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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 28, 2017

Doctor of the day, Garreth Debiegun, M.D. of Yarmouth.

Off Record Remarks

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

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

House Papers

Bill "An Act To Amend the Municipal Subdivision Laws"
H.P. 444 L.D. 628

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 Improve Rehabilitation Services for Persons with
Mental Illness in Maine"
H.P. 445 L.D. 629

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.

Joint Resolution

The following Joint Resolution:
H.P. 410

JOINT RESOLUTION
RECOGNIZING FEBRUARY 11TH AS 2-1-1 MAINE DAY

WHEREAS, 2-1-1 Maine is a comprehensive statewide
directory of more than 8,000 health and human services available
in the State; and

WHEREAS, in order to promote the 2-1-1 Maine health and
human services and emergency preparedness hotline, which
helps Maine citizens to get access to needed resources, we
recognize February 11th as 2-1-1 Maine Day; and

WHEREAS, 2-1-1 Maine helps to identify existing gaps in
health and human services; and

Prayer by Reverend Larry Lakey, Winslow Baptist Church.

REVEREND LAKEY: Good morning. Please bow with me in
prayer. Dear Heavenly Father, You are perfectly gracious and
You give us every good thing to enjoy. We thank You for this day
and for the opportunity to work and serve the people of this great
state. Thank You for the men and women who serve in this
Senate Body. Help them to serve well in their trusted roles. May
they serve selflessly, pursuing the common good over and above
their own interests. Grant them an exemplary standing in abiding
the law. Help them to navigate difficult issues and situations that
might endanger their integrity and protect them against false
accusations. Give them an unusual ability to listen to each other,
to highly regard the perspectives of those with whom they
disagree. May they see the worth You have invested in every
person made in Your image. Grant them patience and a gracious
spirit when working as colleagues. Give them uncommon
wisdom, clarity of thought, and the perseverance needed to work
creatively for effective solutions for complex problems. Make
their work productive and fruitful for the good of those whom they
serve. Grant them the good reputation that is earned by those
who steward well this authority and this great responsibility.
Father, I also pray that You would bless each one of them in a
very personal way. May their lives outside of government work
be rich and satisfying. Grant not only the ability to work well but
the peace and rest needed when the workday is done. Bless
them in their families and their relationships with family. May they
find joy in knowing and loving others, as well as in being known
and loved by others. Give them transparency and intimacy with
those who care for them most. Protect them from those who
would merely use them for political influence and bring genuine
friendships into their lives and trusted companions with whom to
share all of the good things You give. Grant them the perspective
needed to make wise investments in relationships that far outlast
the duration of their public service. I pray that their lives outside
this Chamber would be just as rich and full as their collaborative
work here together could possibly be. May the great State of
Maine thrive because of those who serve in this Senate. I pray
this in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Senator Michael E. Carpenter of
Aroostook County.

Reading of the Journal of Thursday, February 16, 2017.

WHEREAS, throughout the State, 2-1-1 Maine provides around-the-clock service through efficient and effective responses to questions arising from the growing complexities and needs in health, financial and human services; and

WHEREAS, 2-1-1 Maine provides emergency operations during times of natural and other disasters, including providing accurate and timely information for preparations and longer-term referrals for follow-up services, and valuable information for community planning and for future matching of resources and unmet needs; and

WHEREAS, during this past year, 2-1-1 Maine has directed more than 6,300 Mainers to heating and utility assistance services that may have prevented people from contacting the wrong agency for a federal Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program benefit, prevented utility shutoffs and saved people from spending winter nights without fuel assistance; and

WHEREAS, since 2006, 2-1-1 Maine call specialists have assisted with more than 670,000 requests to locate health and human services information; and

WHEREAS, 2-1-1 Maine handles a number of specialized services, including assisting the Department of Health and Human Services, Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention and Office of Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services and the gambling helpline, and is also a resource to find information about such needs as tax preparation and mental health services; 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 February 11, 2017 as 2-1-1 Maine Day.

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

READ.

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

Senator **KATZ:** Thank you, Mr. President. Mr. President, men and women of the Senate, February 11th was 2-1-1 Maine Day. I just wanted to call our colleagues' attention to the importance of this organization. Reading the Resolution and it's really pretty staggering. I think we're all familiar with 2-1-1, which provided kind of a central place for people to call with a variety of referrals. Six hundred and seventy thousand requests since 2006. In a world where it's kind of difficult sometimes to navigate and find the right place to go, 2-1-1 is a real model of a public/private cooperation that helps people get steered in the right direction. We're all pleased to recognize that organization and wish it continued success. Thank you, Mr. President.

ADOPTED, in concurrence.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: S.C. 155

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

February 16, 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 Thomas J. Zuke of Saco, for appointment to the Maine Turnpike Authority, Board of Directors.

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	Austin of Skowhegan, Bryant of Windham, Gillway of Searsport, Grant of Gardiner, Parry of Arundel, Perkins of Oakland, Schneck of Bangor, Sheats of Auburn

NAYS	0
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ABSENT	2	Rep. McLean of Gorham, Rep. Cebra of Naples
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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 Thomas J. Zuke of Saco, for appointment to the Maine Turnpike Authority, Board of Directors 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 York, Senator **DESCHAMBAULT**, and the Senator from Cumberland, Senator **DION**, and further excused the same Senators 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 (#27)

YEAS: Senators: None

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

EXCUSED: Senators: DESCHAMBAULT, DION

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 33 Senators having voted in the negative, with 2 Senators 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 **Thomas J. Zuke** of Saco for appointment to the Maine Turnpike Authority, Board of Directors was **CONFIRMED**.

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 143

STATE OF MAINE SUPREME JUDICIAL COURT PORTLAND, MAINE

DOCKET NO. OJ-17-1

In the Matter of
Request for Opinion of the Justices

PROCEDURAL ORDER

On Tuesday, February 7, 2017, the Maine State Senate referred three Questions to the Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court, pursuant to Article VI, Section 3 of the Maine Constitution, related to An Act to Establish Ranked-Choice Voting, which was approved by Maine voters on November 8, 2016, pursuant to Article IV, Part Third, Section 18 of the Maine Constitution.

The Justices hereby invite a representative for each of the Maine Senate, the House of Representatives, Governor LePage, the Secretary of State, and the Attorney General, and any other interested person or entity to submit briefs addressing

1. whether the Questions propounded present a "solemn occasion," pursuant to article VI, section 3 of the Maine Constitution; and
2. the law regarding the Questions propounded.

Any person or entity submitting a brief to the Court must do so by filing the brief, as described below, with the Executive Clerk of the Supreme Judicial Court, at 205 Newbury Street, Room 139, Portland, Maine 04101, at or before 4:00 p.m. on Friday March 3, 2017.

Responsive briefs are not required, but any person or entity that filed an initial brief may file a responsive brief at or before noon on Friday, March 17, 2017.

Briefs and responsive briefs must conform to the requirements of M.R. App. P. 9(f), and comply with the following:

- a. the front cover must be white and must contain the following information:
 - the designation that the matter is "Before the Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court";
 - the docket number of the matter, OJ-17-1;
 - the title of the matter, "In the Matter of Request for Opinion of the Justices";
 - the title of the document as either a "Brief of" or "Responsive Brief of" followed by the name of the person or entity filing the brief or responsive brief; and
 - the name, address, and Maine bar number of counsel representing the filer or, if the filer is not represented by counsel, the name and address of the filer.
- b. Briefs must be in 14-point font or larger, double spaced—except for quotes.
- c. Briefs may not be longer than 25 pages. Responsive briefs may not exceed 10 pages.
- d. Briefs are not required to be bound.
- e. Any person or entity filing a brief shall provide two copies to the Clerk's Office, and an electronic copy of any brief (which need not be signed) shall be simultaneously emailed in the form of a single text-based pdf file to lawcourt.clerk@courts.maine.gov.

Oral Argument will be held on Thursday, April 13, 2017, at 8:30 a.m., in Courtroom 12, in the Cumberland County Courthouse.

All filings and orders in this matter can be found, within a reasonable time after filing, on the Court's website at: www.courts.maine.gov/quick/senate.

Dated February 7, 2017

For the Justices,

S/Leigh I. Saufley
Chief Justice

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 144

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

February 23, 2017

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

Dear Secretary Priest:

Pursuant to my authority under Title 5, MRSA, Chapter 163, §2003, I am pleased to appoint Claire Kiedrowski of Stockton Springs to the Maine Library of Geographic Information Board.

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. 145

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

February 23, 2017

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

Dear Secretary Priest:

Pursuant to my authority under Title 5, MRSA, Chapter 163, §2003, I am pleased to appoint Patrick Cunningham of Hallowell to the Maine Library of Geographic Information Board.

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. 146

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

February 23, 2017

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

Dear Secretary Priest:

Pursuant to my authority under Title 22, MRSA, §3883, I am pleased to appoint Senator Joyce A. Maker of Washington to Maine Children's Trust Incorporated, representing a member of the Senate effective date of this letter.

If you have any questions regarding this appointment please do not hesitate to contact my office.

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. 147

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

February 23, 2017

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

Dear Secretary Priest:

Pursuant to my authority under Title 5, MRSA, Chapter 319, Section 3371, I am pleased to appoint the following Senators to the Maine Fire Protection Services Commission effective date of this letter.

Senator Scott. W. Cyrway of Kennebec
Senator Brownie Carson of Cumberland

If you have any questions regarding this appointment please do not hesitate to contact my office.

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. 148

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

February 15, 2017

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

Dear Secretary Priest:

Pursuant to my authority under Title 10, MRSA, Part 2, §1079 I am pleased to appoint Denise St. Peter of Bangor to the Advisory Committee on Family Development Accounts, representing a community development organization. With this appointment she will be replacing Shannon Bonsey effective the date of this letter.

Sincerely,

S/Michael D. Thibodeau
President of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 149

**MAINE MARITIME ACADEMY
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
CASTINE, MAINE**

February 2, 2017

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

Dear President Thibodeau:

I am pleased to accept your invitation to address a Joint Session of the 128th Maine Legislature on Thursday, March 2, 2017, at 11 a.m. I appreciate the courtesy you have extended to me and I look forward to presenting to you and your colleagues an update on the status of Maine Maritime Academy.

Sincerely,

S/Dr. William J. Brennan
President

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 150

**MAINE COMMUNITY
COLLEGE SYSTEM
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
AUGUSTA, ME**

January 30, 2017

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

The Honorable Sara Gideon
Speaker of the House
128th Maine Legislature
2 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333-0002

Dear President Thibodeau and Speaker Gideon:

Thank you for your invitation to address the Joint Session of the 128th Maine Legislature on Tuesday, March 2, 2017, regarding the State of the Maine Community College System. I accept your invitation and appreciate the opportunity to share with you our recent accomplishments and future goals.

Sincerely yours

S/Derek Langhauser
President

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 151

**STATE OF MAINE
128TH MAINE LEGISLATURE**

February 2, 2017

Brigadier General Douglas A. Farnham
Adjutant General, Maine National Guard
33 State House Station
Camp Keyes
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Brigadier General Farnham:

We are pleased to invite you to address a Joint Session of the 128th Maine Legislature on Tuesday, March 7, 2017, at 11:00 a.m., concerning matters of defense, veterans' services, emergency management and any other matters that you may care to bring to our attention.
We look forward to seeing you then.

Sincerely,

S/Michael D. Thibodeau S/Sara Gideon
President of the Senate Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 152

**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, VETERANS
AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
33 STATE HOUSE STATION
CAMP KEYES, AUGUSTA, MAINE**

February 3, 2017

The Honorable Michael D. Thibodeau
President of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333-0003

Dear Senator Thibodeau:

As the Commissioner of the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management and the Adjutant General of the Maine National Guard, I accept your invitation to address the Joint Session of the 128th Maine Legislature on Tuesday, March 7, 2017 at 11:00 a.m.

Sincerely,

S/Brigadier General Douglas A. Farnham
Commissioner and Adjutant General

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 153

**MAINE'S PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES
UNIVERSITY OF MAINE SYSTEM
OFFICE OF THE CHANCELLOR
ORONO, MAINE**

31 January 2017

The Honorable Michael D. Thibodeau
President of the Senate

The Honorable Sara Gideon
Speaker of the House

128th Maine Legislature
State of Maine
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear President Thibodeau and Speaker Gideon:

Thank you for your invitation to address a Joint Session of the 128th Maine Legislature on Thursday, March 2, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. concerning the State of the University of Maine System. I accept with great pleasure and look forward to the opportunity to share with you my thoughts on the role and future of the University of Maine System.

These are challenging times. I deeply appreciate the support provided by the Legislature as we work together to build a brighter future for the people of Maine.

Sincerely,

S/James H. Page, Ph.D.
Chancellor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 154

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

February 17, 2017

Honorable Roger J. Katz, Senate Chair
Honorable Anne-Marie Mastraccio, House Chair
And Members of the Government Oversight Committee
82 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Honorable Michael D. Thibodeau, President of the Senate
and Members of the 128th Maine Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Honorable Sara Gideon, Speaker of the House
and Members of the 128th Maine House of Representatives
2 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Government Oversight Committee Members, Senators and Representatives:

In accordance with 3 MRSA §995.4, I respectfully submit OPEGA's Annual Report on Activities and Performance for 2016. OPEGA's service to the Legislature as a non-partisan resource is meant to provide support in overseeing and improving the performance of State government. The OPEGA staff and I are honored that Maine's legislators and legislative committees have come to view the Office as a trusted source of objective, credible information. As OPEGA begins its 13th year of service to the Legislature, we will continue to conduct our work in a manner that earns your trust and respect, as well as that of Maine's citizens. I hope our efforts and results will continue to be viewed as a worthwhile use of taxpayer dollars.

Sincerely,

S/Beth L. Ashcroft
Director

READ and 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

Resolve, To Establish a Working Group To Propose Changes to the Animal Welfare Laws

S.P. 215 L.D. 653

Presented by Senator CARPENTER of Aroostook.
Cosponsored by Representative: JOHANSEN of Monticello.

Resolve, Directing the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry To Work with All-terrain Vehicle Clubs To Develop All-terrain Vehicle Trails in Northern Maine

S.P. 224 L.D. 662

Presented by Senator JACKSON of Aroostook.
Cosponsored by Representative MARTIN of Eagle Lake and Representatives: MARTIN of Sinclair, McCREA of Fort Fairfield.

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 Recognize Local Control Regarding Food and Water Systems"

S.P. 242 L.D. 725

Presented by Senator JACKSON of Aroostook.
Cosponsored by Representative HICKMAN of Winthrop and Senators: LANGLEY of Hancock, MIRAMANT of Knox, Representatives: DUNPHY of Old Town, MARTIN of Eagle Lake.

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

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

Bill "An Act To Clarify and Protect Certain Public Service Retirement Benefits"

S.P. 212 L.D. 650

Presented by Senator WOODSOME of York.
Cosponsored by Representative MARTIN of Sinclair and Senators: BELLOWES of Kennebec, COLLINS of York, DAVIS of Piscataquis, GRATWICK of Penobscot, JACKSON of Aroostook, LIBBY of Androscoggin, Representatives: FOLEY of Wells, GERRISH of Lebanon, GRANT of Gardiner, GROHMAN of Biddeford, HARRINGTON of Sanford, MASTRACCIO of Sanford, McELWEE of Caribou, PICCHIOTTI of Fairfield, SAMPSON of Alfred.

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Reduce Volatility in State Pension Funding Requirements Caused by the Financial Markets

S.P. 240 L.D. 723

Presented by Senator KATZ of Kennebec.
Cosponsored by Representative GATTINE of Westbrook and Senators: BREEN of Cumberland, CUSHING of Penobscot, WHITEMORE of Somerset, Representatives: FREY of Bangor, HUBBELL of Bar Harbor, POULIOT of Augusta.
Submitted by the Maine Public Employees Retirement System pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Bill "An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Support the Independence of Maine's Seniors"

S.P. 245 L.D. 735

Presented by Senator VOLK of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative HERBIG of Belfast and Senator: LIBBY of Androscoggin, Representatives: DENNO of Cumberland, Speaker GIDEON of Freeport, GROHMAN of Biddeford, TUELL of East Machias, VACHON of Scarborough.

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 Expand Substance Abuse Prevention Projects"
S.P. 213 L.D. 651

Presented by Senator DION of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative HAMANN of South Portland and
Senators: CHIPMAN of Cumberland, CUSHING of Penobscot,
JACKSON of Aroostook.

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Certain Sexual
Offenses"
S.P. 216 L.D. 654

Presented by Senator CARPENTER of Aroostook.
Cosponsored by Representative HERBIG of Belfast and
Senators: DESCHAMBAULT of York, MILLETT of Cumberland,
Representatives: CASÁS of Rockport, ESPLING of New
Gloucester.

Bill "An Act To Give the Courts Sentencing Discretion When a
Person with a Developmental Disability Has Been Convicted of a
Crime"
S.P. 227 L.D. 665

Presented by Senator VOLK of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Senators: CYRWAY of Kennebec, DIAMOND of
Cumberland, Representatives: COREY of Windham, NADEAU of
Winslow.

Bill "An Act To Allow for Consistent Application of Credit for
Driver's License Suspensions Imposed by the Court"
S.P. 232 L.D. 670

Presented by Senator KATZ of Kennebec.
Cosponsored by Representative CAMPBELL of Orrington and
Senators: CUSHING of Penobscot, DION of Cumberland,
ROSEN of Hancock, Representative: POULIOT of Augusta.

Bill "An Act To Allow for Accurate Credit for a License Suspension
for Operating under the Influence"
S.P. 233 L.D. 671

Presented by Senator KATZ of Kennebec.
Cosponsored by Representative CAMPBELL of Orrington and
Senators: DION of Cumberland, ROSEN of Hancock,
Representative: POULIOT of Augusta.

Bill "An Act To Mandate the Reporting of a Planned Act of
Terrorism by a Person with Knowledge of That Plan"
S.P. 238 L.D. 721

Presented by Senator KATZ of Kennebec.
Cosponsored by Senators: BREEN of Cumberland, DAVIS of
Piscataquis, Representatives: FREY of Bangor, HUBBELL of Bar
Harbor, MASTRACCIO of Sanford, SEAVEY of Kennebunkport,
TIMBERLAKE of Turner.

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 Provide Public Charter Schools with Access to
State Funds for Capital Expenses" S.P. 236 L.D. 674

Presented by Senator MASON of Androscoggin.
Cosponsored by Representative POULIOT of Augusta and
Senator: CYRWAY of Kennebec, Representatives: GINZLER of
Bridgton, STEWART of Presque Isle.

Bill "An Act To Create Equity in Funding of Rural Schools"
S.P. 246 L.D. 736

Presented by Senator WOODSOME of York.
Cosponsored by Representative SAMPSON of Alfred and
Senator: MAKER of Washington, Representatives:
HARRINGTON of Sanford, HYMANSON of York, JOHANSEN of
Monticello, McCREA of Fort Fairfield, WHITE of Washburn.

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 Lower the Price MaineCare Pays for Prescription
Drugs" S.P. 217 L.D. 655

Presented by Senator CARPENTER of Aroostook.
Cosponsored by Representative MELARAGNO of Auburn and
Senators: CARSON of Cumberland, DESCHAMBAULT of York,
DIAMOND of Cumberland.

Bill "An Act To Provide Lung Cancer Screening for MaineCare
Recipients" S.P. 237 L.D. 720

Presented by Senator KATZ of Kennebec.
Cosponsored by Senator: BREEN of Cumberland,
Representatives: FREY of Bangor, HUBBELL of Bar Harbor.

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 Protect Young Bucks in Northern, Eastern and
Western Maine" S.P. 244 L.D. 732

Presented by Senator MAKER of Washington.

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 Conform Maine Law Regarding Insurer Privacy Notices to Federal Law"

S.P. 220 L.D. 658

Presented by Senator WHITEMORE of Somerset.
Cosponsored by Representative PICCHIOTTI of Fairfield and Senators: CARSON of Cumberland, DOW of Lincoln, Representatives: CRAIG of Brewer, FOLEY of Wells, LAWRENCE of South Berwick, PRESCOTT of Waterboro, WALLACE of Dexter.

Bill "An Act To Amend the Maine Guaranteed Access Reinsurance Association Act"

S.P. 221 L.D. 659

Presented by Senator WHITEMORE of Somerset.
Cosponsored by Representative FOLEY of Wells and Senators: COLLINS of York, CUSHING of Penobscot, DAVIS of Piscataquis, DOW of Lincoln, President THIBODEAU of Waldo, Representatives: CRAIG of Brewer, LAWRENCE of South Berwick, PICCHIOTTI of Fairfield.

Bill "An Act To Allow Credit and Debit Card Surcharges"

S.P. 222 L.D. 660

Presented by Senator WHITEMORE of Somerset.
Cosponsored by Representative FOLEY of Wells and Senators: DOW of Lincoln, LANGLEY of Hancock, ROSEN of Hancock, Representatives: CRAIG of Brewer, PICCHIOTTI of Fairfield, PRESCOTT of Waterboro, STETKIS of Canaan, STROM of Pittsfield.

Bill "An Act To Improve Access to Cost-effective Health Care Services"

S.P. 228 L.D. 666

Presented by Senator VOLK of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative VACHON of Scarborough and Senator: WHITEMORE of Somerset, Representatives: FOLEY of Wells, HYMANSON of York, PARKER of South Berwick, PERRY of Calais.

Bill "An Act Regarding Uninsured Vehicle Coverage"

S.P. 239 L.D. 722

Presented by Senator KATZ of Kennebec.
Cosponsored by Senators: CARPENTER of Aroostook, DION of Cumberland, Representatives: FREY of Bangor, HUBBELL of Bar Harbor.

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 Allow Attorneys Employed by the State To Perform Volunteer Legal Services"

S.P. 225 L.D. 663

Presented by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin.
Cosponsored by Senators: BELLOWS of Kennebec, DAVIS of Piscataquis, DION of Cumberland, KATZ of Kennebec, KEIM of Oxford.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Facilitate the Return of Unclaimed Property"

S.P. 230 L.D. 668

Presented by Senator MIRAMANT of Knox.
Cosponsored by Representative BRYANT of Windham and Senators: DAVIS of Piscataquis, DESCHAMBAULT of York, DIAMOND of Cumberland, Representatives: DUNPHY of Old Town, FAY of Raymond, FOLEY of Wells, GILLWAY of Searsport, KINNEY of Knox.

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

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

Bill "An Act To Require Mortgage Servicers To Act in Good Faith in Dealings with Homeowners"

S.P. 243 L.D. 731

Presented by Senator CARPENTER of Aroostook.
Cosponsored by Representative TUCKER of Brunswick.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Improve the Ability of Maine Companies To Manufacture and Market Bioplastics"

S.P. 218 L.D. 656

Presented by Senator DILL of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Representative TIPPING of Orono and Senators: CUSHING of Penobscot, DIAMOND of Cumberland, GRATWICK of Penobscot, JACKSON of Aroostook, Representatives: CAMPBELL of Orrington, DUNPHY of Old Town.

Bill "An Act Regarding the Chain of Custody in Crematories"
S.P. 223 L.D. 661

Presented by Senator JACKSON of Aroostook.
Cosponsored by Representative MARTIN of Eagle Lake and
Senators: BELLOWS of Kennebec, CUSHING of Penobscot,
DAVIS of Piscataquis, Representative: TUELL of East Machias.

Bill "An Act To Address the Unmet Workforce Needs of
Employers and To Improve the Economic Future of Workers"
S.P. 231 L.D. 669

Presented by Senator KATZ of Kennebec.
Cosponsored by Representative PIERCE of Dresden and
Senators: DAVIS of Piscataquis, GRATWICK of Penobscot,
LANGLEY of Hancock, LIBBY of Androscoggin, Representatives:
DeCHANT of Bath, HARRINGTON of Sanford, MASTRACCIO of
Sanford, RYKERSON of Kittery.

Bill "An Act To Restore the Tip Credit to Maine's Minimum Wage
Law"
S.P. 235 L.D. 673

Presented by Senator KATZ of Kennebec.
Cosponsored by Representative HUBBELL of Bar Harbor and
Senators: COLLINS of York, CUSHING of Penobscot, DIAMOND
of Cumberland, DILL of Penobscot, WOODSOME of York,
Representatives: GROHMAN of Biddeford, LUCHINI of Ellsworth,
MASTRACCIO of Sanford.

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 Repeal the Legalization of Recreational Marijuana"
S.P. 229 L.D. 667

Presented by Senator CYRWAY of Kennebec.
Cosponsored by Representative CAMPBELL of Orrington and
Senators: DOW of Lincoln, WHITTEMORE of Somerset,
Representatives: CRAIG of Brewer, PICKETT of Dixfield,
PIERCE of Dresden, SIMMONS of Waldoboro, SIROCKI of
Scarborough, STEWART of Presque Isle.

Bill "An Act To Clarify a Municipality's Authority To Adopt and
Enforce Land Use Regulations for Marijuana Facilities"
S.P. 234 L.D. 672

Presented by Senator BREEN of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative: ESPLING of New Gloucester.

On motion by Senator **KATZ** of Kennebec, **REFERRED** to the
Joint Select Committee on **MARIJUANA LEGALIZATION
IMPLEMENTATION** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Provide Drug Price Relief"
S.P. 214 L.D. 652

Presented by Senator CARPENTER of Aroostook.
Cosponsored by Representative: MELARAGNO of Auburn.

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

Senator **DAVIS** of Piscataquis moved to **REFER** to the
Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT**.

On motion by Senator **CUSHING** of Penobscot, **REFERRED** to
the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Exempt Gold and Silver Coins and Bullion from
Sales Tax"
S.P. 226 L.D. 664

Presented by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin.
Cosponsored by Representative LONGSTAFF of Waterville and
Senator: MASON of Androscoggin, Representatives: O'CONNOR
of Berwick, STETKIS of Canaan, WARD of Dedham.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the State's Rail
Authority"
S.P. 241 L.D. 724

Presented by Senator LIBBY of Androscoggin.
Cosponsored by Representative GOLDEN of Lewiston.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Reduce the In-stock Spirits Requirements for
Liquor Agents in Towns with Certain Populations"
S.P. 219 L.D. 657

Presented by Senator WHITTEMORE of Somerset.
Cosponsored by Representative LAWRENCE of South Berwick
and Senators: COLLINS of York, CUSHING of Penobscot, DAVIS
of Piscataquis, DOW of Lincoln, President THIBODEAU of Waldo,
Representatives: CRAIG of Brewer, FOLEY of Wells,
PICCHIOTTI of Fairfield.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

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

ORDERS

Joint Orders

Expressions of Legislative Sentiment recognizing:

The students of the Gray-New Gloucester High School International Baccalaureate Information Technology in a Global Society class, in Gray, who received Verizon's "Innovative Learning App Challenge" Best in State Award. We extend to them our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 67

Sponsored by Senator **BREEN** of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Senator: **BRAKEY** of Androscoggin,
Representatives: **AUSTIN** of Gray, **DENNO** of Cumberland,
ESPLING of New Gloucester.

READ.

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

Senator **BREEN:** Thank you, Mr. President. Mr. President, men and women of the Senate, you may recall last year I stood and proudly said I was here to announce that I had some great news. I'm here again to announce I have great news. The students of Gray-New Gloucester High School have again, for the fourth year in a row, won the Verizon App State Challenge. This year's first place app is remarkably useful to all of us. It's called Opportuniteen. It's an easy to use way for teens to quickly find local job and volunteering opportunities that suit them. Simply post your job on Opportuniteen and local teenagers can search for opportunities to work or volunteer in their communities. First prize this year gained quite a bounty for Gray-New Gloucester High School, \$5,000 for the App Team Program; 10 Verizon Ellipsis Tablets, each worth \$300, for the school; lots of excellent Verizon swag; and, in the words of their devoted advisor and coach, Matthew Laney, his unending appreciation for their hard work. I, too, am very proud of them and thank them for their hard work on behalf of our community and I'm pleased to welcome members of the first place team today; Emily Brewer, Hannah Dawkins, Nikki Michaud, Taitum Rice, and Jasmine Taudvin. Thank you so much, Mr. President.

PASSED.

Sent down for concurrence.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair is pleased to recognize in the rear of the Chamber Matthew Laney, Coach; Emily Brewer, Hannah Dawkins, Nikki Michaud, Taitum Rice, and Jasmine Taudvin of the Gray-New Gloucester High School. Would they please rise and accept the greetings and congratulations of the State Senate.

The Rotary Club of Lewiston-Auburn, which is celebrating its 100th Anniversary on March 21, 2017. We extend to all the members of the Rotary Club of Lewiston-Auburn our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 70

Sponsored by Senator **LIBBY** of Androscoggin.
Cosponsored by Senator: **BRAKEY** of Androscoggin,
Representatives: **BICKFORD** of Auburn, **BROOKS** of Lewiston,
FULLER of Lewiston, **GOLDEN** of Lewiston, **HANDY** of Lewiston,
MELARAGNO of Auburn, **SHEATS** of Auburn.

READ.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from York, Senator Collins.

Senator **COLLINS:** Thank you, Mr. President. As you can see, this is a notice of the 100th Anniversary of the Lewiston-Auburn Rotary Club. I don't reside in Androscoggin County, I reside in York County, but I've been a Rotarian for 30 years and I can remember joining Rotary, the Wells Rotary Club, in 1987 and it got me heavily involved in my community. Their motto is "Service above self" and most Rotarians firmly believe that and they give of their private time to make our communities a better place to live. It's not just communities because Rotary is Rotary International, and there are Rotary Clubs across this globe. When I'm on vacation, or traveling around, I always try to make up, as they call it, at a Rotary Club meeting regardless of where I happen to land on that particular day. So I strongly believe in Rotary and the good work that it does. One of their main objectives is to eradicate polio and they've done an excellent job in doing that. There are a few areas left in the world that polio's still a dreadful, dreadful disease, but nevertheless, their perseverance and hard work someday will accomplish that feat and completely eradicate polio from this world.

I want to tell you just a quick story, if I might. I'm a former President of the Wells Rotary Club. When I was President we sponsored a Brownie Troop and so we bought all the necessary stuff that they needed to get started. Then I was invited down by the Den Mother to address the Brownies and it was like being in the land of munchkins because they're all eight or nine years old and they're all very short and I was kind of like in the center of a horseshoe and there was one little girl in front. She kept asking questions and I thought to myself, "Well, she'll make a good Legislator someday." Anyways, another story. Anyways I answered her questions and so she said to me, very emphatically, she said, "Well, you go around and you raise money through the town and you ask for donations and then you give it all away." I said, "Ya, that's it. That's it in a nutshell." Leave it to a child like that to kind of read through everything and capsulize it. But if I ever could do anything for this Body here today is to encourage you, if the opportunity arises, to join Rotary. Thank you.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Androscoggin, Senator Libby.

Senator **LIBBY:** Thank you, Mr. President. Men and women of the Senate, appreciate the remarks from our good colleague from York, Senator Collins, on the occasion of the Rotary Club of Lewiston-Auburn's 100th Anniversary, founded in 1917. It's a pretty remarkable accomplishment for these local community members and business owners that have been gathering for this long and to be raising money for so many good causes for this long. Rotary is very popular in our community. In fact, it is so popular that we have to have two Rotary Clubs of Lewiston-Auburn; the Breakfast Rotary Club of Lewiston-Auburn and the Afternoon Rotary Club of Lewiston-Auburn. So for these folks that meet in the afternoon, they've been meeting for 100 years, it's a great honor to pass along this Sentiment from the Maine Legislature. Thank you, Mr. President.

PASSED.

Sent down for concurrence.

Off Record Remarks

Margaret Gardiner, of Woolwich, who celebrated her 95th Birthday on February 11, 2017. We extend to Ms. Gardiner our congratulations on her birthday and offer her our best wishes;
SLS 88

Sponsored by Senator VITELLI of Sagadahoc.
Cosponsored by Representative: PIERCE of Dresden.

READ.

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

Senator **VITELLI:** Thank you, Mr. President. Members of the Senate, I'm honored to stand before you this morning to speak about Margaret Gardiner of Woolwich who celebrated her 95th birthday earlier this month, on February 11th. Margaret dedicated her life to the Morgan horse and had much success bringing the horses to international competitions. She's also the daughter of William Tudor Gardiner, who served in the State Legislature in the 1920's and as the 55th Governor of the State of Maine from 1929 to 1933. At a young age, Margaret was present in the Senate Chamber for the vote on his Administrative Code, which consolidated state government and restructured the judicial system in an effort to weather the Depression. It is likely that she is the last living person to witness the vote. I had the pleasure of meeting Margaret years ago, when I was living across the bay at Chewonki. I was impressed by her passion and by her generosity. Unfortunately, Margaret has a bad cold and she was not able to make it to Augusta today, but she said that she is here in spirit and I want to extend my best wishes to Margaret and her family from all of us on her 95th birthday. Thank you, Mr. President.

PASSED.

Sent down for concurrence.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Senate

Ought to Pass As Amended

Senator HAMPER for the Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act To Make Supplemental Appropriations and Allocations for the Expenditures of State Government and To Change Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2017" (EMERGENCY)
S.P. 88 L.D. 302

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-2).**

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

Bill **READ ONCE.**

Committee Amendment "A" (S-2) **READ** and **ADOPTED.**

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

All matters thus acted upon were ordered sent down forthwith 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 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 (2/16/17) matter:

Bill "An Act To Facilitate the Creation of the Maine Water Trust To Regulate and Protect Maine's Water Supply and To Ensure the Quantity and Quality of Maine's Drinking Water"
H.P. 302 L.D. 422

Tabled - February 16, 2017, by Senator **MASON** of Androscoggin

Pending - **REFERENCE**

(Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** suggested and ordered printed.)

(In House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES**.)

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

Sent down for concurrence.

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later Assigned (2/16/17) matter:

Bill "An Act To Authorize Vacating the Convictions of Members of the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians Convicted under Prior Laws Governing the Possession and Use of Marijuana" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 349 L.D. 486

Tabled - February 16, 2017, by Senator **CUSHING** of Penobscot

Pending - **REFERENCE**

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

(In House, **REFERRED** to the Joint Select Committee on **MARIJUANA LEGALIZATION IMPLEMENTATION**.)

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

Sent down for concurrence.

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later Assigned (2/16/17) matter:

Bill "An Act To Return the Normal Cost of Teacher Retirement to the State"

H.P. 417 L.D. 601

Tabled - February 16, 2017, by Senator **MASON** of Androscoggin

Pending - **REFERENCE**

(In 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.

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 Protect Maine's Lands"

H.P. 465 L.D. 637

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 Transportation Projects"

H.P. 452 L.D. 638

Bill "An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for Food Processing Infrastructure in Targeted Areas of the State"

H.P. 466 L.D. 675

Bill "An Act To Restore Full Cost-of-living Increases for All Maine State Retirees"

H.P. 510 L.D. 726

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 Require an Interstate Identification Index System Background Check for Certain Crimes"

H.P. 453 L.D. 639

Bill "An Act To Require an Ontario Domestic Assault Risk Assessment prior to Setting Bail in Domestic Violence Arrests in Which the Alleged Abuser Has Been Taken into Custody"

H.P. 454 L.D. 640

Resolve, To Study the Development of a Behavioral Health Unit at the Cumberland County Jail

H.P. 467 L.D. 676

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.

Resolve, To Establish the Task Force To Identify Special Education Cost Drivers and Innovative Approaches to Services (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 456 L.D. 642

Bill "An Act To Protect Students from Identity Theft"

H.P. 469 L.D. 678

Bill "An Act To Reform School Testing Procedures"

H.P. 470 L.D. 679

Bill "An Act To Allow the Employment or Service in a School of a Spouse of a School Board or Committee Member"

H.P. 471 L.D. 680

Bill "An Act Regarding Sexual Activity and Sexual Assault at Secondary and Postsecondary Educational Institutions"

H.P. 472 L.D. 681

Bill "An Act To Eliminate the Regional Adjustment for Public School Systems"

H.P. 473 L.D. 682

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 Remove Restrictions on the Membership of Regional Water Councils"

H.P. 477 L.D. 686

Comes 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 Fund the Maine Solid Waste Diversion Grant Program and To Phase Out Certain Containers from the Bottle Redemption Laws"

H.P. 474 L.D. 683

Bill "An Act To Increase Vegetative Buffers in the Shoreland Zone"

H.P. 475 L.D. 684

Bill "An Act To Establish the Mining Advisory Panel"

H.P. 476 L.D. 685

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.

Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services To Increase Reimbursement Rates for Home-based and Community-based Services

H.P. 457 L.D. 643

Bill "An Act Regarding Reimbursement for Speech and Language Pathology Services"

H.P. 478 L.D. 687

Bill "An Act To Provide MaineCare Coverage for Music Therapy"

H.P. 479 L.D. 688

Bill "An Act To Confer Categorical Eligibility for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Benefit Applications"

H.P. 480 L.D. 689

Bill "An Act To Provide Additional Funding for Persons with Disabilities"

H.P. 481 L.D. 690

Bill "An Act To Prevent Lead Poisoning in Children" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 482 L.D. 691

Resolve, To Provide Meals to Homebound Individuals

H.P. 483 L.D. 692

Bill "An Act To Protect Maine School Children from Lead and Arsenic Exposure"

H.P. 508 L.D. 717

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 Clarify the Laws Governing Hunting from a Vehicle"

H.P. 484 L.D. 693

Bill "An Act To Create a Local Option for a Sunday Exception
Allowing Deer Hunting with Rifles"

H.P. 485 L.D. 694

Bill "An Act To Double the Number of Moose Permits Available for
Auction by Conservation Organizations"

H.P. 486 L.D. 695

Bill "An Act Regarding Management and Stocking of Inland
Fisheries"

H.P. 512 L.D. 728

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 Regarding Insurance and Financial Services"

H.P. 487 L.D. 696

Bill "An Act To Reinstitute the Maine Health Exchange Advisory
Committee"

H.P. 509 L.D. 718

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

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

Bill "An Act To Improve Citizen Access to Legal Representation"

H.P. 458 L.D. 644

Bill "An Act To Amend the Penalties for Failure To Pay Child
Support"

H.P. 459 L.D. 645

Resolve, To Establish a Commission To Study the Roles and
Rights of Grandparents in Raising Their Grandchildren

H.P. 488 L.D. 697

Bill "An Act To Allow Persons 70 Years of Age and Older To Opt
Out of Jury Duty"

H.P. 489 L.D. 698

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 Enact the Toxic Chemicals in the Workplace Act"

H.P. 490 L.D. 699

Bill "An Act To Give Flexibility to Employees and Employers for
Temporary Layoffs"

H.P. 491 L.D. 700

Bill "An Act To Establish the Maine Paid Family Leave Insurance
Program"

H.P. 492 L.D. 701

Bill "An Act To Restore the Tip Credit to Maine Employees"

H.P. 493 L.D. 702

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 Extending the Time Period for Municipalities To
Approve Marijuana Businesses"

H.P. 516 L.D. 734

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

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

Bill "An Act Regarding Municipal and Regional Shellfish
Management Programs"

H.P. 460 L.D. 646

Bill "An Act Regarding Certain Shellfish Certificates and Permits
Issued by the Department of Marine Resources"

H.P. 461 L.D. 647

Bill "An Act To Address Marine Debris Resulting from Commercial
Activities"

H.P. 494 L.D. 703

Bill "An Act To Give the Department of Marine Resources
Flexibility with Licensing in the Atlantic Herring Fishery"

H.P. 495 L.D. 704

Bill "An Act To Prevent Marine Debris"

H.P. 496 L.D. 705

Bill "An Act To Increase the Quota for Smelts for Commercial
Pelagic and Anadromous Fishing License Holders"

H.P. 497 L.D. 706

Bill "An Act To Establish Minimum and Maximum Size Limits for Possession of Soft-shelled Clams"

H.P. 514 L.D. 730

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 Expand the Types of Nonprofit Organizations to Which Surplus Property May Be Sold by the State"

H.P. 462 L.D. 648

Comes 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 Base the Motor Vehicle Excise Tax on the Purchase Price of the Motor Vehicle"

H.P. 498 L.D. 707

Bill "An Act To Protect the Tax Base of Municipalities by Removing the Property Tax Exemption for Land Held for Conservation or Public Access Purposes"

H.P. 511 L.D. 727

Bill "An Act Regarding Maine's Tax Code"

H.P. 515 L.D. 733

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.

Bill "An Act To Allow for Charitable Donation Stops on Local Roads Only"

H.P. 463 L.D. 649

Bill "An Act Regarding the License Restrictions for New Drivers"

H.P. 500 L.D. 709

Bill "An Act Regarding Emergency Lights on Firefighters' Personal Vehicles Used When Responding to Emergency Calls"

H.P. 501 L.D. 710

Bill "An Act To Revise the Laws Governing Learner's Permits and Intermediate Driver's Licenses and Driver Education Textbook Requirements"

H.P. 502 L.D. 711

Resolve, To Designate a Portion of Route 43 in Corinth, Exeter and Corinna the Donald Strout, Sr., Memorial Highway

H.P. 503 L.D. 712

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.

Resolve, Authorizing Legislation To Streamline the Laws Governing the Licensing and Conduct of Beano and Games of Chance

H.P. 504 L.D. 713

Bill "An Act To Create an Award Program for Maine's Veteran-friendly Workplaces"

H.P. 505 L.D. 714

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Amend the Citizen Initiative Process

H.P. 506 L.D. 715

Bill "An Act To Improve Requirements for Reporting to the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices"

H.P. 507 L.D. 716

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.

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

Off Record Remarks

Senator **MASON** of Androscoggin was granted unanimous consent to address the Senate on the Record.

Senator **MASON**: Thank you. I just wanted to draw attention to the fact that my community, and the community of Turner, lost a very influential woman in our town. Crystal Hewitt was killed in a car accident on Friday. She was a teacher of first grade at Calvary Christian Academy in Turner, and she leaves behind four boys, all under the age of 20, and her husband, who is also a teacher at the school. So I would just ask everybody to keep the family in their prayers and in their thoughts tonight as they lay her to rest. I know the Hewitt family very personally and they have a son who is handicapped and it's going to be a really tough road

for them. So I would just ask everybody to keep them in their prayers. Thank you.

Off Record Remarks

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

On motion by Senator **MASON** of Androscoggin, **ADJOURNED** until Thursday, March 2, 2017 at 10:00 in the morning.