

STATE OF MAINE

In Senate_____

WHEREAS, the November 18, 2014 recount of the election results in Senate District 25 reversed the apparent results of the election; and

WHEREAS, at the conclusion of the recount, the candidate with fewer votes following the recount did not agree to the recount results; and

WHEREAS, the office of the Secretary of State communicated to the Senate that, with the absence of agreement to the recount results, the election remains in dispute; and

WHEREAS, the Maine Constitution, Article IV, Part Second, Section 5 provides that the Maine Senate is the ultimate judge of the election of its members; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 21-A, section 737-A, subsection 10, the Senate shall establish procedures for appeals of disputed Senate elections; and

WHEREAS, the Senate does not now declare this election and will not declare either candidate duly elected to the Senate seat in Senate District 25 until review by the Standing Committee on the Senatorial Vote; now, therefore, be it

ORDERED, that Cathleen Manchester of Gray be administered an oath of office and be permitted to provisionally assume a seat pending further action and determination and declaration of that determination by majority vote of the Senate, after further consideration by this Senate, determination of the election and declaration of the results thereof.

SPONSORED BY: _____

(Senator MASON)

COUNTY: Androscoggin