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In Senate Chamber  
Thursday  
April 13, 2017

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

Prayer by Reverend Joan Smith, South Parish Congregational  
Church in Augusta.

**REVEREND SMITH:** Good morning. Allow me to call us together as I call upon that which is most sacred for each of us and invite you into a spirit of prayer and reflection. You and I, each called to moral and political leadership of either church or State, walk a razor's edge. You here in the Senate of the people; I in the pulpit of this capital city. How do we set our feet upon bedrock, keep our eyes trained on true north? Let us begin by remembering a time when we failed and the person who gave us a leg up believed in us, gave us hope. From that experience of our failure, let us make choices that provide hope for others who look like failures, who then have the chance to succeed and help others. Let us remember a time when we were bullied and the person who came out of the shadows on our behalf, who stood with us, protected us. From that moment of fear, let us choose what provides protection for those who have lost the ability to do so for themselves, but who might, in turn, be empowered and do so for others. Let us remember a time when we were tempted by the need to be liked, to belong, to be powerful to keep our jobs, and yet have the courage to take an unpopular stand. From that close call with denying our conscience, let us have the courage to choose what will give us peace in the middle of the night. Let us remember when we've been worn down by confusing, contradictory events and information that defy clear thinking. Then remember getting that inexplicable second wind, getting below the muddy waters to see the clear channel, the "ah aha" that points the way. Let us choose to dive deep for the clear water of truth and follow it. One of sacred scriptures in the Judeo Christian tradition reads, and I quote, "For this law, which I am laying down for you today, is neither obscure for you nor beyond your reach. It is not in Heaven. It's not beyond the sea. The word is very near you. It's in your mouth and in your heart for you to put into practice. I put before you life and death. Choose life, that you and your decedents may live in good measure in the best of their days. Let us choose so that those whom we represent, whom we lead, especially those who cannot speak for themselves, may gain hope, self-respect, and, yes, even a life worth living, that those with ease and resources who have a vision of a more just and thriving community may be inspired to their own actions by our example." In closing, as we share the terrifying responsibility of the razor's edge we are not alone. Let us draw on our sacred source, whatever that might be, to respond to human and community needs in the best of times and in the worst of times. I put before you life and death. Choose life. Amen.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Senator Geoffrey M. Gratwick of  
Penobscot County.

Reading of the Journal of Tuesday, April 11, 2017.

Doctor of the day, Paul Cain, M.D. of Oxford.

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. 500

Ordered, the House concurring, that when the House and Senate  
adjourn they do so until Tuesday, April 18, 2017, at 10:00 in the  
morning.

**READ and PASSED.**

Ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

Off Record Remarks

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

**PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE**

**Non-Concurrent Matter**

Bill "An Act To Address the Policies Relating to Substance Use in  
the Workplace"

S.P. 413 L.D. 1222

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

In Senate, April 6, 2017, on motion by Senator **KATZ** of  
Kennebec, **REFERRED** to the Joint Select Committee on  
**MARIJUANA LEGALIZATION IMPLEMENTATION** and ordered  
printed.

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on  
**LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC  
DEVELOPMENT** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

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

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**Non-Concurrent Matter**

Bill "An Act To Ensure the Effectiveness of Tax Expenditures"  
H.P. 868 L.D. 1245

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

In Senate, April 6, 2017, on motion by Senator **VOLK** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

Comes from the House, that Body having **INSISTED** on its former action whereby the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TAXATION**.

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

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**Non-Concurrent Matter**

Bill "An Act To Adjust the Timing for Recounts in Certain Municipal and Local School Elections"  
H.P. 881 L.D. 1269

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

In Senate, April 4, 2017, on motion by Senator **MASON** of Androscoggin, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

Comes from the House, that Body having **INSISTED** on its former action whereby the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT**.

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

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**House Papers**

Bill "An Act To Support Local Agricultural Production"  
H.P. 948 L.D. 1369

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

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

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Bill "An Act To Remove Certain Restrictions Imposed on Retired State Employees Who Return to Work as Educators"  
H.P. 970 L.D. 1396

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

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

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

Sent down for concurrence.

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Bill "An Act To Disburse Funds to the Maine Fire Protection Services Commission"  
H.P. 963 L.D. 1389

Bill "An Act To Enhance the Rights of Families of Missing Persons and Homicide Victims"  
H.P. 964 L.D. 1390

Bill "An Act To Ensure the Availability of In-person Visitation in County Jails"  
H.P. 972 L.D. 1414

Bill "An Act To Provide Additional Deductions from a Sentence of Imprisonment for Completion of Education, Mental Health Treatment and Substance Abuse Treatment Programs"  
H.P. 973 L.D. 1415

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

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

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Bill "An Act To Address Costs for Certain Special Education Students" (EMERGENCY)  
H.P. 950 L.D. 1371

Bill "An Act To Amend High School Diploma Standards"  
H.P. 974 L.D. 1416

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.

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Bill "An Act To Increase Broadband Access for Rural Communities"

H.P. 951 L.D. 1372

Bill "An Act To Protect and Expand Access to Solar Power in Maine"

H.P. 952 L.D. 1373

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.

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Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services To Assess and Improve the Availability of Child Care Services  
H.P. 953 L.D. 1374

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.

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Bill "An Act To Prevent Overdose Deaths and Infectious Diseases by Establishing Safer Drug Use Facilities"  
H.P. 954 L.D. 1375

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

Senator **BRAKEY** of Androscoggin moved to **REFER** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**, in concurrence. Subsequently, same Senator requested and received leave of the Senate to withdraw his motion to **REFER** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**, in concurrence.

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

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Bill "An Act To Ensure the Continuation of the Landowner Relations Program"

H.P. 965 L.D. 1391

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.

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Bill "An Act To Require Insurance Coverage for the Diagnosis and Treatment of Lyme Disease"

H.P. 975 L.D. 1417

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

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

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Bill "An Act To Remove Barriers to Workforce Development in Alcohol and Drug Counseling and To Increase the MaineCare Reimbursement Rates for Certain Counselors"  
H.P. 955 L.D. 1376

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

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

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

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Bill "An Act To Prohibit Posing as a Governmental Entity in Commerce"  
H.P. 956 L.D. 1377

Bill "An Act To Create the Maine Family First Employer Award"  
H.P. 957 L.D. 1378

Bill "An Act To Allow Municipalities To Opt Not To Enforce the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code"  
H.P. 966 L.D. 1392

Resolve, Establishing the Commission To Create a Statewide Economic Development Plan (EMERGENCY)  
H.P. 967 L.D. 1393

Bill "An Act Regarding Work Permits for Minors under 16 Years of Age"  
H.P. 978 L.D. 1420

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

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

Bill "An Act Regarding Enforcement of Marine Resources Laws and Suspensions of Marine Resources Licenses"

H.P. 958 L.D. 1379

Bill "An Act To Implement an Owner-Operator Requirement in the Scallop and Sea Urchin Fisheries"

H.P. 959 L.D. 1380

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

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

Bill "An Act To Clarify Appeals of Municipal Land Use Decisions"

H.P. 960 L.D. 1381

Bill "An Act To Require Responsible Contracting on Public Construction Projects"

H.P. 961 L.D. 1382

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.

Resolve, Authorizing the State Tax Assessor To Convey the Interest of the State in Certain Real Estate in the Unorganized Territory

H.P. 979 L.D. 1421

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

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

Bill "An Act Regarding Certain License Plates for Veterans and Providing for a Breast Cancer Support Services Disability Plate"

H.P. 968 L.D. 1394

Resolve, To Name the Bridge over the Androscoggin River between the Towns of Peru and Mexico the Buddy Wendall McLain Bridge

H.P. 969 L.D. 1395

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

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

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine Regarding Early Voting

H.P. 962 L.D. 1383

Bill "An Act To Amend the Maine Clean Election Act and Related Laws"

H.P. 971 L.D. 1397

Bill "An Act To Require Presidential and Vice-Presidential Candidates To Disclose Their Federal Income Tax Returns"

H.P. 980 L.D. 1422

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

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

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

The **Department of Health and Human Services**, pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 8072 and approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council, asked leave to report that the accompanying Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Section 29, Allowances for Support Services for Adults with Intellectual Disabilities or Autism Spectrum Disorder, a Late-filed Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Health and Human Services (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 977 L.D. 1419

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.

#### **Joint Resolution**

The following Joint Resolution:

H.P. 947

#### **JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MAINE'S REALTORS**

WHEREAS, the Maine Association of REALTORS® has nearly 4,500 members actively involved in the business of real estate and it has approximately 450 affiliate members, including lenders, appraisers, title companies, building inspectors, surveyors and insurance providers; and

WHEREAS, the not-for-profit association provides each member with an equal voice and representation in the real estate profession, serving members in all 16 Maine counties and in their communities; and

WHEREAS, the benefit that the Maine Association of REALTORS® provides to Maine's economy includes not only the money spent and reinvested in the sale price of a property, but all those services and expenditures that occur in relation to a property transaction, both for a buyer and a seller; and

WHEREAS, according to national statistics, it is estimated that one job is generated for every 2 home sales and that each home sale contributes about \$60,000 to the economy; and

WHEREAS, the real estate market in Maine is recovering, as evidenced by the number of home sales increasing by more than 12% to 20,296 homes sold in 2016 with a value of \$4,760,000,000; and

WHEREAS, home ownership has been enhanced by the work in Maine of the public and private sectors to provide housing opportunities; and

WHEREAS, expanding home ownership will strengthen our State and its families and communities, enhance our economy and create jobs; 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 opportunity to recognize the Maine Association of REALTORS® and its members for their positive contributions to and the significant role they play in the lives of Maine citizens and their communities and that their service and dedication to this State are a tribute to those values and principles that we all hold dear; and be it further

RESOLVED: That suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the Maine Association of REALTORS® and its 11 local association boards.

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

**READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

## COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: S.C. 284

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

April 11, 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 Dr. Curtis C. Bohlen, Ph.D. of Pownal, for reappointment to the Board of Pesticides Control.

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	Davis of Piscataquis, Dill of Penobscot
	Representatives	9	Dunphy of Old Town, Black of Wilton, 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		2	Sen. Saviello of Franklin, Rep. Ackley of Monmouth

Eleven members of the Committee having voted in the affirmative and zero in the negative, it was the vote of the Committee that the nomination of Dr. Curtis C. Bohlen, Ph.D. of Pownal, for reappointment to the Board of Pesticides Control be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Paul T. Davis  
Senate Chair

S/Michelle Ann Dunphy  
House Chair

**READ** and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**.

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

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall the recommendation of the Committee on **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 128<sup>th</sup> Legislature, the vote was taken by the Yeas and Nays.

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

**ROLL CALL (#61)**

YEAS: Senators: None

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

EXCUSED: Senators: DESCHAMBAULT, VOLK

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 33 Senators having voted in the negative, with 2 Senators being excused, and none being less than two-thirds of the Membership present and voting, it was the vote of the Senate that the Committee's recommendation be **ACCEPTED** and the nomination of Dr. **Curtis C. Bohlen**, Ph.D. of Pownal for reappointment to the Board of Pesticides Control was **CONFIRMED**.

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 285

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

April 11, 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 Deven M. Morrill of Westbrook, for reappointment to the Board of Pesticides Control.

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, Black of Wilton, 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. Ackley of Monmouth

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 Deven M. Morrill of Westbrook, for reappointment to the Board of Pesticides Control 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 128<sup>th</sup> Legislature, the vote was taken by the Yeas and Nays.

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

**ROLL CALL (#62)**

YEAS: Senators: None

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

EXCUSED: Senators: DESCHAMBAULT, VOLK



No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 33 Senators having voted in the negative, with 2 Senators being excused, and none being less than two-thirds of the Membership present and voting, it was the vote of the Senate that the Committee's recommendation be **ACCEPTED** and the nomination of **Deven M. Morrill** of Westbrook for reappointment to the Board of Pesticides Control was **CONFIRMED**.

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 286

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

April 11, 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 James R. May of Mapleton, for appointment to the Maine Land Use Planning 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	Davis of Piscataquis, Dill of Penobscot
	Representatives	9	Dunphy of Old Town, Black of Wilton, 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		2	Sen. Saviello of Franklin, Rep. Ackley of Monmouth

Eleven members of the Committee having voted in the affirmative and zero in the negative, it was the vote of the Committee that the nomination of James R. May of Mapleton, for appointment to the Maine Land Use Planning 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 128<sup>th</sup> Legislature, the vote was taken by the Yeas and Nays.

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

**ROLL CALL (#63)**

YEAS: Senators: None

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

EXCUSED: Senators: DESCHAMBAULT, VOLK

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 33 Senators having voted in the negative, with 2 Senators being excused, and none being less than two-thirds of the Membership present and voting, it was the vote of the Senate that the Committee's recommendation be **ACCEPTED** and the nomination of **James R. May** of Mapleton for appointment to the Maine Land Use Planning Commission was **CONFIRMED**.

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 295

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

April 11, 2017

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

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Section 157, and with Joint Rule 505 of the Maine Legislature, the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation has had under consideration the nomination of B. Charles Large of Lewiston, for appointment to the Northern New England Passenger Rail Authority.

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

YEAS	Senators	3	Collins of York, Miramant of Knox, Rosen of Hancock
	Representatives	10	McLean of Gorham, Austin of Skowhegan, Bryant of Windham, Cebra of Naples, Gillway of Searsport, Grant of Gardiner, Parry of Arundel, Perkins of Oakland, Schneck of Bangor, Sheats of Auburn

NAYS 0

ABSENT 0

Thirteen 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 B. Charles Large of Lewiston, for appointment to the Northern New England Passenger Rail Authority be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Ronald F. Collins  
Senate Chair

S/Andrew J. McLean  
House Chair

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

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

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

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

#### **ROLL CALL (#64)**

YEAS: Senators: None

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

EXCUSED: Senators: DESCHAMBAULT, VOLK

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 33 Senators having voted in the negative, with 2 Senators being excused, and none being less than two-thirds of the Membership present and voting, it was the vote of the Senate that the Committee's recommendation be **ACCEPTED** and the nomination of **B. Charles Large** of Lewiston for appointment to the Northern New England Passenger Rail Authority was **CONFIRMED**.

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

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Off Record Remarks

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The Following Communication: S.C. 296

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

April 11, 2017

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

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Section 157, and with Joint Rule 505 of the Maine Legislature, the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation has had under consideration the nomination of Honorable Brian D. Hobart of Bowdoinham, for appointment to the Northern New England Passenger Rail Authority.

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

YEAS    Senators        3        Collins of York, Miramant of  
                                 Knox, Rosen of Hancock

                 Representatives 10        McLean of Gorham, Austin of  
                                 Skowhegan, Bryant of  
                                 Windham, Cebra of Naples,  
                                 Gillway of Searsport, Grant of  
                                 Gardiner, Parry of Arundel,  
                                 Perkins of Oakland, Schneck  
                                 of Bangor, Sheats of Auburn

NAYS                        0

ABSENT                      0

Thirteen 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 Brian D. Hobart of Bowdoinham, for appointment to the Northern New England Passenger Rail Authority be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Ronald F. Collins  
Senate Chair

S/Andrew J. McLean  
House Chair

#### **READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

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

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

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

#### **ROLL CALL (#65)**

YEAS:        Senators: None

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

EXCUSED: Senators: DESCHAMBAULT, VOLK

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 33 Senators having voted in the negative, with 2 Senators being excused, and none being less than two-thirds of the Membership present and voting, it was the vote of the Senate that the Committee's recommendation be **ACCEPTED** and the nomination of the Honorable **Brian D. Hobart** of Bowdoinham for appointment to the Northern New England Passenger Rail Authority was **CONFIRMED**.

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

The Following Communication:        S.C. 297

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

April 11, 2017

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

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Section 157, and with Joint Rule 505 of the Maine Legislature, the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation has had under consideration the nomination of Robert D. Stone of Auburn, for reappointment to the Maine Turnpike Authority, Board of Directors.

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

YEAS	Senators	3	Collins of York, Miramant of Knox, Rosen of Hancock
	Representatives	10	McLean of Gorham, Austin of Skowhegan, Bryant of Windham, Cebra of Naples, Gillway of Searsport, Grant of Gardiner, Parry of Arundel, Perkins of Oakland, Schneck of Bangor, Sheats of Auburn
NAYS		0	
ABSENT		0	

Thirteen 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 Robert D. Stone of Auburn, for reappointment to the Maine Turnpike Authority, Board of Directors be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Ronald F. Collins  
Senate Chair

S/Andrew J. McLean  
House Chair

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

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

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

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

**ROLL CALL (#66)**

YEAS: Senators: None

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

EXCUSED: Senators: DESCHAMBAULT, VOLK

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 33 Senators having voted in the negative, with 2 Senators being excused, and none being less than two-thirds of the Membership present and voting, it was the vote of the Senate that the Committee's recommendation be **ACCEPTED** and the nomination of **Robert D. Stone** of Auburn for reappointment to the Maine Turnpike Authority, Board of Directors was **CONFIRMED**.

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

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The Following Communication: S.C. 294

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

April 11, 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. Black of Wilton, to report the following bill Leave to Withdraw:

L.D. 418      An Act To Educate the Public on the Proper  
Use of Pesticides and To Promote Integrated  
Pest Management Using Existing Resources

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Paul T. Davis, Sr.  
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Michelle Ann Dunphy  
House Chair

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

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The Following Communication: S.C. 287

**STATE OF MAINE  
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE  
COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS**

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 Education and Cultural Affairs has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 355      An Act Regarding Special Education Costs  
  
L.D. 420      An Act To Require Same-year State Valuations  
for Education Funding Purposes for  
Municipalities That Lose More Than 35 Percent  
of Their Tax Base  
  
L.D. 679      An Act To Reform School Testing Procedures  
  
L.D. 753      Resolve, To Promote Internet Safety in Schools

L.D. 862      Resolve, To Establish a Pilot Program To Install Video Cameras in School Buses

This is notification of the Committee's action.

L.D. 865      Resolve, Directing the Department of Education To Determine the Effectiveness and Success of Charter Schools

Sincerely,

L.D. 866      An Act To Provide Additional Funds to Schools That Offer Residential Options

S/Sen. Eric L. Brakey  
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Patricia Hymanson  
House Chair

L.D. 941      An Act To Facilitate the Purchase of Textbooks for Low-income College Students

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

L.D. 1026    An Act To Assist Student Achievement

The Following Communication:      S.C. 299

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Brian D. Langley  
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Tori P. Kornfield  
House Chair

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

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

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

The Following Communication:      S.C. 298

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

April 12, 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. 153      An Act Regarding Transportation of Methadone Patients

L.D. 326      An Act Regarding the Licensing of Family Foster Homes

L.D. 530      An Act To Ensure Medical Assessments for Youth in Foster Care

L.D. 531      An Act Regarding the Drug Crisis and Ensuring Access to HIV Testing

L.D. 1054    Resolve, To Expand Research To Fight Lyme Disease

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. 222      An Act Regarding Maine's Moose Lottery

L.D. 506      An Act To Allow Reciprocal Recognition of New Hampshire and Maine Snowmobile Registrations

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

L.D. 844      An Act To Make Excessive Boat Noise a Public Nuisance

L.D. 933      An Act To Prohibit Personal Watercraft on Third Pond in Blue Hill

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.**

The Following Communication: S.C. 288

**STATE OF MAINE  
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE  
COMMITTEE ON INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL 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 Insurance and Financial Services has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

- L.D. 722 An Act Regarding Uninsured Vehicle Coverage
- L.D. 870 An Act To Protect Life Insurance Beneficiaries
- L.D. 920 An Act Regarding Credit Card Interest Rates

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Rodney L. Whittemore S/Rep. Mark W. Lawrence  
Senate Chair House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 289

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

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 Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

- L.D. 614 An Act To Establish a Presumption of Heart Disease or Hypertension in the Line of Duty for Corrections Officers under the Workers' Compensation Laws
- L.D. 776 An Act To Promote Fairness for Rural Maine Residents by Regulating Fuel Prices
- L.D. 927 An Act To Establish a Presumption of Impairment of Health in the Line of Duty for Corrections Employees under the Workers' Compensation Laws

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Amy F. Volk S/Rep. Ryan M. Fecteau  
Senate Chair House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 300

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

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 Marine Resources has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

- L.D. 431 An Act To Ensure Participation and Equity in the Shellfish Depuration Certification and Compensation Process for Municipalities
- L.D. 646 An Act Regarding Municipal and Regional Shellfish Management Programs
- L.D. 706 An Act To Increase the Quota for Smelts for Commercial Pelagic and Anadromous Fishing License Holders

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Joyce A. Maker  
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Walter A. Kumiega  
House Chair

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

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The Following Communication: S.C. 290

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

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 Transportation has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

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| L.D. 120 | An Act To Impose a Three-month Loss of a Driver's License for Driving While Texting   |
| L.D. 216 | Resolve, Directing the Department of Transportation To Erect Signs on Interstate 95 Directing Motorists to Lincoln                  |
| L.D. 436 | An Act To Allow Intermediate Driver's License Holders To Drive between Midnight and 5:00 a.m. for School Activities                 |
| L.D. 542 | An Act To Increase Railroad Freight Safety  |
| L.D. 709 | An Act Regarding the License Restrictions for New Drivers   |
| L.D. 710 | An Act Regarding Emergency Lights on Firefighters' Personal Vehicles Used When Responding to Emergency Calls                        |
| L.D. 711 | An Act To Revise the Laws Governing Learner's Permits and Intermediate Driver's Licenses and Driver Education Textbook Requirements |
| L.D. 787 | An Act To Ease the Financial Burden on Maine Motorists by Repealing the Requirement That Certain Motor Vehicles Be Inspected        |
| L.D. 788 | An Act To Require Motor Vehicles To Be Registered on a Biennial Basis   |

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

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Ronald F. Collins  
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Andrew J. McLean  
House Chair

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

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The Following Communication: S.C. 291

**STATE OF MAINE  
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE  
COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AND LEGAL 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 Veterans and Legal Affairs has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

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| L.D. 793 | An Act To Limit Campaign Independent Expenditures  |
| L.D. 950 | Resolve, To Study Using Blockchain Technology in Conjunction with Paper Ballots in Maine Elections (EMERGENCY) |

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.**

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The Following Communication: S.C. 293

**STATE OF MAINE  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

11 April 2017

The 128th Legislature of the State of Maine  
State House  
Augusta, ME

Dear Honorable Members of the 128th Legislature:

Under the authority vested in me by Article IV, Part Third, Section 2 of the Constitution of the State of Maine, I am hereby vetoing LD 97, "An Act To Establish Speed Limits at Loring Commerce Centre and Brunswick Landing."

This bill allows the Department of Transportation and the Maine State Police to establish speed limits within the private property of the Midcoast Regional Redevelopment Authority in Brunswick and the Loring Development Authority of Maine in Limestone.

I am very concerned about the precedent this bill will set. The state should not be responsible for establishing speed limits on private property. If this bill becomes law, what process in the future will be used to determine which private ways will have the privilege of speed limits established by the state? Please consider this carefully as you vote on this veto.

For this reason, I return LD 97 unsigned and vetoed. I strongly urge the Legislature to sustain it.

Sincerely,

S/Paul R. LePage  
Governor

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

The accompanying Bill:

An Act To Establish Speed Limits at Loring Commerce Centre and Brunswick Landing (EMERGENCY)  
S.P. 45 L.D. 97

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall this Bill become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?"

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

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The Following Communication: H.C. 123

**STATE OF MAINE  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
1 STATE HOUSE STATION  
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0001**

April 7, 2017

The 128th Legislature of the State of Maine  
State House  
Augusta, Maine

Dear Honorable Members of the 128th Legislature:

Under the authority vested in me by Article IV, Part Third, Section 2 of the Constitution of the State of Maine, I am hereby vetoing LD 329 "An Act Concerning the Law Governing the Posting of Newspaper Legal Notices and the Statewide Repository for Legal Notices."

Because we are now well into the Information Age, and given the ubiquity of the internet in our modern life, I believe that it is good policy for legal notices to be posted online. However, I also believe that requiring legal notices to be printed in newspapers at a fee does nothing but prop up a dying, antiquated industry. This requirement is a taxpayer subsidy of the worst sort. It serves to blur the line between a free press and one dependent on the State for revenue.

In the future, I would like the Legislature to explore whether we may eliminate the mandate that legal notices are posted in newspapers, but still maintain adequate notice to the public by posting online notification.

Because I think the issue of legal notices still requires attention, I cannot support this bill. For this reason, I return LD 329 unsigned and vetoed. I urge the Legislature to sustain it.

Sincerely,

S/Paul R. LePage  
Governor

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

The accompanying Bill:

An Act Concerning the Law Governing the Posting of Newspaper Legal Notices and the Statewide Repository for Legal Notices  
H.P. 243 L.D. 329

Comes from the House with the **VETO OVERRIDDEN** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**, notwithstanding the objections of the Governor.

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

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The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall this Bill become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?"

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

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The Following Communication: H.C. 122

**STATE OF MAINE  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
1 STATE HOUSE STATION  
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0001**

April 7, 2017

The 128th Legislature of the State of Maine  
State House  
Augusta, Maine

Dear Honorable Members of the 128th Legislature:

Under the authority vested in me by Article IV, Part Third, Section 2 of the Constitution of the State of Maine, I am hereby vetoing LD 7, "An Act To Allow Conveyance of Land Previously Conveyed by the State to the Town of Bridgton." This bill gives the town of Bridgton the ability to convey non-waterfront portions of a piece of property held for public use, if the town determines the portion to be conveyed have no identifiable public use. It also requires that revenues received by the town from such conveyance be held in a trust for parks and recreational purposes.

The state conveyed this parcel of land to the town in the 1970s with deed restrictions limiting its uses for recreational purposes. If the town does not have a use for portions of this property, which was conveyed for specific public purposes, then it should revert back to the state, and the state should benefit from the sale of the parcel or portions thereof.

For this reason, I return LD 7 unsigned and vetoed. I strongly urge the Legislature to sustain it.

Sincerely,

S/Paul R. LePage  
Governor

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

The accompanying Bill:

An Act To Allow Conveyance of Land Previously Conveyed by the State to the Town of Bridgton

H.P. 8 L.D. 7

Comes from the House with the **VETO OVERRIDDEN** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**, notwithstanding the objections of the Governor.

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall this Bill become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?"

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

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Off Record Remarks

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

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Senate at Ease.

The Senate was called to order by the President.

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**SENATE PAPERS**

Bill "An Act Regarding Large-scale Community Solar Procurement"

S.P. 499 L.D. 1444

Presented by Senator WOODSOME of York.  
Cosponsored by Representative HARVELL of Farmington, Representative BERRY of Bowdoinham and Senators: DION of Cumberland, SAVIELLO of Franklin, Representatives: GROHMAN of Biddeford, HARRINGTON of Sanford, HIGGINS of Dover-Foxcroft, SAMPSON of Alfred, SANBORN of Portland.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

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Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing MaineCare Eligibility Determination For Applicants To Nursing Homes"

S.P. 494 L.D. 1424

Presented by Senator GRATWICK of Penobscot.  
Cosponsored by Representative FAY of Raymond and Senators: DESCHAMBAULT of York, SAVIELLO of Franklin, Representatives: CAMPBELL of Orrington, DUCHESNE of Hudson, HARLOW of Portland, PIERCE of Dresden, ZEIGLER of Montville.

Bill "An Act To Repeal the Laws Governing the Mental Health Homicide, Suicide and Aggravated Assault Review Board"  
S.P. 495 L.D. 1425

Submitted by the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services pursuant to Joint Order 2017, S.P. 404.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

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Bill "An Act To Promote Biosecurity and Better Regulate the Importation, Possession and Use of Aquatic Species"

S.P. 502 L.D. 1451

Presented by Senator VOLK of Cumberland.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

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Bill "An Act To Raise the Debtor's Exemption on Vehicles and To Exempt Amounts Rolled Over from 401(k) or 403(b) Accounts to Individual Retirement Accounts"

S.P. 497 L.D. 1442

Presented by Senator CARPENTER of Aroostook.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

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Bill "An Act To Update Professional and Occupational Licensing Laws"

S.P. 498 L.D. 1443

Presented by Senator VOLK of Cumberland.

Submitted by the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

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Bill "An Act To Promote Workforce Development and Provide an Economic Stimulus for Maine-based Filmmakers and Supporting Businesses"

S.P. 501 L.D. 1450

Presented by Senator DESCHAMBAULT of York.

Cosponsored by Representative FECTEAU of Biddeford and Senators: BELLOWS of Kennebec, CHENETTE of York, SAVIELLO of Franklin, VITELLI of Sagadahoc, Representatives: BRYANT of Windham, LONGSTAFF of Waterville.

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

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

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Bill "An Act To Allow the Use of Bioptic or Telescopic Corrective Lenses To Meet the Vision Examination Requirements for a Class C Driver's License" (EMERGENCY)

S.P. 496 L.D. 1426

Presented by Senator VOLK of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Senators: COLLINS of York, DION of Cumberland, JACKSON of Aroostook, ROSEN of Hancock, Representatives: McLEAN of Gorham, PARRY of Arundel.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

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

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## ORDERS

### Joint Order

Expression of Legislative Sentiment recognizing:

The Calvary Christian Academy Swordsmen, of Turner, which won the A.C.E.L. Basketball Championship. Members of the team include players Curtis Blodgett, Aidan Kelley, Michael Scollon, CJ Grimbilas, Brian Hewitt, Jesse Stevens, Jared Berry, Caleb Chabe, Jonny Conner, Darin Hewitt, Isaac Staples, Kemuel Stevens, Joshua Berry, Alexandar Case, Jordan Fournier and Caleb Staples; junior varsity coach Jon Case; and coach Wes Clark. We extend to all the members of the team our congratulations and best wishes;

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Sponsored by Senator MASON of Androscoggin.

Cosponsored by Representatives: MASON of Lisbon, TIMBERLAKE of Turner.

### READ.

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

Senator **MASON:** Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, it is my privilege and my honor to welcome to the Senate Chamber today the Calvary Christian Academy Swordsmen of Turner who won the A.C.E.L. Basketball Championship on February 24, 2017. The Calvary Christian Academy Swordsmen beat Hartland Christian School 38-35 in the championship game and the Swordsmen went undefeated 12-0 in the league this year and went 20-2 for the year. Calvary Academy clinched the Academy's 18<sup>th</sup> A.C.E.L. Championship

under Coach Wes Clark and I am a proud alumnus of this great institution, Mr. President, and I couldn't be more excited to have them here today. You know, before I came to this Body my professional life was spent in sports and I got to spend some time working in baseball and hockey, and some of the greatest memories that I have about working in sports were how the human spirit can accomplish incredible things through sports. We see a lot of examples of this in history. The 1980 U.S. Hockey Team playing what seemed like a foregone conclusion against the Russians and we ended up winning that game. In 2004 the Red Sox also beat insurmountable odds and won their first World Series Championship in almost a century. We just saw a very real example of that in 2017 as our beloved Patriots came from what seemed like certain defeat to win yet another Super Bowl. This team is no different. They have one of these stories. On the morning, the very early morning of this championship game, two of the players on this team, Brian Hewitt and Darin Hewitt, lost their Mom at 2 o'clock in the morning. Mrs. Hewitt was also a teacher at the school, where she taught kindergarten. I have known the Hewitt family my whole life. Mr. Hewitt was my history teacher. Mrs. Hewitt was always there cheering the kids on in sports. It would have been very easy for those two men to sit at home, to not play that game, but when they were asked why they played that game they said they wanted to play for their Mom. Those two boys went on the floor that night and they won that game for their Mom and I'm so proud of them for doing what they did because they showed that through sport we can express so much, and I know that because of our shared faith in Jesus Christ we know that Mrs. Hewitt saw that game that night and we know that we will see her again. So, boys, congratulations. This one was for your Mom. Welcome to the Senate. I hope you enjoy your day. Thank you.

**PASSED.**

Sent down for concurrence.

**THE PRESIDENT:** The Chair is pleased to recognize in the rear of the Chamber the coaches and members of the Calvary Christian Academy Championship team. Would they please rise and accept the greetings of the State Senate.

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

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

### House

#### Ought to Pass

The Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** on Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 5: Maine Disaster Recovery Fund, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management, Maine Emergency Management Agency (EMERGENCY)  
H.P. 409 L.D. 569

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

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED.**

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

Resolve **READ ONCE.**

**ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.**

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The Committee on **JUDICIARY** on Bill "An Act To Make Technical Changes to the Laws Governing Child Support"  
H.P. 270 L.D. 364

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

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

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

Bill **READ ONCE.**

**ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.**

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The Committee on **JUDICIARY** on Bill "An Act To Waive Background Checks for the Parent of a Child Who Is the Subject of an Adoption Proceeding"  
H.P. 271 L.D. 365

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

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

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

Bill **READ ONCE.**

**ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.**

### Ought to Pass As Amended

The Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act To Increase Voter Knowledge by Placing the Amount of the Total Current Bond Debt on Each Ballot That Contains a Bond Issue"  
H.P. 232 L.D. 299

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-27).**

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-27)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-27) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

**ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.**

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**Divided Report**

The Majority of the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** on Bill "An Act To Provide Compensation to a Corrections Officer Injured by a Patient or Prisoner"  
H.P. 41 L.D. 54

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

Signed:

Senators:

ROSEN of Hancock  
CYRWAY of Kennebec

Representatives:

COREY of Windham  
GERRISH of Lebanon  
GROHMAN of Biddeford  
LONGSTAFF of Waterville  
NADEAU of Winslow

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**.

Signed:

Senator:

DIAMOND of Cumberland

Representatives:

WARREN of Hallowell  
HERRICK of Paris  
MAREAN of Hollis  
RECKITT of South Portland

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

Reports **READ**.

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

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**Senate**

**Ought to Pass**

Senator MASON for the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act To Modify the Amount of Product Samples of Malt Liquor, Wine or Spirits That May Be Provided to Retail Licensees"

S.P. 142 L.D. 415

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

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

**ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.**

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**Ought to Pass As Amended**

Senator DAVIS for the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** on Bill "An Act To Authorize Moving the Town Line between Baileyville and Baring Plantation"  
S.P. 331 L.D. 992

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-26)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-26) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

**ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.**

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Senator DOW for the Committee on **TAXATION** on Bill "An Act To Provide a Sales Tax Exemption for Career and Technical Student Organizations"

S.P. 28 L.D. 79

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-27)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-27) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

**ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.**

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Off Record Remarks

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**RECESSED** until the sound of the bell.

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

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**Divided Report**

The Majority of the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act Regarding the Sale of Alcohol by a Manufacturer with an On-premises Retail License"

S.P. 129 L.D. 388

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-25)**.

Signed:

Senators:

CARPENTER of Aroostook  
COLLINS of York

Representatives:

LUCHINI of Ellsworth  
CASÁS of Rockport  
DILLINGHAM of Oxford  
HICKMAN of Winthrop  
LONGSTAFF of Waterville  
MONAGHAN of Cape Elizabeth  
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:

Senator:

MASON of Androscoggin

Representatives:

FARRIN of Norridgewock  
HANINGTON of Lincoln

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 (#67)**

YEAS: Senators: BELLOWS, BRAKEY, BREEN, CARPENTER, CARSON, CHENETTE, CHIPMAN, COLLINS, DIAMOND, DILL, DION, DOW, GRATWICK, HAMPER, HILL, JACKSON, KEIM, LANGLEY, LIBBY, MAKER, MILLETT, MIRAMANT, ROSEN, SAVIELLO, VITELLI, WHITTEMORE, WOODSOME

NAYS: Senators: CUSHING, CYRWAY, DAVIS, KATZ, MASON, PRESIDENT THIBODEAU

EXCUSED: Senators: DESCHAMBAULT, VOLK

27 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 6 Senators having voted in the negative, with 2 Senators being excused, 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-25) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

**ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY**.

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

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**SECOND READERS**

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

**House As Amended**

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  
(C "A" H-23)

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

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**Senate**

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

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

S.P. 271 L.D. 825

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

Sent down for concurrence.

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**Senate As Amended**

Bill "An Act To Prohibit Insurance Carriers from Retroactively Reducing Payment on Clean Claims Submitted by Pharmacies"

S.P. 10 L.D. 6

(C "A" S-22)

**READ A SECOND TIME.**

On motion by Senator **MASON** of Androscoggin, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending **PASSAGE TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED**.

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

S.P. 85 L.D. 239

(C "A" S-24)

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Prior Employees of the Workers' Compensation Board"

S.P. 101 L.D. 313

(C "A" S-23)

Bill "An Act To Prohibit Taxpayer-funded Campaign Expenditures from Being Used on Post-election Parties"

S.P. 135 L.D. 408

(C "A" S-20)

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

S.P. 148 L.D. 446

(C "A" S-21)

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

Sent down for concurrence.

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

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**ENACTORS**

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

**Emergency Measure**

An Act To Update References to the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986 Contained in the Maine Revised Statutes  
S.P. 285 L.D. 885

This being an Emergency Measure and having received the affirmative vote of 32 Members of the Senate, with no Senator having voted in the negative, and 32 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.

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

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**Acts**

An Act To Allow Alternate Flashing Headlights on a School Bus  
H.P. 29 L.D. 28

**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.

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An Act Regarding Public Service Berthing Vessels Licensed for the Sale of Liquor

S.P. 34 L.D. 85

(C "A" S-11)

On motion by Senator **HAMPER** of Oxford, placed on the **SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS TABLE**, pending **ENACTMENT**, in concurrence.

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An Act To Allow Vehicles Hauling Animal Bedding To Travel over County or Town Ways without a Permit

H.P. 164 L.D. 208

(C "A" H-13)

**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.

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The Senate was called to order by the President.

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An Act To Require State Compliance with Federal REAL ID Guidelines

S.P. 92 L.D. 306  
(C "A" S-17)

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

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An Act To Correct the Maine Uniform Trust Code Concerning Certain Beneficiaries

H.P. 245 L.D. 331

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

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Senator **MASON** of Androscoggin inquired if the Senate was still in possession of H.P. 245 L.D. 331.

The Chair answered in the affirmative.

Senator **MASON** of Androscoggin requested that H.P. 245 L.D. 331 be Held.

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

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## 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 (4/11/17) matter:

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

Tabled - April 11, 2017, by Senator **WHITEMORE** of Somerset

Pending - **REFERENCE**

(Committee on **INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** suggested and ordered printed.)

(In Senate, April 4, 2017, **RECALLED** from Legislative Files, pursuant to Joint Order S.P. 452.)

On motion by Senator **LANGLEY** of Hancock, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**.

Sent down for concurrence.

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The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later Today Assigned matter:

Bill "An Act To Remove Barriers to Workforce Development in Alcohol and Drug Counseling and To Increase the MaineCare Reimbursement Rates for Certain Counselors"

H.P. 955 L.D. 1376

Tabled - April 13, 2017, by Senator **MASON** of Androscoggin

Pending - **REFERENCE**

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

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

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

Sent down for concurrence.

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The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later Today Assigned matter:

Bill "An Act Concerning the Law Governing the Posting of Newspaper Legal Notices and the Statewide Repository for Legal Notices"

H.P. 243 L.D. 329

Tabled - April 13, 2017, by Senator **MASON** of Androscoggin

Pending - **CONSIDERATION**

(In House, April 11, 2017, **VETO OVERRIDDEN** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**, notwithstanding the objections of the Governor.)

(In Senate, Veto Communication (H.C. 123) **READ** and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**.)

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall this Bill become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor? In accordance with Article IV, Part Third, Section 2 of the Constitution, the vote will be taken by the Yeas and Nays. A vote of yes will be in favor of the Bill. A vote of no will be in favor of sustaining the veto of the Governor."

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

**ROLL CALL (#68)**

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

NAYS: Senators: None

EXCUSED: Senators: CARSON, DESCHAMBAULT, VOLK

32 Senators having voted in the affirmative and no Senator having voted in the negative, with 3 Senators being excused, and 32 being more than two-thirds of the members present and voting, it was the vote of the Senate that the veto of the Governor be **OVERRIDDEN** and the Bill become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor.

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The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later Today Assigned matter:

Bill "An Act To Allow Conveyance of Land Previously Conveyed by the State to the Town of Bridgton"

H.P. 8 L.D. 7

Tabled - April 13, 2017, by Senator **MASON** of Androscoggin

Pending - **CONSIDERATION**

(In House, April 11, 2017, **VETO OVERRIDDEN** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**, notwithstanding the objections of the Governor.)

(In Senate, Veto Communication (H.C. 122) **READ** and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**)

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall this Bill become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor? In accordance with Article IV, Part Third, Section 2 of the Constitution, the vote will be taken by the Yeas and Nays. A vote of yes will be in favor of the Bill. A vote of no will be in favor of sustaining the veto of the Governor."

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

**ROLL CALL (#69)**

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

NAYS: Senator: HILL

EXCUSED: Senators: CARSON, DESCHAMBAULT, VOLK

31 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 1 Senator having voted in the negative, with 3 Senators being excused, and 31 being more than two-thirds of the members present and voting, it was the vote of the Senate that the veto of the Governor be **OVERRIDDEN** and the Bill become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor.

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

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

**PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE**

**Joint Order**

The following Joint Order:

H.P. 946

ORDERED, the Senate concurring, that the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services shall report out, to the House, a bill regarding the reporting of limited information to the prescription monitoring program concerning methadone.

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

**READ** and **PASSED**, in concurrence.

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



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Off Record Remarks

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

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On motion by Senator **MASON** of Androscoggin, **ADJOURNED**, pursuant to the Joint Order, until Tuesday, April 18, 2017 at 10:00 in the morning.