

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND NINETEENTH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION
JOURNAL OF THE SENATE**

In Senate Chamber
Wednesday
January 5, 2000

Senate called to order by President Mark W. Lawrence of York County.

Prayer by Reverend Bruce Felt of the Augusta Baptist Church in Augusta.

REVEREND FELT: Let us pray. Our Father in Heaven, thank You for Your grace and love that has brought us to another day of service and work. Guide our Senators in the tasks before them as they consider how best to meet the needs of the citizens of Maine. Give understanding and uncommon wisdom as decisions are made regarding the budget surplus and the many Bills awaiting their consideration. Lord, may there be a courteous understanding of opposing positions and intelligent reflection in all discussions. Help them to promote fairness and justice and to work to protect the poor and needy of our State. Through Jesus Christ, Amen.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Senator Richard Carey of Kennebec County.

Off Record Remarks

Doctor of the day, John F. Comis, D.O., Litchfield.

Senator **CAREY** of Kennebec was granted unanimous consent to address the Senate off the Record.

Off Record Remarks

QUORUM CALL

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#273)

PRESENT Senators: ABROMSON, AMERO, BENNETT, BENOIT, CAREY, CASSIDY, DAGGETT, DAVIS, DOUGLASS, FERGUSON, GOLDTHWAIT, HARRIMAN, KIEFFER, KILKELLY, KONTOS, LAFOUNTAIN, LIBBY, LONGLEY, MACKINNON, MICHAUD, MILLS, MITCHELL, NUTTING, O'GARA, PARADIS, PENDLETON, PINGREE, RAND, RUHLIN, SMALL, TREAT, THE PRESIDENT - MARK W. LAWRENCE

32 Senators having answered the Roll, the Chair declared a quorum present.

Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, on motion by Senator PINGREE of Knox, the following Senate Order:
S.O. 21

ORDERED, that a message be sent to Governor Angus S. King, Jr., informing him that a quorum of Senators is assembled for the consideration of such business as may come before the Senate.

READ and PASSED.

The President appointed the Senator from Knox, Senator **PINGREE** to deliver the message to the Governor. The Sergeant-At-Arms escorted the Senator to the Governor's Office.

Subsequently, the Senator from Knox, Senator **PINGREE**, reported that she had delivered the message with which she was charged.

At this point a message was received from the House of Representatives, borne by Representative SAXL of Portland, informing the Senate that a quorum of Representatives were assembled for the consideration of such business as may come before that Body.

Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, on motion by Senator RAND of Cumberland, the following Senate Order:
S.O. 22

ORDERED, that a message be sent to the House of Representatives, informing that Body that a quorum of Senators is present for the consideration of such business as may come before the Senate.

READ and PASSED.

The President appointed the Senator from Cumberland, Senator **RAND**, to deliver the message to the House of Representatives. The Sergeant-At-Arms escorted the Senator to the House of Representatives.

Subsequently, the Senator from Cumberland, Senator **RAND**, reported that she had delivered the message with which she was charged.

Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, on motion by Senator PINGREE of Knox, the following Joint Order:
S.P. 899

ORDERED, the House concurring, that when the House and Senate Adjourn they do so until Wednesday, January 12, 2000, at 9 o'clock in the morning.

READ and PASSED.

Sent down for concurrence.

Under suspension of the Rules, all matters thus acted upon were ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: S.P. 871

**SENATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
3 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333**

December 7, 1999

Mark W. Lawrence
President of the Senate
119th Legislature

G. Steven Rowe
Speaker of the House
119th Legislature

Dear President Lawrence and Speaker Rowe:

On December 7, 1999 six bills were received by the Secretary of the Senate.

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, these bills were referred to the Joint Standing Committees on December 7, 1999, as follows:

Banking and Insurance

Bill "An Act to Amend the Maine Banking Code Pertaining to Interlocking Directors" (S.P. 861) (L.D. 2259) (Sponsored by Senator LaFountain of York) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203).

Bill "An Act to Amend the State's Fair Debt Collection Practices Laws and to Provide for Nonprofit Debt Management Services" (S.P. 865) (L.D. 2263) (Sponsored by Senator LaFountain of York) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203).

Bill "An Act Relating to Certain Commercial Insurance Contracts" (S.P. 866) (L.D. 2264) (Sponsored by Senator LaFountain of York) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203).

Business and Economic Development

Bill "An Act to Prohibit the Sale of Items in Storage Owned by a 3rd Party" (S.P. 864) (L.D. 2262) (Sponsored by Senator Amero of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by Senator Rand of Cumberland) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203).

Education and Cultural Affairs

Bill "An Act to Provide Degree-granting Authority to the SALT Center for Documentary Field Studies" (S.P. 862) (L.D. 2260) (Sponsored by President Lawrence of York) (Cosponsored by Representative Saxl of Portland, Senators Berube of Androscoggin, Rand of Cumberland, Representative Brennan of Portland) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203).

State and Local Government

Bill "An Act to Make Technical Changes in the Law Authorizing the Capital Riverfront Improvement District" (S.P. 863) (L.D. 2261) (Sponsored by Senator Daggett of Kennebec) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203).

Sincerely,

S/Joy J. O'Brien
Secretary of Senate

S/Joseph W. Mayo
Clerk of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Following Communication: S.P. 872

**SENATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
3 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333**

December 8, 1999

Mark W. Lawrence
President of the Senate
119th Legislature

G. Steven Rowe
Speaker of the House
119th Legislature

Dear President Lawrence and Speaker Rowe:

On December 8, 1999 four bills were received by the Secretary of the Senate.

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, these bills were referred to the Joint Standing Committees on December 8, 1999, as follows:

Business and Economic Development

Bill "An Act to Amend the Charter of the Maine Science and Technology Foundation" (S.P. 869) (L.D. 2279) (Sponsored by Senator Kontos of Cumberland) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203).

Natural Resources

Bill "An Act to Amend the Low-emission Vehicle Program" (S.P. 868) (L.D. 2278) (Sponsored by Senator Libby of York) (Cosponsored by Representative Martin of Eagle Lake and Representative Tobin of Windham) (Submitted by the Department of Environmental Protection pursuant to Joint Rule 204).

Taxation

Bill "An Act to Conform the Maine Tax Laws for 1999 with the United States Internal Revenue Code" (S.P. 867) (L.D. 2277) (Sponsored by Senator Ruhlin of Penobscot) (Cosponsored by Representative Gagnon of Waterville) (Submitted by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services pursuant to Joint Rule 204).

Resolve, Authorizing the State Tax Assessor to Convey the Interest of the State in Certain Real Estate in the Unorganized Territory. (S.P. 870) (L.D. 2280) (Sponsored by Senator Ruhlin of Penobscot) (Cosponsored by Representative Gagnon of Waterville) (Submitted by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services pursuant to Joint Rule 204).

Sincerely,

S/Joy J. O'Brien
Secretary of Senate

S/Joseph W. Mayo
Clerk of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Following Communication: S.P. 876

**SENATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
3 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333**

December 9, 1999

Mark W. Lawrence
President of the Senate
119th Legislature

G. Steven Rowe
Speaker of the House
119th Legislature

Dear President Lawrence and Speaker Rowe:

On December 9, 1999 three bills were received by the Secretary of the Senate.

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, these bills were referred to the Joint Standing Committees on December 9, 1999, as follows:

Banking and Insurance

Bill "An Act to Realign Capital Requirements for Specialty Bank Charters" (S.P. 875) (L.D. 2283) (Sponsored by Senator LaFountain of York) (Cosponsored by Representative Campbell of Holden) (Submitted by the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation pursuant to Joint Rule 204).

Taxation

Bill "An Act to Grant Municipalities Greater Flexibility in their Arrangements for Tax Base Sharing Agreements" (S.P. 873) (L.D. 2281) (Sponsored by Senator Mills of Somerset) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203).

Utilities and Energy

Bill "An Act to Clarify the Treatment of Certain Small Consumer-owned Transmission and Distribution Utilities" (S.P. 874) (L.D. 2282) (Sponsored by Senator Pingree of Knox) (Cosponsored by Representative Volenik of Brooklin) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203).

Sincerely,

S/Joy J. O'Brien
Secretary of the Senate

S/Joseph W. Mayo
Clerk of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Following Communication: S.P. 887

**SENATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
3 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333**

December 15, 1999

Mark W. Lawrence
President of the Senate
119th Legislature

G. Steven Rowe
Speaker of the House
119th Legislature

Dear President Lawrence and Speaker Rowe:

On December 15, 1999 ten bills were received by the Secretary of the Senate.

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, these bills were referred to the Joint Standing Committees on December 15, 1999, as follows:

Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

Bill "An Act to Clarify Granting Authority Under the Agricultural Development Grant Program" (S.P. 880) (L.D. 2295) (Sponsored by Senator Nutting of Androscoggin) (Cosponsored by Representative Gooley of Farmington, Senator Goldthwait of Hancock and Representative Volenik of Brooklin) (Submitted by the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources pursuant to Joint Rule 204).

Appropriations and Financial Affairs

Bill "An Act to Appropriate Funds to Match a Federal Department of Energy Research and Development Award" (S.P. 882) (L.D. 2297) (Sponsored by Senator Kontos of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by Representative Cowger of Hallowell and Representative O'Neal of Limestone) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203).

Banking and Insurance

Bill "An Act to Clarify the Rule-making Authority of the Commissioner of Human Services in Relation to Health Maintenance Organizations and Other Health Plans" (Emergency) (S.P. 881) (L.D. 2296) (Sponsored by Senator LaFountain of York) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203).

Education and Cultural Affairs

Bill "An Act to Set Minimum Air Quality Standards for Schools" (S.P. 884) (L.D. 2299) (Sponsored by Senator Daggett of Kennebec) (Cosponsored by Representative Gagnon of Waterville, Senator LaFountain of York, Representatives Brennan of Portland, Jabar of Waterville, and Thompson of Naples) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203).

Bill "An Act to Establish a Targeted Need Teacher Certificate" (S.P. 886) (L.D. 2301) (Sponsored by Senator Berube of Androscoggin) (Cosponsored by Senator Small of Sagadahoc, Representatives Brennan of Portland, Stedman of Hartland) (Submitted by the Department of Education pursuant to Joint Rule 204).

Legal and Veterans Affairs

Bill "An Act to Allow Other New England States to Join the Tri-state Lotto Compact" (S.P. 877) (L.D. 2292) (Sponsored by Senator Carey of Kennebec) (Cosponsored by Representative Labrecque of Gorham) (Submitted by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services pursuant to Joint Rule 204).

Bill "An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Municipal Elections" (S.P. 878) (L.D. 2293) (Sponsored by Senator Abromson of Cumberland) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203).

Bill "An Act to Clarify the Law Relating to the Renewal of Liquor Licenses" (S.P. 883) (L.D. 2298) (Sponsored by Senator Daggett of Kennebec) (Cosponsored by Senator LaFountain of York, Representative Brennan of Portland) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203).

State and Local Government

Bill "An Act to Make Minor Changes to the Community Development Definitions to Maintain Compatibility with Federal Regulations" (S.P. 885) (L.D. 2300) (Sponsored by Senator Daggett of Kennebec) (Cosponsored by Representative Bumps of China) (Submitted by the Department of Economic and Community Development pursuant to Joint Rule 204).

Utilities and Energy

Bill "An Act to Promote Competition in the Natural Gas Industry" (S.P. 879) (L.D. 2294) (Sponsored by Senator Carey of Kennebec) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203).

Sincerely,

S/Joy J. O'Brien
Secretary of the Senate

S/Joseph W. Mayo
Clerk of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Following Communication: S.P. 898

**SENATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
3 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333**

December 27, 1999

Mark W. Lawrence
President of the Senate
119th Legislature

G. Steven Rowe
Speaker of the House
119th Legislature

Dear President Lawrence and Speaker Rowe:

On December 27, 1999 eight bills and two resolves were received by the Secretary of the Senate.

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, these bills were referred to the Joint Standing Committees on December 27, 1999, as follows:

Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

Bill "An Act to Increase the Rate of Pay for Forest Fire Wardens" (S.P. 894) (L.D. 2313) (Sponsored by Senator Ferguson of Oxford) (Cosponsored by Senators Amero of Cumberland, Davis of Piscataquis, Mitchell of Penobscot, Representative Gagne of Buckfield) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203).

Criminal Justice

Bill "An Act to Amend the Department of Corrections Statutes" (S.P. 896) (L.D. 2315) (Sponsored by Senator Murray of Penobscot) (Cosponsored by Representatives McAlevy of Waterboro, Povich of Ellsworth) (Submitted by the Department of Corrections pursuant to Joint Rule 204).

Education and Cultural Affairs

Bill "An Act to Authorize School Administrative Units to Utilize Alternative Delivery Methods for a Limited Range and Number of School Construction Projects" (S.P. 892) (L.D. 2311) (Sponsored by Senator Pendleton of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by Representative Ahearne of Madawaska) (Submitted by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services pursuant to Joint Rule 204).

Health and Human Services

Resolve, to Provide Adequate Reimbursement for Speech and Language Pathologists (S.P. 889) (L.D. 2308) (Sponsored by Senator Cathcart of Penobscot) (Cosponsored by Representative

Kane of Saco) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203).

Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

Bill "An Act to Change the Name in the Statutes of a Native American Organization Able to Issue Hunting and Fishing Licenses (Emergency) (S.P. 891) (L.D. 2310) (Sponsored by Senator Paradis of Aroostook) (Cosponsored by Representative Martin of Eagle Lake, Representatives Ahearne of Madawaska, Loring of the Penobscot Nation) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203).

Judiciary

Bill "An Act to Protect the Health and Well-being of a Nursing Infant of Separated or Divorcing Parents" (S.P. 888) (L.D. 2307) (Sponsored by Senator Cathcart of Penobscot) (Cosponsored by Senators Daggett of Kennebec, Pingree of Knox, Rand of Cumberland) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203).

Bill "An Act to Clarify the Maine Human Rights Act Concerning Compensatory and Punitive Damages" (Emergency) (S.P. 895) (L.D. 2314) (Sponsored by Senator Murray of Penobscot) (Cosponsored by Representative Thompson of Naples) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203).

State and Local Government

Resolve, Authorizing the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services to Transfer or Acquire Property or Interests in Property at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy, Oak Grove Coburn School in Vassalboro and at Other State-owned Property (S.P. 890) (L.D. 2309) (Sponsored by Senator Pendleton of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by Representatives Ahearne of Madawaska, Bumps of China) (Submitted by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services pursuant to Joint Rule 204).

Taxation

Bill "An Act to Prevent Gray Market Cigarette Sales" (S.P. 897) (L.D. 2316) (Sponsored by Senator Michaud of Penobscot) (Cosponsored by Representative Townsend of Portland) (Submitted by the Department of the Attorney General pursuant to Joint Rule 204).

Transportation

Bill "An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicle Laws" (S.P. 893) (L.D. 2312) (Sponsored by Senator O'Gara of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by Representatives Lindahl of Northport, Savage of Union, Wheeler of Eliot) (Submitted by the Department of Public Safety pursuant to Joint Rule 204).

Sincerely,

S/Joy J. O'Brien
Secretary of the Senate

S/Joseph W. Mayo

Clerk of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Following Communication: S.C. 426

**STATE OF MAINE
DEPARTMENT OF AUDIT
66 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333**

The Honorable Senator Mark Lawrence
President of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Lawrence:

We are pleased to submit the Single Audit of the State of Maine for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1998. This report complies with the State's audit requirements, including those placed upon the State as a condition for the receipt of \$1.5 billion in federal funds. This audit has been performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. It satisfies the requirements of Title 31, Chapter 75, United States Code, otherwise known as the Single Audit Act of 1984, as amended by the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996, and the related Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments and Non-Profit Organizations*, issued by the Office of Management and Budget.

This document contains the following reports and schedules:

- Independent Auditor's Report
- Report on Compliance and on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance With *Government Auditing Standards*
- Report on Compliance With Requirements Applicable To Each Major Program, Internal Control over Compliance and on the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards in Accordance With OMB Circular A-133
- Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards
- Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs
- Corrective Action Plan
- Summary Schedule of Prior Audit Findings

On behalf of the Department of Audit, I would like to express my gratitude to employees throughout State government who have assisted us during the conduct of our audit and in the issuance of this report. We continue our mutual effort to improve financial reporting and accountability to the citizens of our State.

We would be pleased to respond to any questions or comments about the 1998 Single Audit of the State of Maine.

Respectfully submitted,

S/Gail M. Chase, CIA
State Auditor

September 17, 1999

READ and with accompanying papers ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 427

**CENTER FOR CAREER DEVELOPMENT
FORT ROAD
SOUTH PORTLAND, ME 04106**

August 27, 1999

Honorable Mark W. Lawrence, President of the Senate
Honorable G. Steven Rowe, Speaker of the House
119th Maine Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Lawrence and Speaker Rowe,

I am pleased to forward a copy of the report for the Maine Quality Centers pursuant to the requirements of 1998 Public Law Chapter 761.

The Maine Quality Centers is an economic development program of the Maine Technical College System. The program's statutory mission is "...to meet the workforce education and training needs of new and expanding businesses in the State and provide new employment and career advancement opportunities for Maine people."

Please let me know if you have any questions or comments.

Sincerely,

S/James H. McGowan
State Director
Maine Quality Centers

READ and with accompanying papers ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 428

**STATE OF MAINE
DEPARTMENT OF PROFESSIONAL
AND FINANCIAL REGULATION
35 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333**

June 30, 1999

Joy J. O'Brien
Secretary of the Senate

3 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Ms. O'Brien:

Pursuant to the Charitable Solicitations Act, 9 MRSA Section 5010, enclosed is the 1998 Annual Report on the activity of charitable organization in the State of Maine.

Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions.

Sincerely,

S/S. Catherine Longley
Commissioner

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 429

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333**

November 23, 1999

Honorable Mark W. Lawrence
President of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Lawrence:

Please find enclosed certified copies of the Governor's Proclamations and the Official Tabulation displaying the final results of the November 2, 1999 Referendum Election.

Sincerely,

S/Dan A. Gwadosky
Secretary of State

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 433

**STATE OF MAINE
DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL
SERVICES
BUREAU OF ACCOUNTS & CONTROL
14 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333**

October 1, 1999

The Honorable Mark W. Lawrence
President of the Senate
119th Legislature

The Honorable G. Steven Rowe
Speaker of the House
119th Legislature

Dear Mr. President and Mr. Speaker:

In accordance with Title 5, Maine Revised Statutes Annotated, Section 1547, I am pleased to submit the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report of the State of Maine for the Fiscal year ended June 30, 1998.

At this time the Fixed Asset inventory and automation is virtually done, meaning the GAAP transition is nearing completion. Fiscal Year 2000's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report or CAFR will be in GAAP format, rather than budgetary, another fiscal victory for the State.

We would like to thank you for attention and support during the transition to GAAP. Your understanding of the need to use GAAP financial reporting and the approval of a second CPA were key to the transition's success and time line.

Should you have any questions about this budgetary CAFR or the planning for the fiscal year GAAP 2000 CAFR, please contact Terry Brann, CPA, Manager of Financial Reporting and Analysis; Joseph Shaw, Deputy State Controller; or myself.

Sincerely,

S/Carol F. Whitney
State Controller

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 434

**MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE
JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE ON THE YEAR 2000 COMPUTER
PROBLEM
AUGUSTA MAINE 04333**

December 22, 1999

The Honorable Mark W. Lawrence, President
Maine State Senate

The Honorable G. Steven Rowe, Speaker
Maine House of Representatives
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Lawrence and Speaker Rowe:

Pursuant to Joint Order, S.P. 190 the Joint Select Committee on the Year 2000 Computer Problem is pleased to submit its interim

report. Copies of the report have been transmitted to the Legislative Council in accordance with the law. Copies of the report have also been placed on file with the Law and Legislative Reference Library.

STATE OF MAINE

September 22, 1999

Sincerely,

S/Senator Marge KilKelly, Co-Chair
Joint Select Committee on the Year 2000 Computer Problem

S/Representative Charles LaVerdiere, Co-Chair
Joint Select Committee on the Year 2000 Computer Problem

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 436

**MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE TO STUDY STANDARDIZED PERIODS OF
MILITARY SERVICE AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED TO
THE AWARD OF STATE OF MAINE VETERANS' BENEFITS
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333**

December 27, 1999

The Honorable Mark Lawrence, Chair
The Honorable G. Steven Rowe, Vice-Chair
Legislative Council
119th Maine Legislature
State House
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear President Lawrence and Speaker Rowe:

Pursuant to Resolves 1999, chapter 78, the Committee to Study Standardized Periods of Military Service and Other Matters Related to the Award of State of Maine Veterans' Benefits is pleased to submit its final report including recommended legislation. Copies of the report have been transmitted to the Legislative Council and the Joint Standing Committee on Legal and Veterans' Affairs in accordance with the law. Copies of the report have also been placed on file with the Law and Legislative Reference Library.

Sincerely,

S/Senator Beverly Daggett, Co-Chair
Legal & Veterans' Affairs Committee

S/Representative John L. Tuttle, Jr., Co-Chair
Legal & Veterans' Affairs Committee

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 430

Joy J. O'Brien
Secretary of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Secretary O'Brien:

Pursuant to our authority under Chapter 443, P.L. 1999, we have appointed Sandra Featherman of Biddeford Chair of the Commission on the State Ceiling on Tax-exempt Bonds.

Please let us know if you have questions regarding this appointment.

Sincerely,

S/Mark W. Lawrence
President of the Senate

S/Angus S. King, Jr.
Governor

S/G. Steven Rowe
Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 431

STATE OF MAINE

October 14, 1999

Joy J. O'Brien
Secretary of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Secretary O'Brien:

Pursuant to our authority under Title 10, Section 929-A, we have appointed the following members of the public to the Maine Economic Growth Council:

Idella Harter of Augusta
Laurie LaChance of Augusta.

Please let us know if you have any questions regarding these appointments.

Sincerely,

S/Mark W. Lawrence
President of the Senate

S/Angus S. King, Jr.
Governor

S/G. Steven Rowe
Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 432

119TH MAINE LEGISLATURE

August 26, 1999

Joy J. O'Brien
Secretary of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Secretary O'Brien:

Pursuant to our authority under Joint Order, H.P. 1052, as amended, we invited each of the Congressional Offices and the Governor to designate someone from their office to represent them on the Committee to Examine the Adequacy of Services at the Togus Veterans Administration Medical Center.

We are pleased to inform you that the following persons have been selected:

Daniel "Dan" Demeritt, State Office Representative
Office of Senator Susan Collins
11 Lisbon Street
Lewiston, Maine 04240
Tel: (207) 784-6969

John "Jay" Cummings, Jr., Regional Representative
Office of Senator Olympia Snowe
68 Sewall Street - Suite 101C
Augusta, Maine 04330
Tel: (207) 622-8292

John McLaughlin, Field Representative
Office of Congressman Thomas Allen
234 Oxford Street
Portland, Maine 04101
Tel: (207) 774-5019

John Ripley, Field Representative
Office of Congressman John Baldacci
202 Harlow Street - Room 235
Bangor, Maine 04401
Tel: (207) 942-6935

Frank Soares, Director
Maine Veterans Services
#117 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333
Tel: (207) 626-4469

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

S/Mark W. Lawrence
President of the Senate

S/G. Steven Rowe
Speaker of the House

On August 26, 1999, pursuant to our authority under Title 12, Section 4652, Senator Jill Goldthwait of Hancock to the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission Legislative Committee.

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

On August 26, 1999, pursuant to our authority under Chapter 83, Resolves of 1999, Representative Robert W. Duplessie of Westbrook to the Committee to Establish a Memorial Dedicated to the Civilian Conservation Corps.

The Following Communication: S.C. 435

On September 2, 1999, pursuant to our authority under Chapter 81, Resolves of 1999, Mr. Ronald Poitras, Mr. Russell Libby, Mr. John Piotti and Mr. William Jordan to the Task Force to Study the Need for an Agricultural Vitality Zone Program.

**STATE OF MAINE
DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE & FINANCIAL
SERVICES
BUREAU OF THE BUDGET
STATE HOUSE STATION 58
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333**

On October 22, 1999, pursuant to our authority under Title 5, Section 13122-B, Senator Carol A. Kontos of Cumberland and Representative Gary L. O'Neal of Limestone to the Maine Science and Technology Foundation Board of Directors.

December 16, 1999

Please let us know if you have any questions regarding these appointments.

To: Members of the 119th Maine Legislature
James Clair, Director, Office of Fiscal and Program Review

Sincerely,

From: John R. Nicholas, State Budget Officer

S/Mark W. Lawrence
President of the Senate

S/G. Steven Rowe
Speaker of the House

Public Law 1995, Chapter 591 requires each department and agency to submit to the Bureau of the Budget a list of any new laws, regulations or other requirements of the Federal Government that may require the State of Maine to comply with a new Federal mandate in FY00 or in the FY00-01 biennium. (New is defined as being any mandate for which the implementation date is September 30, 1999 or later.)

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

We are pleased to disclose that no new mandates were reported.

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 438

**THE SENATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
3 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333**

The Following Communication: S.C. 437

December 29, 1999

119TH MAINE LEGISLATURE

December 29, 1999

Joy J. O'Brien
Secretary of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Joy J. O'Brien
Secretary of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Secretary O'Brien:

Dear Secretary O'Brien:

Please be advised that I have made the following appointments:
On June 22, 1999, pursuant to my authority under H.P. 1587, Senator Sharon Treat of Kennebec, Senator Marge Kilkelly of Lincoln, Senator Georgette Berube of Androscoggin and Senator Mary Small of Sagadahoc to the Task Force to Review the Educational Program and Governance System of the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf.

Please be advised that we have made the following appointments:

On July 21, 1999, pursuant to my authority under H.P. 1524, Senator Chellie Pingree of Knox, Senator Anne Rand of Cumberland and Senator Richard Bennett of Oxford to the Committee to Address the Recognition of the Tribal Government Representatives of Maine's Sovereign Nations in the Legislature.

On August 2, 1999, pursuant to our authority under MRSA 34-B, Chapter 15004, Senator Mary Cathcart of Penobscot to the Children's Mental Health Oversight Committee. Senator Cathcart replaces Senator Michael Michaud of Penobscot as Co-Chair of the Committee.

On July 26, 1999, pursuant to my authority under 1999 Resolves, Chapter 82, Senator Leo Kieffer of Aroostook to the Commission to Study the Needs and Opportunities Associated with the Production of Salmonoid Sport Fish in Maine.

On July 26, 1999, pursuant to my authority under Chapter 58, P & S 1999, Senator Beverly Daggett of Kennebec to the Capital Riverfront Improvement Governing Board.

On July 26, 1999, pursuant to my authority under 1999 Resolves, Chapter 81, Senator Jill Goldthwait of Hancock and Senator John Nutting of Androscoggin to the Task Force to Study the Need for an Agricultural Vitality Zone Program.

On July 30, 1999, pursuant to my authority under 1999 Resolves, Chapter 66, Senator Susan Longley of Waldo and Senator Jane Amero of Cumberland to the Business Advisory Commission on Quality Child Care Financing.

On July 30, 1999, pursuant to my authority under 1999 Resolves, Chapter 85, Senator John Nutting of Androscoggin and Senator James Libby of York to the Task Force to Study the Operation of and Support for the Board of Environmental Protection.

On August 5, 1999, pursuant to my authority under 1999 Resolves, Chapter 67, Senator Susan Longley of Waldo, Senator Carol Kontos of Cumberland and Senator Richard Bennett of Oxford to the Commission to Encourage Incorporations in Maine.

On August 5, 1999, pursuant to my authority under 1999 Resolves, Chapter 66, Mr. Denis W. Mailhot of Lewiston to the Business Advisory Commission on Quality Child Care Financing.

On August 11, 1999, pursuant to my authority under 1999 Resolves, Chapter 84, Ms. Bethanie Mercier of Bangor to the Commission to Propose an Alternative Process for Forensic Examination for Sexual Assault Victims.

On August 12, 1999, pursuant to my authority under 1999 Resolves, Chapter 63, Senator Sharon Treat of Kennebec, Senator William O'Gara of Cumberland, Senator Beverly Daggett of Kennebec, Senator Bruce MacKinnon of York and Senator R. Leo Kieffer of Aroostook to the Task Force on State Office Building Location, Other State Growth-related Capital Investments and Patterns of Development.

On August 12, 1999, pursuant to my authority under Joint Order S.P. 598, Senator Mary R. Cathcart of Penobscot, Senator Georgette Berube of Androscoggin and Senator Paul Davis of Piscataquis to the Task Force to Study the Implementation of Alternative Programs and Interventions for Violent and Disruptive Students.

On August 18, 1999, pursuant to my authority under Joint Order H.P. 1583, Senator Richard J. Carey of Kennebec, Senator John M. Nutting of Androscoggin and Senator S. Peter Mills of Somerset to the Committee on Sawmill Biomass.

On August 23, 1999, pursuant to my authority under H.P. 1587, Jonathan Connick of Portland and William Nye of Cumberland Center to the Task Force to Review the Educational Program and Governance System of the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf.

On August 23, 1999, pursuant to my authority under 1999 Resolves, Chapter 74, Lori Howell of Eliot to the Task Force to Study Current Regulations Imposed on Small Businesses to Require Greater Efficiency.

On August 23, 1999, pursuant to my authority under Joint Order S.P. 598, Kathryn Gaianguet of Orono to the Task Force to Study the Implementation of Alternative Programs and Interventions for Violent and Disruptive Students.

On August 24, 1999, pursuant to my authority under Chapter 505, P.L. 1999, Part B, Senator Sharon Treat of Kennebec and Senator James Libby of York to the Select Commission to Study State Participation in Funding Cleanup and Remediation of Uncontrolled Hazardous Substance Sites.

On August 25, 1999, pursuant to my authority under 1999 Resolves, Chapter 64, Senator Mark W. Lawrence of York and Senator Vinton E. Cassidy of Washington to the Commission to Review Traffic Congestion Along the U.S. Route 1 Corridor and the Route 236 Corridor.

On August 25, 1999, pursuant to my authority under 1999 Resolves, Chapter 86, Senator William O'Gara of Cumberland and Senator Lloyd LaFountain III of York to the Citizens' Advisory Committee to Secure the Future of Maine's Wildlife and Fish.

On August 26, 1999, pursuant to my authority under Joint Order H.P. 1583, Randy Shaw of Fort Fairfield to the Committee on Sawmill Biomass.

On August 26, 1999, pursuant to my authority under Chapter 443, P.L. 1999, George Singal of Bangor and Sandra Featherman of Biddeford to the Commission on the State Ceiling on Tax-exempt Bonds.

On August 26, 1999, pursuant to my authority under 1999 Resolves, Chapter 66, Lisa Ayotte of Augusta to the Business Advisory Commission on Quality Child Care Financing.

On August 27, 1999, pursuant to my authority under 1999 Resolves, Chapter 89, Anthony Perkins of Portland to the Blue Ribbon Commission to Establish a Comprehensive Internet Policy.

On August 31, 1999, pursuant to my authority under 1999 Resolves, Chapter 74, Chris Krauss of East Wilton to the Task Force to Study Current Regulations Imposed on Small Businesses to Require Greater Efficiency.

On September 13, 1999, pursuant to my authority under 1999 Resolves, Chapter 89, Linda E. Monica of Portland to the Blue Ribbon Commission to Establish a Comprehensive Internet Policy.

On September 13, 1999, pursuant to my authority under Joint Order S.P. 598, Elizabeth Baker of Fairfield to the Task Force to Study the Implementation of Alternative Programs and Interventions for Violent and Disruptive Students.

On September 13, 1999, pursuant to my authority under 1999 Resolves, Chapter 80, Senator Neria Douglass of Androscoggin, Senator Jill Goldthwait of Hancock and Senator John Benoit of Franklin to the Task Force to Study the Improvement of Public Water Supply Protection.

On September 23, 1999, pursuant to my authority under 1998 Resolves, Chapter 117, Section 2, Jean Moulton of Waterville and Paul Christian of Portland to the Maine Millennium Commission on Hunger and Food Security.

On September 23, 1999, pursuant to my authority under 1999 Resolves, Chapter 89, Paul Russinoff of Washington, D.C. to the Blue Ribbon Commission to Establish a Comprehensive Internet Policy.

On September 29, 1999, pursuant to my authority under 1999 Resolves, Chapter 75, Section 2 of Maine Law, David Massanari, M.D. of Shapleigh to the Commission to Study Bulk Purchasing of Prescription Drugs and Medical Supplies.

On September 29, 1999, pursuant to my authority under 1998 Resolves, Chapter 117, Section 2, Debora Doten of Manchester to the Maine Millennium Commission on Hunger and Food Security.

On September 30, 1999, pursuant to my authority under 1999 Resolves, Chapter 75, Section 2, Bruce Daniels of Waterville to the Commission to Study Bulk Purchasing of Prescription Drugs and Medical Supplies.

On October 8, 1999, pursuant to my authority under Chapter 496, P.L. 1999, Senator Michael Michaud of Penobscot and Christine Hastedt of Augusta to the Advisory Committee on Dental Education.

On October 8, 1999, pursuant to my authority under 1998 Resolves, Chapter 117, Section 2, Senator Georgette Berube of Androscoggin to the Maine Millennium Commission on Hunger and Food Security.

On October 8, 1999, pursuant to my authority under 1999 Resolves, Chapter 87, Peter McPherson of Cornish to the Commission to Study Children in Need of Services.

On October 12, 1999, pursuant to my authority under 1999 Resolves, Chapter 87, Senator Mary R. Cathcart of Penobscot, Senator Robert E. Murray, Jr. of Penobscot and Senator Betty Lou Mitchell of Penobscot to the Commission to Study Children in Need of Services.

On October 13, 1999, pursuant to my authority under 1999 Resolves, Chapter 87, Paul Vestal of Bangor to the Commission to Study Children in Need of Services.

On October 13, 1999, pursuant to my authority under Chapter 496, P.L. 1999, Ann Woloson of Augusta to the Advisory Committee on Dental Education.

On October 22, 1999, pursuant to my authority under Chapter 496, P.L. 1999, Sophia Glidden of Augusta to the Advisory Committee on Dental Education.

On November 1, 1999, pursuant to my authority under Chapter 428, P.L. 1999, Anthony Vigue of South Portland to the Maine Governmental Information Network Board.

On November 1, 1999, pursuant to my authority under MRSA 34-B, Chapter 15 §15004, Carol Caruthers of Augusta to the Children's Mental Health Oversight Committee.

On November 5, 1999, pursuant to my authority under Chapter 496, P.L. 1999, Francis Finnegan of Augusta to the Advisory Committee on Dental Education.

On November 5, 1999, pursuant to my authority under 5 MRSA, Section 19202, as amended by Chapter 390, P.L. 1999, Senator Carol Kontos of Cumberland to the Committee to Advise the Department of Human Services on AIDS.

On November 23, 1999, pursuant to my authority under 5 MRSA, §13070-L, Burt Wartell of Portland to the Economic Development Incentive Commission.

Please let me know if you have questions regarding any of these appointments.

Sincerely,

S/Mark W. Lawrence
President of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

SENATE PAPERS

Bill "An Act to Clarify the Laws Governing Solid Waste Disposal Districts"

S.P. 900 L.D. 2350

Sponsored by Senator MICHAUD of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Representative KNEELAND of Easton and Representative: SHERMAN of Hodgdon.
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

REFERRED to the Committee on **NATURAL RESOURCES** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

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

SENATE PAPERS

Bill "An Act to Increase the Pay for Jury Duty"

S.P. 902 L.D. 2354

Sponsored by Senator DAVIS of Piscataquis.
Cosponsored by Representative TOWNSEND of Portland, Representative McALEVEY of Waterboro and Senators: GOLDTHWAIT of Hancock, MURRAY of Penobscot, O'GARA of Cumberland, Representatives: CROSS of Dover-Foxcroft,

PEAVEY of Woolwich, POVICH of Ellsworth, RICHARDSON of Greenville, TOBIN of Dexter.
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

REFERRED to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Resolve, Relating to the State Valuation for the Town of Milo (EMERGENCY)

S.P. 901 L.D. 2353

Sponsored by Senator DAVIS of Piscataquis.
Cosponsored by Representative STANLEY of Medway and Representative: RICHARDSON of Greenville.
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

REFERRED to the Committee on **TAXATION** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Under suspension of the Rules, all matters thus acted upon were ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

Off Record Remarks

Senate at Ease.

Senate called to order by the President.

Off Record Remarks

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

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: H.P. 1630

**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0002**

December 7, 1999

G. Steven Rowe

Speaker of the House
119th Legislature

Mark W. Lawrence
President of the Senate
119th Legislature

Dear Mr. Speaker and Mr. President:

On December 7, 1999, 7 bills were received by the Clerk of the House.

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, these bills were referred to the Joint Standing Committees on December 7, 1999, as follows:

Business and Economic Development

Bill "An Act to Provide Equity Between Private and Public Electrical Training Programs" (H.P. 1619) (L.D. 2266) (Presented by Representative GAGNE of Buckfield) (Cosponsored by Senator DAGGETT of Kennebec and Representatives: CHIZMAR of Lisbon, FISHER of Brewer, HEIDRICH of Oxford, McKENNEY of Cumberland, Senator: FERGUSON of Oxford) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Health and Human Services

Bill "An Act to Make Changes to the Cub Care Program" (H.P. 1622) (L.D. 2269) (Presented by Representative FULLER of Manchester) (Submitted by the Department of Human Services pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)
Judiciary

Bill "An Act to Amend the Definition of Marital Property" (H.P. 1620) (L.D. 2267) (Presented by Representative THOMPSON of Naples) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act to Provide Freedom of Access to All Reports Commissioned by the State" (H.P. 1621) (L.D. 2268) (Presented by Representative CHICK of Lebanon) (Cosponsored by Senator LIBBY of York and Representatives: TOWNSEND of Portland, BOWLES of Sanford, COLLINS of Wells, MacDOUGALL of North Berwick, McALEVEY of Waterboro, MURPHY of Kennebunk, NASS of Acton) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act to Clarify the Laws Governing Service of Protection from Harassment Orders in Court" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1624) (L.D. 2271) (Presented by Representative SCHNEIDER of Durham) (Submitted by the Judicial Department pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Transportation

Bill "An Act to Allow a Person with a Disability to Ride in Vehicles Being Towed" (H.P. 1618) (L.D. 2265) (Presented by Representative CARR of Lincoln) (Cosponsored by Senator: CATHCART of Penobscot) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act to Amend the Law Regarding Disability License Plates" (H.P. 1623) (L.D. 2270) (Presented by Representative SANBORN of Alton) (Submitted by the Secretary of State pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Sincerely,

S/Joseph W. Mayo
Clerk of the House

S/Joy J. O'Brien
Secretary of the Senate

Comes from the House, **READ** and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**.

READ and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**, in concurrence.

The Following Communication: H.P. 1631

**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333**

December 8, 1999

G. Steven Rowe
Speaker of the House
119th Legislature

Mark W. Lawrence
President of the Senate
119th Legislature

Dear Mr. Speaker and Mr. President:

On December 8, 1999, 5 bills were received by the Clerk of the House.

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, these bills were referred to the Joint Standing Committees on December 8, 1999, as follows:

Health and Human Services

Bill "An Act to Increase the Availability of Family Foster Homes" (H.P. 1625) (L.D. 2272) (Presented by Representative BROOKS of Winterport) (Submitted by the Department of Human Services pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act Regarding Asthma Management Education" (H.P. 1626) (L.D. 2273) (Presented by Representative DESMOND of Mapleton) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

Bill "An Act to Clarify the Authority of Maine Game Wardens to Stop Motor Vehicles" (H.P. 1627) (L.D. 2274) (Presented by Representative DUNLAP of Old Town) (Cosponsored by Representative CHICK of Lebanon) (Submitted by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Judiciary

Bill "An Act to Revise the Spousal Support Statute" (H.P. 1629) (L.D. 2276) (Presented by Representative THOMPSON of Naples) (Submitted by the Family Law Advisory Commission pursuant to Maine Revised Statutes, Title 19-A, section 354, subsection 2.)

State and Local Government

Bill "An Act to Amend the Laws Governing the Work Center Product and Services Set Aside" (H.P. 1628) (L.D. 2275) (Presented by Representative WESTON of Montville) (Cosponsored by Representatives: AHEARNE of Madawaska, BUMPS of China) (Submitted by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Sincerely,

S/Joseph W. Mayo
Clerk of the House

S/Joy J. O'Brien
Secretary of the Senate

Comes from the House, **READ** and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**.

READ and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**, in concurrence.

The Following Communication: H.P. 1635

**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333**

December 10, 1999

G. Steven Rowe
Speaker of the House
119th Legislature

Mark W. Lawrence
President of the Senate
119th Legislature

Dear Mr. Speaker and Mr. President:

On December 10, 1999, 3 bills were received by the Clerk of the House.

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, these bills were referred to the Joint Standing Committees on December 10, 1999, as follows:

Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

Bill "An Act to Maintain the Eel and Elver Management Fund and Regulate Permits for Eel Weirs" (H.P. 1632) (L.D. 2284) (Presented by Representative DUNLAP of Old Town) (Cosponsored by Representative CHICK of Lebanon) (Submitted by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Judiciary

Bill "An Act to Amend Maine's Probate Code" (H.P. 1633) (L.D. 2285) (Presented by Representative THOMPSON of Naples) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Paternity Establishment" (H.P. 1634) (L.D. 2286) (Presented by Representative THOMPSON of Naples) (Submitted by the Department of Human Services pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Sincerely,

S/Joseph W. Mayo
Clerk of the House

S/Joy J. O'Brien
Secretary of the Senate

Comes from the House, **READ** and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**.

READ and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**, in concurrence.

The Following Communication: H.P. 1641

**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333**

December 16, 1999

G. Steven Rowe
Speaker of the House
119th Legislature

Mark W. Lawrence
President of the Senate
119th Legislature

Dear Mr. Speaker and Mr. President:

On December 15, 1999, 5 bills were received by the Clerk of the House.

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, these bills were referred to the Joint Standing Committees on December 15, 1999, as follows:

Education and Cultural Affairs

Bill "An Act to Make Organizational Changes in the Maine State Cultural Affairs Council" (H.P. 1640) (L.D. 2291) (Presented by Speaker ROWE of Portland) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Judiciary

Bill "An Act to Improve Business Entity Filings and Authorize Mergers, Consolidations and Conversions of Various Business Entities" (H.P. 1639) (L.D. 2290) (Presented by Representative THOMPSON of Naples) (Submitted by the Secretary of State pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Utilities and Energy

Bill "An Act to Eliminate Regulation of Public Heating Utilities" (H.P. 1637) (L.D. 2288) (Presented by Representative DAVIDSON of Brunswick) (Submitted by the Public Utilities Commission pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act to Provide Standard-offer Service to Certain Customers" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1638) (L.D. 2289) (Presented by Representative DAVIDSON of Brunswick) (Submitted by the Public Utilities Commission pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Joint Select Committee on Research and Development

Bill "An Act to Expand the Maine Technology Institute Board" (H.P. 1636) (L.D. 2287) (Presented by Representative TESSIER of Fairfield) (Cosponsored by Representative BELANGER of Caribou, Senator: KONTOS of Cumberland) (Submitted by the Department of Economic and Community Development pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Sincerely,

S/Joseph W. Mayo
Clerk of the House

S/Joy J. O'Brien
Secretary of the Senate

Comes from the House, **READ** and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**.

READ and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**, in concurrence.

The Following Communication: H.P. 1647

**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333**

December 17, 1999

G. Steven Rowe
Speaker of the House
119th Legislature

Mark W. Lawrence
President of the Senate
119th Legislature

Dear Mr. Speaker and Mr. President:

On December 17, 1999, 5 bills were received by the Clerk of the House.

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, these bills were referred to the Joint Standing Committees on December 17, 1999, as follows:

Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

Bill "An Act to Amend the Animal Welfare Laws" (H.P. 1646) (L.D. 2306) (Presented by Representative COWGER of Hallowell) (Submitted by the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Appropriations and Financial Affairs

Bill "An Act to Appropriate Funds to Build the Capitol Park Connector Trail" (H.P. 1642) (L.D. 2302) (Presented by Representative COWGER of Hallowell) (Cosponsored by Senator DAGGETT of Kennebec and Representatives: CAMPBELL of Holden, COLWELL of Gardiner, MITCHELL of Vassalboro, NASS of Acton, O'BRIEN of Augusta, STANLEY of Medway, WATSON of Farmingdale, Senator: TREAT of Kennebec) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Education and Cultural Affairs

Resolve, to Evaluate Accountability of the Child Development Services Delivery System (H.P. 1644) (L.D. 2304) (Presented by Representative FULLER of Manchester) (Cosponsored by Senator BERUBE of Androscoggin and Representatives: BAKER of Bangor, DUGAY of Cherryfield, QUINT of Portland, SAVAGE of Buxton, WATSON of Farmingdale, Senator: LIBBY of York) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Health and Human Services

Bill "An Act to Amend the Child Care Licensing Laws" (H.P. 1645) (L.D. 2305) (Presented by Representative TOWNSEND of Portland) (Cosponsored by Representative KANE of Saco, Senators: LONGLEY of Waldo, PARADIS of Aroostook) (Submitted by the Department of Human Services pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Transportation

Bill "An Act to Amend Truck Weights" (H.P. 1643) (L.D. 2303) (Presented by Representative LINDAHL of Northport) (Cosponsored by Representative WHEELER of Bridgewater)

(Submitted by the Secretary of State pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Sincerely,

S/Joseph W. Mayo
Clerk of the House

S/Joy J. O'Brien
Secretary of the Senate

Comes from the House, **READ** and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**.

READ and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**, in concurrence.

The Following Communication: H.P. 1669

**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333**

December 27, 1999

G. Steven Rowe
Speaker of the House
119th Legislature

Mark W. Lawrence
President of the Senate
119th Legislature

Dear Mr. Speaker and Mr. President:

On December 27, 1999, 19 bills were received by the Clerk of the House.

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, these bills were referred to the Joint Standing Committees on December 27, 1999, as follows:

Education and Cultural Affairs

Bill "An Act to Increase the Bonding Limit of the Trustees of the City of Brewer High School District from \$2,500,000 to \$5,000,000" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1651) (L.D. 2320) (Presented by Representative FISHER of Brewer) (Cosponsored by Senator RUHLIN of Penobscot and Representatives: KANE of Saco, LINDAHL of Northport, Senators: PARADIS of Aroostook, TREAT of Kennebec) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act to Authorize Portland College to Grant Degrees" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1657) (L.D. 2326) (Presented by Representative BRENNAN of Portland) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Resolve, to Establish a Commission to Study Teacher Recruitment and Retention (H.P. 1658) (L.D. 2327) (Presented by Representative BRENNAN of Portland) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Health and Human Services

Resolve, to Increase the Reimbursement Amount for Occupational and Physical Therapy Services Under the Medicaid Program (H.P. 1655) (L.D. 2324) (Presented by Representative KANE of Saco) (Cosponsored by Representatives: FISHER of Brewer, FULLER of Manchester, GAGNON of Waterville, Senator: CATHCART of Penobscot) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Judiciary

Bill "An Act to Clarify the Laws Relating to Corporate and Other Entities" (H.P. 1664) (L.D. 2333) (Presented by Representative LaVERDIERE of Wilton) (Submitted by the Secretary of State pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act to Correct Errors and Inconsistencies in the Laws of Maine" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1665) (L.D. 2334) (Presented by Representative THOMPSON for the Revisor of Statutes pursuant to Maine Revised Statutes, Title 1, section 94.)

Labor

Bill "An Act Concerning Eligibility Requirements for State Employees in the Purchase of Military Service Credits" (H.P. 1649) (L.D. 2318) (Presented by Representative TUTTLE for the Committee to Study Standardized Periods of Military Service and Other Matters Related to the Award of State of Maine Veterans' Benefits pursuant to Resolve 1999, chapter 78, section 9.)

Legal and Veterans Affairs

Bill "An Act Concerning the Rules of the Maine Veterans' Memorial Cemetery" (H.P. 1659) (L.D. 2328) (Presented by Representative TUTTLE for the Committee to Study Standardized Periods of Military Service and Other Matters Related to the Award of State of Maine Veterans' Benefits pursuant to Resolve 1999, chapter 78, section 9.)

Bill "An Act to Designate as Public Assistance Emergency Assistance for Dependents of Veterans" (H.P. 1660) (L.D. 2329) (Presented by Representative TUTTLE for the Committee to Study Standardized Periods of Military Service and Other Matters Related to the Award of State of Maine Veterans' Benefits pursuant to Resolve 1999, chapter 78, section 9.)

Bill "An Act to Require the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management to Report to the Legislature on Matters Related to State Veterans Laws" (H.P. 1661) (L.D. 2330) (Presented by Representative TUTTLE for the Committee to Study Standardized Periods of Military Service and Other Matters Related to the Award of State of Maine Veterans' Benefits pursuant to Resolve 1999, chapter 78, section 9.)

Natural Resources

Bill "An Act to Address Financial Inequities in Special Waste Fees" (H.P. 1656) (L.D. 2325) (Presented by Representative DUNCAN of Presque Isle) (Cosponsored by Representatives: BELANGER of Caribou, KNEELAND of Easton, LaVERDIERE of Wilton, O'NEAL of Limestone, WHEELER of Bridgewater, Senators: KIEFFER of Aroostook, PARADIS of Aroostook) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

State and Local Government

Resolve, Authorizing the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services to Sell or Lease the Interests of the State in the Maine State Prison in Thomaston (H.P. 1650) (L.D. 2319) (Presented by Representative AHEARNE of Madawaska) (Cosponsored by Representative BUMPS of China, Senator: PENDLETON of Cumberland) (Submitted by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Taxation

Bill "An Act to Expand Eligibility for the Veterans' Property Tax Exemption" (H.P. 1662) (L.D. 2331) (Presented by Representative TUTTLE for the Committee to Study Standardized Periods of Military Service and Other Matters Related to the Award of State of Maine Veterans' Benefits pursuant to Resolve 1999, chapter 78, section 9.)

Transportation

Bill "An Act to Provide Special Motor Vehicle Registration Plates for Korean War Veterans" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1652) (L.D. 2321) (Presented by Representative FISHER of Brewer) (Cosponsored by President LAWRENCE of York and Representatives: MATTHEWS of Winslow, O'NEIL of Saco, PERRY of Bangor, STANLEY of Medway, STANWOOD of Southwest Harbor, TREADWELL of Carmel, Senator: RUHLIN of Penobscot) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act to Create a Purple Heart Motorcycle License Plate" (H.P. 1653) (L.D. 2322) (Presented by Representative CAMPBELL of Holden) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act to Clarify the Requirements for Certifying Driving Time Prior to Obtaining a License" (H.P. 1654) (L.D. 2323) (Presented by Representative WHEELER of Eliot) (Submitted by the Secretary of State pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act Concerning Motor Vehicle Registration and Title Fees for Certain Veterans' License Plates" (H.P. 1663) (L.D. 2332) (Presented by Representative TUTTLE for the Committee to Study Standardized Periods of Military Service and Other Matters Related to the Award of State of Maine Veterans' Benefits pursuant to Resolve 1999, chapter 78.)

Utilities and Energy

Bill "An Act Increasing the Authorized Indebtedness of the Veazie Sewer District" (H.P. 1648) (L.D. 2317) (Presented by Representative CAMPBELL of Holden) (By Request) (Cosponsored by Senator: MURRAY of Penobscot) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act to Revise the Charter of the Madawaska Water District" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1666) (L.D. 2335) (Presented by Representative AHEARNE of Madawaska) (Cosponsored by Senator: PARADIS of Aroostook) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Sincerely,

S/Joseph W. Mayo
Clerk of the House

S/Joy J. O'Brien
Secretary of the Senate

Comes from the House, **READ** and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**.

READ and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**, in concurrence.

The Following Communication: H.P. 1670

**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333**

December 28, 1999

G. Steven Rowe
Speaker of the House
119th Legislature

Mark W. Lawrence
President of the Senate
119th Legislature

Dear Mr. Speaker and Mr. President:

On December 28, 1999, two bills were received by the Clerk of the House.

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, these bills were referred to the Joint Standing Committees on December 28, 1999, as follows:

Appropriations and Financial Affairs

Resolve, to Provide Funds to the Bureau of Veterans' Services to Enhance the Efficiency of Regional Field Offices in Delivering Services to Veterans (H.P. 1667) (L.D. 2336) (Reported by Representative TUTTLE for the Committee to Study Standardized Periods of Military Service and Other Matters Related to the

Award of State of Maine Veterans' Benefits, pursuant to Resolve 1999, chapter 78, section 9.)

Resolve, to Provide Funds to Assist in the Expansion of the Maine Veterans' Memorial Cemetery System (H.P. 1668) (L.D. 2337) (Reported by Representative TUTTLE for the Committee to Study Standardized Periods of Military Service and Other Matters Related to the Award of State of Maine Veterans' Benefits pursuant to Resolve 1999, chapter 78, section 9.)

Sincerely,

S/Joseph W. Mayo
Clerk of the House

S/Joy J. O'Brien
Secretary of the Senate

Comes from the House, **READ** and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**.

READ and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**, in concurrence.

The Following Communication: H.P. 1673

**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333**

December 29, 1999

G. Steven Rowe
Speaker of the House
119th Legislature

Mark W. Lawrence
President of the Senate
119th Legislature

Dear Mr. Speaker and Mr. President:

On December 29, 1999, 2 bills were received by the Clerk of the House.

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, these bills were referred to the Joint Standing Committees on December 29, 1999, as follows:

Natural Resources

Bill "An Act to Provide Assistance in the Cleanup of the Plymouth Waste Oil Site" (H.P. 1672) (L.D. 2339) (Presented by Representative CAMPBELL of Holden) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Transportation

Bill "An Act to Clarify the Crosswalk Law" (H.P. 1671) (L.D. 2338) (Presented by Representative POWERS of Rockport)

(Cosponsored by Senator HARRIMAN of Cumberland)
(Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Sincerely,

S/Joseph W. Mayo
Clerk of the House

S/Joy J. O'Brien
Secretary of the Senate

Comes from the House, **READ** and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**.

READ and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**, 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 Specify Eligibility for Land Purchases Under the Agricultural Marketing Loan Fund"
H.P. 1674 L.D. 2340

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

REFERRED to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Make a One-time Energy Appropriation to Support Shortfalls in the Low-income Home Energy Assistance Program" (EMERGENCY)
H.P. 1677 L.D. 2343

Bill "An Act to Require Oversight of Strategic Planning Conducted by the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services, Including Long-term Care Needs of the Chronically Mentally III" (EMERGENCY)
H.P. 1681 L.D. 2347

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

REFERRED to the Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Resolve, to Enhance the Availability of Neuropsychological Assessment to Maine's Children

H.P. 1679 L.D. 2345

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

REFERRED to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Extend the Time Period for Municipalities to Make Recommendations Concerning Great Pond Surface Use Restrictions" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 1680 L.D. 2346

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

REFERRED to the Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Limit Lobster Management Zones to State Coastal Waters"

H.P. 1675 L.D. 2341

Bill "An Act Concerning the Possession of Marine Organisms by Aquaculturists Outside of the Harvest Season"

H.P. 1684 L.D. 2351

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

REFERRED to the Committee on **MARINE RESOURCES** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Add Emergency Medical Services to the Municipal Fire Department Authority"

H.P. 1676 L.D. 2342

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

REFERRED to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

**Pursuant to Statutes
Maine State Retirement System**

The **Maine State Retirement System**, pursuant to Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 17103, subsection 13 asked leave to report that the accompanying Bill "An Act to Establish the Administrative Operating Budget for the Maine State Retirement System for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2001" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 1685 L.D. 2352

Be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LABOR** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LABOR** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

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

REFERRED to the Committee on **LABOR** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218, in concurrence.

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

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: H.P. 1682

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333**

November 23, 1999

Honorable Joseph Mayo
Clerk of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Clerk Mayo:

Enclosed please find my official certification to the 119th Legislature of the citizen initiative petition entitled, "Maine Death with Dignity Act."

Sincerely,

S/Dan A. Gwadosky
Secretary of State

State of Maine
Department of State

I, Dan A. Gwadosky, Secretary of State, hereby certify that written petitions bearing signatures of 48,566 electors of this State were addressed to the Legislature of the State of Maine and were filed in the Office of the Secretary of State on September 24, 1999, requesting that the Legislature consider an act entitled, "Maine Death with Dignity Act."

I further certify that the number of signatures submitted is in excess of ten percent of the total vote cast in the last gubernatorial election preceding the filing of such petitions, as required by Article IV, Part Third, Section 18 of the Constitution of Maine, that number being 42,101.

I further certify this initiative petition to be valid and attach herewith the text of the legislation circulated on the petition's behalf.

In testimony whereof, I have caused the Great Seal of the State of Maine to be hereunto affixed. Given under my hand at Augusta on the twenty-third day of November in the year one thousand nine hundred and ninety-nine.

S/Dan A. Gwadosky
Secretary of State

Comes from the House, **READ** and with accompanying papers **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**.

READ and with accompanying papers **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**, in concurrence.

The accompanying Bill:

"An Act to Enact the Maine Death with Dignity Act"
I.B. 3 L.D. 2348

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

REFERRED to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

The Following Communication: H.P. 1683

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333**

November 16, 1999

Honorable Joseph Mayo
Clerk of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Clerk Mayo:

Enclosed please find my official certification to the 119th Legislature of the citizen initiative petition entitled, "An Act to Allow Video Lottery Terminals."

Sincerely,

S/Dan A. Gwadosky
Secretary of State

State of Maine
Department of State

I, Dan A. Gwadosky, Secretary of State, hereby certify that written petitions bearing signatures of 44,157 electors of this State were addressed to the Legislature of the State of Maine and were filed in the Office of the Secretary of State on September 10, 1999, requesting that the Legislature consider an act entitled, "An Act to Allow Video Lottery Terminals."

I further certify that the number of signatures submitted is in excess of ten percent of the total vote cast in the last gubernatorial election preceding the filing of such petitions, as required by Article IV, Part Third, Section 18 of the Constitution of Maine, that number being 42,101.

I further certify this initiative petition to be valid and attach herewith the text of the legislation circulated on the petition's behalf.

In testimony whereof, I have caused the Great Seal of the State of Maine to be hereunto affixed. Given under my hand at Augusta on the Sixteenth day of November in the year one thousand nine hundred and ninety-nine.

S/Dan A. Gwadosky
Secretary of State

Comes from the House, **READ** and with accompanying papers **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**.

READ and with accompanying papers **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**, in concurrence.

The accompanying Bill "An Act to Allow Video Lottery Terminals"
I.B. 4 L.D. 2349

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

REFERRED to the Committee on **LEGAL AND VETERANS AFFAIRS** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Senator **AMERO** of Cumberland was granted unanimous consent to address the Senate off the Record.

On motion by Senator **PINGREE** of Knox, **ADJOURNED**, pursuant to the Joint Order, until Wednesday, January 12, 2000, at 9:00 in the morning.