valley Chamber of Commerce, in its award, made an excellent choice here. I know that they're present in many of our, if not all of our, 35 Senate Districts and could not be more deserving of this honor. Thank you, Mr. President.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Hancock, Senator Langley.

Senator **LANGLEY:** Thank you, Mr. President. Men and women of the Senate, I, too, rise to congratulate Jobs for Maine's Graduates on receiving this award. They are really and truly a great partner in our education system. They do, indeed, help students transition from middle school through high school. Most recently they've add the post-secondary piece in the past few years of where they saw where the ball might be being dropped and where students may fall through the cracks. When we've had folks come and support JMG in the Education Committee from the schools and the school systems they seem them as a valuable partner, providing services well above and beyond what schools may be able to do on their own. With that, I congratulate them on this award and thank you, Mr. President.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Aroostook, Senator Jackson.

Senator **JACKSON:** Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, I, too, would like to rise and offer my congratulations to the Kennebec Valley Jobs for Maine's Graduates. Mr. Larrabee and all the staff throughout the state, as a father of young son that didn't have a whole lot of interest in going to high school, all he wanted to do was actually work in the woods for a living, the Jobs for Maine's Graduates program went out of their way to keep him in high school, did everything they could to make sure that his interests was sparked, and, as parents, I couldn't be more appreciative of what they did for my son, and I know that they're doing that for people all around the state. It's a tremendous program. I certainly join Senator Katz and Senator Langley in support of this, and the entire Senate. Thank you for what you do. Certainly much appreciated by myself and many others across the state.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Millett.

Senator **MILLETT:** Thank you, Mr. President. I, too, rise to congratulate Jobs for Maine's Graduates program. As someone who's served in the Education Committee for the past four years, I have become very closely aware of the tremendous work that they do across the State of Maine, starting with foster children and providing them that extra support to help them become successful and contributing members to our state. Then expanding to a group of students that tend to often go unnoticed and help them develop connections and ties to really close community and find their legs in the education world and beyond with job skills and likes of which. It's an impressive program. They are now going into our community colleges to make sure that they can attain some higher education, which we all know is very important to the economic welfare of our state. So they're a wonderful partner for us in the education world and I congratulate them on their work.

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

Senator **MIRAMANT:** Thank you, Mr. President. Men and women of the Senate, I had exposure to this program in our area and it's been a wonderful experience for our children at different grade levels. They also have ties to my family. My niece works in the program, so I've seen or heard of the inside workings of it. One of the things I've always advocated for in education is that we need students, the way they learn, and I know that with some of the programs that have come through it's been hard to veer off the path that they start down. This program, its path and mission is to meet students the way they learn and they've been very successful at it, from all the different sides that I've seen. I congratulate them, heartily, for their efforts and for maintaining it over a period of years now, to have great successes so that their graduates are now teaching in the program. That's a real success story in my mind.

PASSED.

Sent down for concurrence.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair is pleased to recognize in the rear of the Chamber Craig Larrabee, Director of the Maine JMG program. Would he please rise and accept the greetings of the Senate.

Joint Resolution

On motion by Senator **CHIPMAN** of Cumberland (Cosponsored by Representative HARLOW of Portland and Senator: DION of Cumberland, Representatives: COLLINGS of Portland, FARNSWORTH of Portland, JORGENSEN of Portland, MOONEN of Portland, SANBORN of Portland, SYLVESTER of Portland, TALBOT ROSS of Portland), the following Joint Resolution:

S.P. 156

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

**JOINT RESOLUTION
CELEBRATING PORTLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY
ON THE OCCASION OF ITS 150TH ANNIVERSARY**

WHEREAS, Portland Public Library is a vital civic and cultural center for the City of Portland and for the State, fostering learning and engagement for all; and

WHEREAS, Portland Public Library is committed to "Building a City of Readers" for all the joy, learning and wisdom that reading provides; and

WHEREAS, Portland Public Library improves the creative, economic, educational and technological health of the region through its collections, programs, outreach and partnerships throughout the community; and

WHEREAS, Portland Public Library is the most visited cultural institution in the State and provides open access and support to 675,000 visitors annually, who make use of its services and its collection of more than 300,000 books, audiobooks, recordings, movies, archives and digital resources; and

WHEREAS, Portland Public Library serves as the Area Reference and Research Center for the Maine State Library, offering free library services to residents of York County, Cumberland County and assigned areas in Oxford County as well as providing services and support for the libraries in these communities; and

WHEREAS, Portland Public Library is a leader in collaborative library service initiatives statewide, particularly Maine InfoNet and its shared systems, and in national initiatives that connect patrons in the State to the collections of the world's great libraries; and

WHEREAS, Portland Public Library is a key partner within the City of Portland and statewide in the preservation of local history and promotion of the community's cultural vitality; and

WHEREAS, incorporated on January 22, 1867, following the Portland fire of 1866, Portland Public Library was described shortly thereafter by Mayor Charles J. Chapman as "so veritable a home of true democracy ... an atmosphere of philosophy, knowledge, and fancy"; and

WHEREAS, Portland Public Library was founded on the principles of civil and civic engagement and of free access for persons from all walks of life, which continue to today; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Twenty-eighth Legislature now assembled in the First Regular Session, honor Portland Public Library on the occasion of its 150th anniversary and recognize the library for its sustained and transformative impact on the City of Portland and communities throughout the State; and be it further

RESOLVED: That suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to Portland Public Library.

READ.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Chipman.

Senator **CHIPMAN**: Thank you, Mr. President. I don't have anything prepared to speak on this, but I just move that we pass this Order. This is an Order recognizing the 150th Anniversary of the Portland Public Library. Thank you.

On motion by Senator **CHIPMAN** of Cumberland, **ADOPTED.**

Sent down for concurrence.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

House

Pursuant to Statute

The Committee on **GOVERNMENT OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE** on Bill "An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Government Oversight Committee To Develop a Long-range Strategic Plan for Economic Improvement in the State"
H.P. 273 L.D. 367

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

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.**

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

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

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Unfinished Business

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

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later Assigned (1/31/17) matter:

Bill "An Act To Prohibit Any Questions Regarding Criminal History on State Employment Applications"

H.P. 221 L.D. 288

Tabled - January 31, 2017, by Senator **DAVIS** of Piscataquis

Pending - **REFERENCE**

(In 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.

Senate at Ease.

The Senate was called to order by the President.

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 Papers

Bill "An Act To Prohibit the Use of Elephants in Traveling Animal Acts"

H.P. 287 L.D. 396

Bill "An Act To Educate the Public on the Proper Use of Pesticides and To Promote Integrated Pest Management Using Existing Resources"

H.P. 298 L.D. 418

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 Exemption for Highway Contractors and Subcontractors under the Arborist Licensing Laws"

H.P. 310 L.D. 430

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

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

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Strengthen Maine's Groundfish Permit Bank"

H.P. 296 L.D. 416

Bill "An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Invest in Facilities and Equipment To Support the Growth of Additive Manufacturing"

H.P. 297 L.D. 417

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 Improve the Funding of County Jails"

H.P. 329 L.D. 463

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 Provide Funding for Maine Public"
H.P. 282 L.D. 391

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

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

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Recognize Computer Science in the Path to Proficiency"
H.P. 289 L.D. 398

Bill "An Act To Require Same-year State Valuations for Education Funding Purposes for Municipalities That Lose More Than 35 Percent of Their Tax Base"
H.P. 300 L.D. 420

Bill "An Act To Require a Capstone Project as a Condition of High School Graduation"
H.P. 328 L.D. 462

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 Promote Economic Development and Critical Communications for Rural Family Farms, Businesses and Residences by Strategic Public Investment in High-speed Internet"
H.P. 301 L.D. 421

Bill "An Act To Extend Internet Availability in Rural Maine" (EMERGENCY)
H.P. 303 L.D. 423

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

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

Bill "An Act To Revise Maine's Environmental Laws"
H.P. 290 L.D. 399

Bill "An Act Regarding the Construction or Placement of Decks within the Shoreland Zone"
H.P. 291 L.D. 400

Come 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 Require Reimbursement to Hospitals for Patients Awaiting Placement in Nursing Facilities"
H.P. 292 L.D. 401

Bill "An Act To Ensure Safe Drinking Water for Families in Maine"
H.P. 321 L.D. 454

Bill "An Act Relating to the Provision of Tobacco Cessation Services by Pharmacists"
H.P. 322 L.D. 455

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 To Extend the Big Game Season in Coastal Wildlife Management Areas"
H.P. 304 L.D. 424

Bill "An Act To Extend Fall Fishing Opportunities"
H.P. 305 L.D. 425

Bill "An Act To Allow Hunters Whose Religion Prohibits Wearing Hunter Orange Clothing To Instead Wear Red"
H.P. 306 L.D. 426

Bill "An Act To Give Certain Landowners First Priority for Antlerless Deer Permits"
H.P. 307 L.D. 427

Come 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 Clarify Damages for the Willful or Negligent Injury or Death of a Dog"

H.P. 299 L.D. 419

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

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY**.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to Article X of the Constitution of Maine Regarding the Publication of Maine Indian Treaty Obligations

H.P. 308 L.D. 428

Bill "An Act Concerning Guardians Ad Litem and Determinations Regarding the Best Interest of a Child in Custodial Relative Caregiver Cases"

H.P. 309 L.D. 429

Bill "An Act To Repeal the Sunset Date on the Children's Guardians Ad Litem Law"

H.P. 324 L.D. 457

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

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

Bill "An Act To Increase Access to Vaccinations"

H.P. 323 L.D. 456

Comes 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 Allow Municipalities To Apply a Local Option Sales Tax to the Sale of Marijuana"

H.P. 313 L.D. 433

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

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

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

Bill "An Act Regarding Legal Lobster Haul Times outside of the 3-mile Line"

H.P. 283 L.D. 392

Bill "An Act To Ensure Participation and Equity in the Shellfish Depuration Certification and Compensation Process for Municipalities"

H.P. 311 L.D. 431

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 Establish Maine Buy Local Month"

H.P. 293 L.D. 402

Bill "An Act To Designate a Maine Community Litter Cleanup Day"

H.P. 312 L.D. 432

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 Clarify That the Department of Transportation Is Exempt from Property Assessment Liabilities When Acquiring Property by Condemnation"

H.P. 284 L.D. 393

Bill "An Act To Allow Certain Vehicles To Make a Right Turn on a Red Light Even When Prohibited"

H.P. 314 L.D. 434

Resolve, To Study the Feasibility and Cost of Providing Passenger Rail Service to the City of Bangor

H.P. 315 L.D. 435

Bill "An Act To Allow Intermediate Driver's License Holders To Drive between Midnight and 5:00 a.m. for School Activities"

H.P. 316 L.D. 436

Bill "An Act Concerning Maine's Transportation Infrastructure"
H.P. 317 L.D. 437

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 Regarding Terminology in Campaign Finance Law"
H.P. 285 L.D. 394

Bill "An Act Regarding Referendum Recounts"
H.P. 294 L.D. 403

Bill "An Act To Provide a Travel Reimbursement to Members of the Maine National Guard"
H.P. 318 L.D. 438

Bill "An Act To Allow Voters To Choose Ongoing Absentee Voter Status"
H.P. 319 L.D. 439

Bill "An Act To Expand Absentee Balloting To Include Certain Residents in Independent Living Facilities"
H.P. 320 L.D. 440

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.

**Pursuant to Statute
State Board of Education**

The **State Board of Education**, pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 8072 asked leave to report that the accompanying Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 115: Certification, Authorization and Approval of Education Personnel, a Late-filed Major Substantive Rule of the State Board of Education (EMERGENCY)
H.P. 295 L.D. 404

Be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **REFERRED** to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

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

REFERRED to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218, in concurrence.

**Pursuant to Statute
Public Utilities Commission**

The **Public Utilities Commission**, pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 8072 asked leave to report that the accompanying Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 220: Removal of Provider of Last Resort Service Obligation, a Major Substantive Rule of the Public Utilities Commission (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 327 L.D. 461

Be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **REFERRED** to the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

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

REFERRED to the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218, in concurrence.

**Pursuant to Statute
Department of Health and Human Services**

The **Department of Health and Human Services**, pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 8072 asked leave to report that the accompanying Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Section 97, Private Non-Medical Institution Services, a Late-filed Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Health and Human Services (EMERGENCY)
H.P. 325 L.D. 458

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

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

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

REFERRED to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218, in concurrence.

Pursuant to Statute

Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices

The **Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices**, pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 8072 asked leave to report that the accompanying Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 3: Maine Clean Election Act and Related Provisions, a Major Substantive Rule of the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 326 L.D. 459

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

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **REFERRED** to the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

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

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

At this point the Senate retired to the Hall of the House where a Joint Convention was formed.

Following the Joint Convention the Senate was called to order in the Senate Chamber by the President.

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

On motion by Senator **MASON** of Androscoggin, **ADJOURNED** until Thursday, February 9, 2017 at 10:00 in the morning.