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**STATE OF MAINE
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In Senate Chamber
Tuesday
April 25, 2017

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

Prayer by Reverend Susan Crane, Henderson Baptist Church in
Farmington.

REVEREND CRANE: Grace to you and peace. In 2015 Time Books published a collection of reflections by Christian leaders about questions Jesus asked during his brief ministry. Jesus often taught by asking questions that challenged his listeners to come up with their own answers. I'd like to read you an excerpt from the reflection by the Reverend Barry Black, Chaplain of the U.S. Senate, regarding Jesus' question in Mark 9:50: how can you make it salty again? Black writes: Like any capable attorney, Jesus asked questions whose answers he already knew. In Mark 9:50 he asked a question that he answered in Mathew 5:13. You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste how shall its saltiness be restored? He then provided this answer: it's no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trodden underfoot by people. Essentially, he said tasteless salt is useless. Why did Jesus ask this question about tasteless salt? He was speaking to a multitude on a mountain, and particularly to his 12 closest followers. Perhaps he wanted his hearers to comprehend that they could be an influence for good or evil. They could leave a corrupt and dark world better or worse than they found it. Like salt, their influence had antiseptic powers, bringing purity to a polluted world. Like salt, their influence had vivifying powers, bringing flavor to an insipid world. Like salt, their influence had preservative powers, holding at bay the putrefaction and decay of a rotting world. Perhaps Jesus spoke of tasteless salt because he wanted his followers to make their influence felt through exemplary living, bringing purifying power to their world. Perhaps he asked this question to emphasize that misused influence perpetuates corruption in our world. Perhaps he asked this question about tasteless salt to show his disciples that misused influence takes flavor out of our world. Like a good attorney, Jesus knew the answer to the question he asked about tasteless salt. It's useless. Could he, therefore, be saying to people of faith today: Followers, cultivate useful influence. Bring purity, flavor, and preservation to life. Use your savory influence to quicken the conscience of the wayward, elevate the conversation of the cynical, restrain the corruption of the deviant. Serve my purpose for your life by making an antiseptic, vivifying and preservative impact on our world. Could he be challenging people of faith to permit their powerful influence to make the world thirstier for the waters of life?

Let us pray. O God, who made the heavens and the earth, You are Lord. Your word is the lamp to our feet and a guide for the path forward. Chaplain Black's reflection on Jesus' question about tasteless salt reminds us of our calling to tasteful salt for the world we live in today, to use our influence as legislators,

leaders, pastors, and teachers, lawyers and businesspeople, in such a way that the world around us is made better by our example, not worse. Keep us, O Lord, from becoming tasteless salt. Use us instead to make savory the experiences of our life together in this good State of Maine. Take our lives, Lord, and let them be consecrated to bringing about the goodness You created us for, a goodness that benefits all people, rich and poor alike, both citizens and immigrants, a goodness that builds up what is possible despite the corruption so prevalent in our decaying world. May our influence bring the flavor of hope to those who yearn for a better life and may we bring tasteful wisdom to the civil discourse we engage in here for the sake of all Maine's citizens. In Your grace and mercy, Lord, may our efforts here in these Chambers preserve from corruption the resources of the beautiful State of Maine; for we trust in Your providence, O Giver of Life. Amen.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Senator Susan A. Deschambault of
York County.

Reading of the Journal of Thursday, April 20, 2017.

Doctor of the day, Brian Pierce, M.D. of Camden.

Off Record Remarks

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

Joint Resolutions

The following Joint Resolution:

H.P. 1032

**JOINT RESOLUTION
COMMEMORATING YOM HASHOAH,
THE DAY OF REMEMBRANCE**

WHEREAS, from 1933 to 1945, 6,000,000 Jews were murdered in the Holocaust as part of a state-sponsored, systematic persecution and annihilation program of genocide, and millions of other people suffered as victims of Nazism, such as the handicapped, political dissidents and many others for racial, ethnic or national reasons; and

WHEREAS, the people of the State of Maine should always remember the atrocities committed by the Nazis so that such horrors are never repeated, and the history of the Holocaust offers an opportunity to reflect on the moral responsibilities of individuals, societies and governments; and

WHEREAS, the people of the State of Maine should always remember those who liberated the Nazi concentration camps, some of whom lost their lives and others of whom have

experienced lifelong emotional suffering, as holding an honored place in our history; and

WHEREAS, the people of the State of Maine should continually rededicate themselves to the principle of equal justice for all people, remain eternally vigilant against all tyranny and recognize that bigotry provides a breeding ground for tyranny to flourish; and

WHEREAS, the national community, pursuant to an Act of Congress, will be commemorating the week of April 17, 2017 to April 24, 2017 as the Days of Remembrance of the Victims of the Holocaust, including the Day of Remembrance, known as Yom HaShoah, April 24, 2017; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate for the people of the State of Maine to join in this international commemoration, marking 72 years since the end of World War II and the liberation of the Nazi concentration and death camps; 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, pause in solemn memory of the victims of the Holocaust and in honor of the survivors, rescuers and liberators; that We urge one and all to recommit themselves to the lessons of the Holocaust through the international week of commemoration; and that We express our common desire to continually strive to overcome prejudice and inhumanity through education, vigilance and resistance; and be it further

RESOLVED: That suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the Holocaust and Human Rights Center of Maine and the United States Holocaust Memorial Council in Washington, D.C. on behalf of the people of the State of Maine.

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

READ.

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

Senator **KATZ:** Thank you very much, Mr. President. Men and women of the Senate, this Joint Resolution commemorating the Day of Remembrance is important not just to the people who have some connection, direct connection, to the Holocaust, but to all of us. It's now been 72 years since the end of World War II and the liberation of the Nazi concentration and death camps, but the message of the day speaks to all of us and I come back to a poem, or a note, written by a Pastor Martin Niemoller, who was a prominent Protestant pastor who was outspoken in his criticism of Adolf Hitler and as a result spent seven years in Nazi concentration camps himself and he wrote the following, Mr. President, which I think is as meaningful today as it was then.

First they came for the Communists, and I did not speak out because I was not a Communist.
Then they came for the Socialists, and I did not speak out because I was not a Socialist.
Then they came for the Trade Unionists, and I did not speak out because I was not a Trade Unionist.
Then they came for the Jews, and I did not speak out because I was not a Jew.
Then they came for me and there was no one left to speak for me.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator **BREEN:** Thank you, Mr. President. Men and women of the Senate, I want to follow up briefly to the good Senator from Kennebec to remind folks that this day we remember every year because it's the most extreme example of turning a blind eye to religious and ethnic persecution. We remind those who would deny that this happened that the Holocaust happened, and would contribute to the erasure of these facts, that we will not forget, we will not erase or gloss over these important facts. We remember today what can happen when we turn a blind eye to religious and ethnic persecution. Our State and our country hold fast to the principle of religious freedom and this day reminds us to uphold this principle every day in our own lives. Thank you, Mr. President.

ADOPTED, in concurrence.

Joint Resolutions in Memoriam:

WHEREAS, the Legislature has learned with deep regret of the death of:

Leonard Lookner, of Camden. Mr. Lookner served as Vice Chairman of the Camden Select Board. Having served on the select board in the 1990s, he was most recently elected in 2012 and reelected in 2015, and over the years he served on various town committees. He was owner of the Waterfront Restaurant for decades before he retired. Mr. Lookner will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family, friends and colleagues;

HLS 265

READ.

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

Senator **MIRAMANT:** Thank you, Mr. President. Men and women of the Senate, I'd just like to say a few words about Leonard Lookner, a very wonderful and colorful member of our community in Camden, one of the first people to educate me in town politics with a different perspective on it than you get from anyone else. He wasn't afraid to speak up. He stood up for our town and the people of our town. He raised wonderful children who are involved in their community, their families, and their State. They step out. They work hard. All of this came from him. He had a business in our town that thrives today, even as he stepped out of it, but that he had for years. So he represented business. He took care of his workers. He had an impact on every level of our community and he was on our Select Board when he died. He is greatly missed by everyone. Sometimes you'd be on the end of one of his editorials about how he just thought you were missing the point completely about how you could help Camden and the people of our town and our resources, our natural resources, and he wasn't afraid to put himself out there. You know, sometimes you cringe when you put

something out. He didn't. He stood up for it and he helped us see another side and he's missed every day and I thank everyone who had a chance to cross his path and who remembers him today with us. Thank you.

ADOPTED, in concurrence.

WHEREAS, the Legislature has learned with deep regret of the death of:

Robert G. Crockett, of Augusta. Mr. Crockett served in the United States Air Force, and he worked for the United States Postal Service for 37 years. Mr. Crockett served for 14 years on the Augusta City Council, was Postmaster and Sergeant at Arms for the Maine State Senate and served as Kennebec County Treasurer. He was a president of the Augusta South Little League, a past president of the Cony High School Boys Ice Hockey Boosters Program, a member of the Old Fort Western Board of Trustees, a lifetime member of the Kennebec Historical Society and a longtime member of Green Street United Methodist Church of Augusta. Mr. Crockett will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family, friends and colleagues;

HLS 266

READ.

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

Senator **JACKSON:** Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, I just wanted to get up for a minute and talk about Bob Crockett. Of course he had a real history in Kennebec County, the community, but, for myself, Bob worked in this Chamber when I was in the House. I never did actually serve in the Senate when he worked here also, but what I remember of Bob was that every time you came down to the Senate he opened the door, had a great big smile, was very welcoming, most often would tell you a joke. As a first time House member, he made it a lot easier to come in this Chamber. Made you feel welcome. Made you feel like this was a place that you deserved to be just like everyone else. I always appreciated that of Bob. What I didn't know was later on in life when you'd see him anywhere else in the community, again he was just as welcoming and heartwarming as he had been in his role here in the Senate Chamber. I just, you know, really, when I heard that he wasn't doing well, certainly felt remorse and wished that he'd be back here again, welcoming all of us like he had in the past. I just think he was a great, great man that was really honest and sincere. The longer, you know, I go through life the more I appreciate people like that, that when they stick their hand out and want to shake it it's because they truly look forward to seeing you. Bob was that type of guy that I certainly hope to become more of as I get older in life. So thank you.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Piscataquis, Senator Davis.

Senator **DAVIS:** Thank you, Mr. President. Mr. President, I would echo the comments from my good friend from Northern Aroostook. I knew Bob Crockett quite well. He was, I believe, the

Assistant Sergeant-At-Arms when I came here and then he became Sergeant-At-Arms. He was a great help to me and I know he was a great help to everyone that he came in contact with. I don't remember when he, whenever he, was dealing with the members of this Body that he ever showed any partiality or anything like that. He was just a great guy; friendly, always had his hand out, always willing to help. I called him a friend. At different times we crossed paths, not here but in other places, and we were always very friendly towards each other. I'm going to miss him. Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator **KATZ:** Thank you, Mr. President. Men and women of the Senate, I just want to add my voice as well. Bob's wife, Patsy Crockett, who also served in the, who did serve, in the House of Representatives and all the things that the good Senator from Aroostook said about Mr. Crockett; his warmth, how welcoming he was, what a good sense of humor he had, and how kind he was. Bob Crockett was really known in Augusta as Mr. Democrat and that he showed exactly those same human qualities to me and to other members of the other party. He will be missed. Thank you, Mr. President.

ADOPTED, in concurrence.

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

ORDERS

Joint Order

Expressions of Legislative Sentiment recognizing:

Matt McDevitt, of Cumberland, a senior at Greely High School and a player on the boys' basketball team, who has been named the *Maine Sunday Telegram* Player of the Year. We extend to Matt our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 206

Sponsored by Senator BREEN of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative: DENNO of Cumberland.

READ.

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

Senator **BREEN:** Thank you, Mr. President. Men and women of the Senate, it gives me great pleasure, I'm very honored today, to introduce to this Body Matt McDevitt. He is a senior at Greely High School and Matt's incredible basketball talent led the Greely High School boys' basketball team to the Class A State Championship just weeks ago. He was not only named the *Maine Sunday Telegram* Boys' Basketball Player of the Year but he's also Maine's 2017 Mr. Basketball. Matt comes from a family with a long history of basketball. His father, Mike McDevitt, is the longtime women's basketball coach at St. Joseph's College in

Standish. Mr. President, I know you and others join me in wishing Matt the best as he furthers his academic and athletic career at Endicott College in the fall. Thank you, Mr. President.

PASSED.

Sent down for concurrence.

Off Record Remarks

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: S.C. 325

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

April 13, 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 **Error! Reference source not found.** Maine Legislature, the Joint Standing Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development has had under consideration the nomination of Donna L. Talarico of North Yarmouth, for reappointment to the Maine State Housing 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	1	Bellows of Kennebec
	Representatives	8	Fecteau of Biddeford, Austin of Gray, Bates of Westbrook, Handy of Lewiston, Mastraccio of Sanford, Stetkis of Canaan, Sylvester of Portland, Vachon of Scarborough
NAYS		0	
ABSENT		4	Sen. Volk of Cumberland, Sen. Langley of Hancock, Rep. Dunphy of Old Town, Rep. Lockman of Amherst

Nine members of the Committee having voted in the affirmative and zero in the negative, it was the vote of the Committee that the nomination of Donna L. Talarico of North Yarmouth, for reappointment to the Maine State Housing Authority be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Amy F. Volk
Senate Chair

S/Ryan M. Fecteau
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall the recommendation of the Committee on **LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** be overridden?"

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

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#89)

YEAS: Senators: None

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

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 35 Senators having voted in the negative, and none being less than two-thirds of the Membership present and voting, it was the vote of the Senate that the Committee's recommendation be **ACCEPTED** and the nomination of **Donna L. Talarico** of North Yarmouth for reappointment to the Maine State Housing Authority was **CONFIRMED**.

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 326

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

April 13, 2017

ROLL CALL (#90)

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 **Error! Reference source not found.** Maine Legislature, the Joint Standing Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development has had under consideration the nomination of Thomas A. Davis of Winslow, for appointment to the Maine State Housing 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	1	Bellows of Kennebec
	Representatives	8	Fecteau of Biddeford, Austin of Gray, Bates of Westbrook, Handy of Lewiston, Mastraccio of Sanford, Stetkis of Canaan, Sylvester of Portland, Vachon of Scarborough
NAYS		0	
ABSENT		4	Sen. Volk of Cumberland, Sen. Langley of Hancock, Rep. Dunphy of Old Town, Rep. Lockman of Amherst

Nine members of the Committee having voted in the affirmative and zero in the negative, it was the vote of the Committee that the nomination of Thomas A. Davis of Winslow, for appointment to the Maine State Housing Authority be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Amy F. Volk
 Senate Chair

S/Ryan M. Fecteau
 House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall the recommendation of the Committee on **LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** be overridden?"

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

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

YEAS: Senators: None

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

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 35 Senators having voted in the negative, and none being less than two-thirds of the Membership present and voting, it was the vote of the Senate that the Committee's recommendation be **ACCEPTED** and the nomination of **Thomas A. Davis** of Winslow for appointment to the Maine State Housing Authority was **CONFIRMED.**

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 328

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

April 13, 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 **Error! Reference source not found.** Maine Legislature, the Joint Standing Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development has had under consideration the nomination of Laurence W. Gross of Portland, for appointment to the Maine State Housing 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 1 Bellows of Kennebec
 Representatives 8 Fecteau of Biddeford, Austin of Gray, Bates of Westbrook, Handy of Lewiston, Mastraccio of Sanford, Stetkis of Canaan, Sylvester of Portland, Vachon of Scarborough

NAYS 0

ABSENT 4 Sen. Volk of Cumberland, Sen. Langley of Hancock, Rep. Dunphy of Old Town, Rep. Lockman of Amherst

Nine members of the Committee having voted in the affirmative and zero in the negative, it was the vote of the Committee that the nomination of Laurence W. Gross of Portland, for appointment to the Maine State Housing Authority be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Amy F. Volk
 Senate Chair

S/Ryan M. Fecteau
 House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall the recommendation of the Committee on **LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** be overridden?"

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

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#91)

YEAS: Senators: None

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

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 35 Senators having voted in the negative, and none being less than two-thirds of the Membership present and voting, it was the vote of the Senate that the Committee's recommendation be **ACCEPTED** and the nomination of **Laurence W. Gross** of Portland for appointment to the Maine State Housing Authority was **CONFIRMED**.

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 327

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

April 13, 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 **Error! Reference source not found.** Maine Legislature, the Joint Standing Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development has had under consideration the nomination of James I. Whitten of Augusta, for appointment to the Maine State Housing 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 1 Bellows of Kennebec
 Representatives 8 Fecteau of Biddeford, Austin of Gray, Bates of Westbrook, Handy of Lewiston, Mastraccio of Sanford, Stetkis of Canaan, Sylvester of Portland, Vachon of Scarborough

NAYS 0

ABSENT 4 Sen. Volk of Cumberland, Sen. Langley of Hancock, Rep. Dunphy of Old Town, Rep. Lockman of Amherst

Nine members of the Committee having voted in the affirmative and zero in the negative, it was the vote of the Committee that the nomination of James I. Whitten of Augusta, for appointment to the Maine State Housing Authority be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Amy F. Volk
Senate Chair

S/Ryan M. Fecteau
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

On motion by Senator **VOLK** of Cumberland, Nomination **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending **CONSIDERATION.**

The Following Communication: S.C. 329

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

April 20, 2017

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

Dear President Thibodeau:

This is to inform you that I am today nominating Adrian P. Kendall of Cumberland for appointment to the Maine Rural Development Authority.

Pursuant to Title 5, MRSA §13120-D, this appointment is contingent on the Maine Senate confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development.

Sincerely,

S/Paul R. LePage
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 332

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

April 24, 2017

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

Dear President Thibodeau:

This is to inform you that I am today nominating Patricia A. Rice of Veazie for reappointment to the State Liquor and Lottery Commission.

Pursuant to Title 5, MRSA §283-A, this reappointment is contingent on the Maine Senate confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs.

Sincerely,

S/Paul R. LePage
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 324

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

April 19, 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 Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

- L.D. 245 An Act To Repeal the Affirmative Defense for Cruelty to Animals
- L.D. 653 Resolve, To Establish a Working Group To Propose Changes to the Animal Welfare Laws
- L.D. 758 An Act To Provide Free Admission for Permanently Disabled Persons at Maine State Parks
- L.D. 760 An Act To Promote Safety with Respect to Touching Livestock or Other Animals
- L.D. 828 An Act To Require a Veterinarian to be Present at an Agricultural Fair
- L.D. 893 An Act To Improve and Protect Maine Organic Milk Producers
- L.D. 982 An Act To Protect Abused or Neglected Animals

L.D. 1028 An Act To Improve Soil Quality and Profits for Maine Farms

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Paul T. Davis Senate Chair S/Rep. Michelle Ann Dunphy House Chair

READ and with accompanying papers ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 319

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

April 14, 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. 639 An Act To Require an Interstate Identification Index System Background Check for Certain Crimes
L.D. 640 An Act To Require an Ontario Domestic Assault Risk Assessment prior to Setting Bail in Domestic Violence Arrests in Which the Alleged Abuser Has Been Taken into Custody

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. 333

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

April 24, 2017

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

Dear President Thibodeau and Speaker Gideon:

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

- L.D. 43 Resolve, To Establish the Task Force To Study Higher Education Attainment and Completion Goals
L.D. 987 Resolve, To Direct the Department of Education To Form a Study Group To Improve Public Education
L.D. 1074 An Act To Support Public Charter School Enrollment Options for Certain Students

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.

The Following Communication: S.C. 320

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

April 18, 2017

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

Dear President Thibodeau and Speaker Gideon:

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

- L.D. 405 An Act To Make Changes to the So-called Dig Safe Law
- L.D. 802 An Act To Strengthen the Independence of the Public Advocate

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. David Woodsome S/Rep. Seth A. Berry
 Senate Chair House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 330

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

April 18, 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. 469 An Act To Establish a Generally Applicable Regulatory Standard To Address Impacts of Sea Level Change and Increased Storm Surges
- L.D. 739 An Act To Improve Beach-cast Seaweed Management for Health, Ecology and Tourism
- L.D. 1081 An Act To Amend the Municipal Subdivision Laws Regarding the Exemption for Transfers to Owners of Abutting Land

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Thomas B. Saviello S/Rep. Ralph L. Tucker
 Senate Chair House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 331

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

April 18, 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. 466 An Act To Protect Employees from Abusive Work Environments
- L.D. 810 An Act To Allow Funeral Homes To Own and Operate Crematories
- L.D. 811 An Act Regarding Continuing Education for Persons Engaged in the Practice of Funeral Service
- L.D. 872 An Act To Establish Requirements Related to the Practice of Dry Needling
- L.D. 954 An Act To Make Certain Contraception Available over the Counter
- L.D. 1056 An Act To Protect Homeowners from Workers' Compensation Claims
- L.D. 1155 An Act To Improve the Lives of Working Families

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. 334

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

April 24, 2017

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

Dear President Thibodeau and Speaker Gideon:

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

L.D. 115 An Act To Protect the Marine Worm Industry

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Joyce A. Maker S/Rep. Walter A. Kumiega
Senate Chair House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 321

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

April 14, 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 State and Local Government has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 876 Resolve, To Increase Pedestrian Crosswalk Safety

L.D. 1141 An Act To Make Election Day a State Holiday

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Paul T. Davis
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Danny Martin
House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 335

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

April 24, 2017

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

Dear President Thibodeau and Speaker Gideon:

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

L.D. 830 An Act To Authorize Portions of the City of Caribou to Secede and Form the Town of Lyndon

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Paul T. Davis
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Danny Martin
House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 322

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

April 19, 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":

- L.D. 636 An Act To Require the Department of Transportation To Use 3rd-party Certified Examiners for Lead Inspections
- L.D. 1024 Resolve, To Direct the Secretary of State To Initiate the Process To Redesign Special Veterans Registration Plates
- L.D. 1115 An Act To Establish a Specialty License Plate for Female Veterans
- L.D. 1145 An Act To Allow the Department of Transportation To Recover Costs Incurred by the Department for Allowing Access to a Controlled Access Highway

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.**

The Following Communication: S.C. 323

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

April 18, 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. 961 An Act To Improve the Cost-efficiency of Funds Disbursed under the Maine Clean Election Act
- L.D. 1102 An Act To Discourage Tenants from Damaging Rental Property

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 To Improve Animal Control in Maine"
S.P. 533 L.D. 1508

Presented by Senator CHIPMAN of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Senator: SAVIELLO of Franklin,
Representatives: ACKLEY of Monmouth, BLACK of Wilton,
O'NEIL of Saco.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Validate Certain Proceedings Authorizing the Issuance of Bonds and Notes of Regional School Unit No. 5" (EMERGENCY)

S.P. 534 L.D. 1528

Presented by Senator CARSON of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Speaker GIDEON of Freeport.
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** suggested and ordered printed.

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

Bill "An Act To Amend Education Statutes"
S.P. 537 L.D. 1531

Presented by Senator LANGLEY of Hancock.
Cosponsored by Representative STEWART of Presque Isle and
Representatives: GINZLER of Bridgton, SAMPSON of Alfred.
Submitted by the Department of Education pursuant to Joint Rule
204.

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 Regarding Solar Power for Farms and Businesses"
S.P. 529 L.D. 1504

Presented by Senator SAVIELLO of Franklin.
Cosponsored by Representative GROHMAN of Biddeford and
Senators: DILL of Penobscot, WOODSOME of York,
Representatives: BLACK of Wilton, FOLEY of Wells, HARVELL of
Farmington, HIGGINS of Dover-Foxcroft, POULIOT of Augusta,
SANBORN of Portland.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Amend the Usage and Consumer Protections of
Guaranteed Asset Protection Waivers"
S.P. 531 L.D. 1506

Presented by Senator WHITTEMORE of Somerset.
Cosponsored by Representative FOLEY of Wells and
Representatives: LAWRENCE of South Berwick, SANBORN of
Portland.

Bill "An Act To Establish a Student Loan Bill of Rights To License
and Regulate Student Loan Servicers"
S.P. 532 L.D. 1507

Presented by Senator VITELLI of Sagadahoc.
Cosponsored by Representative HIGGINS of Dover-Foxcroft and
Senators: CHIPMAN of Cumberland, SAVIELLO of Franklin,
Representatives: BEEBE-CENTER of Rockland, DEVIN of
Newcastle, MADIGAN of Waterville.

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 To Protect Consumers during Residential
Construction"
S.P. 535 L.D. 1529

Presented by Senator LANGLEY of Hancock.
Cosponsored by Senators: CUSHING of Penobscot, CYRWAY of
Kennebec, WHITTEMORE of Somerset, Representative: MASON
of Lisbon.

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Unemployment
Compensation"
S.P. 536 L.D. 1530

Presented by Senator LANGLEY of Hancock.
Cosponsored by Senator: VOLK of Cumberland, Representatives:
AUSTIN of Gray, MASTRACCIO of Sanford, STETKIS of
Canaan, VACHON of Scarborough.
Submitted by the Department of Labor pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Create Consistency in the Regulation of
Pesticides"
S.P. 530 L.D. 1505

Presented by Senator DAVIS of Piscataquis. (GOVERNOR'S
BILL)

On motion by Senator **DAVIS** of Piscataquis, **REFERRED** to the
Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** and ordered
printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

House

Ought to Pass As Amended

The Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL
RESOURCES** on Bill "An Act To Create a Penalty for the
Discharge of Septic Waste from Watercraft into the Inland
Waters"

H.P. 263 L.D. 357

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by
Committee Amendment "A" (H-59)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-59)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-59) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

The Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** on Bill "An Act To Standardize the Law Concerning Property Transfers and To Protect Water Quality"
H.P. 401 L.D. 559

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-60)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-60)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-60) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

The Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** on Bill "An Act To Revoke the Hunting License of a Person Charged with Defacing Property Posting Signs"
H.P. 399 L.D. 557

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-55)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-55)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-55) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

The Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** on Bill "An Act To Help Municipalities Prepare for Sea Level Rise"
H.P. 384 L.D. 540

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-28)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-28)**.

Report **READ**.

On motion by Senator **DAVIS** of Piscataquis, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending **ACCEPTANCE OF THE REPORT**, in concurrence.

The Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** on Bill "An Act To Authorize the Construction of a Maine Turnpike Connector to Gorham"
H.P. 633 L.D. 905

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-61)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-61)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-61) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

Divided Report

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

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

Signed:

Senators:

LANGLEY of Hancock
MAKER of Washington
MILLETT of Cumberland

Representatives:

DAUGHTRY of Brunswick
FARNSWORTH of Portland
FULLER of Lewiston
GINZLER of Bridgton
McCREA of Fort Fairfield
PIERCE of Falmouth
STEWART of Presque Isle
TURNER of Burlington

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-40)**.

Signed:

Representative:

SAMPSON of Alfred

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

Reports **READ**.

On motion by Senator **LANGLEY** of Hancock, 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 Require a Game Warden's Certificate To Kill Wild Animals Causing Damage to Crops or Orchards and Notification to Nearby Residents"
H.P. 209 L.D. 276

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

Signed:

Senators:

CYRWAY of Kennebec
WOODSOME of York

Representatives:

DUCHESNE of Hudson
HARLOW of Portland
MASON of Lisbon
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:

ALLEY of Beals
LYFORD of Eddington

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 **LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** on Bill "An Act To Allow Advanced Practice Registered Nurses Who Have Attained Certain Degrees To Use the Title of Doctor"
H.P. 382 L.D. 538

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

Signed:

Senators:

VOLK of Cumberland
LANGLEY of Hancock

Representatives:

AUSTIN of Gray
BATES of Westbrook
LOCKMAN of Amherst
MASTRACCIO of Sanford
STETKIS of Canaan
VACHON of Scarborough

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-50)**.

Signed:

Senator:

BELLOWS of Kennebec

Representatives:

FECTEAU of Biddeford
HANDY of Lewiston
SYLVESTER of Portland

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

Reports **READ**.

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

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **MARINE RESOURCES** on Bill "An Act To Improve Productivity in Authorized Municipal Shellfish Conservation Areas with Predation Protection Measures in Place" H.P. 276 L.D. 370

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

Signed:

Senators:

MAKER of Washington
BRAKEY of Androscoggin

Representatives:

ALLEY of Beals
BATTLE of South Portland
HAGGAN of Hampden
HAWKE of Boothbay Harbor
SIMMONS of Waldoboro
SUTTON of Warren
TUELL of East Machias

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-47)**.

Signed:

Senator:

VITELLI of Sagadahoc

Representatives:

KUMIEGA of Deer Isle
BLUME of York
DEVIN of Newcastle

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

Reports **READ**.

On motion by Senator **MAKER** of Washington, 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 Establish Maine Buy Local Month"

H.P. 293 L.D. 402

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-31)**.

Signed:

Senator:

DESCHAMBAULT of York

Representatives:

MARTIN of Sinclair
BEEBE-CENTER of Rockland
BRYANT of Windham
HOGAN of Old Orchard Beach
MADIGAN of Rumford
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
KEIM of Oxford

Representatives:

HARRINGTON of Sanford
ORDWAY of Standish
PICKETT of Dixfield

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-31)**.

Reports **READ**.

Senator **DAVIS** of Piscataquis moved the Senate **ACCEPT** the Minority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

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

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

Senator **BELLOWS:** Thank you, Mr. President. I encourage my colleagues to oppose the pending motion so that we can get to the Ought to Pass Report. I am a co-sponsor on this bill because what it simply does is establish November as Buy Local Month and direct the Department of Economic and Community Development to pursue efforts to promote investments in buying local in our local communities. This was brought by some of the groups that are advocating successfully for Buy Local in larger communities like Portland and what's really important to know is that buying locally pays big dividends for Maine's economy. A recent study by the Maine Center for Economic Policy showed that for every \$100 invested in locally owned businesses created an economic impact of \$58 back into our local economy, having a huge economic multiplier effect, versus for every \$100 invested in businesses that are owned outside of the State, it only returns \$33, and for every dollar spent online the return to local communities is zero dollars. I think as Maine's economy

changes, as we are seeing consumers beseeched by so much information and increasingly turning to online, we need to support our local downtowns, we need to support the local economy. This is a very simple measure to make November Buy Local Month and to encourage our Department of Economic and Community Development to pursue those Buy Local efforts that will have such a huge impact on local businesses all over our districts. Thank you.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Franklin, Senator Saviello.

Senator **SAVIELLO:** Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, as a part-owner of a small business, I support the concept of this draft, this bill. Unfortunately, I don't support one month, especially November, when most of my friends are out hunting rather than shopping downtown. Secondly, is that if we're going to do something like this, it's needs to be all year long and I do believe we have a program called the Second Saturday that is promoted by the Retailers Association and it is a matter of us getting involved in that and actually can promote our small businesses through the year. So I will not be voting in favor, I will be voting in favor of the motion before us. Thank you, Mr. President.

THE PRESIDENT: The pending question before the Senate is the motion by the Senator from Piscataquis, Senator Davis, to Accept the Minority Ought Not to Pass Report, in Non-concurrence. A Roll Call has been ordered. Is the Senate ready for the question?

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

Senate at Ease.

The Senate was called to order by the President.

ROLL CALL (#92)

YEAS: Senators: BRAKEY, CARPENTER, COLLINS, CUSHING, CYRWAY, DAVIS, DOW, HAMPER, KATZ, KEIM, LANGLEY, MAKER, MASON, ROSEN, SAVIELLO, VOLK, WHITTEMORE, WOODSOME, PRESIDENT THIBODEAU

NAYS: Senators: BELLOWS, BREEN, CARSON, CHENETTE, CHIPMAN, DESCHAMBAULT, DIAMOND, DILL, DION, GRATWICK, HILL, JACKSON, LIBBY, MILLETT, MIRAMANT, VITELLI

19 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 16 Senators having voted in the negative, the motion by Senator **DAVIS** of Piscataquis to **ACCEPT** the Minority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report, in **NON-CONCURRENCE, PREVAILED.**

On motion by Senator **MASON** of Androscoggin, the Senate **RECONSIDERED** whereby it **ACCEPTED** the Minority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report, in **NON-CONCURRENCE.**

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 (#93)

YEAS: Senators: BRAKEY, COLLINS, CUSHING, CYRWAY, DAVIS, DOW, HAMPER, KATZ, KEIM, LANGLEY, MAKER, MASON, MIRAMANT, ROSEN, SAVIELLO, VOLK, WHITTEMORE, WOODSOME, PRESIDENT THIBODEAU

NAYS: Senators: BELLOWS, BREEN, CARPENTER, CARSON, CHENETTE, CHIPMAN, DESCHAMBAULT, DIAMOND, DILL, DION, GRATWICK, HILL, JACKSON, LIBBY, MILLETT, VITELLI

19 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 16 Senators having voted in the negative, the motion by Senator **DAVIS** of Piscataquis to **ACCEPT** the Minority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report, in **NON-CONCURRENCE, PREVAILED.**

Sent down for concurrence.

Senate

Ought to Pass

Senator DAVIS for the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** on Bill "An Act To Modify the Definition of 'General Use Pesticide'"

S.P. 209 L.D. 594

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

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

Bill **READ ONCE.**

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **JUDICIARY** on Bill "An Act To Increase Consumer Protection for Time-share Owners"

S.P. 114 L.D. 348

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

Signed:

Senators:

KEIM of Oxford
HILL of York
WHITTEMORE of Somerset

Representatives:

MOONEN of Portland
BABBIDGE of Kennebunk
BRADSTREET of Vassalboro
CARDONE of Bangor
GUERIN of Glenburn
JOHANSEN of Monticello
McCREIGHT of Harpswell
RECKITT of South Portland
SHERMAN of Hodgdon

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

Signed:

Representative:

BAILEY of Saco

Reports **READ.**

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

Sent down for concurrence.

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 Amend Maine's Fish and Wildlife Licensing Laws"
H.P. 394 L.D. 552

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

House As Amended

Bill "An Act To Reimburse Nursing Homes for the Loss of Coinsurance and Deductibles for Skilled Nursing Beds under Rules Adopted by the Department of Health and Human Services"

H.P. 21 L.D. 20
(C "A" H-39)

Bill "An Act To Phase Out the Use of Single-use Plastic Shopping Bags"

H.P. 44 L.D. 57
(C "A" H-18)

Bill "An Act To Ensure Resiliency of the Maine Electrical Grid"

H.P. 373 L.D. 529
(C "A" H-45)

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

Bill "An Act To Improve Enforcement of Snowmobile Noise Levels"

H.P. 346 L.D. 483
(C "A" H-48)

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**, in concurrence.

Senate

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Domestic Violence and Setting Preconviction Bail"

S.P. 172 L.D. 511

Bill "An Act To Repeal the Laws Governing Truck Camper Registration"

S.P. 273 L.D. 827

Bill "An Act To Allow Stepparents To Sign the Application for a Driver's License for a Minor"

S.P. 332 L.D. 1025

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Senate As Amended

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Sex Offender Registry"

S.P. 57 L.D. 138
(C "A" S-37)

Bill "An Act To Carry Out the Will of the People of the State of Maine by Ensuring the Issuance of Bonds To Support the Independence of Maine's Seniors" (EMERGENCY)
S.P. 278 L.D. 832
(C "A" S-33)

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 Resolve

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
H.P. 409 L.D. 569

This being an Emergency Measure and having received the affirmative vote of 35 Members of the Senate, with no Senator having voted in the negative, and 35 being more than two-thirds of the entire elected Membership of the Senate, was **FINALLY PASSED** and, having been signed by the President, was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for his approval.

Ordered sent down forthwith.

Emergency Mandate

An Act To Allow Campgrounds To Operate Beano or Bingo
S.P. 148 L.D. 446
(C "A" S-21)

This being a Mandate, in accordance with the provisions of Section 21 of Article IX of the Constitution, and having received the affirmative vote of 35 Members of the Senate, with no Senator having voted in the negative, and 35 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 Require National Banks To Cooperate in the Administration of the General Assistance Program
S.P. 85 L.D. 239
(C "A" S-24)

An Act To Increase Voter Knowledge of Bond Issues
H.P. 232 L.D. 299
(C "A" H-27)

An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Prior Employees of the Workers' Compensation Board
S.P. 101 L.D. 313
(C "A" S-23)

An Act To Make Technical Changes to the Laws Governing Child Support
H.P. 270 L.D. 364

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

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)

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

An Act To Ensure Direct Dialing of 911 from Multiline Telephone Systems
S.P. 271 L.D. 825

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.

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 (4/13/2017) matter:

An Act To Require State Compliance with Federal REAL ID Guidelines
S.P. 92 L.D. 306
(C "A" S-17)

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

Pending - **ENACTMENT**

(In House, **PASSED TO BE ENACTED.**)

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.

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later Assigned (4/19/2017) matter:

SENATE REPORTS - from the Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** on Bill "An Act To Require Permits for Wildlife in Captivity and Notification of the Escape of Exotic Wildlife in Captivity"

S.P. 91 L.D. 305

Majority - **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-30)** (7 members)

Minority - **Ought Not to Pass** (4 members)

Tabled - April 19, 2017, by Senator **CYRWAY** of Kennebec

Pending - **ACCEPTANCE OF EITHER REPORT**

On motion by Senator **CYRWAY** of Kennebec, Bill and accompanying papers **COMMITTED** to the Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE.**

Sent down for concurrence.

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later Assigned (4/19/2017) matter:

SENATE REPORTS - from the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** on Bill "An Act Regarding Refusing To Submit to Arrest or Detention"

H.P. 184 L.D. 251

Majority - **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-24)** (9 members)

Minority - **Ought Not to Pass** (4 members)

Tabled - April 19, 2017, by Senator **JACKSON** of Aroostook

Pending - motion by Senator **ROSEN** of Hancock to **ACCEPT** the Minority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report, in **NON-CONCURRENCE** (Roll Call Requested)

(In House, the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-24).**)

On motion by Senator **CYRWAY** of Kennebec, 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 (#94)

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 **ROSEN** of Hancock to **ACCEPT** the Minority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report, in **NON-CONCURRENCE, PREVAILED.**

Sent down for concurrence.

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later Assigned (4/20/2017) matter:

SENATE REPORTS - from the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** on Bill "An Act Making Supplemental Allocations from the Highway Fund and Other Funds for the Expenditures of State Government and To Change Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2017" (EMERGENCY)

S.P. 341 L.D. 1034

Majority - **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-34)** (8 members)

Minority - **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "B" (S-35)** (5 members)

Tabled - April 20, 2017, by Senator **MASON** of Androscoggin

Pending - motion by Senator **COLLINS** of York to **ACCEPT** the Minority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "B" (S-35)** Report

On motion by Senator **COLLINS** of York, the Minority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "B" (S-35)** Report **ACCEPTED.**

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "B" (S-35) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later Assigned (4/20/2017) matter:

Bill "An Act To Strengthen Enforcement of Support Orders"
H.P. 1026 L.D. 1493

Tabled - April 20, 2017, by Senator **ROSEN** of Hancock

Pending - **REFERENCE**

(In 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.

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

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

House Papers

Bill "An Act To Modernize the Laws Governing Maine Harness Racing"

H.P. 1052 L.D. 1532

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

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

Bill "An Act To Prohibit Retired State Employees and Teachers from Returning to Work While Collecting Retirement Benefits"
H.P. 1033 L.D. 1509

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

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

Bill "An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Fund Wastewater Infrastructure Projects for Ratification by Voters in the June 2017 Election"

H.P. 1034 L.D. 1510

Bill "An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for the Protection of Public Health and Marine Resources and To Achieve Cost Savings in State Facilities Owned by the Department of Marine Resources"

H.P. 1035 L.D. 1511

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

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

Bill "An Act To Protect the Health and Safety of First Responders"
H.P. 1036 L.D. 1512

Bill "An Act To Provide Funds for Access to Federal Training Facilities for First Responders" (EMERGENCY)
H.P. 1050 L.D. 1526

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.

Bill "An Act To Provide for Affordable Long-term Energy Prices in Maine"

H.P. 1037 L.D. 1513

Bill "An Act To Provide Maine Landlords Advance Notice of Water Disconnection Postings"

H.P. 1038 L.D. 1514

Bill "An Act To Reduce Electric Rates for Maine Businesses by Amending the Laws Governing Spending from the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative Trust Fund"

H.P. 1039 L.D. 1515

Bill "An Act To Encourage Broadband Development through Private Investment"

H.P. 1040 L.D. 1516

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

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

Bill "An Act To Ensure Access to Behavioral Health Services"
H.P. 1041 L.D. 1517

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 Formalize the Governance of the Maine Educational and Attainment Research Navigation System, a Longitudinal Data Series for Workforce Information"
H.P. 1042 L.D. 1518

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

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

Bill "An Act To Define the Intertidal Zone for the Management and Enforcement of Shellfish Conservation Ordinances"
H.P. 1043 L.D. 1519

Bill "An Act To Create an Aquaculture License"
H.P. 1044 L.D. 1520

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 Modernize the State's Procurement Laws"
H.P. 1055 L.D. 1535

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

On motion by Senator **DAVIS** of Piscataquis, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Amend the Property Tax Laws"
H.P. 1045 L.D. 1521

Bill "An Act To Authorize a Local Option Sales Tax"
H.P. 1046 L.D. 1522

Bill "An Act To Replace the Educational Opportunity Tax Credit with the Student Loan Repayment Credit for Maine Residents"
H.P. 1057 L.D. 1537

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

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

Bill "An Act To Exempt Motor Vehicles Less than 12 Years Old from Inspection"
H.P. 1047 L.D. 1523

Bill "An Act To Amend Maine Motor Vehicle Laws"
H.P. 1048 L.D. 1524

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

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

Bill "An Act To Clarify the Laws Governing Alcohol Manufacturer Licenses"
H.P. 1049 L.D. 1525

Bill "An Act To Update the Laws Relating to Liquor Licensing and Enforcement"
H.P. 1053 L.D. 1533

Bill "An Act To Allow Maine Manufacturers To Sell Products for Off-premises Consumption at Taste-testing Events and Farmers' Markets and To Allow Taste Testings at Farmers' Markets"
H.P. 1056 L.D. 1536

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

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

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

Senate at Ease.

The Senate was called to order by the President.

On motion by Senator **MASON** of Androscoggin, **ADJOURNED** until Thursday, April 27, 2017 at 10:00 in the morning.

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. 1058

ORDERED, the Senate concurring, that the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs shall report out, to the House, a resolution amending the Constitution of Maine regarding the direct initiative process.

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

READ and **PASSED**, in concurrence.

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

Off Record Remarks

Senator **DIAMOND** of Cumberland was granted unanimous consent to address the Senate on the Record.

Senator **DIAMOND**: Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, I just want to say thank you for your hard work and your diligence in passing, helping us pass, the Real ID. I know it was difficult to some people but we really had very little choice and I especially want to thank the Transportation Committee, led by the good Senator from York, Senator Collins. They spent a lot of time on this and I think we just dodged a huge chaos bullet for our constituents and I thank you for that. Again, I know it was difficult for some, but I just want to say thank you for that. Thank you to the leadership of the Body for all your help. Thank you.

Off Record Remarks

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