

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE
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In Senate Chamber
Tuesday
February 10, 2015

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

Prayer by Pastor Arthur Fairbrother, Jr., Royal Ridge Church of
God in Scarborough.

PASTOR FAIRBROTHER: Let us pray. Loving and precious heavenly Father, we gather here in Augusta today as we continue to deal with the challenging work that faces the great state of Maine and this, the 127th Maine Senate. Father, we gather humbly, acknowledging our own individual faults, barriers, and limitations, asking You to forgive us and strengthen us and help us and guide us. Father, we gather with a sense of openness and transparency, asking You to help us leave personal agendas aside and truly consider what is best for our state and the people thereof. Father, we gather with a sense of purpose, knowing that we bring a wide array of gifts and talents that can help us advance our state. Father, we gather with a sense of hope, knowing that we have Your help, power, and strength, and most importantly love, available to us. We request, Father, that You show Your mercy, grace, compassion, peace, and kindness upon us this day as we meet for the purpose of strengthening our great state and the great people who reside here. Heavenly Father, help our differences not to divide us. May our good intentions continue to broaden beyond our own personal world view. Help us to include those who we may have initially forgotten or even disagreed with. God, we pray that the end result of our work here, not only today but each and every day, will accomplish Your will and achieve something far beyond our expectations and dreams for Maine. Finally, God, we pray a blessing not only on the Senate but all three branches of the State's government. Father, we plead with You to help the Executive, Judicial, and Legislative Branches of Maine government to work together for the greater good for the people of this great state that we call home. Father, I pray for a personal blessing on all the men and women here today and upon their families, businesses, and all their personal activities. Help us to accomplish Your will. Father, we ask this in the name of Your son, Jesus. Amen.

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

Reading of the Journal of Thursday, February 5, 2015.

Doctor of the day, Samantha White, DO of Portland.

Off Record Remarks

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

House Papers

Bill "An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for
Intermodal Transportation Facilities"

H.P. 189 L.D. 271

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

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

Bill "An Act To Restore the Right To Possess Certain Knives That
Are Used by Many Citizens as Tools"

H.P. 182 L.D. 264

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

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

Bill "An Act To Require the State To Fund Public Charter
Schools"

H.P. 183 L.D. 265

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

Senator **LANGLEY** of Hancock moved to **REFER** to the
Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS**, in
concurrence.

Senate at Ease.

Senate called to order by the President.

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

Bill "An Act To Encourage and Enhance the Future of Waste-to-energy Facilities by Establishing a Portfolio Requirement for Electricity from Waste Energy Resources"

H.P. 191 L.D. 273

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

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

Bill "An Act To Amend the Definition of 'Health Care Practitioner' in the Maine Health Security Act To Include Pharmacists"

H.P. 99 L.D. 141

Bill "An Act To Allow Access for Law Enforcement Officers to the List of Registered Primary Caregivers for Medical Marijuana Patients"

H.P. 184 L.D. 266

Resolve, To Direct the Department of Health and Human Services To Address the Growing Deficit in Room and Board Allowances Paid to Agencies Providing Residential Services to Adults with Intellectual Disabilities or Autism (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 192 L.D. 274

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

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

Bill "An Act To Remove Crossbows from the Restriction on Discharging Weapons near Buildings"

H.P. 193 L.D. 275

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

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

Bill "An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission"

H.P. 185 L.D. 267

Bill "An Act Regarding the Penobscot Nation's and Passamaquoddy Tribe's Authority To Exercise Jurisdiction under the Federal Tribal Law and Order Act of 2010 and the Federal Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013"

H.P. 186 L.D. 268

Bill "An Act Regarding Maine's Power of Sale Foreclosure Law"
H.P. 194 L.D. 276

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

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

Bill "An Act To Provide a Minor with a Defense to Prosecution in a Situation That Involves Risk of Alcohol Overdose"

H.P. 181 L.D. 263

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

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

Bill "An Act To License Polysomnography"

H.P. 195 L.D. 277

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

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

Bill "An Act To Encourage the Use of Fuel-efficient Vehicles"
H.P. 196 L.D. 278

Bill "An Act Regarding Payment under the Business Equipment Tax Reimbursement Program"

H.P. 197 L.D. 279

Bill "An Act To Exempt Military Pensions and Survivor Benefits from Maine Income Tax"

H.P. 198 L.D. 280

Resolve, To Modify the State Valuation of the Town of Madison To Reflect the Loss in Valuation of the Madison Paper Company and To Modify the State Valuation of the Town of Skowhegan To Reflect the Loss in Valuation of the S.D. Warren Company (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 199 L.D. 281

Bill "An Act To Modify the State Valuation of the Town of Madison To Reflect the Loss in Valuation of the Madison Paper Company, To Modify the State Valuation of the Town of Skowhegan To Reflect the Loss in Valuation of the S.D. Warren Company and To Amend the Law Governing School Subsidy Distribution in the Circumstance of Sudden Loss in Municipal Valuation" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 200 L.D. 282

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

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

Bill "An Act To Require the Maine Turnpike Authority To Consider Certain Third-party Studies and Municipal Recommendations in Its Decision-making Process"

H.P. 187 L.D. 269

Bill "An Act To Amend the Law Regarding Juvenile Provisional Licenses To Foster Military Service"

H.P. 190 L.D. 272

Bill "An Act To Require Proof of Insurance for Motor Vehicle Inspection"

H.P. 201 L.D. 283

Bill "An Act To Amend the Law Concerning Overwidth Farm Tractors on Public Ways"

H.P. 202 L.D. 284

Resolve, Directing the Department of Transportation To Install a Traffic Light in the Town of Prospect

H.P. 203 L.D. 285

Bill "An Act Making Supplemental Allocations from the Highway Fund and Other Funds for the Expenditures of State Government Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2015" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 204 L.D. 286

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

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

Bill "An Act To Reduce the Annual High-stakes Beano Fee from \$50,000 to \$12,500" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 188 L.D. 270

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

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

Bill "An Act To Improve Traffic Safety during Political Campaign Seasons"

H.P. 205 L.D. 287

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

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

Senate at Ease.

Senate called to order by the President.

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

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

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: S.C. 68

**STATE OF MAINE
127TH LEGISLATURE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
SPEAKER'S OFFICE**

January 22, 2015

The Honorable Heather Priest
Secretary of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Secretary Priest:

Pursuant to my authority under Title 26, Chapter 25, §2006 of the Maine Revised Statutes, I have appointed Representative Erin Herbig of Belfast to the State Workforce Investment Board.

If you have any questions regarding this appointment, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

S/Mark W. Eves
Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 71

**STATE OF MAINE
WORKERS' COMPENSATION BOARD
27 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0027**

February 2, 2015

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

Honorable Mark W. Eves
Speaker of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

RE: Annual report of the Workers' Compensation Board pursuant to 5 M.R.S.A. § 12023(2)

Dear President Thibodeau and Speaker Eves:

I am submitting this annual report on behalf of the Workers' Compensation Board (Board) pursuant to 5 M.R.S.A. § 12023(2).

A. A list of all procurements exceeding \$10,000 in the preceding year for which competitive procurement was waived under the policies adopted pursuant to section 12022, subsection 3, including procurements exceeding \$10,000 that were made under contracts previously entered into for which competitive procurement was not required. The list must include the names of the vendors and costs associated with those procurements.

- The Board did not have any such procurements.

B. A list of all persons to which the entity made contributions greater than \$1,000 in the preceding year and the total amount contributed to each.

- International Association of Industrial Accident Boards and Commissions (IAIABC) -- \$1,500.00. These funds pay for the Board's membership in the IAIABC which is directly related to the Board's mission and activity. As one example, the Board has worked extensively with IAIABC (and other states) to develop protocols for electronic filing of information.

C. A description of changes made in the preceding year to the written policies and procedures required by section 12022 or to the procedures used by the governing body to monitor compliance with those policies and procedures.

- No changes have been made to the Board's policies and procedures.

Very truly yours,

S/Paul H. Sighinolfi, Esq.
Executive Director/Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 72

**STATE OF MAINE
127TH LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT**

February 4, 2015

Honorable Heather J. R. Priest
Secretary of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Secretary Priest,

Pursuant to my authority under Title 29, USC 2821, I am pleased to appoint Senator Amy F. Volk of Cumberland to the Workforce Investment Board.

Please let me know if you have any questions regarding this appointment.

Sincerely,

S/Michael D. Thibodeau
President of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 69

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

February 5, 2015

Honorable Michael D. Thibodeau, President of the Senate
Honorable Mark W. Eves, Speaker of the House
127th Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Thibodeau and Speaker Eves:

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

L.D. 19 An Act Regarding Special Education for Students Enrolled in a Home Instruction Program

We have also notified the sponsors and cosponsors of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Brian D. Langley S/Rep. Victoria P. Kornfield
Senate Chair House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 70

**MAINE MUNICIPAL BOND BANK
127 COMMUNITY DRIVE
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04338-2268**

January 21, 2015

Honorable Michael D. Thibodeau
President of the Maine Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta Maine 04333

Honorable Mark W. Eves
Speaker of the House of Representatives
2 State House Station
Augusta Maine 04333

Dear President Thibodeau and Speaker Eves:

Pursuant to 5 M.R.S.A., Section 12023, please consider this the letter of transmittal for the required report from the Maine Municipal Bond Bank due by February 1, 2015.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or if you need additional information. I can be reached at 622-9386 or by email at mrg@mmbb.com.

Sincerely Yours,

S/Michael R. Goodwin
Executive Director

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

Senate at Ease.

Senate called to order by the President.

SENATE PAPERS

Bill "An Act To Support Marketing of Maine's Farms and Fisheries"

S.P. 119 L.D. 304

Presented by Senator MIRAMANT of Knox.
Cosponsored by Representative HICKMAN of Winthrop and Senators: DILL of Penobscot, GERZOFKY of Cumberland, Representatives: BEAVERS of South Berwick, BRYANT of Windham, DUNPHY of Old Town.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Encourage Responsible Consumer Fireworks Use"
S.P. 117 L.D. 302

Presented by Senator JOHNSON of Lincoln.
Cosponsored by Senators: BURNS of Washington, ROSEN of Hancock, Representatives: FOWLE of Vassalboro, HEAD of Bethel, NADEAU of Winslow.

Bill "An Act To Prevent Organized Retail Crime"
S.P. 125 L.D. 310

Presented by Senator VOLK of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative HOBBS of Saco and Senators: BURNS of Washington, GERZOFKY of Cumberland, LANGLEY of Hancock, WHITTEMORE of Somerset, Representatives: PICCHIOTTI of Fairfield, POULIOT of Augusta, SHAW of Standish, WARREN of Hallowell.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Authorize Circus Conservatory of America To Grant Baccalaureate Degrees" (EMERGENCY)
S.P. 120 L.D. 305

Presented by Senator MILLETT of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative MAKER of Calais and Senators: ALFOND of Cumberland, KATZ of Kennebec, LANGLEY of Hancock, SAVIELLO of Franklin, Representatives: DAUGHTRY of Brunswick, KORNFELD of Bangor, POULIOT of Augusta, TIPPING-SPITZ of Orono.

Resolve, To Prevent Overpayment for Virtual Education (EMERGENCY)
S.P. 121 L.D. 306

Presented by Senator JOHNSON of Lincoln.
Cosponsored by Representative HUBBELL of Bar Harbor and Senators: ALFOND of Cumberland, MILLETT of Cumberland, PATRICK of Oxford, WOODSOME of York, Representatives: EVANGELOS of Friendship, FOWLE of Vassalboro, KORNFELD of Bangor.

Bill "An Act To Improve Attendance at Public Elementary Schools"
S.P. 126 L.D. 311

Presented by Senator LIBBY of Androscoggin.
Cosponsored by Representative BROOKS of Lewiston and Senator: MILLETT of Cumberland, Representatives: GOLDEN of Lewiston, LAJOIE of Lewiston, McCLELLAN of Raymond, PIERCE of Falmouth, POULIOT of Augusta, ROTUNDO of Lewiston, STEARNS of Guilford.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Promote Tidal Energy Projects"
S.P. 110 L.D. 295

Presented by Senator BURNS of Washington.
Cosponsored by Representative MAKER of Calais and Senators: COLLINS of York, DAVIS of Piscataquis, HAMPER of Oxford, LANGLEY of Hancock, SAVIELLO of Franklin, Representatives: DeCHANT of Bath, HOBBS of Saco, TUELL of East Machias.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Appropriate Funds To Help Restore the Historic Wood Island Life Saving Station in Kittery"
S.P. 115 L.D. 300

Presented by Senator HILL of York.
Cosponsored by Representative RYKERSON of Kittery and Senators: COLLINS of York, VALENTINO of York, WOODSOME of York, Representatives: BEAVERS of South Berwick, BLUME of York, DUNPHY of Embden, JORGENSEN of Portland, LUCHINI of Ellsworth.

Bill "An Act To Expedite MaineCare Payments for School Administrative Units"
S.P. 133 L.D. 350

Presented by Senator LIBBY of Androscoggin.
Cosponsored by Representative GOLDEN of Lewiston and Senators: HAMPER of Oxford, MILLETT of Cumberland, Representatives: BROOKS of Lewiston, LAJOIE of Lewiston, POULIOT of Augusta, ROTUNDO of Lewiston, TURNER of Burlington.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Amend the Shoreland Zoning Laws To Exempt Certain Walkways and Trails from Setback Requirements"
S.P. 122 L.D. 307

Presented by Senator DUTREMBLE of York.
Cosponsored by Representative FECTEAU of Biddeford and Senators: PATRICK of Oxford, VALENTINO of York, Representatives: CHENETTE of Saco, GROHMAN of Biddeford, HOBBS of Saco, SEAVEY of Kennebunkport.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Increase Economic Development in Rural Communities by Expanding Hunting Opportunities"
S.P. 111 L.D. 296

Presented by Senator BURNS of Washington. (BY REQUEST)
Cosponsored by Representative TIMBERLAKE of Turner and Senators: HAMPER of Oxford, SAVIELLO of Franklin, Representatives: CRAFTS of Lisbon, DANA of the Passamaquoddy Tribe, O'CONNOR of Berwick, SHERMAN of Hodgdon, STETKIS of Canaan.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act Concerning Billing between Emergency Medical Services Providers and Insurance Companies"

S.P. 130 L.D. 347

Presented by Senator DUTREMBLE of York.
Cosponsored by Representative LAJOIE of Lewiston and
Senators: DAVIS of Piscataquis, GRATWICK of Penobscot,
PATRICK of Oxford, Representatives: COREY of Windham,
CRAFTS of Lisbon, SHAW of Standish, SHORT of Pittsfield,
WOOD of Sabattus.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Improve Communications Regarding Executive Sessions"

S.P. 118 L.D. 303

Presented by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin.
Cosponsored by Representative TURNER of Burlington and
Senators: BREEN of Cumberland, LIBBY of Androscoggin,
SAVIELLO of Franklin, WILLETTE of Aroostook, WOODSOME of
York, Representatives: CRAFTS of Lisbon, HICKMAN of
Winthrop, VACHON of Scarborough.

Bill "An Act To Connect the Citizens of the State to the State's
Natural Resources by Establishing Standards for Relief from
Regulatory Burdens"

S.P. 124 L.D. 309

Presented by Senator COLLINS of York.
Cosponsored by Representative NADEAU of Winslow and
Senators: BURNS of Washington, CUSHING of Penobscot,
DAVIS of Piscataquis, EDGECOMB of Aroostook, HAMPER of
Oxford, LANGLEY of Hancock, MASON of Androscoggin,
WHITTEMORE of Somerset.

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Confidentiality of
Library Records"

S.P. 127 L.D. 344

Presented by President THIBODEAU of Waldo.
Cosponsored by Representative WELSH of Rockport and
Senators: BURNS of Washington, CUSHING of Penobscot,
GRATWICK of Penobscot, KATZ of Kennebec, LANGLEY of
Hancock, LIBBY of Androscoggin, SAVIELLO of Franklin,
Representatives: JORGENSEN of Portland, MAKER of Calais,
NADEAU of Winslow, POWERS of Naples.

Bill "An Act To Require Shared Parenting of Minor Children When
the Parents Separate"

S.P. 129 L.D. 346

Presented by Senator DUTREMBLE of York.
Cosponsored by Representative NADEAU of Winslow and
Senator: PATRICK of Oxford, Representatives: CRAFTS of
Lisbon, FECTEAU of Biddeford, SHAW of Standish, SHORT of
Pittsfield, VEROW of Brewer, WOOD of Sabattus.

Bill "An Act To Ensure Accountability of Guardians Ad Litem"

S.P. 132 L.D. 349

Presented by Senator DUTREMBLE of York.
Cosponsored by Representative CRAFTS of Lisbon and Senator:
PATRICK of Oxford, Representatives: FECTEAU of Biddeford,
SHAW of Standish, SHORT of Pittsfield, VEROW of Brewer,
WOOD of Sabattus.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Increase Allowed Investments under the Maine
New Markets Capital Investment Program"

S.P. 112 L.D. 297

Presented by Senator LIBBY of Androscoggin.
Cosponsored by Representative ROTUNDO of Lewiston and
Senators: BURNS of Washington, MASON of Androscoggin,
VALENTINO of York, Representatives: ESPLING of New
Gloucester, McCABE of Skowhegan, SEAVEY of Kennebunkport.

Bill "An Act To Protect Children in Municipal and School Facilities
by Requiring Boiler Inspections"

S.P. 114 L.D. 299

Presented by Senator HILL of York.
Cosponsored by Representative WARD of Dedham and
Senators: BREEN of Cumberland, CUSHING of Penobscot,
DUTREMBLE of York, PATRICK of Oxford, Representatives:
FECTEAU of Biddeford, ROTUNDO of Lewiston.

Bill "An Act To Improve Insurance Coverage for First Responders
Answering a Call to Duty"

S.P. 116 L.D. 301

Presented by Senator JOHNSON of Lincoln.
Cosponsored by Representative HERBIG of Belfast and
Senators: BURNS of Washington, DUTREMBLE of York,
MIRAMANT of Knox, PATRICK of Oxford, Representatives:
DOORE of Augusta, EVANGELOS of Friendship, LONG of
Sherman, MAKER of Calais.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Cap Fines Imposed for Certain Motor Carrier Violations"

S.P. 123 L.D. 308

Presented by Senator COLLINS of York.
Cosponsored by Representative NADEAU of Winslow and Senators: BAKER of Sagadahoc, CUSHING of Penobscot, DAVIS of Piscataquis, EDGECOMB of Aroostook, HAMPER of Oxford, LANGLEY of Hancock, MASON of Androscoggin, WHITTEMORE of Somerset.

Bill "An Act To Require Motorists To Move to a Nonadjacent Lane or Slow Down for Certain Stationary Vehicles"

S.P. 128 L.D. 345

Presented by Senator SAVIELLO of Franklin.
Cosponsored by Senators: DAVIS of Piscataquis, KATZ of Kennebec, Representative: BLACK of Wilton.

Bill "An Act To Provide for 2-year Motor Vehicle Inspection Stickers"

S.P. 131 L.D. 348

Presented by Senator DUTREMBLE of York.
Cosponsored by Representative CRAFTS of Lisbon and Senators: COLLINS of York, DAVIS of Piscataquis, Representatives: COREY of Windham, FECTEAU of Biddeford, MARTIN of Sinclair, SHORT of Pittsfield, VEROW of Brewer, WOOD of Sabattus.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Pursuant to Statutes

Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices

Senator COLLINS for the **Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices**, pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 1, section 1009 asked leave to report that the accompanying Bill "An Act To Require Political Action Committees To Report the Receipt of Paid Services Received from State Agencies"

S.P. 113 L.D. 298

Be REFERRED to the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Report READ and ACCEPTED.

On motion by Senator COLLINS of York, REFERRED to the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Sent down for concurrence.

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

ORDERS

Joint Order

Expression of Legislative Sentiment recognizing:

Charles Marshall, of Auburn, on the celebration of his serving as the organist at West Auburn Congregational Church for 70 years. Members of the church, Marty and Cheryl Lang, have produced a compact disk of Mr. Marshall playing a number of familiar hymns in honor of this anniversary. We send our appreciation to Mr. Marshall for his longtime and dedicated commitment to the church and to the community and we congratulate him on his 70th anniversary of serving the church;

SLS 118

Sponsored by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin.
Cosponsored by Representatives: BICKFORD of Auburn, MELARAGNO of Auburn.

READ.

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

Senator **BRAKEY:** Thank you, Mr. President. I rise today to recognize Charles Marshall of Auburn for 70 years of service playing the organ at West Auburn Congregational Church, since before World War II. During all that time Mr. Marshall, I'm told, can count on a single hand the number of times he has missed a service. Every Sunday morning parishioners gathered to worship and Charles Marshall opened with a musical prelude, a different selection of music each week. After 70 years Mr. Marshall has said that he occasionally thinks of retirement but he is so beloved by the congregation that they won't hear of it. Of course, as a family man, Charles Marshall says there is only one thing he loves more than playing church music, his wife of 60 years, June, without whom he says the music would not be possible. I'm honored to speak to this sentiment and pleased to have with us today Charles and June Marshall: their children, Brendon Norwood, Bruce and Sharon Marshall: and their friend, Bill Hess. Thank you for the time to address this Body.

PASSED.

Sent down for concurrence.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair would ask that the guests today of Senator Brakey, Charles and June Marshall: their children, Brendon Norwood, Bruce and Sharon Marshall: and their friend, Bill Hess, please rise and accept the greetings of the Senate.

Off Record Remarks

Joint Resolution

On motion by Senator **MASON** of Androscoggin, the following Joint Resolution:

S.P. 134

**JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING
FEBRUARY AS 2-1-1 MAINE MONTH**

WHEREAS, 2-1-1 Maine is a comprehensive statewide directory of over 8,000 health and human services available in the State; and

WHEREAS, in order to promote the 2-1-1 Maine health and human services and emergency preparedness hotline, which helps Maine citizens get access to needed resources, we recognize February 2015 as 2-1-1 Maine Month; and

WHEREAS, 2-1-1 Maine helps to identify existing gaps in health and human services; and

WHEREAS, throughout the State, 2-1-1 Maine provides around-the-clock service through efficient and effective responses to questions arising from the growing complexities and needs in health, socioeconomic and human services; and

WHEREAS, 2-1-1 Maine provides emergency operations during times of natural and other disasters, including providing accurate and timely information for preparations and longer-term referrals for follow-up services, and valuable information for community planning and for future matching of resources and unmet needs; and

WHEREAS, during this past year, 2-1-1 Maine has directed over 13,000 Mainers to heating and utility assistance services that may have prevented people from contacting the wrong agency for a federal Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program benefit, prevented utility shutoffs and saved people from spending winter nights without fuel assistance; and

WHEREAS, since 2006, 2-1-1 Maine call specialists have assisted with more than 570,000 requests to locate health and human services information; and

WHEREAS, 2-1-1 Maine handles a number of specialized services, including assisting the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention with H1N1 influenza calls and the gambling helpline, and is also a resource to find information about such needs as heating assistance and tax preparation; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Twenty-seventh Legislature now assembled in the First Regular Session, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to recognize February 2015 as 2-1-1 Maine Month.

READ.

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

Senator **KATZ:** Thank you, Mr. President. Men and women of the Senate, if you need to find afterschool care for yourself or a constituent where do you look? If you are looking for counseling services or elder care information or heating assistance or ways to volunteer or problems with a utility, wouldn't it be nice if you could just dial one number and get answers to all those questions in one simple place? Well, we can. It's as easy as 2-1-1. Their slogan says it all, "Thousands of Services, One Place to Find Them." You hear a lot about public/private partnerships and this is one that really works. A combination of efforts of the United Way, the Opportunity Alliance, and the State of Maine. That's why we are all honored to recognize 2-1-1 and recognize this Joint Resolution and thank them for the work they do on behalf of all of our constituents. Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator **MASON:** Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, I just wanted to take the moment to recognize the folks at 2-1-1 for all the incredible work that they do. I recently learned about 2-1-1 in a meeting a week and a half ago. A couple of folks came in and talked about this. Honestly, I really didn't know that it existed, but I'm really glad that it does. Five hundred and seventy thousand calls since 2006. Mainers have been able to call in and get help for everything from heating assistance to benefits assistance and everything in between. I would encourage the membership, as well as the partisan staff in each office, to really take advantage of this resource when talking with constituents. Thank you, Mr. President.

On motion by Senator **MASON** of Androscoggin, **ADOPTED.**

Sent down for concurrence.

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

Off Record Remarks

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Unfinished Business

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

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later Assigned (1/20/15) matter:

Bill "An Act To Eliminate the Bonding Authority of the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority"

H.P. 45 L.D. 51

Tabled - January 20, 2015, by Senator **HAMPER** of Oxford

Pending - **REFERENCE**

(In House, January 14, 2015, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed.)

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

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later Assigned (1/29/15) matter:

Bill "An Act To Restrict Swim Areas"

H.P. 84 L.D. 126

Tabled - January 29, 2015, by Senator **EDGEComb** of Aroostook

Pending - **REFERENCE**

(Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY**, suggested and ordered printed.)

(In House, January 22, 2015, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE**.)

On motion by Senator **MASON** of Androscoggin, Bill and accompanying papers **INDEFINITELY POSTPONED**, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later Assigned (2/3/15) matter:

Bill "An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Support Waterfront Development"

S.P. 92 L.D. 254

Tabled - February 3, 2015, by Senator **HAMPER** of Oxford

Pending - **REFERENCE**

(Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** suggested and ordered printed.)

On motion by Senator **HAMPER** of Oxford, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **BANKING AND INSURANCE** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later Assigned (2/3/15) matter:

Bill "An Act To Support Research and Development at a Marine Field Station at the University of Maine at Machias" (EMERGENCY)

S.P. 78 L.D. 209

Tabled - February 3, 2015, by Senator **VOLK** of Cumberland

Pending - **REFERENCE**

(Committee on **LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** suggested and ordered printed.)

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Off Record Remarks

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

On motion by Senator **MASON** of Androscoggin, **ADJOURNED** to Thursday, February 12, 2015, at 10:00 in the morning.