

**STATE OF MAINE  
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION  
JOURNAL OF THE SENATE**

In Senate Chamber  
Thursday  
February 20, 2003

Senate called to order by President Beverly C. Daggett of Kennebec County.

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Prayer by Reverend Michael N. Ambler, Jr., Grace Episcopal Church in Bath.

**REVEREND AMBLER:** Let us pray. God of grace and God of glory, we give You thanks for the privilege of living in this beautiful and good State of Maine. Bless the Senators and the staff members who gather here today to work on behalf of all of us. Fill the minds of those who will make our laws with wisdom and their hearts with generosity. Grant them discernment to know what is good and courage to pursue it. Give them ears to hear those whose voices are faint and nobility to stand up for those who have no advocate. At the end of the day, give them peace and the knowledge that they have done Your work faithfully and that our beloved Maine is better for their labors. Amen.

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Doctor of the day, John Bonney, M.D. of Portland.

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Reading of the Journal of Tuesday, February 18, 2003.

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Off Record Remarks

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Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, on motion by Senator **TREAT** of Kennebec, the following Joint Order:

S.P. 307

ORDERED, the House concurring, that when the House and Senate adjourn, they do so until Tuesday, February 25, 2003, at 10:00 in the morning.

**READ and PASSED.**

Ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

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**PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE**

**House Papers**

Bill "An Act Concerning Public Members of the Board of Pesticides Control"  
H.P. 564 L.D. 759

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Regarding the Location of the Wells National Estuarine Research Reserve"  
H.P. 576 L.D. 777

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

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

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Bill "An Act To Require a Land Survey Prior to Sale, Processing or Transfer of Any Parcel of Land"

H.P. 569 L.D. 770

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

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

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

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Resolve, Directing the Department of Public Safety, Bureau of State Police to Provide On-line Access to Sex Offender and Sexually Violent Predator Registration Information (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 563 L.D. 758

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

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

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Bill "An Act To Amend the Maine Registry of Certified Nursing Assistants"

H.P. 579 L.D. 780

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

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

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Bill "An Act To Permit Sunday Hunting for Residents of the State"

H.P. 560 L.D. 755

Bill "An Act To Create the Snowmobile Trail Fund Advisory Council"

H.P. 577 L.D. 778

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

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

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Bill "An Act To Allow Homeowners to Set the Amount of Insurance Coverage on Property"

H.P. 568 L.D. 769

Bill "An Act To Require Insurance Companies To Return 1% of Net Profits"

H.P. 571 L.D. 772

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

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

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Bill "An Act To Protect the Rights of Leaseholders and Ensure Their Continued Access to Land"  
H.P. 565 L.D. 760

Bill "An Act To Repeal the Anthem Blue Cross Court Agreement of Disbursement of \$88,000,000"  
H.P. 578 L.D. 779

Bill "An Act To Require the Payment of Certain Costs Incurred by a Prevailing Party in Court Proceedings by or against Maine Revenue Services"  
H.P. 581 L.D. 782

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

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

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Bill "An Act To Allow Public Office Candidates To Campaign in State-funded University Dormitories"  
H.P. 559 L.D. 754

Bill "An Act To Provide Voting Rights to Nonresident Taxpayers"  
H.P. 562 L.D. 757

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

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

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Bill "An Act To Require the Washington County Legislative Delegation to Review the Final Washington County Budget Estimates"  
H.P. 573 L.D. 774

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

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

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Bill "An Act To Clarify the Definition of Commercial Agricultural Production"  
H.P. 437 L.D. 574

Bill "An Act To Facilitate the Application Process for the Maine Residents Property Tax Program"  
H.P. 558 L.D. 753

Bill "An Act To Provide an Income Tax Credit for Tuition Paid to Private Schools"  
H.P. 561 L.D. 756

Bill "An Act To Create an Agricultural Property Tax Reimbursement Program"  
H.P. 566 L.D. 761

Bill "An Act To Expand the Revenue-generating Authority of Municipalities"  
H.P. 572 L.D. 773

Bill "An Act To Repeal the Reimbursement of Personal Property Tax on Business Machines and Equipment"  
H.P. 580 L.D. 781

Bill "An Act To Make the Business Equipment Tax Reimbursement Program a Local Option"  
H.P. 583 L.D. 783

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Allow the Legislature To Establish a Different Property Tax Rate for Secondary Residential Property for Purposes of Education Funding and To Protect State Funding of Education  
H.P. 582 L.D. 784

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

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

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Bill "An Act To Provide Parity in Funding for Enhanced 9-1-1 Services"  
H.P. 570 L.D. 771

Bill "An Act To Clarify That All Companies Offering Telephone Services for Compensation, Including Switchless Resellers, Are Telephone Utilities"  
H.P. 574 L.D. 775

Bill "An Act To Eliminate Potential Restrictions to the Establishment of an Alternative Form of Regulation for Some Telephone Utilities" (EMERGENCY)  
H.P. 575 L.D. 776

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

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

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**Pursuant to Resolve  
Committee to Continue to Study the Benefits and Costs for Increasing Access to Family and Medical Leave for Maine Families**

The **Committee to Continue to Study the Benefits and Costs for Increasing Access to Family and Medical Leave for Maine Families**, pursuant to Resolve 2001, chapter 115 asked leave to report that the accompanying Resolve, Directing the Department of Labor To Develop the Family Security Fund To Implement the Recommendations of the Committee to Continue to Study the Benefits and Costs for Increasing Access to Family and Medical Leave for Maine Families  
H.P. 567 L.D. 752

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

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

On motion by Senator **EDMONDS** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LABOR** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218, in concurrence.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication:

S.P. 296

STATE OF MAINE  
121<sup>ST</sup> MAINE LEGISLATURE

February 19, 2003

Sen. Neria R. Douglass  
Senate Chair, Joint Standing Committee on  
Education and Cultural Affairs  
Rep. Glenn A. Cummings  
House Chair, Joint Standing Committee on  
Education and Cultural Affairs  
121<sup>st</sup> Legislature  
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Senator Douglass and Representative Cummings:

Please be advised that Governor John E. Baldacci has nominated Susan Ann Gendron of Raymond as Commissioner of the Department of Education.

Pursuant to Title 20-A, M.R.S.A. §251, this nomination will require review by the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs and confirmation by the Senate.

Sincerely,

S/Beverly C. Daggett  
President of the Senate

S/Patrick Colwell  
Speaker of the House

**READ and REFERRED** to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS**.

Sent down for concurrence.

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The Following Communication:

S.C. 51

STATE OF MAINE  
121<sup>ST</sup> MAINE LEGISLATURE

January 29, 2003

Joseph Westphal, Chancellor  
University of Maine System  
107 Maine Avenue  
Bangor, ME 04401

Dear Chancellor Westphal:

We are pleased to invite you to address a Joint Session of the 121<sup>st</sup> Maine Legislature on Tuesday, February 25, 2003 at 11:00 a.m. concerning the State of the University of Maine System and any other matters that you may care to bring to our attention.

On the same day, following your address, John Fitzsimmons, President of the Maine Technical College System, will be addressing the Joint Convention.

Sincerely,

S/Beverly C. Daggett  
President of the Senate

S/Patrick Colwell  
Speaker of the House

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

The Following Communication:

S.C. 52

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**STATE OF MAINE  
121<sup>ST</sup> MAINE LEGISLATURE**

January 29, 2003

John Fitzsimmons, President  
Maine Technical College System  
131 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear President Fitzsimmons:

We are pleased to invite you to address a Joint Session of the 121<sup>st</sup> Maine Legislature on Tuesday, February 25, 2003 concerning the State of the Maine Technical College System and any other matters that you may care to bring to our attention. We will begin the Joint Session at 11:00 a.m. with an address from Joseph Westphal, Chancellor of the University Maine System. You will address the Joint Convention directly following the Chancellor.

We look forward to seeing you then.

Sincerely,

S/Beverly C. Daggett  
President of the Senate

S/Patrick Colwell  
Speaker of the House

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

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The Following Communication:

S.C. 53

**UNIVERSITY OF MAINE SYSTEM  
107 MAINE AVENUE  
BANGOR, MAINE 04401-4380**

January 31, 2003

The Honorable Beverly C. Daggett  
President of the Senate  
121<sup>st</sup> Maine Legislature  
State of Maine  
Augusta, ME 04333

The Honorable Patrick Colwell  
Speaker of the House  
121<sup>st</sup> Maine Legislature  
State of Maine  
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear President Daggett and Speaker Colwell:

Thank you for your January 27, 2003 invitation to address a Joint Session of the 121<sup>st</sup> Maine Legislature on Tuesday, February 25, 2003 on the topic of the State of the University System. I accept and look forward to it.

As you know, the University System continues to reach new levels in student enrollment, academic degrees awarded, federal research investment, and public service and outreach activities that benefit individuals, businesses, schools and organizations throughout the state. Much credit for these successes must be given to our faculty and staff, who have worked extremely hard to serve the needs of the University System's many constituencies.

However, credit also must be given to former Governor King and the 118<sup>th</sup>, 119<sup>th</sup>, and 120<sup>th</sup> Maine Legislatures, which invested in our state universities to enhance their quality, performance, and service to Maine people. You and your colleagues helped make it possible for our universities to

generate and produce a broad range of results that strengthen our state in many ways. I intend to speak on these issues and others during my presentation on February 25.

Thank you again for the invitation. Best wishes to you as you address the many challenges and opportunities facing our state.

Sincerely,

S/Joseph W. Westphal, Ph.D.  
Chancellor

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

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The Following Communication:

S.C. 54

**MAINE TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM  
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT  
323 STATE STREET  
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04330-7131**

February 3, 2003

The Honorable Beverly C. Daggett  
President of the Senate  
121<sup>st</sup> Maine Legislature  
3 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333-0003

The Honorable Patrick Colwell  
Speaker of the House  
121<sup>st</sup> Maine Legislature  
2 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333-0002

Dear President Daggett and Speaker Colwell:

Thank you for your letter of January 29, 2003, inviting me to address a Joint Session of the 121<sup>st</sup> Maine Legislature on Tuesday, February 25<sup>th</sup>. On behalf of Maine's Technical College employees and students, it is with great pride that I accept your kind invitation. I look forward to sharing with you my thoughts on the state of the Maine Technical College System.

Thank you again for your invitation.

Sincerely yours,

S/John Fitzsimmons, Ed.D.  
President

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

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The Following Communication:

S.C. 50

**UNIVERSITY OF MAINE  
5715 COBURN HALL  
ORONO, MAINE 04469-5715**

February 10, 2003

Joy J. O'Brien  
Secretary of the Senate

3 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333

Re: Maine State Government Summer Internship Program 2002 Annual Report

Dear Secretary O'Brien:

In accordance with 1967 Public Law, Chapter 493, Section 294, Item 8, I am enclosing copies of the 2002 Maine State Government Summer Internship Annual Report for distribution to the Members of the Maine Senate.

The Maine State Government Summer Internship Program is a full-time, 12-week, paid work experience in a state agency. The Program combines work experience with an educational program designed to provide talented Maine college students an opportunity to participate in and contribute to Maine State Government.

Thank you for your assistance in making this report available to the Members of the Senate.

Yours truly,

S/Charles E. Morris  
Research Associate  
Director, Maine State Government Summer Internship Program

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

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**SENATE PAPERS**

Bill "An Act To Fully Fund Retirement Benefits for Game Wardens and Marine Patrol Officers"  
S.P. 270 L.D. 791

Sponsored by President DAGGETT of Kennebec.

Cosponsored by Representative MILLS of Cornville and Senators: DAVIS of Piscataquis, HATCH of Somerset, Representatives: HUTTON of Bowdoinham, PATRICK of Rumford, PINGREE of North Haven.

Bill "An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue in the Amount of \$1,000,000 To Provide Funds to Riverfront Municipalities To Develop Riverfront Cultural Heritage Centers"  
S.P. 304 L.D. 908

Sponsored by Senator GAGNON of Kennebec.

Cosponsored by Representative CANAVAN of Waterville and Senators: CATHCART of Penobscot, MITCHELL of Penobscot, ROTUNDO of Androscoggin, SAWYER of Penobscot, STRIMLING of Cumberland, Representatives: FLETCHER of Winslow, SUSLOVIC of Portland, THOMPSON of China.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

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Bill "An Act To Educate Consumers Regarding Voluntary Repossession"  
S.P. 300 L.D. 904

Sponsored by Senator STANLEY of Penobscot.

Cosponsored by Representative CLARK of Millinocket and Senator: HATCH of Somerset, Representatives: CLOUGH of Scarborough, McGLOCKLIN of Embden, PERRY of Bangor.

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



Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Make the Use of Scheduled Drugs without a Prescription a Crime"  
S.P. 271 L.D. 792

Sponsored by Senator DAMON of Hancock.  
Cosponsored by Senator: TURNER of Cumberland.

Bill "An Act To Require the Videotaping of Police Interrogations"  
S.P. 286 L.D. 891

Sponsored by Senator STRIMLING of Cumberland.  
Cosponsored by Representative NORBERT of Portland and Senators: HATCH of Somerset,  
PENDLETON of Cumberland, STANLEY of Penobscot, TURNER of Cumberland, Representative:  
GERZOFSKY of Brunswick.

Bill "An Act To Authorize County Jails To Purchase Prescription Drugs and Other Medications in  
Bulk for Prisoners"  
S.P. 288 L.D. 893

Sponsored by Senator DOUGLASS of Androscoggin.  
Cosponsored by Representative MAKAS of Lewiston and Senators: CATHCART of Penobscot,  
DAMON of Hancock, ROTUNDO of Androscoggin, STRIMLING of Cumberland,  
Representatives: CRAVEN of Lewiston, McGLOCKLIN of Embden, PERRY of Calais, SIMPSON  
of Auburn.

Bill "An Act To Clarify the Responsibilities of Contract Law Enforcement Officers"  
S.P. 290 L.D. 895

Sponsored by Senator SAVAGE of Knox.

Resolve, Directing the Department of Corrections To Develop a Plan To Improve Transitional  
Services for Sex Offenders and Sexually Violent Predators and To Improve Communications with  
Law Enforcement Agencies Regarding the Release of Sex Offenders (EMERGENCY)  
S.P. 303 L.D. 907

Sponsored by Senator ROTUNDO of Androscoggin.  
Cosponsored by Representative MAKAS of Lewiston and Senators: DOUGLASS of Androscoggin,  
SAWYER of Penobscot, Representatives: BLANCHETTE of Bangor, CRAVEN of Lewiston,  
GERZOFSKY of Brunswick, MAILHOT of Lewiston, O'BRIEN of Lewiston, WALCOTT of  
Lewiston.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

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Resolve, To Improve Energy Efficiency in New School Buildings  
S.P. 278 L.D. 799

Sponsored by Senator HALL of Lincoln.  
Cosponsored by Representative: McLAUGHLIN of Cape Elizabeth.

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

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

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Resolve, To Provide Training on Autistic Behaviors to Crisis Professionals (EMERGENCY)

S.P. 279 L.D. 800

Sponsored by Senator BLAIS of Kennebec.

Cosponsored by Representative BERUBE of Lisbon and Senators: GILMAN of Cumberland, WESTON of Waldo, Representatives: LEWIN of Eliot, SHIELDS of Auburn.

Resolve, To Establish a System for Electronic Filing of Death Certificates

S.P. 291 L.D. 896

Sponsored by Senator MAYO of Sagadahoc.

Cosponsored by Representative RICHARDSON of Brunswick and Senators: DAVIS of Piscataquis, PENDLETON of Cumberland, Representatives: COWGER of Hallowell, NORBERT of Portland, SULLIVAN of Biddeford.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

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Bill "An Act To Provide 'Any-deer' Permits to Permanently Disabled Nonambulatory Persons"

S.P. 265 L.D. 786

Sponsored by Senator DAVIS of Piscataquis.

Cosponsored by Representative CARR of Lincoln and Senators: BLAIS of Kennebec, CARPENTER of York, GILMAN of Cumberland, MAYO of Sagadahoc, WOODCOCK of Franklin, Representatives: GAGNE-FRIEL of Buckfield, TARDY of Newport, USHER of Westbrook.

Bill "An Act To Limit the Damages Recoverable in Accidents Involving Snowmobile Clubs' Trail-grooming Activities"

S.P. 266 L.D. 787

Sponsored by Senator DAVIS of Piscataquis.

Cosponsored by Representative CARR of Lincoln and Senators: BLAIS of Kennebec, CARPENTER of York, Representative: ANNIS of Dover-Foxcroft.

Bill "An Act To Allow a Moose Lottery Winner To Designate a Subpermittee after the Lottery Drawing"

S.P. 268 L.D. 789

Sponsored by Senator BRYANT of Oxford.

Cosponsored by Senator: CARPENTER of York, Representatives: HATCH of Skowhegan, JACKSON of Fort Kent, PINEAU of Jay.

Bill "An Act To Allow a Person To Assist in a Hunt"

S.P. 269 L.D. 790

Sponsored by Senator BRYANT of Oxford.

Cosponsored by Representatives: HATCH of Skowhegan, JACKSON of Fort Kent.

Bill "An Act to Remove Home Possession Limits"

S.P. 273 L.D. 794

Sponsored by Senator BRYANT of Oxford.

Cosponsored by Senator: CARPENTER of York, Representatives: HATCH of Skowhegan, JACKSON of Fort Kent, PINEAU of Jay.

Bill "An Act To Simplify the Requirements for Tagging, Registering and Transporting Harvested Animals"

S.P. 285 L.D. 806

Sponsored by Senator BRYANT of Oxford.

Cosponsored by Representative PINEAU of Jay and Representatives: HATCH of Skowhegan, JACKSON of Fort Kent.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

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Bill "An Act Relating to Existing Life-care Communities Licensed by the Superintendent of Insurance"

S.P. 275 L.D. 796

Sponsored by Senator BROMLEY of Cumberland.  
Cosponsored by Representative CURLEY of Scarborough.

Bill "An Act Concerning Health Insurance Reimbursement and Contracting Practices"  
S.P. 292 L.D. 897

Sponsored by Senator MAYO of Sagadahoc.  
Cosponsored by Representative MARRACHÉ of Waterville and Senator: LaFOUNTAIN of York, Representatives: DUDLEY of Portland, KANE of Saco, O'NEIL of Saco, SULLIVAN of Biddeford.

Bill "An Act To Create Equality in Medicare Supplement Insurance Policies"  
S.P. 298 L.D. 902

Sponsored by Senator DAMON of Hancock.

Resolve, To Amend the 2-year Qualified Medicare Beneficiary Eligibility Rule Relative to Medicare Supplement Insurance Access

S.P. 299 L.D. 903

Sponsored by Senator DAMON of Hancock.

Bill "An Act To Protect Employees if Their Employer Fails To Pay Premiums for Employer-sponsored Health Insurance"

S.P. 301 L.D. 905

Sponsored by Senator STANLEY of Penobscot.  
Cosponsored by Representative CLARK of Millinocket and Senator: HATCH of Somerset, Representatives: CLOUGH of Scarborough, DUNLAP of Old Town.

On motion by Senator **LAFOUNTAIN** of York, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

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Bill "An Act To Amend the Abortion Consent Laws"

S.P. 277 L.D. 798

Sponsored by Senator GILMAN of Cumberland.  
Cosponsored by Representative O'BRIEN of Augusta and Senators: DAVIS of Piscataquis, KNEELAND of Aroostook, SAVAGE of Knox, WESTON of Waldo, WOODCOCK of Franklin, Representatives: ANDREWS of York, CROSTHWAITE of Ellsworth, USHER of Westbrook.

Bill "An Act To Prohibit Discrimination in Housing"

S.P. 287 L.D. 892

Sponsored by Senator STRIMLING of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Representative CUMMINGS of Portland and Senators: DAMON of Hancock, MAYO of Sagadahoc, PENDLETON of Cumberland, Representatives: BLISS of South Portland, FAIRCLOTH of Bangor, NORBERT of Portland, SIMPSON of Auburn.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

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Resolve, To Provide Health Insurance to Unemployed Workers (EMERGENCY)  
S.P. 276 L.D. 797

Sponsored by President DAGGETT of Kennebec.  
Cosponsored by Representative HUTTON of Bowdoinham and Senators: HATCH of Somerset, LEMONT of York, TREAT of Kennebec, Representatives: Speaker COLWELL of Gardiner, KANE of Saco, PATRICK of Rumford.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

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Off Record Remarks

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Bill "An Act To Clarify Maine Election Laws"  
S.P. 281 L.D. 802

Sponsored by Senator HALL of Lincoln.  
Cosponsored by Senator: GAGNON of Kennebec, Representatives: BERRY of Belmont, McGOWAN of Pittsfield.

Bill "An Act To Provide an Alternative to Filing Nomination Petitions"  
S.P. 294 L.D. 899

Sponsored by Senator SAVAGE of Knox. (BY REQUEST)  
Cosponsored by Representative PARADIS of Frenchville.

Bill "An Act To Update the Abandoned Property Laws"  
S.P. 297 L.D. 901

Sponsored by President DAGGETT of Kennebec.  
Cosponsored by Senators: DAVIS of Piscataquis, LEMONT of York, MAYO of Sagadahoc, Representative: THOMPSON of China.

Bill "An Act To Promote Candidate Accountability in Elections"  
S.P. 306 L.D. 910

Sponsored by Senator DAMON of Hancock.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

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Bill "An Act Regarding Eligibility for a License To Harvest Marine Organisms for a Person Who Served in the United States Armed Forces or United States Coast Guard"

S.P. 295 L.D. 900

Sponsored by Senator SAVAGE of Knox.  
Cosponsored by Representative McNEIL of Rockland.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

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Bill "An Act To Ensure the Rights of Host Communities Regarding the Construction and Operation of State-owned Solid Waste Disposal Facilities"

S.P. 282 L.D. 803

Sponsored by Senator HATCH of Somerset.  
Cosponsored by Representative HATCH of Skowhegan and Representative: CARR of Lincoln.

On motion by Senator **MARTIN** of Aroostook, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **NATURAL RESOURCES** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

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Bill "An Act To Revise the Boundary between the Town of Harrison and the Town of Bridgton"

S.P. 272 L.D. 793

Sponsored by Senator BENNETT of Oxford.  
Cosponsored by Representative SYKES of Harrison.

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Require a Vote of 2/3 of Each House of the Legislature To Enact or Increase a Tax

S.P. 280 L.D. 801

Sponsored by Senator BLAIS of Kennebec.  
Cosponsored by Representative CRESSEY of Baldwin, Representative CLOUGH of Scarborough and Senators: DAVIS of Piscataquis, GILMAN of Cumberland, NASS of York, WESTON of Waldo, Representatives: BERUBE of Lisbon, HEIDRICH of Oxford, NUTTING of Oakland, TREADWELL of Carmel.

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Sagadahoc County Commissioner Elections and Budget Hearings"

S.P. 293 L.D. 898

Sponsored by Senator MAYO of Sagadahoc.  
Cosponsored by Representative PERCY of Phippsburg and Representative: WATSON of Bath.

Resolve, To Establish the Committee To Investigate the Feasibility of and Need for Regulation of Spoken Language Interpreters (EMERGENCY)

S.P. 305 L.D. 909

Sponsored by Senator EDMONDS of Cumberland.  
Cosponsored by Representative LAVERRIERE-BOUCHER of Biddeford and Senators: PENDLETON of Cumberland, ROTUNDO of Androscoggin, Representative: PARADIS of Frenchville.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

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Off Record Remarks

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Bill "An Act To Provide that Gas Purchased for Use in a Generator Be Taxed for Commercial Use"  
S.P. 264 L.D. 785

Sponsored by Senator BENNETT of Oxford.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

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Bill "An Act To Enhance Vistas"

S.P. 267 L.D. 788

Sponsored by Senator GAGNON of Kennebec.

Cosponsored by Representative USHER of Westbrook and Senators: DAVIS of Piscataquis, HATCH of Somerset, WOODCOCK of Franklin, Representatives: LERMAN of Augusta, MARRACHÉ of Waterville, PARADIS of Frenchville.

Resolve, To Declare Maine Aviation Education Week (EMERGENCY)

S.P. 274 L.D. 795

Sponsored by Senator HALL of Lincoln.

Cosponsored by Representative FAIRCLOTH of Bangor and Senators: DAMON of Hancock, GAGNON of Kennebec, SAVAGE of Knox, Representatives: DUNLAP of Old Town, PEAVEY-HASKELL of Greenbush, RECTOR of Thomaston.

Bill "An Act Relating to Motorcycles and Driver Education"

S.P. 289 L.D. 894

Sponsored by Senator PENDLETON of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Representative GERZOFKY of Brunswick and Senators: DAMON of Hancock, SAVAGE of Knox, Representatives: JODREY of Bethel, McNEIL of Rockland, PARADIS of Frenchville, RECTOR of Thomaston, SHERMAN of Hodgdon, USHER of Westbrook.

Bill "An Act Pertaining to Trustee Services for the Maine Turnpike Authority"

S.P. 302 L.D. 906

Sponsored by Senator HATCH of Somerset.

Cosponsored by Representative USHER of Westbrook and Senators: DAMON of Hancock, SAVAGE of Knox, Representatives: COLLINS of Wells, JODREY of Bethel, McKENNEY of Cumberland, McNEIL of Rockland, PARADIS of Frenchville, SAMPSON of Auburn.  
Submitted by the Maine Turnpike Authority pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

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Bill "An Act To Amend the Standard Water District Enabling Act"

S.P. 283 L.D. 804

Sponsored by Senator HALL of Lincoln.

Cosponsored by Representative: RECTOR of Thomaston.

Bill "An Act To Create a Sustainable Energy Trust Fund"

Sponsored by Senator HALL of Lincoln.

On motion by Senator HALL of Lincoln, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **UTILITIES AND ENERGY** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

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**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

**House**

**Ought to Pass**

The Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act to Change the Membership of the Board of Trustees of the Maine School of Science and Mathematics"

H.P. 15 L.D. 8

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

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

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

**READ ONCE**.

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

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**Senate**

**Change of Committee**

Senator ROTUNDO for the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** on Bill "An Act to Transfer Bureau of General Services School Construction Functions to the Maine Department of Education"

S.P. 72 L.D. 149

Reported that the same be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS**.

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

**REFERRED** to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS**.

Sent down for concurrence.

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

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**ORDERS 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 (2/18/03) Assigned matter:

Bill "An Act to Increase Faculty in Maine Nursing Education Programs"  
H.P. 541 L.D. 735

Tabled - February 18, 2003, by Senator **CATHCART** of Penobscot

Pending - **REFERENCE**

(In House, February 14, 2003, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed.)

On motion by Senator **CATHCART** of Penobscot, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **BUSINESS, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** and ordered printed, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

Sent down for concurrence.

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Senate at Ease.

Senate called to order by the President.

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Off Record Remarks

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

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

After Recess

Senate called to order by the President.

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

**PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE**

**House Papers**

Bill "An Act To Create Fairness in Funding the Wild Blueberry Association of North America"  
H.P. 647 L.D. 870

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

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

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Resolve, To Improve Fisheries Management in Hancock County



H.P. 601 L.D. 824

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

On motion by Senator **BRYANT** of Oxford, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** and ordered printed, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

Sent down for concurrence.

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Bill "An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue in the Amount of \$50,000,000 to Promote Revitalization of Service Center Communities through Infrastructure Improvements"

H.P. 662 L.D. 885

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

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

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Bill "An Act To Increase Community Development Block Grants"

H.P. 670 L.D. 913

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

On motion by Senator **CATHCART** of Penobscot, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **BUSINESS, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** and ordered printed, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

Sent down for concurrence.

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

**PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE**

**House Papers**

Resolve, To Allow Certain State Employees To Be Voting Board Members of Project SHARE  
H.P. 603 L.D. 826

Bill "An Act To Offer Zero-interest Loans to Employers Providing Bicycle Facilities"  
H.P. 624 L.D. 847

Bill "An Act To Establish a Circuit Breaker Program for Fuel Assistance" (EMERGENCY)  
H.P. 625 L.D. 848

Bill "An Act To Amend the Maine 'Lemon Law'"  
H.P. 664 L.D. 887

Bill "An Act To Designate the Department of Economic and Community Development as the Lead Agency in the State's Response to Certain Events" (EMERGENCY)  
H.P. 675 L.D. 918

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

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

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

**PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE**

**House Papers**

Bill "An Act To Permit the Use of Videoconferencing for the Purpose of Jail Visitation"  
H.P. 584 L.D. 807

Bill "An Act To Exclude Voluntary Intoxication as a Criminal Defense" (EMERGENCY)  
H.P. 592 L.D. 815

Bill "An Act Regarding Bail and Fines"  
H.P. 615 L.D. 838

Bill "An Act To Change Mandatory Minimum Sentences in Certain Cases"  
H.P. 633 L.D. 856

Bill "An Act To Make Changes to the Sex Offender Notification Provisions"  
H.P. 653 L.D. 876

Bill "An Act To Expand the Definition of 'Juvenile Crime' To Include the Offenses of Possession and Use of Drug Paraphernalia, Illegal Transportation of Alcohol by a Minor and Transportation of Illegal Drugs by a Minor"  
H.P. 661 L.D. 884

Bill "An Act Regarding the Sale of Weapons at Gun Shows"  
H.P. 674 L.D. 917

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

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

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

**PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE**

**House Papers**

Bill "An Act To Provide Greater Protection for School Children"  
H.P. 599 L.D. 822

Bill "An Act To Establish a Special Education Secondary School Diploma"  
H.P. 602 L.D. 825

Bill "An Act To Phase In General Purpose Aid for Local Schools Funding Losses Over Time"  
H.P. 605 L.D. 828

Bill "An Act Relating to Portable Classrooms for Certain Cases"  
H.P. 619 L.D. 842

Bill "An Act To Establish a New School Funding Formula"  
H.P. 627 L.D. 850

Bill "An Act To Restrict Fingerprinting of Educational Personnel to New Hires"  
H.P. 667 L.D. 890

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

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

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Bill "An Act To Ensure Fairness in Maine's Prescription Drug Laws"  
H.P. 626 L.D. 849

Bill "An Act To Provide Peer Support and Advocacy Services To Participants in the ASPIRE-TANF Program and the Parents as Scholars Program"  
H.P. 655 L.D. 878

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

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

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

#### **PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE**

##### **House Papers**

Bill "An Act Regarding Wildlife Habitat Conservation"  
H.P. 604 L.D. 827

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Operation of All-terrain Vehicles"  
H.P. 631 L.D. 854

Bill "An Act To Allow Smelt Fishing in Long Lake in Aroostook County"  
H.P. 637 L.D. 860

Bill "An Act To Waive the Fee for Fishing Licenses for Disabled Persons"  
H.P. 644 L.D. 867

Bill "An Act To Promote and Advance Wild Ring-necked Pheasant Propagation" (EMERGENCY)  
H.P. 652 L.D. 875

Bill "An Act To Establish a Season for Hunting Deer with Primitive Muzzle-loading Firearms"  
H.P. 665 L.D. 888

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

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

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##### **Off Record Remarks**

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

**PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE**

**House Papers**

Bill "An Act To Help Businesses with a Clean Workers' Compensation Claims History"  
H.P. 591 L.D. 814

Bill "An Act To Clarify the Assignment of Provider Identification Numbers to Nurse Practitioners"  
H.P. 598 L.D. 821

Bill "An Act To Promote Alternatives in Group Self-insurance"  
H.P. 629 L.D. 852

Bill "An Act To Provide Maine Consumers Information about the Cost and Quality of Health Care Services in Maine"  
H.P. 634 L.D. 857

Bill "An Act To Provide Better Access to Information Related to Health Care Reimbursement Rates"  
H.P. 650 L.D. 873

Bill "An Act To Require Insurance Companies To Pay up to \$200 for Wigs for Individuals Who Have Lost Hair Due to Medical Reasons"  
H.P. 656 L.D. 879

Bill "An Act To Establish a State Single-payor Health Insurance Plan"  
H.P. 666 L.D. 889

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

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

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

**PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE**

**House Papers**

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Raffles Conducted in Connection with a 'Beano' Game"  
H.P. 593 L.D. 816

Bill "An Act To Prohibit a Governmental Entity from Endorsing a Political Candidate or a Referendum Issue"  
H.P. 597 L.D. 820

Bill "An Act To Provide the Option To Nominate Presidential Candidates by Caucus"  
H.P. 621 L.D. 844

Bill "An Act To Require That the Costs Associated with Enacting a Direct Initiative Appear on the Ballot"  
H.P. 636 L.D. 859

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Provide for the Resolution of Disputed Elections by the Supreme Judicial Court  
H.P. 654 L.D. 877

Bill "An Act Regarding Gaming Conducted by Nonprofit Organizations"  
H.P. 672 L.D. 915

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

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

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

**PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE**

**House Papers**

Bill "An Act To Allow a Select Group of Former Lobstermen To Obtain Lobster Fishing Licenses"  
H.P. 612 L.D. 835

Bill "An Act To Amend the Shellfish Harvesting Laws Regarding Closed Areas for Clam Digging"  
H.P. 648 L.D. 871

Bill "An Act To Transfer Certain Authority from the Department of Marine Resources to the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources"  
H.P. 659 L.D. 882

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

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

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

**PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE**

**House Papers**

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Sand and Salt Sheds"  
H.P. 594 L.D. 817

Bill "An Act To Strengthen the State's Air Toxics Laws"  
H.P. 606 L.D. 829

Bill "An Act To Provide Leadership in Addressing the Threat of Climate Change"  
H.P. 622 L.D. 845

Bill "An Act To Test for and Reduce Mercury Emissions from Resource Recovery Facilities"  
(EMERGENCY)  
H.P. 628 L.D. 851

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

On motion by Senator **MARTIN** of Aroostook, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **NATURAL RESOURCES** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

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

**PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE**

**House Papers**

Bill "An Act To Increase the Maine Lodging Tax"

H.P. 587 L.D. 810

Bill "An Act To Establish Minimum Standards of Eligibility for the Property Tax Exemption for Benevolent and Charitable Institutions"

H.P. 632 L.D. 855

Bill "An Act To Establish a Municipal Affordable Housing Development District Tax Increment Financing Program"

H.P. 635 L.D. 858

Bill "An Act To Immediately Eliminate the Marriage Penalty under the Income Tax Laws"

H.P. 645 L.D. 868

Resolve, To Require That the State Conduct a New Valuation of Private Properties in the Unorganized Territories of Aroostook County

H.P. 649 L.D. 872

Bill "An Act To Connect the BETR Program with Job Retention"

H.P. 651 L.D. 874

Bill "An Act To Exempt All Casual Sales from Taxation"

H.P. 668 L.D. 911

Bill "An Act To Provide Certain Veterans an Excise Tax Deduction in Lieu of the Homestead Exemption"

H.P. 671 L.D. 914

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Limit Present-home Property Taxes

H.P. 673 L.D. 916

Bill "An Act To Establish a Penalty on Gains from the Sale or Exchange of Land from Which Timber Has Been Harvested"

H.P. 677 L.D. 920

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

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

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Off Record Remarks

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

**PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE**

**House Papers**

Bill "An Act To Allow Modified Automotive Suspension"

H.P. 595 L.D. 818

Bill "An Act To Amend the Motor Vehicle Laws Pertaining to Mufflers"

H.P. 596 L.D. 819

Bill "An Act Clarifying State Financial Responsibility over State and State Aid Highways"

H.P. 609 L.D. 832

Bill "An Act To Prevent Distracted Driving"

H.P. 613 L.D. 836

Bill "An Act To Require Motorists To Use Caution When Approaching a Safety Zone"

H.P. 614 L.D. 837

Bill "An Act To Create the Motor Vehicle Inspection Advisory Board"

H.P. 616 L.D. 839

Resolve, Directing the Department of Transportation To Erect Signs Identifying Bodies of Water Crossed

H.P. 638 L.D. 861

Bill "An Act Regulating the Use of Cellular Telephones by Juvenile Drivers"

H.P. 639 L.D. 862

Bill "An Act Allowing Certain Modifications to Tires and Wheels on Vehicles with Antilock Braking Systems"

H.P. 641 L.D. 864

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

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

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

#### **PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE**

##### **House Papers**

Bill "An Act To Prevent the Gaming of Special Rate Contracts by Utilities"

H.P. 588 L.D. 811

Bill "An Act To Ensure Equal Treatment of Telecommunications Customers under Maine's Universal Service Fund"

H.P. 620 L.D. 843

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

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

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On motion by Senator **TREAT** of Kennebec, **ADJOURNED**, pursuant to the Joint Order, to Tuesday, February 25, 2003, at 10:00 in the morning.