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**STATE OF MAINE
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FIRST REGULAR SESSION
JOURNAL OF THE SENATE**

In Senate Chamber
Tuesday
February 19, 2019

Senate called to order by President Troy D. Jackson of Aroostook County.

Prayer by Pastor Brian Kline, Lighthouse Baptist Church in Farmingdale.

PASTOR KLINE: Let us pray. Father, we thank You for Your goodness and grace. We thank You that, as our Creator, You are a gracious and kind and loving God. We thank You that You are the source of wisdom and patience and understanding. Father, we thank You that we have the opportunity and the privilege to come to You in prayer, as You have commanded us through Your Son, Christ Jesus, to 'come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest.' Father, I pray for our Senators this morning. I pray for their staff. I pray for the government of the great state of Maine. I pray for their service to the people here. I pray for the labors and the duties and the difficult decisions that they make and the routine that occurs today. We pray for Your strength and for Your patience, for Your wisdom, and for Your insight. Again, Father, we thank You, that You are a God that permits us to come to You in prayer. We have the privilege and the honor of bringing our petitions to You and that You hear them and that You answer them. You have said, 'call unto me and I will answer thee and show thee great and mighty things which thou knowest not.' Father, we thank You for the honor and we thank You for Your kindness towards us. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Senator Kimberley C. Rosen of Hancock County.

Reading of the Journal of Thursday, February 14, 2019.

Doctor of the day, Sam Zager, M.D. of Portland.

Off Record Remarks

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

House Papers

Bill "An Act To Set Case Load Standards for the Office of Child and Family Services"

H.P. 595 L.D. 821

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

On motion by Senator **GRATWICK** of Penobscot, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act Regarding the Placement of Campaign Signs"

H.P. 601 L.D. 827

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

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

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

Joint Order

Expression of Legislative Sentiment recognizing:

Cyndi Robbins, of Poland, Innkeeper of Poland Spring Resort, who has been presented with the Oxford Hills Chamber of Commerce Suzanne Grover Community Service Award. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;
HLS 73

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

The Joint Order was **READ**

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

Senator **CLAXTON:** Thank you, Mr. President. I rise in support of Joint Order 1-11 recognizing Cyndi Robbins for her contribution in the Poland Spring Resort area. This is a woman who inherited the job that she didn't want when her husband died unexpectedly and she has since turned it into a thriving business. She's done lots to support the local economy as she continues to invite the Poland Business Council to meet in her resort. She also has done a lot in the district as a Chamber of Commerce recognition is noted and she's done a lot regionally to help bring together the Lewiston/Auburn Metro Chamber of Commerce. We need more people like this in Maine and I just want to acknowledge her contribution. Thank you.

The Joint Order was **PASSED**, in concurrence.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: S.C. 138

**STATE OF MAINE
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COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE CONSERVATION AND
FORESTRY**

February 14, 2019

The Honorable Troy Dale Jackson
President of the Senate of Maine
129th 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 Amanda Eleanor Beal of Warren, for appointment as the Commissioner of the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry.

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	Dill, J. of Penobscot, Black, R. of Franklin, Diamond, B. of Cumberland
	Representatives	9	Hickman, C. of Winthrop, Hall, R. of East Dixfield, Kinney, M. of Knox, Kryzak, T. Acton, Maxmin, C. of Nobleboro, O'Neil, M. of Saco, Pluecker, B. of Warren, Roberts-Lovell, T. of South Berwick, Skolfield, T. of Weld
NAYS		0	
ABSENT		1	Rep. McCrea, D. of Fort Fairfield

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 Amanda Eleanor Beal of Warren, for appointment as the Commissioner of the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Jim Dill
Senate Chair

S/Craig V. Hickman
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Chair noted the absence of the Senator from Cumberland, Senator **CARSON**, the Senator from York, Senator **WOODSOME**, the Senator from Cumberland, Senator **H. SANBORN**, and the Senator from Hancock, Senator **LUCHINI**, and further excused the same Senators from today's Roll Call votes.

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall the recommendation of the Committee on **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 129th Legislature, the vote was taken by the Yeas and Nays.

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#17)

YEAS: Senators: None

NAYS: Senators: BELLOWS, BLACK, BREEN, CARPENTER, CHENETTE, CHIPMAN, CLAXTON, CYRWAY, DAVIS, DESCHAMBAULT, DIAMOND, DILL, DOW, FARRIN, FOLEY, GRATWICK, GUERIN, HAMPER, HERBIG, KEIM, LAWRENCE, LIBBY, MILLETT, MIRAMANT, MOORE, POULIOT, ROSEN, SANBORN L, TIMBERLAKE, VITELLI, PRESIDENT JACKSON

EXCUSED: Senators: CARSON, LUCHINI, SANBORN H, WOODSOME

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 31 Senators having voted in the negative, with 4 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 **Amanda Eleanor Beal** of Warren for appointment as the Commissioner of the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry was **CONFIRMED**.

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

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair would like to recognize in the rear of the Chamber Amanda Beal, the new Commissioner of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry. Would she please rise and accept the greetings of the Maine Senate.

The Following Communication: S.C. 137

**STATE OF MAINE
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COMMITTEE ON INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT,
ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS**

February 11, 2019

Honorable Troy Dale Jackson, President of the Senate
Honorable Sara Gideon, Speaker of the House
129th Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Gideon:

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

L.D. 191 An Act To Protect Heating Fuel Customers
Who Close Their Accounts

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Erin Herbig
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Matthea Elisabeth Larsen-Daughtry
House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 139

**STATE OF MAINE
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COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY**

February 7, 2019

Honorable Troy Dale Jackson, President of the Senate
Honorable Sara Gideon, Speaker of the House
129th Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Gideon:

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

L.D. 9 An Act To Increase Juror Compensation

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Michael E. Carpenter
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Donna Bailey
House Chair

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

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

SENATE PAPERS

Bill "An Act To Require the Labeling of Foods Made with Nanotechnology"

S.P. 255 L.D. 889

Presented by Senator CHIPMAN of Cumberland. (BY REQUEST)
Cosponsored by Senator: DESCHAMBAULT of York, Representatives: FOLEY of Biddeford, MAXMIN of Nobleboro, McCREA of Fort Fairfield, O'NEIL of Saco, PLUECKER of Warren, ROBERTS-LOVELL of South Berwick.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Promote Land Conservation, Working Waterfronts, Water Access and Outdoor Recreation"

S.P. 265 L.D. 911

Presented by Senator BREEN of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative COREY of Windham and Senators: BLACK of Franklin, CARPENTER of Aroostook, CARSON of Cumberland, CHENETTE of York, CHIPMAN of Cumberland, CLAXTON of Androscoggin, CYRWAY of Kennebec, DESCHAMBAULT of York, DIAMOND of Cumberland, DILL of Penobscot, FARRIN of Somerset, FOLEY of York, GRATWICK of Penobscot, HERBIG of Waldo, President JACKSON of Aroostook, LAWRENCE of York, LUCHINI of Hancock, MILLETT of Cumberland, MIRAMANT of Knox, POULIOT of Kennebec, SANBORN, H. of Cumberland, SANBORN, L. of Cumberland, VITELLI of Sagadahoc, WOODSOME of York, Representatives: ALLEY of Beals, AUSTIN of Skowhegan, AUSTIN of Gray, BABBIDGE of Kennebunk, BABINE of Scarborough, BAILEY of Saco, BEEBE-CENTER of Rockland, BLIER of Buxton, BLUME of York, BRENNAN of Portland, BROOKS of Lewiston, BRYANT of Windham, CAIAZZO of Scarborough, CARDONE of Bangor, CARNEY of Cape Elizabeth, COLLINGS of Portland, COOPER of Yarmouth,

CRAVEN of Lewiston, DAUGHTRY of Brunswick, DENK of Kennebunk, DODGE of Belfast, DOORE of Augusta, DOUDERA of Camden, DUNPHY of Old Town, EVANGELOS of Friendship, FARNSWORTH of Portland, FAY of Raymond, FECTEAU of Biddeford, FOLEY of Biddeford, GATTINE of Westbrook, GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach, GROHOSKI of Ellsworth, HANDY of Lewiston, HARNETT of Gardiner, HARRINGTON of Sanford, HEPLER of Woolwich, HICKMAN of Winthrop, HIGGINS of Dover-Foxcroft, HOBBS of Wells, INGWERSEN of Arundel, JORGENSEN of Portland, KESCHL of Belgrade, KINNEY of Knox, LANDRY of Farmington, LYFORD of Eddington, MARTIN of Eagle Lake, MARTIN of Sinclair, MARTIN of Greene, MASTRACCIO of Sanford, MATLACK of St. George, MAXMIN of Nobleboro, McCREA of Fort Fairfield, McCREIGHT of Harpswell, McDONALD of Stonington, MEYER of Eliot, MOONEN of Portland, MORALES of South Portland, MORRIS of Turner, O'NEIL of Saco, PEBWORTH of Blue Hill, PEOPLES of Westbrook, PERRY of Calais, PIERCE of Falmouth, PLUECKER of Warren, RECKITT of South Portland, ROBERTS-LOVELL of South Berwick, RYKERSON of Kittery, SCHNECK of Bangor, SKOLFIELD of Weld, STANLEY of Medway, STEARNS of Guilford, STOVER of Boothbay, TALBOT ROSS of Portland, TEPLER of Topsham, TERRY of Gorham, TUCKER of Brunswick, TUELL of East Machias, WARREN of Hallowell, ZEIGLER of Montville.

On motion by Senator **BREEN** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Protect the Public from Clergy Sexual Abuse"
S.P. 267 L.D. 913

Presented by Senator DESCHAMBAULT of York. (BY REQUEST)
Cosponsored by Representative RECKITT of South Portland and Senators: CARPENTER of Aroostook, CHENETTE of York, CLAXTON of Androscoggin, DILL of Penobscot, MOORE of Washington, Representatives: COREY of Windham, MADIGAN of Waterville, VEROW of Brewer.

On motion by Senator **DESCHAMBAULT** of York, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Provide for a Professional Wage and Support for New Educators"

S.P. 264 L.D. 898

Presented by Senator MILLETT of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative McCREA of Fort Fairfield and Senators: BREEN of Cumberland, CARPENTER of Aroostook, CLAXTON of Androscoggin, SANBORN, L. of Cumberland, VITELLI of Sagadahoc, Representatives: DODGE of Belfast, PIERCE of Falmouth.

On motion by Senator **MILLETT** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Establish the Wood Energy Investment Program"
S.P. 266 L.D. 912

Presented by President JACKSON of Aroostook.
Cosponsored by Representative FECTEAU of Biddeford and Senators: DAVIS of Piscataquis, DILL of Penobscot, Representatives: BERRY of Bowdoinham, DILLINGHAM of Oxford, DUNPHY of Old Town, RILEY of Jay, STEWART of Presque Isle, WADSWORTH of Hiram.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Create an Updated Unified Maine Climate Action Plan"

S.P. 259 L.D. 893

Presented by Senator DILL of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Representative DUNPHY of Old Town and Senators: BLACK of Franklin, GRATWICK of Penobscot, VITELLI of Sagadahoc, Representatives: FECTEAU of Biddeford, O'NEIL of Saco, STANLEY of Medway.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Provide Adequate Reimbursement under MaineCare for Ambulance and Neonatal Transport Services"
S.P. 269 L.D. 915

Presented by President JACKSON of Aroostook.
Cosponsored by Representative DILLINGHAM of Oxford and
Senators: CLAXTON of Androscoggin, KEIM of Oxford, MOORE
of Washington, Representatives: KESCHL of Belgrade, MARTIN
of Eagle Lake, MARTIN of Sinclair, PERRY of Calais.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Preserve Maine's Heritage by Expanding Maine
Youth Hunting"

S.P. 257 L.D. 891

Presented by Senator KEIM of Oxford.
Cosponsored by Senator: DAVIS of Piscataquis, Representatives:
DRINKWATER of Milford, MASON of Lisbon.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Expand Workforce Access by Creating
Apprenticeship Programs To Increase Access to Licensure in
Certain Occupations"

S.P. 256 L.D. 890

Presented by Senator KEIM of Oxford.
Cosponsored by Representative DAUGHTRY of Brunswick and
Senators: DESCHAMBAULT of York, FARRIN of Somerset,
GUERIN of Penobscot, HERBIG of Waldo.

Bill "An Act To Promote Economic Development through
Research and Development"

S.P. 261 L.D. 895

Presented by Senator LAWRENCE of York.
Cosponsored by Representative TIPPING of Orono and
Senators: DILL of Penobscot, HERBIG of Waldo.

Resolve, Directing the Department of Professional and Financial
Regulation To Study a Voluntary Licensing System for General
Contractors for Home Improvement and Construction
S.P. 262 L.D. 896

Presented by Senator CHENETTE of York.
Cosponsored by Representative CAIAZZO of Scarborough and
Representative: GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach.

Bill "An Act To Restore Funding for the Capital Riverfront
Improvement District"

S.P. 263 L.D. 897

Presented by Senator POULIOT of Kennebec.
Cosponsored by Representative DOORE of Augusta and
Representative: BRADSTREET of Vassalboro.

On motion by Senator **HERBIG** of Waldo, **REFERRED** to the
Committee on **INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC
ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Expressly Allow Nonprofit Corporations To
Conduct Electronic Voting"

S.P. 260 L.D. 894

Presented by Senator GRATWICK of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Representative PICKETT of Dixfield and
Senators: CARPENTER of Aroostook, CYRWAY of Kennebec,
DAVIS of Piscataquis, President JACKSON of Aroostook,
TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin, Representatives: HUBBELL of
Bar Harbor, MORALES of South Portland, STEWART of Presque
Isle.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Enhance the Recruitment and Retention of Marine
Patrol Sergeants"

S.P. 268 L.D. 914

Presented by Senator DESCHAMBAULT of York.
Cosponsored by Representative TUELL of East Machias and
Senators: MIRAMANT of Knox, VITELLI of Sagadahoc,
Representatives: ALLEY of Beals, BLUME of York, McCREIGHT
of Harpswell, McDONALD of Stonington, WARREN of Hallowell.

On motion by Senator **MIRAMANT** of Knox, **REFERRED** to the
Committee on **MARINE RESOURCES** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Exempt MaineCare Appendix C Private
Nonmedical Institutions from the Service Provider Tax"
S.P. 258 L.D. 892

Presented by Senator VITELLI of Sagadahoc.
Cosponsored by Representative DOUDERA of Camden,
Representative McCREIGHT of Harpswell and Senators:
CHIPMAN of Cumberland, GRATWICK of Penobscot,
SANBORN, H. of Cumberland, Representatives: MAREAN of
Hollis, STEWART of Presque Isle.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

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

ORDERS

Joint Order

Expression of Legislative Sentiment recognizing:

The Honorable Michael Cantara, of Biddeford, who is retiring as a judge of the District Court after many years of public service. Judge Cantara was an Assistant District Attorney in York County in 1984, Mayor of Biddeford in 1988, District Attorney in York County from 1991 to 2003, Commissioner of Public Safety from 2003 to 2007 and a District Court Judge from 2007 to the present. His prosecutorial and judicial careers have been marked by a commitment to treating all who came before him with fairness and respect. He has been a champion of justice and safety for victims of domestic violence and their children and a leader in that area of jurisprudence in the State. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 87

Sponsored by Senator DESCHAMBAULT of York.

Cosponsored by Representatives: DENK of Kennebunk, FECTEAU of Biddeford, FOLEY of Biddeford, RECKITT of South Portland.

The Joint Order was **READ**.

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

Senator **DESCHAMBAULT:** Thank you, Mr. President. Mr. President, today, and esteemed members of the Senate, I am honored to recognize Judge Michael Cantara who's retiring next week from his current position as a Maine District Court Judge. I've known, I was almost going to call him Michael, Judge Cantara for a number of years and one of the things that's really neat about people is how they got to where they are today and what they've done to become a Judge. Judge Cantara graduated from Biddeford High School and received a B.A. Degree from Colby College in French Literature and French Language as a major and a minor in Biology. I don't know what those two have to do with each other. That's fine. While a student at Colby, he did a year abroad at Universite de Caen in Normandy where he studied French Language and literature for a full academic year and received a Baccalaureat from the Ministry of Education in France. Upon graduation from Colby, he received a Fulbright Teaching Scholarship and, again, returned to Normandy where he taught French in a co-ed vocational high school. After completing Fulbright, he went on to the French Graduate School in

Middlebury, Vermont. He then returned for a full academic year the Universite de Paris and while in Paris, this is interesting, he lived with a French Jewish-Orthodox family where, in exchange for room and board, he taught the family's youngest two daughters English, cleaned their home, took care of the garden, and, because he was expected to make lunch, he learned to keep Kosher. I didn't know that. He then went on for a Doctorate Degree in the French Department at the University of Michigan. That wasn't to his liking and instead went to the University of Maine School of Law. He was in private practice and for 12 years was a District Attorney in York County. Not too many people know this about Judge Cantara but he spent a fair amount of time in politics. He was at the Biddeford Planning Board and was also Mayor of Biddeford in 1988. In early 2007 he was appointed a Maine District Court Judge. Before that he was also the Commissioner of Public Safety. I want to mention something. I was a member of the Maine Criminal Justice Commission and in 2005 Judge Cantera approached us and asked for a grant. He wanted to make televised public service announcements because domestic violence had spiked in the state of Maine at that time, and that was very well received, that you would have a public service announcement on domestic violence. I want to say that exactly what he is, and it's written in our order here. Judge Cantara's career has been marked with a commitment to treating all who came before him with fairness and respect. He has been a champion of justice and safety for victims of domestic violence and their children and a leader in the area of jurisprudence in the state of Maine. I am very honored that we are recognizing him today. He will be retiring. His last day is next Thursday. Thank you very much.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Arostook, Senator Carpenter.

Senator **CARPENTER:** Mr. President, thank you. I can't add much to what the Senator from York, Senator Deschambault, said about Judge Cantera. I'll call him Mike because I knew him before he put the black robes on. Primarily, as a District Attorney from York County and then Commissioner of Public Safety under Governor McKernan. I can't say enough good things about Mike Cantera. If you don't know, those of you who don't know him by sight, open up the dictionary. Under 'public servant' you will see a picture of Mike Cantera. He's done about everything that you could do in York County, public service, also for the State of Maine. He will be missed and I'm very sorry to see he's retiring but my guess is we probably haven't seen or heard the last of him.

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

Senator **LAWRENCE:** Thank you, Mr. President. I just want to add my congratulations to Mike Cantera. It was my pleasure to replace him as DA when he became Commissioner of Public Safety and I had actually known Mike for years as a political figure in York County. Knew him well. He was a counsel to me while I was District Attorney and he was Commissioner of Public Safety. He's made a great Judge. But what hasn't been said is his incredible sense of humor. Mike had a very dry sense of humor, an incredible sense of humor I saw both on the bench, as DA, and I had the pleasure of having him on one of my Grand Jury one time. As a member of the Grand Jury, when he was

Commissioner of Public Safety, and he proceeded to keep my Grand Jury laughing for three months. So that was quite an accomplishment. My congratulations to him.

The Joint Order was **PASSED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Off Record Remarks

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

House

Ought to Pass

The Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** on Resolve, To Name a Bridge in the Town of Lincoln and the Town of Chester the Master Sergeant Gary Gordon Bridge

H.P. 8 L.D. 7

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.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

The Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** on Resolve, Designating a Portion of Route 1 in Downeast Maine the Hannah and Rebecca Weston Trail

H.P. 18 L.D. 17

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.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

The Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** on Resolve, Naming a Highway and Renaming a Bridge in the Town of Whiting

H.P. 33 L.D. 32

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.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

The Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** on Resolve, To Name the Bridge on Main Street in the Town of Orono the Brandon M. Silk Memorial Bridge

H.P. 163 L.D. 200

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.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

Senate

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** on Bill "An Act To Provide Relief to Federal Employees Affected by the Federal Shutdown" (EMERGENCY)

S.P. 141 L.D. 477

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-1)**.

Signed:

Senators:

SANBORN, H. of Cumberland
FOLEY of York
GRATWICK of Penobscot

Representatives:

TEPLER of Topsham
BLIER of Buxton
BRENNAN of Portland
BROOKS of Lewiston
FOLEY of Biddeford
MASTRACCIO of Sanford
MELARAGNO of Auburn
PRESCOTT of Waterboro

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

Signed:

Representatives:

MORRIS of Turner
SWALLOW of Houlton

Reports **READ**.

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

On further motion by same Senator, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending the motion by same Senator to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report.

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

Off Record Remarks

Senate at Ease.

The Senate was called to order by the President.

Off Record Remarks

RECESSED until the sound of the bell.

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

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Unfinished Business

The following matter in the consideration of which the Senate was engaged at the time of Adjournment had preference in the Orders of the Day and continued with such preference until disposed of as provided by Senate Rule 516.

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later Assigned (2/12/19) matter:

Bill "An Act To Change the Allocation Formula for Revenue from Slot Machines"

H.P. 520 L.D. 715

Tabled - February 12, 2019 by Senator **LUCHINI** of Hancock

Pending - **REFERENCE**

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

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

Sent down for 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 Require Schools To Submit Pest Management Activity Logs and Inspection Results to the Board of Pesticides Control for the Purpose of Providing Information to the Public"
H.P. 672 L.D. 908

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

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

Bill "An Act Regarding Gun Control"

H.P. 643 L.D. 869

Bill "An Act To Establish the Crime of Endangering the Welfare of a Child by Transferring Illegal Drugs through Breast Milk"
H.P. 645 L.D. 871

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

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

Bill "An Act To Support College Completion by Homeless Youth in Maine"

H.P. 640 L.D. 866

Resolve, To Require the Examination of the System of Learning Results

H.P. 656 L.D. 882

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

On motion by Senator **MILLETT** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act Concerning Pavement Sealing Products"
H.P. 670 L.D. 906

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** and ordered printed.

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

Bill "An Act To Make Whole Family Support Available Statewide"
H.P. 638 L.D. 864

Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services To Build Peer Respite Program Capacity in Maine by Implementing at Least One Peer Respite Program
H.P. 650 L.D. 876

Bill "An Act To Respond to Federal Changes to Social Programs"
H.P. 654 L.D. 880

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

On motion by Senator **GRATWICK** of Penobscot, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Repeal the Board of Licensing of Dietetic Practice"
H.P. 658 L.D. 884

Bill "An Act To Increase Access to Health Care by Attracting Qualified Physicians to Maine"
H.P. 663 L.D. 899

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

On motion by Senator **LIBBY** of Androscoggin, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Funding Sources of the Maine Controlled Moose Hunt Season"
H.P. 639 L.D. 865

Bill "An Act To Decrease the Risk of the Spread of Invasive Aquatic Plants"
H.P. 653 L.D. 879

Bill "An Act To Ensure Equitable Treatment of Super Pack License Holders in Antlerless Deer Permit Lotteries"
H.P. 655 L.D. 881

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

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

Bill "An Act To Forgive Education Debt for Certain Health Care Professionals Who Work in the State"
H.P. 646 L.D. 872

Bill "An Act To Require Warranty Coverage for Damage to Manufactured Homes during Transportation and Handling"
H.P. 649 L.D. 875

Resolve, Directing the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation To Conduct a Sunrise Review of the Proposal To License Certain Mechanical Trades
H.P. 666 L.D. 902

Resolve, Directing the Commissioner of Professional and Financial Regulation To Conduct a Sunrise Review Regarding the Proposal To License Heavy Equipment Operators
H.P. 668 L.D. 904

Resolve, Directing the Commissioner of Economic and Community Development To Establish a Blockchain Technology Working Group
H.P. 673 L.D. 909

Come from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS** and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator **HERBIG** of Waldo, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Require That the Terms of a Settlement to Which a Local Unit of Government Is a Party Be Made Available to the Public"
H.P. 642 L.D. 868

Bill "An Act To Change the Membership of the Maine Commission on Domestic and Sexual Abuse To Include More Tribal Members"
H.P. 644 L.D. 870

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

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

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

H.P. 657 L.D. 883

Bill "An Act To Protect Volunteer Search and Rescuers Certified by the Maine Association for Search and Rescue from Adverse Employment Actions"

H.P. 660 L.D. 886

Bill "An Act To Provide Workplace Support to Individuals with Hearing Loss"

H.P. 662 L.D. 888

Bill "An Act To Expand the Rights of Public Employees under the Maine Labor Laws"

H.P. 664 L.D. 900

Bill "An Act To Clarify the Statute of Limitations under the Maine Workers' Compensation Act of 1992"

H.P. 665 L.D. 901

Come from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator **BELLOWS** of Kennebec, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Require Public Health Impact Statements for Certain Legislation"

H.P. 641 L.D. 867

Bill "An Act Regarding Daylight Saving Time in Maine"
H.P. 659 L.D. 885

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

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

Bill "An Act To Limit Registration Fees on Water Well Drilling Equipment To Encourage Purchasing of Modern Equipment for Rural Well Construction"

H.P. 647 L.D. 873

Bill "An Act To Improve the Property Tax Fairness Credit"
H.P. 661 L.D. 887

Bill "An Act To Improve Corporate Tax Fairness by Amending the Rates Imposed on Corporate Income"

H.P. 667 L.D. 903

Bill "An Act To Exempt Long-term Capital Gains from Income Tax for Certain Income Levels"

H.P. 669 L.D. 905

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

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

Bill "An Act To Conform the Clean Election Financing Laws to the Judicially Determined Procedures"

H.P. 648 L.D. 874

Bill "An Act To Make Clean Election Filing Deadlines Consistent for All Candidates"

H.P. 652 L.D. 878

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

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

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

Off Record Remarks

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

Senator **CYRWAY:** Thank you, Mr. President, ladies and gentlemen of the Senate. I'd like to just honor Robert Caverly for the hard work he's done through the years as he was Chief of Staff last year and the year before and he is leaving us today. So I just wanted to wish him well and he's done a great service for the State of Maine and I wanted to bring that to your attention and wanted to thank him. Thank you.

Off Record Remarks

On motion by Senator **LIBBY** of Androscoggin, **ADJOURNED**
until Thursday, February 21, 2019 at 10:00 in the morning.