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

In Senate Chamber
Tuesday
April 11, 2017

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

Prayer by Pastor Ronald Robinson, Scarborough Free Baptist
Church.

PASTOR ROBINSON: Let us bow our heads in prayer, shall we. Dear Heavenly Father, we are so thankful for the blessing of this beautiful sunny spring day, but even more so the people in Maine are blessed with a Senate that humbles themselves and submits themselves to a mighty creator before their work day begins; a creator who is almighty, all powerful, all knowing, and is in all places. Father, go before them as they meet the challenges of this day. May they trust that Your presence is with them. Lord, we know there's a degree of animosity in certain quarters of politics today, but may it never be so in this Chamber. Lord, may it be filled with the spirit of cooperation, of friendship, and may the collective wisdom and knowledge and experience of these Senators meet the challenges in our State and bring it forward for all people in a good way. Lord, I just ask for all these things. We humbly beseech Your guidance and I pray for a blessing of faith for each Senator; a faith that can move mountains. Amen.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Senator Andre E. Cushing, III of
Penobscot County.

Reading of the Journal of Thursday, April 6, 2017.

Off Record Remarks

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

ORDERS

Joint Order

Expressions of Legislative Sentiment recognizing:

The Mount Desert High School Boys Basketball Team, of Bar Harbor, which won the Class B State Championship. Members of the team include players Jimmy Carroll, Riley Swanson, Russell Kropff, Aaron Snurkowski, Mac Shea, Drew Rich, Gus Reeves,

Devin Parlatore, Andrew Phelps, Colby Lee, Owen Mild, Derek Collin, Drew Shea, Graham Good, Matt Driscoll, Justin Norwood, Matt Umphrey, Kyle McKim, Tony McKim, Spencer Kachmar and James McConomy; assistant coaches Matt Umphrey, Tony McKim and Kyle McKim; and head coach Justin Norwood. We extend to all the members of the team our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 178

Sponsored by Senator LANGLEY of Hancock.
Cosponsored by Representative: HUBBELL of Bar Harbor.

READ.

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

Senator **LANGLEY:** Thank you, Mr. President. Thank you, Mr. President, for taking this order out of order, actually. Women and men of the Senate, I rise today to recognize the fantastic accomplishments of the students of MDI High School. They are being recognized in both Bodies today for their accomplishments in the field of sports and also on stage. The student athletes of MDI have had quite a year and also the thespians, athletes and thespians, of MDI have had quite a year. Now as Chair of the Ed Committee it's really kind of fun when we have students come down here, and especially from our small school where students and athletes are often in every extracurricular activity that could be had at the school, but last fall the MDI football team made it all the way to the State Championship game but lost to Wells 44-0. My seatmate to the right of me represents Wells. We have this ongoing battle. It was a tough way for the football team to end their season, but, as you know with many of the small schools, these athletes go from one sport right to the next. So those athletes that played football also play basketball and some are also on the track team. After getting manhandled in football, Mount Desert Island turned the tables on Wells in the boys' basketball State Championship with a suffocating defense that paved the way for a dominant 59-39 victory in the Class B State Championship game. Now they could never have predicted that their opponent would be Wells, but it certainly helped motivate the team, just a little bit of revenge when they would face Wells in the Championship game. It was MDI's suffocating defense that proved to be the factor in this success. I can attest to this first hand. As you see, they crushed my hometown team of Ellsworth in our season ending rivalry. I live in Ellsworth and taught in Ellsworth and MDI is our fiercest rival. Now I rooted for Ellsworth in those local games, but as soon as we had lost the whole community in Hancock County was behind MDI as they faced their future opponents. These boys made school history as they won their first State Championship since the high school was formed in the last 60's.

Now in the other Body today not only will the basketball team be recognized but they then have a State Championship indoor track team and the State Championship drama team, all of which came down today. The MDI Trojans won the indoor track title for the first time in school history, and MDI has long been recognized as a powerhouse in the arts and music. It confirmed that with their near perfect scores for the drama team's rendition *The Insanity of Mary Gerard*. So these are incredible accomplishments for any school, and I don't know if we take enough time to really recognize the accomplishments of our

students and our student athletes, but more so, in my opinion, when the school is such a small school. If you draw a circle around MDI High School most of that circle is in water. They are down on an island. There are kids that come to school that ride a boat, a ferry, every morning to come to school. It's a very unique place. So parents, teachers, administrators, and students should be very proud of these accomplishments and it truly is an honor for me to have them all here today. Thank you, men and women of the Senate and Mr. President.

PASSED.

Sent down for concurrence.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair is pleased to recognize in the Chamber today members from the Mount Desert Island High School boys' basketball team, indoor track team, one-act team. They are all the guests of the Senator from Hancock, Senator Langley, as well as leaders Brenda Jordan of Jolly Juniors Club, Heather Lennihan of Horse and Rider Club, as well as members of the Hancock County 4-H Club. Will all of these individuals please stand and accept the greetings of the State Senate.

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

Senator **COLLINS:** Thank you, Mr. President. I'd just like to mention to the Chamber, my colleagues here in the Senate Chamber, how important high school sports really is. When you look at some of the teams we produce in our respective towns, and the rivalry that's created amongst neighboring towns, you just never know what you're going to get. That's why I've always been such a strong enthusiast of high school sports. From one year to the next you could have a championship team and the following year they're bringing up the rear. I always try to attend as many games as possible. It makes for a well-rounded student if they're involved in athletics in high school, as well as doing well academically. It's all part of the program, we can be very proud of young people. Thank you.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

Non-Concurrent Matter

HOUSE REPORTS - from the Committee on **LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** on Bill "An Act To Provide Matching Funds for Federal Community Development Block Grants"

H.P. 123 L.D. 165

Majority - **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-16)** (7 members)

Minority - **Ought Not to Pass** (6 members)

In Senate, April 4, 2017, on motion by Senator **VOLK** of Cumberland, the Minority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

Comes from the House, that Body having **INSISTED** on its former action whereby the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report was **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-16)**.

On motion by Senator **VOLK** of Cumberland, the Senate **INSISTED**.

House Papers

Bill "An Act To Include Additional Corrections Officers under the 1998 Special Plan for Retirement and To Amend the Laws Governing Retirement Benefits for Capitol Police Officers"
H.P. 942 L.D. 1365

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 Protect Maine Consumers by Creating a White-collar Crime Registry"
H.P. 943 L.D. 1366

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 Support Family-directed Housing Initiatives and Alternative Programming for Individuals with Disabilities in Underserved Areas
H.P. 944 L.D. 1367

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.

Bill "An Act To Amend Funding Distributions under the Maine Clean Election Act"
H.P. 945 L.D. 1368

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

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

Pursuant to Statute
Department of Health and Human Services

The **Department of Health and Human Services**, pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 8072 asked leave to report that the accompanying Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 11: Rules Governing the Controlled Substances Prescription Monitoring Program and Prescription of Opioid Medications, a Late-filed Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Health and Human Services (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 940 L.D. 1363

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

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

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

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

Pursuant to Statute
Department of Health and Human Services

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

H.P. 941 L.D. 1364

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

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

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

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

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: S.C. 276

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

April 6, 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 5, MRSA, Part 4, Ch. 163, Subchapter 4, §2003-2, I am pleased to reappoint the following members to the Maine Library of Geographic Information Board effective April 6, 2017:

Mr. Vern Maxfield of Norway to seat 7
Mr. Jake Metzler of Forest Society Maine in Bangor to seat 11

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. 280

STATE OF MAINE
SUPREME JUDICIAL COURT
CUMBERLAND COUNTY COURTHOUSE
PORTLAND, MAINE

March 30, 2017

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

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

Re: Judicial Branch Representative on the Task Force to Address the Opiate Crisis

Dear President Thibodeau and Speaker Gideon:

Thank you for including the Judicial Branch in the State's planning efforts regarding the tragedies caused by the Opiate Crisis.

I am pleased to appoint Justice William Stokes to serve as the Judicial Branch representative on the Task Force. I join you in your hope for a better tomorrow for so many of Maine's families who have been affected by this crisis.

Many thanks to both of you for all that you do to make Maine a better place.

Sincerely,

S/Leigh I. Saufley Chief Justice

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 275

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY EIGHTH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS**

April 5, 2017

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

Dear President Thibodeau and Speaker Gideon,

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

L.D. 1253 An Act To Make Maine's Casinos More
Competitive by Authorizing Extensions of Credit

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Garrett P. Mason
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Louis J. Luchini
House Chair

READ and with accompanying papers ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 281

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL
AFFAIRS**

April 07, 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 Appropriations and Financial Affairs has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 382 An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the
Issuance of Bonds

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. James M. Hamper
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Drew M. Gattine
House Chair

READ and with accompanying papers ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 282

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY**

April 10, 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 Criminal Justice and Public Safety has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 142 An Act To Establish a Statewide Sexual Assault
Forensic Examination Kit Tracking System

L.D. 217 An Act Regarding the Place of Imprisonment of
Certain Prisoners

L.D. 515 An Act To Amend the Laws on Gross Sexual Assault

L.D. 994 An Act To Increase the Class of Crime for Viewing Animal Fighting

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Kimberley C. Rosen
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Charlotte May Warren
House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 277

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

April 07, 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 Health and Human Services has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 87 An Act To Require Screening for Cytomegalovirus in Newborn Infants

L.D. 261 Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services To Prepare for Implementation of the Federal Family First Prevention Services Act

L.D. 262 An Act To Strengthen Kinship Care Opportunities

L.D. 448 An Act To Fund Research on Cancer in Firefighters

L.D. 550 An Act Requiring Communication of Mammographic Breast Density Information to Patients

L.D. 551 An Act To Expand the Authority of Naturopathic Doctors To Prescribe Certain Medications

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Eric L. Brakey
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Patricia Hymanson
House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 278

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

April 10, 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 Environment and Natural Resources has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 385 An Act To Establish a Stewardship Program for Certain Rechargeable Batteries

L.D. 867 An Act To Mitigate the Spread of Invasive Milfoil in Wilson Stream

L.D. 931 An Act To Create Extended Producer Responsibility for Post-consumer Waste Generated from the Use of Tobacco Products

L.D. 1040 An Act Regarding Permitting under the Natural Resources Protection Act

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Thomas B. Saviello
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Ralph L. Tucker
House Chair

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

April 06, 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 Judiciary has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 70 An Act To Allow Municipal Governing Boards of
3 Members To Perform Official Duties via
Technology

L.D. 282 An Act To Support Caregivers When Children
Have Been Abandoned by Their Parents

L.D. 645 An Act To Amend the Penalties for Failure To
Pay Child Support

L.D. 916 An Act To Modify the Term and Withholding
Limitations for Spousal Support

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Lisa Keim
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Matthew W. Moonen
House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 279

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS**

April 06, 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 Veterans and Legal Affairs has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 948 Resolve, To Direct the Adjutant General To
Procure Medals for Maine National Guard
Members Mobilized for the 1958-1961 Berlin
Crisis

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Garrett P. Mason
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Louis J. Luchini
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 the Threatened Use of Force in the Crime of Robbery"

S.P. 474 L.D. 1387

Presented by Senator CYRWAY of Kennebec.
Cospponsored by Representative BRADSTREET of Vassalboro
and Senators: COLLINS of York, DAVIS of Piscataquis, KATZ of
Kennebec, LIBBY of Androscoggin, MASON of Androscoggin,
President THIBODEAU of Waldo, Representatives: LONGSTAFF
of Waterville, WOOD of Greene.
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council
pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

Bill "An Act To Prohibit the Falsification of Medical Records"
S.P. 475 L.D. 1388

Presented by Senator ROSEN of Hancock.
Submitted by the Department of the Attorney General pursuant to
Joint Rule 204.

Bill "An Act To Allow Nonviolent Felons To Own Firearms at the Court's Discretion"

S.P. 479 L.D. 1401

Presented by Senator JACKSON of Aroostook.
Cosponsored by Representative MARTIN of Eagle Lake and
Senators: DIAMOND of Cumberland, MASON of Androscoggin,
Representatives: GROHMAN of Biddeford, HANINGTON of
Lincoln.

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 Ensure the Integrity of For-profit Colleges"
S.P. 482 L.D. 1404

Presented by Senator VITELLI of Sagadahoc.
Cosponsored by Representative POULIOT of Augusta and Senators: DILL of Penobscot, MAKER of Washington, MILLETT of Cumberland, SAVIELLO of Franklin, WHITEMORE of Somerset, Representatives: DAUGHTRY of Brunswick, TUELL of East Machias.

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 Encourage Broadband Coverage in Rural Maine"
S.P. 477 L.D. 1399

Presented by Senator BELLOWS of Kennebec.
Cosponsored by Representative BERRY of Bowdoinham and Senators: BREEN of Cumberland, DAVIS of Piscataquis, DION of Cumberland, MAKER of Washington, SAVIELLO of Franklin, Representatives: HARVELL of Farmington, HIGGINS of Dover-Foxcroft, McELWEE of Caribou.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Off Record Remarks

Bill "An Act Governing Direct Primary Care Membership Agreements"
S.P. 472 L.D. 1385

Presented by Senator WHITEMORE of Somerset.
Cosponsored by Representative PICKETT of Dixfield and Senators: DOW of Lincoln, KATZ of Kennebec, LANGLEY of Hancock, ROSEN of Hancock, Representatives: CRAIG of Brewer, PICCHIOTTI of Fairfield, PRESCOTT of Waterboro, WALLACE of Dexter.

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

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Promote Prescription Drug Price Transparency"
S.P. 484 L.D. 1406

Presented by Senator VITELLI of Sagadahoc.
Cosponsored by Representative FOLEY of Wells and Senators: CARPENTER of Aroostook, JACKSON of Aroostook, KEIM of Oxford, WHITEMORE of Somerset, Representatives: MELARAGNO of Auburn, MOONEN of Portland, PRESCOTT of Waterboro, VACHON of Scarborough.

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

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

Bill "An Act To Establish an Independent Citizens Oversight Committee on Maine's Welfare Programs"
S.P. 486 L.D. 1408

Presented by Senator LIBBY of Androscoggin.
Cosponsored by Representative GATTINE of Westbrook and Senators: BELLOWS of Kennebec, BREEN of Cumberland, CARPENTER of Aroostook, JACKSON of Aroostook, VITELLI of Sagadahoc, Representative: GOLDEN of Lewiston.

Bill "An Act To Increase Access to Workforce Development Programs for New Maine Residents"
S.P. 490 L.D. 1412

Presented by Senator CHIPMAN of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative FECTEAU of Biddeford and Senator: LIBBY of Androscoggin, Representatives: DENNO of Cumberland, GOLDEN of Lewiston, HAMANN of South Portland, MADIGAN of Waterville, PARKER of South Berwick, PERRY of Calais.

Resolve, Regarding Sober Living Transitional Assistance
S.P. 491 L.D. 1413

Presented by Senator CHIPMAN of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative HAMANN of South Portland and Senator: BRAKEY of Androscoggin, Representatives: DENNO of Cumberland, HEAD of Bethel, HYMANSON of York, MADIGAN of Waterville, MALABY of Hancock, PARKER of South Berwick, PERRY of Calais.

Bill "An Act To Amend Certain Laws Governing Child Care Providers"
S.P. 493 L.D. 1423

Presented by Senator LIBBY of Androscoggin.

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 Clarify the Public Nature of Annual Statements of Life Settlement Providers"

S.P. 473 L.D. 1386

Presented by Senator WHITTEMORE of Somerset.
Submitted by the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Bill "An Act Regarding Prescription Drug Step Therapy"
S.P. 485 L.D. 1407

Presented by Senator ROSEN of Hancock.
Cosponsored by Representative PIERCE of Dresden and Senators: CARSON of Cumberland, DOW of Lincoln, GRATWICK of Penobscot, Representatives: HARLOW of Portland, MALABY of Hancock, POULIOT of Augusta, SANBORN of Portland, VACHON of Scarborough.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act Regarding Payroll Deductions"

S.P. 480 L.D. 1402

Presented by Senator JACKSON of Aroostook.

Bill "An Act To Reduce Regulations for Small Nonalcoholic Beverage Producers"

S.P. 487 L.D. 1409

Presented by Senator CHIPMAN of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Senator: VOLK of Cumberland, Representatives: FECTEAU of Biddeford, MASTRACCIO of Sanford, STETKIS of Canaan, SYLVESTER of Portland, VACHON of Scarborough.

Bill "An Act To Adopt the Nurse Licensure Compact"

S.P. 488 L.D. 1410

Presented by Senator VOLK of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative FECTEAU of Biddeford and Senators: BELLOWS of Kennebec, LANGLEY of Hancock, Representatives: HEAD of Bethel, LOCKMAN of Amherst, MASTRACCIO of Sanford, PERRY of Calais, VACHON of Scarborough.

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 Require Remote Sellers To Collect and Remit Sales and Use Tax on Sales into Maine and To Provide Retailers a Collection Allowance"

S.P. 483 L.D. 1405

Presented by Senator COLLINS of York.
Cosponsored by Representative PARRY of Arundel and Senators: BREEN of Cumberland, CYRWAY of Kennebec, DESCHAMBAULT of York, DIAMOND of Cumberland, HAMPER of Oxford, JACKSON of Aroostook, Representatives: BRYANT of Windham, SCHNECK of Bangor.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Allow Vehicles Registered as Wreckers To Transport 2 Vehicles"

S.P. 476 L.D. 1398

Presented by Senator JACKSON of Aroostook.
Cosponsored by Representative McCREA of Fort Fairfield.
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

Bill "An Act To Create the Bar Harbor Port Authority" (EMERGENCY)

S.P. 478 L.D. 1400

Presented by Senator LANGLEY of Hancock.
Cosponsored by Representative HUBBELL of Bar Harbor and Senators: COLLINS of York, MAKER of Washington, ROSEN of Hancock, Representatives: GUERIN of Glenburn, TUELL of East Machias.

Bill "An Act Regarding Drug Testing in the Transportation Sector"
S.P. 481 L.D. 1403

Presented by Senator JACKSON of Aroostook.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Amend the Election Laws"

S.P. 471 L.D. 1384

Presented by Senator MASON of Androscoggin.

Cosponsored by Representative LUCHINI of Ellsworth and Representatives: CASÁS of Rockport, DUNPHY of Old Town, FAY of Raymond, HANDY of Lewiston, MARTIN of Sinclair, McCREA of Fort Fairfield, PARKER of South Berwick, WHITE of Washburn.

Submitted by the Secretary of State and approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Limit Petitions for Direct Initiatives That Would Violate the Constitution of Maine

S.P. 489 L.D. 1411

Presented by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin.

Cosponsored by Senators: CUSHING of Penobscot, DESCHAMBAULT of York, HILL of York, LIBBY of Androscoggin, MASON of Androscoggin, Representatives: CASÁS of Rockport, DENNO of Cumberland, GROHMAN of Biddeford.

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.

ORDERS

Joint Order

Expressions of Legislative Sentiment recognizing:

Shay Cyrway, of Embden, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 419, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. This is the highest award in Boy Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. For his Eagle Scout project, Shay erected 12 bluebird houses and 5 wood duck nesting boxes on a nature trail in Madison. We extend our congratulations to Shay on this achievement;

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Sponsored by Senator WHITEMORE of Somerset.
Cosponsored by Representative: GRIGNON of Athens.

READ.

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

Senator **MASON:** Thank you, Mr. President. I rise for just a minute to speak on Item 4-2, sentiment for Shay Cyrway, who is the son of the Senator from Kennebec, Senator Cyrway. As we all know, we all hand out a lot of Eagle Scout awards in our time in the Legislature. We know that it's not only the boy who is getting an award and doing a huge accomplishment, it's also a great testament to the family that raised them as well. So congratulations to Shay and thank you, Senator Cyrway, for raising another exemplary Maine citizen. Thank you, sir.

PASSED.

Sent down for concurrence.

Presentation of Legislative Memorial Scholarship Awards.

THE PRESIDENT: We're going to take a break from our regular calendar to recognize the Legislative Memorial Scholarship Awards. The first thing I'd like to do is, we have a list of names of recipients of the Legislative Scholarship Awards that were unable to attend today. We'll begin by announcing the recipients who were unable to attend.

The recipient from Aroostook County is Shana Paradis of Frenchville. Shana attends the Eastern Maine Community College. The recipient from Cumberland County is Deborah Burgess of Gorham. Deborah attends the Saint Joseph's College. The recipient from Hancock County is Zoe Stonetree of Holden. Zoe attends the University of Maine at Farmington. The recipient from Kennebec County is Brooke Pietri of West Gardiner. Brooke attends the University of Maine. The recipient from Lincoln County is Daren Wood of Wiscasset. Daren attends the University of Southern Maine. The recipient from Oxford County is Austin Lynn Bear of Hanover. Austin attends Saint Joseph's College. The recipient from Sagadahoc County is Julie Plummer of Richmond. Julie attends the University of New England. The recipient from Somerset County is Jamie Kemper of Lincoln. Jamie attends the University of Maine here in Augusta. The recipient from Waldo County is Megan Thompson of Knox. Megan attends Kennebec Valley Community College. The recipient from Washington County is Emily Lobley of Marshfield. Emily attends Husson University. The recipient from York County is Libby Pomerleau of Limerick. Libby attends Saint Joseph's College.

Senator Diamond, if you would come and join us here in the Well of the Senate we will now recognize the recipients of the scholarships who are able to join us here today. When I announce the recipient would the Senator please come forward and join your constituents here in the Well of the Senate with Senator Diamond.

The recipient from Androscoggin County is Fowsiya Musse of Lewiston. She attends the University of Southern Maine. Fowsiya is here today with her brother, Mohammed Musse. Would the Sergeant-At-Arms please escort Fowsiya and her guest to the front of the Chamber.

The recipient from Franklin County is Alexa Perkins of Jay. She attends Husson University. Alexa is here today with her parents, Michelle and Brad Perkins, and her sister, Haillee Perkins. Would the Sergeant-At-Arms please escort Alexa and her guests to the front of the Chamber.

The recipient from Knox County is Aaron Nolan of Camden. He attends Husson University. Aaron is here today with his girlfriend, Maria. Would the Sergeant-At-Arms please escort Aaron and his guest to the front of the Chamber.

The recipient from Penobscot County is Harley Rogers of Lincoln. She attends the University of Southern Maine. Harley is here today with her father, Aaron Rogers - he'll be giving autographs later today in the back of the Chamber - her grandfather, Tim Rogers, and her grandmother, Elizabeth Byard. Would the Sergeant-At-Arms please escort Harley and her guests to the front of the Chamber.

The recipient from Piscataquis County is Spencer Desimone of Sebec. She attends Thomas College. Spencer is here today with her parents, Robert and Tina Desimone. Would the Sergeant-At-Arms please escort Spencer and her guests to the front of the Chamber.

I just want to take a minute to thank both Senator Diamond and Senator Davis for all the work that they put in on our behalf putting together the Legislative Auction. It's one of the things that really brings this Chamber together. We all look forward to it. We all go out and try to solicit different things for the auction to try to make sure it's a success, but it certainly isn't a success without a tremendous effort. I know that Senator Davis and Senator Diamond lead the charge in this Chamber, did a tremendous job. Once again it was tremendously successful and I know the reason that this Chamber feels so committed to making sure that it's a success every year is because we recognize that part of the success and, indeed, Maine's future is dependent upon a great and wonderful education for our young people. Today I think we're all a little bit prouder and feel like we were part of the success and part of the future of a long list of people from all across the State, from each and every county, of young people who are going to benefit because of the efforts made here by members and staff here in the State Legislature. I want to thank everybody, but particularly Senator Diamond and Senator Davis. Thank you.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

House

Ought to Pass As Amended

The Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** on Bill "An Act To Clarify That the Department of Transportation Is Exempt from Property Assessment Liabilities When Acquiring Property by Condemnation"

H.P. 284 L.D. 393

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-23)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-23)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-23) **READ** and **ADOPTED** in concurrence.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** on Bill "An Act To Remove the Prohibition on Baiting Deer"

H.P. 49 L.D. 62

Reported that the same **Ought Not to Pass**.

Signed:

Senators:

CYRWAY of Kennebec
CARPENTER of Aroostook
WOODSOME of York

Representatives:

DUCHESNE of Hudson
ALLEY of Beals
HARLOW of Portland
NADEAU of Winslow
REED of Carmel
STEARNS of Guilford
THERIAULT of China
WOOD of Greene

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass**.

Signed:

Representatives:

LYFORD of Eddington
MASON of Lisbon

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

Reports **READ**.

On motion by Senator **CYRWAY** of Kennebec, the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** on Bill "An Act To Amend the Hunting Laws as They Pertain to the Training of Dogs" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 211 L.D. 278

Reported that the same **Ought Not to Pass**.

Signed:

Senator:

CYRWAY of Kennebec

Representatives:

DUCHESNE of Hudson
HARLOW of Portland
LYFORD of Eddington
MASON of Lisbon
REED of Carmel
STEARNS of Guilford
THERIAULT of China
WOOD of Greene

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass**.

Signed:

Senator:

WOODSOME of York

Representatives:

ALLEY of Beals
NADEAU of Winslow

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS**
Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

Reports **READ**.

On motion by Senator **CYRWAY** of Kennebec, the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** on Bill "An Act To Require That Candidates for the Office of County Sheriff Who Meet the Basic Corrections Training Standards Have Corrections Supervisory Experience"
H.P. 360 L.D. 497

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

Signed:

Representatives:

MARTIN of Sinclair
HARRINGTON of Sanford
HOGAN of Old Orchard Beach
MADIGAN of Rumford
ORDWAY of Standish
PICKETT of Dixfield
SPEAR of South Thomaston

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought Not To Pass**.

Signed:

Senators:

DAVIS of Piscataquis
DESCHAMBAULT of York
KEIM of Oxford

Representatives:

BEEBE-CENTER of Rockland
BRYANT of Windham
GRIGNON of Athens

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS**
Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**.

Reports **READ**.

On motion by Senator **DAVIS** of Piscataquis, the Minority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **ACCEPTED**, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Senate

Ought to Pass

Senator WOODSOME for the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** on Bill "An Act To Ensure Direct Dialing of 911 from Multiline Telephone Systems"
S.P. 271 L.D. 825

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

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

Senator KEIM for the Committee on **JUDICIARY** on Bill "An Act To Except from the Freedom of Access Act Certain Information in the Possession of the Maine Public Employees Retirement System"

S.P. 137 L.D. 410

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

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

Ought to Pass As Amended

Senator WHITTEMORE for the Committee on **INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** on Bill "An Act To Prohibit Insurance Carriers from Retroactively Reducing Payment on Clean Claims Submitted by Pharmacies"

S.P. 10 L.D. 6

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-22)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-22) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

Senator WHITTEMORE for the Committee on **INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** on Bill "An Act To Require National Banks To Cooperate in the Administration of the General Assistance Program"

S.P. 85 L.D. 239

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-24)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-24) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

Senator VOLK for the Committee on **LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** on Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Prior Employees of the Workers' Compensation Board"

S.P. 101 L.D. 313

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-23)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-23) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

Senator MASON for the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act To Allow Campgrounds To Obtain Licenses To Operate Beano or Bingo Games"

S.P. 148 L.D. 446

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-21)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-21) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** on Bill "An Act To Require a Person Who Provides Illegal Drugs To Give Medical Aid to Another Person in Medical Distress Due to That Illegal Drug Transaction"

S.P. 40 L.D. 92

Reported that the same **Ought Not to Pass**.

Signed:

Senators:

ROSEN of Hancock
DIAMOND of Cumberland

Representatives:

WARREN of Hallowell
COREY of Windham
GROHMAN of Biddeford
HERRICK of Paris
LONGSTAFF of Waterville
MAREAN of Hollis
RECKITT of South Portland

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-19)**.

Signed:

Senator:

CYRWAY of Kennebec

Representatives:

GERRISH of Lebanon
NADEAU of Winslow

Reports **READ**.

On motion by Senator **ROSEN** of Hancock, the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **ACCEPTED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act To Prohibit Taxpayer-funded Campaign Expenditures from Being Used on Post-election Parties"
S.P. 135 L.D. 408

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-20)**.

Signed:

Senators:

MASON of Androscoggin
CARPENTER of Aroostook
COLLINS of York

Representatives:

LUCHINI of Ellsworth
CASÁS of Rockport
DILLINGHAM of Oxford
FARRIN of Norridgewock
HANINGTON of Lincoln
LONGSTAFF of Waterville
SCHNECK of Bangor
WHITE of Washburn

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought Not To Pass**.

Signed:

Representatives:

HICKMAN of Winthrop
MONAGHAN of Cape Elizabeth

Reports **READ**.

Senator **MASON** of Androscoggin moved the Senate **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report.

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

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#60)

YEAS: 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

NAYS: Senators: None

35 Senators having voted in the affirmative and no Senator having voted in the negative, the motion by Senator **MASON** of Androscoggin to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **PREVAILED**.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-20) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

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

SECOND READERS

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

House

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

H.P. 312 L.D. 432

Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Section 97, Private Non-Medical Institution Services, a Late-filed Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Health and Human Services (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 325 L.D. 458

Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 191: Health Maintenance Organizations and of the Final Repeal of Chapter 750: Standardized Health Plans, Major Substantive Regulation, Bureau of Insurance (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 398 L.D. 556

READ A SECOND TIME and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**, in concurrence.

House As Amended

Bill "An Act To Amend the Law Regarding the Execution of Temporary Powers of Attorney"

H.P. 22 L.D. 21
(C "A" H-22)

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

H.P. 139 L.D. 183
(C "A" H-20)

Resolve, To Increase Certain Chiropractic Reimbursement Rates under the MaineCare Program

H.P. 200 L.D. 267
(C "A" H-21)

Bill "An Act To Extend Internet Availability in Rural Maine"

H.P. 303 L.D. 423
(C "A" H-17; H "A" H-19)

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

Senate As Amended

Bill "An Act To Provide Opportunity for Energy Cost Reduction for Maine Businesses and Citizens"

S.P. 110 L.D. 344
(C "A" S-16)

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.

ENACTORS

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

Emergency Measure

An Act To Authorize Auxiliary Liquor Licenses at Disc Golf Courses

S.P. 90 L.D. 304
(C "A" S-10)

This being an Emergency Measure and having received the affirmative vote of 34 Members of the Senate, with 1 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.

Acts

An Act To Provide for Legislative Review of Federally Mandated Major Substantive Rules under the Maine Administrative Procedure Act

H.P. 24 L.D. 23

An Act To Amend the Charter of the Southwest Harbor Water and Sewer District

H.P. 191 L.D. 258
(C "A" H-15)

PASSED TO BE ENACTED and, having been signed by the President, were presented by the Secretary to the Governor for his approval.

Ordered sent down forthwith.

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

Resolve

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

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

Senator **CUSHING:** Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, I just want to rise briefly to bring back to recollection the tremendous service that Representative Strout had done for this institution and the people of Maine. He served tirelessly as Town Manager. He served here in the Legislature for a number of years. I think it's only fitting that we take this opportunity to memorialize a true example of a public servant as his community will always have the ability to look to that highway as an example of somebody who served their community well. Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator **DIAMOND**: Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, just to follow up, Donny Strout was indeed one of the most respected members of this Legislature, that Legislature, those that he served in. He served on the Transportation Committee. One of the most, I think, outstanding things about Donny Strout was, even though he was a Republican, he really didn't play that role at all. He simply played that of being an excellent Legislator, caring about the State of Maine and caring about the Legislature he served in and being proud of both. So I think it's an honor, and an appropriate honor, that we pause just for a minute and say thank you to Donny Strout and recognize him as we are. Thank you, Mr. President.

FINALLY PASSED and, having been signed by the President, was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for his approval.

Ordered sent down forthwith.

RECALLED FROM LEGISLATIVE FILES

Bill "An Act To Separate the Authorities under the Licenses for Property and Casualty Insurance Adjusters and Workers' Compensation Insurance Adjusters"

S.P. 323 L.D. 984

(In the Senate, March 28, 2017, on motion by Senator Whittemore of Somerset, **ADHERED** to **REFERENCE** to the Committee on **INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.)

(In the House, March 30, 2017, that Body **INSISTED** on **REFERENCE** to the Committee on **LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**.)

(**RECALLED** from the Legislative Files pursuant to Joint Order (S.P. 452), in concurrence.)

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

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 (4/6/17) matter:

Bill "An Act To Allow Tobacco Retail Establishments To Serve Alcohol"

H.P. 923 L.D. 1329

Tabled - April 6, 2017, by Senator **MASON** of Androscoggin

Pending - **REFERENCE**

(Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** suggested and ordered printed.)

(In House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**.)

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Senate at Ease.

The Senate was called to order by the President.

The President requested the Sergeant-At-Arms escort the Senator from Androscoggin, Senator **MASON**, to the rostrum where he assumed the duties as President Pro Tempore.

The President took a seat on the Floor.

The Senate was called to order by President Pro Tempore **GARRETT P. MASON** of Androscoggin County.

ORDERS

Joint Resolution

On motion by President **THIBODEAU** of Waldo (Cosponsored by Speaker **GIDEON** of Freeport), the following Joint Resolution:
S.P. 492

STATE OF MAINE 128TH MAINE LEGISLATURE

JOINT RESOLUTION

DECLARING THE WEEK OF APRIL 9, 2017 AS MAINE PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATORS WEEK

WHEREAS, the United States Congress recognizes the 2nd week of April as "National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week"; and

WHEREAS, over 500,000 dedicated men and women are engaged in the operation of emergency response systems for federal, state, county and local governmental entities throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS, these unseen first responders are responsible for responding to the telephone calls of the general public for police, fire and emergency medical assistance and for dispatching assistance to help save the lives and property of our citizens; and

WHEREAS, Americans place their trust in these individuals, not just this week, but every day of the year, and rely on their knowledge and professionalism as they make critical decisions, obtain information and quickly dispatch needed aid; and

WHEREAS, the calls for help include not only police, fire and emergency medical service calls but those governmental communications related to natural disasters, forestry and conservation operations, highway safety and maintenance activities and all other operations that modern governmental agencies must conduct; and

WHEREAS, Maine's public safety telecommunicators daily serve the public in countless ways without due recognition by the beneficiaries of their 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 the week of April 9, 2017 as Maine Public Safety Telecommunicators Week.

READ and ADOPTED.

Sent down for concurrence.

Off Record Remarks

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

On motion by Senator **CUSHING** of Penobscot, **ADJOURNED** until Thursday, April 13, 2017 at 10:00 in the morning.