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STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE
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In Senate Chamber
Thursday
March 2, 2017

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

Prayer by Father Peter Day, Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church
in Lewiston.

FATHER DAY: Let us pray. Our Loving Lord, in a world filled
with uncertainty and shaped by the frailty of our own humanity,
we look to You for clarity in our journey to fill the mission You
placed before us. We pray that You give us sound vision,
unclouded by our own intentions, that You make our path straight
with Your inheritance in our destination, and that You shelter us
from all opposing forces of evil and injustice that keep us apart
from Your mercy. Yes, Lord, You have made all of us brothers
and sisters in Your charge to serve. We pray that all our brothers
and sisters, those who serve and those who are served, retain
Your mercy. We pray for our country, our state, our city, and that
all our leaders and all those in civic authority be guided by Your
grace and be given Your enlightenment. Permit them, Lord, to
serve and govern in peace, that through the faithful conduct of
their duties we may live peaceful and serene lives in all piety and
holiness, for every good and perfect gift is from above, coming
from You, the Father of Lights. Amen.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Senator Nathan L. Libby of
Androscoggin County.

Reading of the Journal of Tuesday, February 28, 2017.

Doctor of the day, Craig Curtis, M.D. of Dedham.

Off Record Remarks

Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, on motion by
Senator **MASON** of Androscoggin, the following Joint Order:
S.P. 270

Ordered, the House concurring, that when the Senate and House
adjourn, they do so until Tuesday, March 7, 2017 at 10:00 in the
morning.

READ and PASSED.

Ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

Off Record Remarks

Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, on motion by
Senator **CUSHING** of Penobscot, the following Senate Order:
S.O. 15

Ordered, that a message be sent to the House of Representatives
proposing a Convention of the two branches of the Legislature be
held at 10:45 this morning, in the Hall of the House for the
purpose of welcoming the Honorable James Page, Chancellor of
the University of Maine System, the Honorable Derek
Langhauser, President of the Maine Community College System
and the Honorable Dr. William J. Brennan, President of the Maine
Maritime Academy and request that they make such
communication as please them.

READ and PASSED.

The Chair appointed the Senator from Penobscot, Senator
CUSHING, to deliver the message to the House of
Representatives. The Senator was escorted to the House of
Representatives.

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

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

SECOND READERS

The Committee on **Bills in the Second Reading** reported the
following:

Senate As Amended

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
(C "A" S-2)

**READ A SECOND TIME and PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS
AMENDED.**

Sent down for concurrence.

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

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

Non-Concurrent Matter

Bill "An Act Regarding Final Enactment of the State Budget" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 366 L.D. 522

In Senate, February 16, 2017, on motion by Senator **DAVIS** of Piscataquis, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

Comes from the House, that Body having **INSISTED** on its former action whereby the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator **HAMPER** of Oxford, the Senate **RECEDED** and **CONCURRED**.

House Papers

Resolve, To Establish the Commission To Study the Availability of Information Regarding Related Incidents in Domestic Violence Cases (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 455 L.D. 641

Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** suggested and ordered printed.

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

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

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Post-conviction Review in Order To Facilitate the Fair Hearing of All Evidence in Each Case Involving a Claim of Innocence"

H.P. 468 L.D. 677

Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** suggested and ordered printed.

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

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

Bill "An Act To Make Maine's Public Boat Launching Ramps Accessible by Persons with Physical Disabilities"
H.P. 513 L.D. 729

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

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

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

ORDERS

Joint Orders

Expressions of Legislative Sentiment recognizing:

Luke Bartol, of Manchester, who has received a Spirit of America Foundation Award. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the foundation presents awards to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We send our congratulations to Mr. Bartol on his receiving this award;

SLS 73

Sponsored by Senator **BELLOWS** of Kennebec.
Cosponsored by Representative: **WARREN** of Hallowell.

Pat Couture, of Manchester, who has received a Spirit of America Foundation Award. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the foundation presents awards to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We send our congratulations to Mr. Couture on his receiving this award;

SLS 78

Sponsored by Senator **BELLOWS** of Kennebec.
Cosponsored by Representative: **WARREN** of Hallowell.

READ.

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

Senator **BELLOWS:** Thank you, Mr. President. Item 4-1 recognizes Luke Bartol of Manchester. He is a recipient of the Spirit of America Foundation Youth Award for his work on an Eagle Scout project to build a bus stop shelter in the center of our town, which is now complete and sheltering our youth. The Manchester Lions helped Luke with monetary donations for the supplies. Luke has many other talents. He's an award-winning composer, having won a statewide award for his music competition. Last spring he won an award at the Model U.N. Conference in Boston for his physician paper. This year he's

going to Nationals for Debating. He's a good sailor and runner and a member of the Maranacook Ski Team, which just won States. In other words, he's the type of student who makes all of us in Manchester very proud. He's here today with his parents, Tom Bartol and Barbara Moss of Manchester.

He's also here today with the award recipient of item 4-3 because one of the things that's crucial to the development of young leaders like Luke are the adult mentors who help them along the way. Pat Couture is a long-time Cub Scout Leader for Pack 622 in Manchester and he has made such a difference in the lives of many boys in the area. He serves on the District Training Team, camporee staff and is the web master for the District web page. If you check out the Facebook page for Pack 622 you'll find an astonishing number of activities that Pat has organized for the youth in our town from the pinewood derby to camping trips to, most recently, bringing over 55 people down to Boston to the Franklin Zoo for an overnight. I want to recognize Luke Bartol and Pat Couture for their being honored with the Spirit of America Foundation Awards and their tremendous service to my hometown of Manchester.

PASSED.

Sent down for concurrence.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair is pleased to recognize in the Chamber today Luke Bartol and Pat Couture. Would both Luke and Pat stand and accept the greetings of the State Senate.

Judy Williams, of Chelsea, who has received a Spirit of America Foundation Award. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the foundation presents awards to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We send our congratulations to Ms. Williams on her receiving this award;

SLS 76

Sponsored by Senator BELLOWS of Kennebec.
Cosponsored by Representative: SANDERSON of Chelsea.

READ.

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

Senator **BELLOWS:** Thank you, Mr. President. I'd like to recognize Judy Williams of Chelsea. She is also a Spirit of America Foundation Award winner for her volunteer service, spending hours volunteering for the Chelsea Town Office. Judy Williams has a distinguished career in public service, having worked for the State for over 37 years, and for 34 of those years she worked for Health and Human Services as a Director at Income Maintenance and also in Child Support Enforcement. One of the remarkable achievements she made while she was in state government was that she and her staff actually developed Parents As Scholars and the Aspire Program to help people develop the skills they need to find employment and become independent. Judy now also volunteers at the Maine Association of Retirees, who are in the Hall of Flags today, so I would

encourage you to stop by and see them. I'd just like to express my admiration and respect for Judy Williams of Chelsea.

PASSED.

Sent down for concurrence.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair is pleased to recognize in the rear of the Chamber Judy Williams of Chelsea. Would Judy please stand and accept the congratulations of the State Senate.

Off Record Remarks

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 10:45 in the morning for the purpose of welcoming the Honorable James Page, Chancellor of the University of Maine System, the Honorable Derek Langhauser, President of the Maine Community College System, and the Honorable Dr. William J. Brennan, President of the Maine Maritime Academy, and request that they make such communication as please them.

Off Record Remarks

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: S.C. 169

STATE OF MAINE ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY

February 28, 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 Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry has had under consideration the nomination of William W. McFarland of South China, for reappointment to the State Harness Racing Commission.

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	Davis of Piscataquis, Dill of Penobscot, Saviello of Franklin
	Representatives	9	Dunphy of Old Town, Ackley of Monmouth, Chapman of Brooksville, Higgins of Dover-Foxcroft, Kinney of Knox, Martin of Sinclair, McElwee of Caribou, O'Neil of Saco, Skolfield of Weld
NAYS		0	
ABSENT		1	Rep. Black of Wilton

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 William W. McFarland of South China, for reappointment to the State Harness Racing Commission be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Paul T. Davis
Senate Chair

S/Michelle Ann Dunphy
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall the recommendation of the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** 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 (#28)

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, KEIM, LANGLEY, LIBBY, MAKER, MASON, MILLETT, MIRAMANT, ROSEN, SAVIELLO, VITELLI, VOLK, WHITTEMORE, WOODSOME, PRESIDENT THIBODEAU

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 35 Senators having voted in the negative, 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 **William W. McFarland** of South China for reappointment to the State Harness Racing Commission was **CONFIRMED**.

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 168

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

February 28, 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 Arnold S. Clark, Esq. of Calais, for reappointment to the Maine Human Rights Commission.

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	Keim of Oxford, Hill of York
	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		0	
ABSENT		1	Sen. Whittemore of Somerset

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 Arnold S. Clark, Esq. of Calais, for reappointment to the Maine Human Rights Commission 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 Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#29)

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, KEIM, LANGLEY, LIBBY, MAKER, MASON, MILLETT, MIRAMANT, ROSEN, SAVIELLO, VITELLI, VOLK, WHITTEMORE, WOODSOME, PRESIDENT THIBODEAU

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 35 Senators having voted in the negative, 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 **Arnold S. Clark**, Esq. of Calais for reappointment to the Maine Human Rights Commission was **CONFIRMED**.

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 159

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

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 Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development has had under consideration the nomination of David J. Daigler of Portland, for appointment to the Finance Authority of Maine.

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	1	Bellows of Kennebec
	Representatives	6	Fecteau of Biddeford, Austin of Gray, Handy of Lewiston, Mastraccio of Sanford, Stetkis of Canaan, Vachon of Scarborough

NAYS 0

ABSENT 6 Sen. Volk of Cumberland, Sen. Langley of Hancock, Rep. Bates of Westbrook, Rep. Doore of Augusta, Rep. Lockman of Amherst, Rep. Sylvester of Portland

Seven 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 David J. Daigler of Portland, for appointment to the Finance Authority of Maine be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Amy F. Volk
Senate Chair

S/Ryan M. Fecteau
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall the recommendation of the Committee on **LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** 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 (#30)

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, KEIM, LANGLEY, LIBBY, MAKER, MASON, MILLETT, MIRAMANT, ROSEN, SAVIELLO, VITELLI, VOLK, WHITTEMORE, WOODSOME, PRESIDENT THIBODEAU

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 35 Senators having voted in the negative, 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 **David J. Daigler** of Portland for appointment to the Finance Authority of Maine was **CONFIRMED**.

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 160

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

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 Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development has had under consideration the nomination of Timothy P. Nightingale of Rockport, for appointment to the Finance Authority of Maine.

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	1	Bellows of Kennebec
	Representatives	6	Fecteau of Biddeford, Austin of Gray, Handy of Lewiston, Mastraccio of Sanford, Stetkis of Canaan, Vachon of Scarborough
NAYS		0	

ABSENT 6 Sen. Volk of Cumberland, Sen. Langley of Hancock, Rep. Bates of Westbrook, Rep. Doore of Augusta, Rep. Lockman of Amherst, Rep. Sylvester of Portland

Seven 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 Timothy P. Nightingale of Rockport, for appointment to the Finance Authority of Maine be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Amy F. Volk
Senate Chair

S/Ryan M. Fecteau
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall the recommendation of the Committee on **LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** 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 (#31)

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, KEIM, LANGLEY, LIBBY, MAKER, MASON, MILLETT, MIRAMANT, ROSEN, SAVIELLO, VITELLI, VOLK, WHITTEMORE, WOODSOME, PRESIDENT THIBODEAU

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 35 Senators having voted in the negative, 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 **Timothy P. Nightingale** of Rockport for appointment to the Finance Authority of Maine was **CONFIRMED**.

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 161

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

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 Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development has had under consideration the nomination of Christopher A. Pierce of Cumberland Foreside, for reappointment to the Finance Authority of Maine.

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	1	Bellows of Kennebec
	Representatives	6	Fecteau of Biddeford, Austin of Gray, Handy of Lewiston, Mastraccio of Sanford, Stetkis of Canaan, Vachon of Scarborough
NAYS		0	
ABSENT		6	Sen. Volk of Cumberland, Sen. Langley of Hancock, Rep. Bates of Westbrook, Rep. Doore of Augusta, Rep. Lockman of Amherst, Rep. Sylvester of Portland

Seven 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 Christopher A. Pierce of Cumberland Foreside, for reappointment to the Finance Authority of Maine be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Amy F. Volk
Senate Chair

S/Ryan M. Fecteau
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall the recommendation of the Committee on **LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** 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 (#32)

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, KEIM, LANGLEY, LIBBY, MAKER, MASON, MILLETT, MIRAMANT, ROSEN, SAVIELLO, VITELLI, VOLK, WHITTEMORE, WOODSOME, PRESIDENT THIBODEAU

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 35 Senators having voted in the negative, 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 **Christopher A. Pierce** of Cumberland Foreside for reappointment to the Finance Authority of Maine was **CONFIRMED**.

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 162

**STATE OF MAINE
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COMMITTEE ON LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

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 Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development has had under consideration the nomination of Honorable Douglas K. Damon of Bangor, for reappointment to the Loring Development Authority of Maine.

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	Bellows of Kennebec, Langley of Hancock
	Representatives	7	Fecteau of Biddeford, Austin of Gray, Handy of Lewiston, Lockman of Amherst, Mastraccio of Sanford, Stetkis of Canaan, Vachon of Scarborough
NAYS		0	
ABSENT		4	Sen. Volk of Cumberland, Rep. Bates of Westbrook, Rep. Doore of Augusta, Rep. Sylvester of Portland

Nine 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 Douglas K. Damon of Bangor, for reappointment to the Loring Development Authority of Maine be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Amy F. Volk
Senate Chair

S/Ryan M. Fecteau
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall the recommendation of the Committee on **LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** 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 (#33)

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, KEIM, LANGLEY, LIBBY, MAKER,
MASON, MILLETT, MIRAMANT, ROSEN,
SAVIELLO, VITELLI, VOLK,
WHITTEMORE, WOODSOME,
PRESIDENT THIBODEAU

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 35 Senators having voted in the negative, 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 **Douglas K. Damon** of Bangor for reappointment to the Loring Development Authority of Maine was **CONFIRMED**.

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 163

STATE OF MAINE ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE COMMITTEE ON LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

February 16, 2017

The Honorable Michael D. Thibodeau
President of the Senate of Maine
128th Maine State Legislature
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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 Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development has had under consideration the nomination of Daniel R. LaPointe of Van Buren, for reappointment to the Loring Development Authority of Maine.

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	1	Bellows of Kennebec
	Representatives	7	Fecteau of Biddeford, Austin of Gray, Handy of Lewiston, Lockman of Amherst, Mastraccio of Sanford, Stetkis of Canaan, Vachon of Scarborough
NAYS		0	
ABSENT		5	Sen. Volk of Cumberland, Sen. Langley of Hancock, Rep. Bates of Westbrook, Rep. Doore of Augusta, Rep. Sylvester of Portland

Eight 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 Daniel R. LaPointe of Van Buren, for reappointment to the Loring Development Authority of Maine be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Amy F. Volk
Senate Chair

S/Ryan M. Fecteau
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall the recommendation of the Committee on **LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** 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 (#34)

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, KEIM, LANGLEY, LIBBY, MAKER, MASON, MILLETT, MIRAMANT, ROSEN, SAVIELLO, VITELLI, VOLK, WHITTEMORE, WOODSOME, PRESIDENT THIBODEAU

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 35 Senators having voted in the negative, 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 **Daniel R. LaPointe** of Van Buren for reappointment to the Loring Development Authority of Maine was **CONFIRMED**.

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 166

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

February 28, 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 Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development has had under consideration the nomination of John Moncure of Harpswell, for reappointment to the Midcoast Regional Redevelopment Authority.

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

YEAS	Senators	2	Volk of Cumberland, Bellows of Kennebec
	Representatives	10	Fecteau of Biddeford, Austin of Gray, Bates of Westbrook, Doore of Augusta, Handy of Lewiston, Lockman of Amherst, Mastraccio of Sanford, Stetkis of Canaan, Sylvester of Portland, Vachon of Scarborough
NAYS		0	
ABSENT		1	Sen. Langley of Hancock

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 John Moncure of Harpswell, for reappointment to the Midcoast Regional Redevelopment Authority be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Amy F. Volk
Senate Chair

S/Ryan M. Fecteau
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall the recommendation of the Committee on **LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** 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 (#35)

YEAS	Senators	2	Volk of Cumberland, Bellows of Kennebec
	Representatives	10	Fecteau of Biddeford, Austin of Gray, Bates of Westbrook, Doore of Augusta, Handy of Lewiston, Lockman of Amherst, Mastraccio of Sanford, Stetkis of Canaan, Sylvester of Portland, Vachon of Scarborough
NAYS		0	
ABSENT		1	Sen. Langley of Hancock

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, KEIM, LANGLEY, LIBBY, MAKER, MASON, MILLETT, MIRAMANT, ROSEN, SAVIELLO, VITELLI, VOLK, WHITTEMORE, WOODSOME, PRESIDENT THIBODEAU

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 35 Senators having voted in the negative, and none being less than two-thirds of the Membership present and voting, it was the vote of the Senate that the Committee's recommendation be **ACCEPTED** and the nomination of **John Moncure** of Harpswell, for reappointment to the Midcoast Regional Redevelopment Authority was **CONFIRMED**.

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

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 John G. Peters of Harpswell, for reappointment to the Midcoast Regional Redevelopment Authority be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Amy F. Volk
Senate Chair

S/Ryan M. Fecteau
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 167

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

February 28, 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 Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development has had under consideration the nomination of John G. Peters of Harpswell, for reappointment to the Midcoast Regional Redevelopment Authority.

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

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall the recommendation of the Committee on **LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** 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 (#36)

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, KEIM, LANGLEY, LIBBY, MAKER, MASON, MILLETT, MIRAMANT, ROSEN, SAVIELLO, VITELLI, VOLK, WHITTEMORE, WOODSOME, PRESIDENT THIBODEAU

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 35 Senators having voted in the negative, and none being less than two-thirds of the Membership present and voting, it was the vote of the Senate that the Committee's recommendation be **ACCEPTED** and the nomination of **John G. Peters** of Harpswell for reappointment to the Midcoast Regional Redevelopment Authority was **CONFIRMED**.

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 170

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

March 1, 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 State and Local Government has had under consideration the nomination of Daniel V. Deveau of Augusta, for reappointment as the Maine-Canada Trade Ombudsman.

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	1	Davis of Piscataquis
	Representatives	9	Martin of Sinclair, Beebe-Center of Rockland, Bryant of Windham, Grignon of Athens, Harrington of Sanford, Hogan of Old Orchard Beach, Ordway of Standish, Pickett of Dixfield, Spear of South Thomaston
NAYS		0	
ABSENT		3	Sen. Deschambault of York, Sen. Keim of Oxford, Rep. Madigan of Rumford

Ten 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 Daniel V. Deveau of Augusta, for reappointment as the Maine-Canada Trade Ombudsman be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Paul T. Davis, Sr.
Senate Chair

S/Danny Martin
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall the recommendation of the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** 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 (#37)

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, KEIM, LANGLEY, LIBBY, MAKER, MASON, MILLETT, MIRAMANT, ROSEN, SAVIELLO, VITELLI, VOLK, WHITTEMORE, WOODSOME, PRESIDENT THIBODEAU

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 35 Senators having voted in the negative, 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 **Daniel V. Deveau** of Augusta for reappointment as the Maine-Canada Trade Ombudsman was **CONFIRMED**.

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 156

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

February 28, 2017

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

Dear Secretary Priest:

Pursuant to my authority under Senate Rule 201.3, I have appointed Senator James M. Hamper of Oxford to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services. With this appointment Senator Hamper will be replacing Senator Roger J. Katz of Kennebec. Senator Katz's legislative workload is too cumbersome to dedicate the necessary attention that the committee on Health and Human Services requires.

Sincerely,

S/Michael D. Thibodeau
President of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 157

**STATE OF MAINE
128TH LEGISLATURE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
SPEAKER'S OFFICE**

February 23, 2017

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

Dear Secretary Priest,

Pursuant to my authority under Title 38, MRSA, Ch. 3, Subchapter 2-B §568-B, I am pleased to appoint Captain Prentice Strong to seat 15 on the Clean-up and Response Fund Review Board, effective February 23, 2017.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,

S/Sara Gideon
Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 164

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY**

February 24, 2017

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

Dear President Thibodeau and Speaker Gideon:

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 58 An Act To Limit Radio Frequency Interference
from Certain Grow Light Ballasts

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/ Sen. David Woodsome
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Seth A. Berry
House Chair

READ and with accompanying papers ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 165

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON INLAND FISHERIES & WILDLIFE**

February 22, 2017

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

Dear President Thibodeau and Speaker Gideon:

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 60 An Act To Allow Senior Hunters To Shoot
Antlerless Deer

L.D. 187 Resolve, To Establish a Commission To
Simplify Maine's Fishing Rules

L.D. 190 An Act To Allow Spearfishing for Northern Pike
in Sebago Lake

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Scott W. Cyrway
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Robert S. Duchesne
House Chair

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.

SENATE PAPERS

Bill "An Act Regarding Court Orders for Completion of a Batterers' Intervention Program in Domestic Violence Cases"
S.P. 259 L.D. 814

Presented by Senator ROSEN of Hancock.
Cosponsored by Representative WARREN of Hallowell and
Senators: CYRWAY of Kennebec, KATZ of Kennebec,
Representatives: GERRISH of Lebanon, NADEAU of Winslow,
PICCHIOTTI of Fairfield, RECKITT of South Portland.

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 Address Student Hunger with a 'Breakfast after the Bell' Program"

S.P. 254 L.D. 809

Presented by Senator MAKER of Washington.
Cosponsored by Representative KORNFIELD of Bangor and
Senators: KATZ of Kennebec, LANGLEY of Hancock,
WOODSOME of York, Representatives: ALLEY of Beals, PERRY
of Calais, PIERCE of Falmouth, SIMMONS of Waldoboro,
STEWART of Presque Isle.

Bill "An Act To Promote Academic Achievement through Hunger Relief for Maine Children"

S.P. 261 L.D. 816

Presented by Senator BREEN of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative PIERCE of Falmouth and
Senators: CHIPMAN of Cumberland, KATZ of Kennebec,
LANGLEY of Hancock, MAKER of Washington, MILLETT of
Cumberland, Representatives: GINZLER of Bridgton, MADIGAN
of Waterville.

Bill "An Act To Improve the Quality of Teachers"

S.P. 263 L.D. 818

Presented by Senator MILLETT of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative COLLINGS of Portland,
Representative McCREA of Fort Fairfield and Senators: BREEN
of Cumberland, CARPENTER of Aroostook, DIAMOND of
Cumberland, HILL of York, VITELLI of Sagadahoc,
Representatives: FARNSWORTH of Portland, FULLER of
Lewiston, KORNFIELD of Bangor.

Bill "An Act To Prioritize the Renovation of Existing Underutilized Schools in Conjunction with the Closing of Nearby Schools Due to Declining Enrollment"

S.P. 272 L.D. 826

Presented by Senator CARPENTER of Aroostook.
Cosponsored by Representative STEWART of Presque Isle.

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 Improve Transparency in the Electricity Supply Market"

S.P. 248 L.D. 803

Presented by Senator LIBBY of Androscoggin.
Cosponsored by Representative HIGGINS of Dover-Foxcroft.

Bill "An Act To Ensure Fairness among Large Consumers of Natural Gas"

S.P. 267 L.D. 822

Presented by Senator DION of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative HARVELL of Farmington and
Senator: BREEN of Cumberland.

Bill "An Act To Ensure Direct Dialing of 911 from Multiline Telephone Systems"

S.P. 271 L.D. 825

Presented by Senator WOODSOME of York.
Cosponsored by Representative BERRY of Bowdoinham.
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 Streamline the Municipal Review Process When Dividing a Structure into 3 or More Dwelling Units and To Amend the Process for Recording Subdivision Variances"

S.P. 250 L.D. 805

Presented by Senator LIBBY of Androscoggin.
Cosponsored by Representative CAMPBELL of Orrington and Senators: CARSON of Cumberland, GRATWICK of Penobscot, VOLK of Cumberland, Representative: JORGENSEN of Portland.

Bill "An Act To Protect Maine's Clean Water and Taxpayers from Mining Pollution"

S.P. 265 L.D. 820

Presented by Senator CARSON of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative FOLEY of Wells and Senators: CARPENTER of Aroostook, SAVIELLO of Franklin, Representatives: COREY of Windham, HARLOW of Portland, HARVELL of Farmington, MAREAN of Hollis, PARRY of Arundel, PIERCE of Dresden.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Establish Long-term Memory Care Facilities and To Provide Adequate Staffing and Reimbursement"

S.P. 249 L.D. 804

Presented by Senator LIBBY of Androscoggin.
Cosponsored by Representative HYMANSON of York and Senator: BRAKEY of Androscoggin.

Bill "An Act To Restore Community Support Services for Adults with Mental Illness"

S.P. 253 L.D. 808

Presented by Senator BELLOWES of Kennebec.
Cosponsored by Representative GATTINE of Westbrook and Senators: CHIPMAN of Cumberland, CYRWAY of Kennebec, KATZ of Kennebec, SAVIELLO of Franklin, Representatives: BICKFORD of Auburn, CHACE of Durham, McCREIGHT of Harpswell, VACHON of Scarborough.

Resolve, To Establish a Pilot Project To Save Lives and Support People with Substance Use Disorder in Washington County
S.P. 257 L.D. 812

Presented by Senator MAKER of Washington.
Cosponsored by Representative TUELL of East Machias and Senators: CYRWAY of Kennebec, LANGLEY of Hancock, Representatives: ALLEY of Beals, DANA of the Passamaquoddy Tribe, McCREA of Fort Fairfield, PERRY of Calais, SIMMONS of Waldoboro, STEWART of Presque Isle.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Promote Early Detection of Breast Cancer"
S.P. 262 L.D. 817

Presented by Senator BREEN of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative PIERCE of Falmouth and Senators: CARSON of Cumberland, GRATWICK of Penobscot, KATZ of Kennebec, MILLETT of Cumberland, ROSEN of Hancock, SAVIELLO of Franklin, Representatives: DENNO of Cumberland, MADIGAN of Waterville.

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 Regarding Guardianships"
S.P. 252 L.D. 807

Presented by Senator KEIM of Oxford.
Cosponsored by Representative MOONEN of Portland.

Bill "An Act To Allow a Council of Governments To Provide Municipal Services to Small Towns under the Maine Tort Claims Act"

S.P. 260 L.D. 815

Presented by Senator WHITEMORE of Somerset.
Cosponsored by Representative FOLEY of Wells and Senators: COLLINS of York, DOW of Lincoln, KATZ of Kennebec, LANGLEY of Hancock, MAKER of Washington, Representatives: PICCHIOTTI of Fairfield, STETKIS of Canaan, STROM of Pittsfield.

Bill "An Act To Enact the Revised Uniform Unclaimed Property Act"

S.P. 266 L.D. 821

Presented by Senator DION of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative TALBOT ROSS of Portland.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Allow Funeral Homes To Own and Operate Crematories"

S.P. 255 L.D. 810

Presented by Senator MAKER of Washington.
Cosponsored by Representative STEWART of Presque Isle and Senators: BRAKEY of Androscoggin, CYRWAY of Kennebec, LANGLEY of Hancock, Representatives: ALLEY of Beals, McCREA of Fort Fairfield, PERRY of Calais, SIMMONS of Waldoboro, TUELL of East Machias.

Bill "An Act Regarding Continuing Education for Persons Engaged in the Practice of Funeral Service"

S.P. 256 L.D. 811

Presented by Senator MAKER of Washington.
Cosponsored by Representative STEWART of Presque Isle and Senators: BRAKEY of Androscoggin, CYRWAY of Kennebec, LANGLEY of Hancock, Representatives: ALLEY of Beals, McCREA of Fort Fairfield, PERRY of Calais, SIMMONS of Waldoboro, TUELL of East Machias.

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 Promote Transparency with Respect to Surveillance Technology"

S.P. 268 L.D. 823

Presented by Senator BELLOWES of Kennebec.
Cosponsored by Representative MOONEN of Portland and Senators: BRAKEY of Androscoggin, KATZ of Kennebec, LANGLEY of Hancock, Representatives: BABBIDGE of Kennebunk, CEBRA of Naples, GUERIN of Glenburn, HARVELL of Farmington, JOHANSEN of Monticello.

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

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

Bill "An Act To Provide Tax Fairness and To Lower Medical Expenses for Patients under the Maine Medical Use of Marijuana Act"

S.P. 251 L.D. 806

Presented by Senator LIBBY of Androscoggin.
Cosponsored by Representative BICKFORD of Auburn and Senator: CHENETTE of York.

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

Senator **DOW** of Lincoln moved to **REFER** to the Committee on **TAXATION**.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Curb Drug-impaired Driving"

S.P. 269 L.D. 824

Presented by Senator DION of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative PIERCE of Falmouth and Senators: DESCHAMBAULT of York, DIAMOND of Cumberland.

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

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

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Political Party Representation of Election Clerks"

S.P. 258 L.D. 813

Presented by Senator GRATWICK of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Representative DENNO of Cumberland and Senators: CARPENTER of Aroostook, CHIPMAN of Cumberland, LIBBY of Androscoggin, VITELLI of Sagadahoc, Representatives: FARNSWORTH of Portland, FULLER of Lewiston, HANDY of Lewiston.

Resolve, To Establish the Commission To Study the Adequacy of Housing Safety Laws

S.P. 264 L.D. 819

Presented by Senator LIBBY of Androscoggin.
Cosponsored by Representative GOLDEN of Lewiston and Senators: CARPENTER of Aroostook, CHIPMAN of Cumberland, Representatives: BROOKS of Lewiston, COLLINGS of Portland, FREY of Bangor, HANDY of Lewiston, MOONEN of Portland, SCHNECK of Bangor.

On motion by Senator **MASON** of Androscoggin, **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.

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.

ORDERS

Joint Resolution

On motion by Senator **GRATWICK** of Penobscot (Cosponsored by Representative **DENNO** of Cumberland and Senators: **CARPENTER** of Aroostook, **CARSON** of Cumberland, **DILL** of Penobscot, **LIBBY** of Androscoggin, Representatives: **FARNSWORTH** of Portland, **FULLER** of Lewiston, **GATTINE** of Westbrook, **HANDY** of Lewiston), the following Joint Resolution: S.P. 247

STATE OF MAINE 128TH MAINE LEGISLATURE

JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MARCH 5-11, 2017 AS MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS AWARENESS WEEK

WHEREAS, multiple sclerosis, or MS, is a neurological disease of the central nervous system affecting 2,300,000 people worldwide; and

WHEREAS, the Greater New England Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society reports that more than 3,000 people are living with MS in the State and that the disease generally strikes people in the prime of life, between 20 and 50 years of age, and the cause and course of the often debilitating symptoms of MS remain unknown and no cure currently exists; and

WHEREAS, the National Multiple Sclerosis Society has been committed for more than 70 years to a world free of MS, heightening public knowledge about and insight into the disease; and

WHEREAS, since 1946 the National Multiple Sclerosis Society has been a driving force of MS research, relentlessly pursuing prevention, treatments and a cure, and has invested more than \$900,000,000 in groundbreaking research; and

WHEREAS, funds raised through the National Multiple Sclerosis Society provide \$42,100,000 in funding for 380 research projects at the best medical centers, universities and other institutions throughout the United States and abroad, leading to many breakthroughs in the treatment of MS; and

WHEREAS, stopping MS in its tracks, restoring what has been lost and ending MS forever is the mission of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society and one that all Americans and citizens of the State should support; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Twenty-eighth Legislature now assembled in the First Regular Session, take this occasion to recognize the importance of finding the cause and cure of MS, to express our appreciation for the dedication that the Greater New England Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society has shown toward creating a world free of MS and to declare March 5-11, 2017 as Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week in the State; and be it further

RESOLVED: That suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the Greater New England Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

READ

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Penobscot, Senator Gratwick.

Senator **GRATWICK**: Thank you very much, Mr. President. It is my pleasure to bring this before the Body here, a Joint Resolution recognizing March 5-11 as Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week. As I'm sure most people are aware, Multiple Sclerosis is a widespread, devastating disease. Unknown cause. The National Multiple Sclerosis Society has done an extraordinary job since the mid-1940's. This is not a single disease, it's a multiple of different diseases. There has been an enormous amount of research money that has been available for it. They've done a very good job. The cure is still in the future, but we must not give up. This is a Society that's done very well in terms of allocating a large amount of money, over \$80 or \$90 million per year, to this cause and it's with great pleasure that I put this to express our appreciation for the dedication that the Greater New England Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society has shown for creating a world free of Multiple Sclerosis. Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator **BELLOWS**: Thank you, Mr. President. I have a constituent and friend, Marty Henson, who struggles with the challenges of MS, which precipitated an early retirement for her last year as the condition progresses. I'm joining her and her team, the Coast to Coasters, in a Walk MS in Portland on Saturday, April 22nd, at 9 a.m. The first Walk MS event was in 1988 and since then more than \$970 million has been raised for research and programs to try to find a cure and improve the lives of people living with MS. I hope you'll consider joining me and folks from around the state in one of the MS walks this spring or looking us up on our Facebook page and supporting us there.

MS is different for everyone and that makes it even more challenging to solve. It's an unpredictable, often disabling, disease. There are treatments that there were not before, but we really need to do all that we can to find a cure. Thank you.

On motion by Senator **GRATWICK** of Penobscot, **ADOPTED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Senate

Ought to Pass

Senator BRAKEY for the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Bill "An Act Regarding Changing the Designation of a Parent on the Birth Certificate of an Adult"
S.P. 32 L.D. 83

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

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 (1/31/17) matter:

Bill "An Act To Change the Name of Captain Ambrose Bear Stream"

S.P. 89 L.D. 303

Tabled - January 31, 2017, by Senator **MASON** of Androscoggin

Pending - motion by Senator **DAVIS** of Piscataquis to **REFER** to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

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

On motion by Senator **JACKSON** of Aroostook, Bill and accompanying papers **INDEFINITELY POSTPONED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

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

Bill "An Act To Fund and Enhance the Maine Diversion Alert Program" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 182 L.D. 249

Tabled - January 31, 2017, by Senator **MASON** of Androscoggin

Pending - **REFERENCE**

(In House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** and ordered printed.)

On motion by Senator **BRAKEY** of Androscoggin, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**, 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 Protect Maine's Lakes by Prohibiting the Discharge of Waste from Watercraft"

H.P. 420 L.D. 604

Tabled - February 16, 2017, by Senator **CYRWAY** of Kennebec

Pending - **REFERENCE**

(Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** suggested and ordered printed.)

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

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

Senate at Ease.

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 Allow Hemp Growers To Grow Hemp from Clones and To Grow Hemp Indoors" (EMERGENCY)
H.P. 522 L.D. 742

Bill "An Act To Provide Free Admission for Permanently Disabled Persons at Maine State Parks"
H.P. 538 L.D. 758

Bill "An Act To Promote Safety with Respect to Touching Livestock or Other Animals"
H.P. 540 L.D. 760

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 Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Promote and Improve the Intermodal Transportation System in Maine"
H.P. 523 L.D. 743

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

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

Bill "An Act To Create a Permanent Wabanaki Law Enforcement Seat on the Maine Criminal Justice Academy Board of Trustees"
H.P. 524 L.D. 744

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.

Resolve, To Increase the Permissible Size of Bed and Breakfasts
H.P. 526 L.D. 746

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

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

Bill "An Act To Allow Public Schools To Reserve Funds Designated for Operating Costs"
H.P. 517 L.D. 737

Bill "An Act To Make the School Budgeting Process a Biennial Process"
H.P. 518 L.D. 738

Bill "An Act To Amend Minimum Age Eligibility for School Enrollment"
H.P. 527 L.D. 747

Bill "An Act To Require at Least a 30-minute Lunch Period for Students"
H.P. 528 L.D. 748

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 Ensure Municipal Equity for the Town of Frye Island"
H.P. 529 L.D. 749

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

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

Bill "An Act To Provide \$500,000 of Matching Funds over 4 Years through Appropriations and Allocations To Preserve Rural Heritage and Living History Pertaining to Science and Technology in Penobscot and York Counties"
H.P. 530 L.D. 750

Bill "An Act To Establish Districtwide Standardized Assessment Policies"
H.P. 531 L.D. 751

Bill "An Act To Enhance the Safety of Schoolchildren by Requiring the Posting of the School Zone Speed Limit"
H.P. 532 L.D. 752

Resolve, To Promote Internet Safety in Schools
H.P. 533 L.D. 753

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 Repeal or Clean Up Outdated Telecommunications Statutes"

H.P. 534 L.D. 754

Bill "An Act To Amend the Law Regarding Nontransmission Alternatives Investigations Required for Proposed Transmission Line Projects"

H.P. 535 L.D. 755

Bill "An Act To Clarify the Authority of an Affiliate of a Utility To Own Power Generation outside of the Utility's Territory"

H.P. 536 L.D. 756

Bill "An Act To Amend the Charter of the Richmond Utilities District"

H.P. 537 L.D. 757

Bill "An Act To Clarify the Financial Authority of Sewer and Sanitary Districts"

H.P. 539 L.D. 759

Bill "An Act To Strengthen the Independence of the Public Advocate"

H.P. 582 L.D. 802

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 Improve Beach-cast Seaweed Management for Health, Ecology and Tourism"

H.P. 519 L.D. 739

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 Increase Access to Hearing Aids"

H.P. 541 L.D. 761

Bill "An Act To Support Individuals with Disabilities by Exempting Certain Wages from Consideration for MaineCare"

H.P. 543 L.D. 763

Bill "An Act To Prohibit the Exclusion of a Patient from Eligibility for an Organ Transplant Based on Medical Marijuana Use"
H.P. 544 L.D. 764

Bill "An Act To Allow In-home Child Care Providers To Care for up to 5 Children without State Certification"

H.P. 545 L.D. 765

Resolve, To Require the Department of Health and Human Services To Recalculate the MaineCare Reimbursement Rates for Services for Persons with Disabilities (EMERGENCY)
H.P. 546 L.D. 766

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 Allow a Percentage of Funds from the Medical Use of Marijuana Fund To Fund Health Care Research"

H.P. 542 L.D. 762

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

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

Bill "An Act To Prohibit the Feeding of Deer from August 15th to December 15th"

H.P. 547 L.D. 767

Bill "An Act To Establish 2 Comprehensive Licenses for Hunting and for Hunting and Fishing"

H.P. 548 L.D. 768

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 Eliminate Insurance Rating Based on Age, Geographic Location or Smoking History and To Reduce Rate Variability Due to Group Size"

H.P. 549 L.D. 769

Bill "An Act To Clarify Insurance Coverage in School-based Health Centers"

H.P. 550 L.D. 770

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

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

Bill "An Act To Protect Political Speech and Prevent Climate Change Policy Profiling"

H.P. 551 L.D. 771

Bill "An Act To Enact the Uniform Real Property Transfer on Death Act"

H.P. 553 L.D. 773

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 Create a Training Wage"

H.P. 554 L.D. 774

Bill "An Act To Prohibit the Minimum Wage from Exceeding the New England Average"

H.P. 555 L.D. 775

Bill "An Act To Promote Fairness for Rural Maine Residents by Regulating Fuel Prices"

H.P. 556 L.D. 776

Bill "An Act To Establish a Conditional Presumption of Compensability for Corrections Employees in Cases of Impairment from Hypertension or Heart Disease"

H.P. 557 L.D. 777

Bill "An Act To Eliminate the Indexing of the Minimum Wage to Inflation"

H.P. 558 L.D. 778

Bill "An Act To Allow a Physical Therapist To Administer Certain Coagulation Tests in a Patient's Home"

H.P. 581 L.D. 801

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

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

Bill "An Act To Promote Efficiency and Accountability to Taxpayers in Personal Services Contracting"

H.P. 520 L.D. 740

Bill "An Act Authorizing the Deorganization of Cary Plantation"
H.P. 560 L.D. 780

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 Allow Aroostook County To Create Tax Increment Financing Districts"

H.P. 559 L.D. 779

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

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

Bill "An Act To Provide Equity in Education Funding"

H.P. 521 L.D. 741

Bill "An Act To Support the Trades through a Tax Credit for Apprenticeship Programs"

H.P. 561 L.D. 781

Bill "An Act To Provide a Sales Tax Exemption for Certain Veterans' Facilities"

H.P. 562 L.D. 782

Bill "An Act Regarding Business Income Tax"

H.P. 563 L.D. 783

Bill "An Act To Prevent Tax Haven Abuse"

H.P. 564 L.D. 784

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.

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

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

ENACTORS

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

Emergency Measure

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

S.P. 88 L.D. 302
(C "A" S-2)

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Oxford, Senator Hamper.

Senator **HAMPER:** Thank you, Mr. President. Mr. President, ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, just a few brief words about the Supplemental Budget. My first discussion on this bill with the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Breen, she brought the fact that there was no money in the Supplemental for opioids, other than there's less than a million dollars in there for the medical examiner's office. That's testing of those who have died. Much to her credit, pat on the back, Senator Breen, we got some money in here. That makes the headlines, the \$3 million, the opioids homes. You know, you look at the news and that makes the headlines. What about the rest of the bill? That's what I wanted to speak about. Thirty-five million dollars into the Stabilization Fund. It takes us from 122 to 157 when, folks, we really need about 600 in the Stabilization Fund. Okay, that helps level things out when the revenue's not coming in. Thirteen and a half million goes to retirement issues with the Community Colleges. Cleans it up. Something that the Appropriations Committee has been dealing with for quite a number of years. A little bit of fiscal responsibility in this thing. Clean it up. We don't have to deal with that retirement issue with Community Colleges ever again. Done. Seven million dollars for the University of Maine System in two parts; \$5 million as far as the President talked about keeping tuitions level, \$5 million helps keep that possible, and another \$2 million which our kids will take advantage of as the Early College Program. There is \$4 million in there for fish hatcheries. Taking care of a couple of issues, Grand Lake Stream and Casco. Taking care of problems at the fish hatcheries and, you know, so that some of us can go out fishing. Lastly, of course, was the opioid health homes. Pilot project. A good start. Let's see how this thing works. A little roundup. Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator **BREEN:** Thank you, Mr. President. Thank you, Senator Hamper, for your great leadership on the Supplemental Budget and for articulating to our colleagues here all the other good things that are in that budget. I want to thank Senator Jackson, the Executive Branch, and the Department of Health and Human Services for partnering with me and helping put together something that would address the opioid addiction issue with the Supplemental Budget. I think it was the prudent thing to do and it's not an enormous thing but it's something and, hopefully, as Senator Hamper said, it offers a model, a pilot project, to do something throughout our state that will be effective and that we can reduce those numbers in 2017. Unfortunately, we had a 40% increase in 2016 in deaths from opioid addiction. So I'm optimistic and I think this Supplemental Budget, and the bipartisan support that it has received in committee, sends a great

signal for the rest of the session and I want to thank everyone who did such good work on it. Thank you, Mr. President.

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

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

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#38)

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

NAYS: Senators: None

EXCUSED: Senator: COLLINS

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

Ordered sent down forthwith.

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

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

House Papers

Bill "An Act To Fund Railroad Infrastructure and Operations"
H.P. 577 L.D. 797

Bill "An Act To Clarify the Intent of the Licensing Provisions in the Marijuana Legalization Act"
H.P. 578 L.D. 798

Bill "An Act To Protect Landlords and Tenants from the Deleterious Effects of Marijuana Use" (EMERGENCY)
H.P. 579 L.D. 799

Bill "An Act To Prohibit Marijuana on the Campuses of Maine's Public Postsecondary Institutions" (EMERGENCY)
H.P. 580 L.D. 800

Come 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 To Improve Safety and Traffic Efficiency near School Grounds"
H.P. 565 L.D. 785

Bill "An Act To Require Center Line Markings on All State and State Aid Highways"
H.P. 566 L.D. 786

Bill "An Act To Ease the Financial Burden on Maine Motorists by Repealing the Requirement That Certain Motor Vehicles Be Inspected"
H.P. 567 L.D. 787

Bill "An Act To Require Motor Vehicles To Be Registered on a Biennial Basis"
H.P. 568 L.D. 788

Resolve, To Require Infrastructure Projects Affecting Interstate 295 To Be Expedited
H.P. 569 L.D. 789

Resolve, To Name the Bridge between Indian Township and the Town of Princeton the Sakom John Stevens Bridge
H.P. 570 L.D. 790

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

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

Bill "An Act Regarding Advertisements by Maine Clean Election Act Candidates"
H.P. 571 L.D. 791

Bill "An Act To Authorize Funding for Transitional Housing for Women Veterans and Their Families"
H.P. 572 L.D. 792

Bill "An Act To Limit Campaign Independent Expenditures"
H.P. 573 L.D. 793

Bill "An Act Regarding the Taxation of Flavored Malt Beverages"
H.P. 574 L.D. 794

Bill "An Act To Require the Text of a Direct Initiative To Be Printed on the Ballot"
H.P. 575 L.D. 795

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine Regarding Referendum Questions for Statewide Ballots
H.P. 576 L.D. 796

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.

Senator **MASON** of Androscoggin inquired if the Senate was still in possession of H.P. 580 L.D. 800.

The Chair answered in the affirmative.

Senator **MASON** of Androscoggin requested that H.P. 580 L.D. 800 be Held.

All matters thus acted upon, with the exception of those matters being held, were ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

Senate at Ease.

The Senate was called to order by the President.

Off Record Remarks

All matters thus acted upon, with the exception of those matters being held, were ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

On motion by Senator **MASON** of Androscoggin, **ADJOURNED**, pursuant to the Joint Order, until Tuesday, March 7, 2017 at 10:00 in the morning.