

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE
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In Senate Chamber
Tuesday
May 2, 2017

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

Prayer by Pastor Jim Culbertson, Morrill Baptist Church.

PASTOR CULBERTSON: Let us pray. Transcendent, eternal, and all wise God in Heaven, we begin a new day with thanksgiving, thanking You for life and for breath, knowing that by Your hand we live and move and have our being. As creator and sustainer of all things, You are all knowing, all wise, and all powerful. In the light of Your character, we come to You seeking Your wisdom for our challenging times. Grant that these servants of this great State may have wisdom in their governance, may have grace in their dialog, and have mercy for all people when they seek to ascertain the highest ideal of justice, both human and divine. Help us to daily preserve in the two greatest guiding lights of life, the love of God and love of man, which would direct us in our service. Remind us in our homes and our governance that the greatest and most enduring truth of leadership from both the Scriptures and from modern leadership theory is that the greatest among us will be servants of all. Give us such hearts and minds as today we seek Your aide. Amen.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Senator Dana L. Dow of Lincoln County.

Reading of the Journal of Thursday, April 27, 2017.

Doctor of the day, Dieter Kreckel, M.D. of Rumford.

Off Record Remarks

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

Non-Concurrent Matter

HOUSE REPORTS - from the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** on Bill "An Act To Establish Maine Buy Local Month"

H.P. 293 L.D. 402

Majority - **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-31)** (7 members)

Minority - **Ought Not to Pass** (5 members)

In Senate, April 25, 2017, on motion by Senator **DAVIS** of Piscataquis, the Minority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

Comes from the House, that Body having **INSISTED** on its former action whereby the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report was **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-31)**.

On motion by Senator **DAVIS** of Piscataquis, the Senate **ADHERED**.

House Papers

Bill "An Act To Address Hunger, Support Maine Farms and Reduce Waste" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 1054 L.D. 1534

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

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

Bill "An Act To Establish the Let's Grow Maine Program"

H.P. 1066 L.D. 1548

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

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

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

Joint Resolution

The following Joint Resolution:

H.P. 1064

**JOINT RESOLUTION
RECOGNIZING MAY 2017 AS
JEWISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH**

WHEREAS, May is Jewish American Heritage Month, established by the United States Congress to recognize the more than 360-year history of Jewish contributions to American culture; and

WHEREAS, Jewish Americans, in the face of unspeakable discrimination and adversity, have fought tirelessly to realize the promise of the nation's founding and their achievements have enriched the country, stirred our conscience and challenged us to extend the miracles of freedom and security; and

WHEREAS, Jewish Americans have worked to strengthen the promise of religious freedom because their ancestors were tested from the moment they came together and professed their faith, and Jewish Americans continue to teach us empathy and compassion, inspired by their parents and grandparents, who know how it felt to be a stranger, and to stand up for a more perfect union for all; and

WHEREAS, Jewish communities continue to confront hostility and bigotry, including in America; and

WHEREAS, our nation shares an obligation to condemn and combat anti-Semitism and hatred wherever it exists and we remain committed to standing against the ugly tide of anti-Semitism in all its forms, including the denial or trivialization of the Holocaust; and

WHEREAS, during Jewish American Heritage Month, we celebrate the hard-fought progress won through struggle and sacrifice and we rededicate ourselves to building a world where diversity is cherished and faith is protected; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Twenty-eighth Legislature now assembled in the First Regular Session, on behalf of the people we represent, recognize May 2017 as Jewish American Heritage Month and take this opportunity to urge the citizens of the State to observe Jewish American Heritage Month with appropriate programs, ceremonies and activities.

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

READ and ADOPTED, in concurrence.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: S.C. 344

**STATE OF MAINE
128TH LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT**

April 19, 2017

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 10, MRSA, Chapter 1-A, Section 11, I am pleased to appoint the following individuals to the Citizen Trade Policy Commission effective the date of this letter:

Joel Kase, DO, MPH of Lewiston
Ryan Harnden of Belfast

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

Sincerely,

S/Michael D. Thibodeau
President of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 352

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

April 28, 2017

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

Dear President Thibodeau:

This is to inform you that I am today nominating Anna M. Perna of Holden for appointment to the School Board of the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf.

Pursuant to Title 20-A, MRSA §7406, this appointment is contingent on the Maine Senate confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs. Sincerely,

S/Paul R. LePage
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 355

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

May 1, 2017

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

Dear President Thibodeau:

This is to inform you that I am today nominating Judge Ronald A. Daigle of Fort Kent for reappointment to Active Retired Status of the Maine District Court.

Pursuant to Title 4, MRSA §157-B, this reappointment is contingent on the Maine Senate confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary.

Sincerely,

S/Paul R. LePage
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 356

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

May 1, 2017

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

Dear President Thibodeau:

This is to inform you that I am today nominating Liberty R. Ladd of Falmouth for appointment to the State Board of Education.

Pursuant to Title 20-A, MRSA §401, this appointment is contingent on the Maine Senate confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs.

Sincerely,

S/Paul R. LePage
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 343

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY EIGHTH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL
AFFAIRS**

April 26, 2017

Honorable Michael D. Thibodeau, Senate President
Honorable Sara Gideon, Speaker of the House
128th Maine State Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Thibodeau and Speaker Gideon,

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that we have approved the request by the bill sponsor Rep. Campbell of Orrington, to report the following bill Leave to Withdraw:

L.D. 417 An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Invest in Facilities and Equipment To Support the Growth of Additive Manufacturing

Sincerely,

S/Sen. James M. Hamper
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Drew M. Gattine
House Chair

READ and with accompanying papers ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 353

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY EIGHTH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY**

April 20, 2017

Honorable Michael D. Thibodeau, Senate President
Honorable Sara Gideon, Speaker of the House
128th Maine State Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Thibodeau and Speaker Gideon,

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that we have approved the request by the bill sponsor Sen. Woodsome of York, to report the following bill Leave to Withdraw:

L.D. 1352 An Act To Advance Locally Owned Solar Energy Systems

Sincerely,

S/Sen. David Woodsome
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Seth A. Berry
House Chair

READ and with accompanying papers ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

Senator **ROSEN** of Hancock requested and received leave of the Senate that members and staff be allowed to remove their jackets for the remainder of this Legislative Day.

The Following Communication: S.C. 357

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION, AND
FORESTRY**

May 1, 2017

Honorable Michael D. Thibodeau, President of the Senate
Honorable Sara Gideon, Speaker of the House
128th Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Thibodeau and Speaker Gideon:

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

- L.D. 662 Resolve, Directing the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry To Work with All-terrain Vehicle Clubs To Develop All-terrain Vehicle Trails in Northern Maine
- L.D. 857 An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Slaughter and Inspection of Livestock
- L.D. 993 An Act To Protect Pollinators from Neonicotinoid Pesticides

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Paul T. Davis Senate Chair
S/Rep. Michelle Ann Dunphy House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 345

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY**

April 24, 2017

Honorable Michael D. Thibodeau, President of the Senate
Honorable Sara Gideon, Speaker of the House
128th Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Thibodeau and Speaker Gideon:

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

- L.D. 248 An Act Regarding Law Enforcement Training for Former Military Police Officers
- L.D. 475 An Act To Require That a Person Who Has Been Treated by a Law Enforcement Officer with Naloxone Be Informed about Drug Addiction Treatment
- L.D. 859 An Act To Ensure Thorough Investigation into Allegations of Sexual Assault
- L.D. 986 An Act To Improve School Safety

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Kimberley C. Rosen Senate Chair
S/Rep. Charlotte May Warren House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 358

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

May 1, 2017

Honorable Michael D. Thibodeau, President of the Senate
Honorable Sara Gideon, Speaker of the House
128th Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Thibodeau and Speaker Gideon:

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(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

- L.D. 674 An Act To Provide Public Charter Schools with Access to State Funds for Capital Expenses

- L.D. 747 An Act To Amend Minimum Age Eligibility for School Enrollment
- L.D. 751 An Act To Establish Districtwide Standardized Assessment Policies
- L.D. 1051 An Act To Prevent Sudden Cardiac Arrest
- L.D. 1233 An Act To Provide Veterans and Gold Star Families Free Admission to the Maine State Museum

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

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

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 346

STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, UTILITIES, AND TECHNOLOGY

April 26, 2017

Honorable Michael D. Thibodeau, President of the Senate
 Honorable Sara Gideon, Speaker of the House
 128th Legislature
 State House
 Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Thibodeau and Speaker Gideon:

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

- L.D. 1157 An Act To Create a Limited Microgrid Project To Stimulate Economic Development in Northern Maine
- L.D. 1299 An Act To Amend the Charter of the Town of Madison's Department of Electric Works

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. David Woodsome S/Rep. Seth A. Berry
 Senate Chair House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 359

STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES

May 1, 2017

Honorable Michael D. Thibodeau, President of the Senate
 Honorable Sara Gideon, Speaker of the House
 128th Legislature
 State House
 Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Thibodeau and Speaker Gideon:

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

- L.D. 684 An Act To Increase Vegetative Buffers in the Shoreland Zone
- L.D. 1094 An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Review of Subdivisions
- L.D. 1178 An Act To Better Understand and Control Invasive Aquatic Plants and Nuisance Species
- L.D. 1194 Resolve, Establishing the Commission To Study and Assess Maine's Regulatory Environment

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Thomas B. Saviello S/Rep. Ralph L. Tucker
 Senate Chair House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 347

STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

April 26, 2017

Honorable Michael D. Thibodeau, President of the Senate
 Honorable Sara Gideon, Speaker of the House
 128th Legislature
 State House
 Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Thibodeau and Speaker Gideon:

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

- L.D. 36 An Act To Create a 9-month Time Limit on General Assistance Benefits for Certain Persons
- L.D. 1053 Resolve, Concerning the Format of Birth Certificates of Deceased Persons
- L.D. 1066 An Act To Promote Life with Dignity
- L.D. 1119 An Act To Ensure Safe Drinking Water in Public Buildings

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Eric L. Brakey S/Rep. Patricia Hymanson
 Senate Chair House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 362

**STATE OF MAINE
 ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE
 COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

May 1, 2017

Honorable Michael D. Thibodeau, President of the Senate
 Honorable Sara Gideon, Speaker of the House
 128th Legislature
 State House
 Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Thibodeau and Speaker Gideon:

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

- L.D. 477 An Act To Prevent Long-term Welfare Dependency
- L.D. 606 An Act To Ensure Access to All Prescription Drugs Containing Cannabidiol Approved by the Federal Food and Drug Administration

L.D. 932 Resolve, To Establish the Commission To Study the Siting and Building of a Drug Treatment Facility in Northern Maine (EMERGENCY)

L.D. 1075 An Act To Eliminate Drug Use among Welfare Recipients

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Eric L. Brakey S/Rep. Patricia Hymanson
 Senate Chair House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 342

**STATE OF MAINE
 ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE
 COMMITTEE ON INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE**

April 24, 2017

Honorable Michael D. Thibodeau, President of the Senate
 Honorable Sara Gideon, Speaker of the House
 128th Legislature
 State House
 Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Thibodeau and Speaker Gideon:

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

L.D. 732 An Act To Protect Young Bucks in Northern, Eastern and Western Maine

L.D. 1002 An Act To Add .17 Caliber Hornady Magnum Rimfire Rifle Cartridges to the Cartridges Acceptable for Deer Hunting

L.D. 1038 An Act To Allow Junior Hunters To Take an Antlered or Antlerless Deer in Any Wildlife Management District on Youth Deer Hunting Day

L.D. 1041 An Act Regarding the Safe Discharge of Firearms during Deer Hunting Season

L.D. 1065 An Act To Dedicate All Money Raised from the Moose Lottery and Permits to Research and Management of Moose

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Scott W. Cyrway
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Robert S. Duchesne
House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 363

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON MARINE RESOURCES**

May 1, 2017

Honorable Michael D. Thibodeau, President of the Senate
Honorable Sara Gideon, Speaker of the House
128th Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Thibodeau and Speaker Gideon:

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

- L.D. 113 An Act To Stabilize Lobster Bait Prices
- L.D. 233 An Act To Establish a Statewide Scallop Harvesting Limit and Extend the Scallop Season
- L.D. 373 An Act To Create Pathways To Enter Alternative Marine Industries
- L.D. 1067 An Act To Limit the Size of Scallop Drags
- L.D. 1380 An Act To Implement an Owner-Operator Requirement in the Scallop and Sea Urchin Fisheries

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Joyce A. Maker
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Walter A. Kumiega
House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 360

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

April 28, 2017

Honorable Michael D. Thibodeau, President of the Senate
Honorable Sara Gideon, Speaker of the House
128th Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Thibodeau and Speaker Gideon:

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

- L.D. 1153 An Act To Establish a Village Corporation
- L.D. 1193 An Act To Ensure the Cost-efficiency of Contracting out Services by the State
- L.D. 1309 Resolve, To Establish the Commission To Study Business Ownership by Racial and Ethnic Populations and the Wealth Gap in the State (EMERGENCY)

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Paul T. Davis
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Danny Martin
House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 361

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS**

May 1, 2017

Honorable Michael D. Thibodeau, President of the Senate
Honorable Sara Gideon, Speaker of the House
128th Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Thibodeau and Speaker Gideon:

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

- L.D. 5 RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Exclude Wildlife Issues from Citizen Initiatives
- L.D. 212 RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Require That Signatures on a Direct Initiative of Legislation Come from Each State Senatorial District
- L.D. 715 RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Amend the Citizen Initiative Process
- L.D. 819 Resolve, To Establish the Commission To Study the Adequacy of Housing Safety Laws
- L.D. 883 An Act To Establish a Minimum Payment for Signatures Gathered by Maine Citizens for Referendums
- L.D. 906 An Act Regarding the Collection of Signatures for a Direct Initiative
- L.D. 937 An Act To Require the Fiscal Impact of a Direct Initiative of Legislation To Be Included on the Ballot
- L.D. 979 An Act Regarding Early Voting in Person
- L.D. 995 An Act To Allow a Resident Veteran's Child Who Is Enrolled in an Out-of-state College or University To Take a Course in Maine at a State Postsecondary Education Institution for Free
- L.D. 1012 An Act To Improve the Availability of Agency Liquor Stores in Underserved Areas and To Expand the Sale of Spirits in New Channels
- L.D. 1035 An Act To Require an Opinion of the Supreme Judicial Court on Direct Initiatives of Legislation
- L.D. 1046 An Act To Require Maine Clean Election Act Candidates To Purchase Services from Maine-based Companies
- L.D. 1103 An Act To Require Correction of False Information Distributed in a Campaign
- L.D. 1125 An Act To Establish a Recall Procedure for Elected Officials
- L.D. 1255 An Act Authorizing an Instant Lottery Game with Proceeds To Benefit Early Childhood Education
- L.D. 1271 An Act Regarding the Certification Process for Direct Initiatives and People's Veto Referenda
- L.D. 1339 An Act To Amend the Procedure To Determine the Wording of Ballot Questions for Citizen Initiatives

- L.D. 1368 An Act To Amend Funding Distributions under the Maine Clean Election Act
- L.D. 1397 An Act To Amend the Maine Clean Election Act and Related Laws

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Garrett P. Mason
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Louis J. Luchini
House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 351

**MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF PROGRAM EVALUATION AND
GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

TO: Senator Michael Thibodeau, President of the Senate
Representative Sara Gideon, Speaker of the House
and Democratic and Republican Leaders

FROM: S/Beth L. Ashcroft, Director

DATE: April 28, 2017

RE: Maine State Lottery

Attached please find the final report from the Office of Program Evaluation and Government Accountability on the Maine State Lottery. The report is also available on our website at <http://legislature.maine.gov/oepga/oepga-reports/9149>. The public comment period on this Report has been scheduled for Friday, May 12, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 220 Cross Building.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact me.

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 354

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE
TASK FORCE TO ADDRESS THE
OPIOID CRISIS IN THE STATE
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

April 28, 2017

The Honorable Michael D. Thibodeau, President
Maine State Senate

The Honorable Sara Gideon, Speaker
Maine House of Representatives
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Thibodeau and Speaker Gideon:

Pursuant to Joint Order SP 210, the Task Force to Address the Opioid Crisis in the State is pleased to submit its interim report. Copies of the full report have been distributed to committees or individuals as directed by law and copies have been placed on file with the Law and Legislative Reference Library. Others may access the full report on-line through the website of the Office of Policy and Legal Analysis at <http://legislature.maine.gov/opla>.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Andre E. Cushing III S/Rep. Joyce "Jay" McCreight
Senate Chair House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 349

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

28 April 2017

The 128th Legislature of the State of Maine
State House
Augusta, ME

Dear Honorable Members of the 128th Legislature:

Under the authority vested in me by Article IV, Part Third, Section 2 of the Constitution of the State of Maine, I am hereby vetoing LD 135, "An Act To Authorize the Department of Health and Human Services To Disclose Information to the Personal Representative of the Estate of an Incapacitated or Dependent Adult Who Dies While under Public Guardianship or Public Conservatorship."

Current law allows the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to release information in its records regarding adult protective activities to certain individuals who have a direct interest in or reason for having the information, such as a physician who suspects abuse or a member of a panel convened by DHHS or the Attorney General to investigate elder abuse.

This bill would add personal representatives of the estate of a deceased individual who was under public guardianship or conservatorship to that list without any cause or justification for such a representative to obtain this confidential information.

Granting DHHS this unnecessary discretion could result in the sharing of information about elder-abuse investigations with the very subjects of those investigations.

Under current law, DHHS may already share the information in question with a court's approval. Passing a new law because past litigants may not have liked a court's decision would be reactionary and result in potentially bad decisions in the future.

For these reasons, I return LD 135 unsigned and vetoed. I strongly urge the Legislature to sustain it.

Sincerely,

S/Paul R. LePage
Governor

READ and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**.

The accompanying Bill:

An Act To Require the Department of Health and Human Services To Disclose Information to the Personal Representative of the Estate of an Incapacitated or Dependent Adult Who Dies While under Public Guardianship or Public Conservatorship
S.P. 54 L.D. 135

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall this Bill become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?"

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 350

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

28 April 2017

The 128th Legislature of the State of Maine
State House
Augusta, ME

Dear Honorable Members of the 128th Legislature:

Under the authority vested in me by Article IV, Part Third, Section 2 of the Constitution of the State of Maine, I am hereby vetoing LD 444, "An Act To Increase the Maximum Registered Gross Weight Allowed for Vehicles with Disabled Veterans or Special Veterans Registration Plates.

This bill increases the maximum gross weight allowed for vehicles with disabled veterans or special veterans registration plates from 10,000 pounds to 26,000 pounds. I understand the purpose of the bill and appreciate it is an attempt to help our veterans. But I have concerns about creating carve-outs in statute for one group of special license plates and not others.

There are other plates that would still have this 10,000-pound vehicle limit, such as the "We Support Our Troops" plate and the "Breast cancer support services" plate. All of these special plates are important and should have consistent requirements in law.

For this reason, I return LD 444 unsigned and vetoed. I strongly urge the Legislature to sustain it.

Sincerely,

S/Paul R. LePage
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The accompanying Bill:

An Act To Increase the Maximum Registered Gross Weight Allowed for Vehicles with Disabled Veterans or Special Veterans Registration Plates

S.P. 146 L.D. 444

The Chair noted the absence of the Senator from Oxford, Senator **KEIM**, and further excused the same Senator from today's Roll Call votes.

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall this Bill become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor? In accordance with Article IV, Part Third, Section 2 of the Constitution, the vote will be taken by the Yeas and Nays. A vote of yes will be in favor of the Bill. A vote of no will be in favor of sustaining the veto of the Governor."

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#101)

YEAS: Senators: BELLOWS, BRAKEY, BREEN, CARPENTER, CARSON, CHENETTE, CHIPMAN, COLLINS, CUSHING, CYRWAY, DAVIS, DESCHAMBAULT, DIAMOND, DILL, DION, DOW, GRATWICK, HAMPER, HILL, JACKSON, KATZ, LANGLEY, LIBBY, MAKER, MASON, MILLETT, MIRAMANT, ROSEN, SAVIELLO, VITELLI, VOLK, WHITTEMORE, WOODSOME, PRESIDENT THIBODEAU

NAYS: Senators: None

EXCUSED: Senator: KEIM

34 Senators having voted in the affirmative and no Senator having voted in the negative, with 1 Senator being excused, and 34 being more than two-thirds of the members present and voting, it was the vote of the Senate that the veto of the Governor be **OVERRIDDEN** and the Bill become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor.

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

Off Record Remarks

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

Senate at Ease.

The Senate was called to order by the President.

Off Record Remarks

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

SENATE PAPERS

Bill "An Act To Require That Principals of Corporations Remain the Same for a Specified Number of Years for the Corporation To Be Eligible for a Casino License"

S.P. 550 L.D. 1568

Presented by Senator COLLINS of York. Cosponsored by Representative SCHNECK of Bangor and Senator: MASON of Androscoggin, Representatives: CASÁS of Rockport, DILLINGHAM of Oxford, HANINGTON of Lincoln, LUCHINI of Ellsworth, MONAGHAN of Cape Elizabeth, WARREN of Hallowell, WHITE of Washburn. Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

SENATE PAPERS

Bill "An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Capitalize a Career and Technical Revolving Equipment and Renovation Fund"

S.P. 546 L.D. 1562

Presented by Senator LANGLEY of Hancock.
Submitted by the Department of Education pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Resolve, To Establish the Maine Health Advisory Committee (EMERGENCY)

S.P. 547 L.D. 1563

Presented by Senator GRATWICK of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Representative TUCKER of Brunswick and Senators: DAVIS of Piscataquis, DOW of Lincoln, LIBBY of Androscoggin, SAVIELLO of Franklin, Representatives: CAMPBELL of Orrington, GRANT of Gardiner, MARTIN of Eagle Lake.
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Conform State Law to Federal Law While Promoting Safe Working Environments for Minors"

S.P. 548 L.D. 1564

Presented by Senator LANGLEY of Hancock.
Cosponsored by Representative FREDETTE of Newport and Senator: VOLK of Cumberland, Representatives: AUSTIN of Gray, ESPLING of New Gloucester, FARRIN of Norridgewock, GERRISH of Lebanon, PARRY of Arundel, STETKIS of Canaan, VACHON of Scarborough.
Submitted by the Department of Labor pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

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 Amend the Archives and Records Management Law"

S.P. 549 L.D. 1567

Presented by Senator KATZ of Kennebec.
Cosponsored by Representative PIERCE of Dresden and Senators: DESCHAMBAULT of York, DIAMOND of Cumberland, Representatives: GRIGNON of Athens, HARRINGTON of Sanford, MARTIN of Sinclair, MASTRACCIO of Sanford, ORDWAY of Standish, RYKERSON of Kittery.
Submitted by the Secretary of State pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

House

Change of Committee

The Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Bill "An Act for Providers across Multiple Sectors To Inquire of Clients and Customers about Former Military Service"

H.P. 204 L.D. 271

Reported that the same be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **REFERRED** to the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS**.

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

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

The Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Resolve, To Increase the Permissible Size of Bed and Breakfasts

H.P. 526 L.D. 746

Reported that the same be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **REFERRED** to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY**.

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

REFERRED to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY**, in concurrence.

The Committee on **JUDICIARY** on Resolve, To Require the State's Mitigation Plan under the Volkswagen Mitigation Trust Agreement To Include the Use of Maine-generated Nonfossil Fuel Sources

H.P. 704 L.D. 1003

Reported that the same be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **REFERRED** to the Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES**.

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

REFERRED to the Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES**, in concurrence.

The Committee on **LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** on Bill "An Act To Provide Alternative Repayment Methods to Employees Overcompensated through an Employer Error"

H.P. 935 L.D. 1345

Reported that the same be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **REFERRED** to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT**.

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

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

Ought to Pass As Amended

The Committee on **JUDICIARY** on Bill "An Act To Protect the Confidentiality of Local Government Employees' Private Information"

H.P. 104 L.D. 146

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-85)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-85)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-85) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act To Return the Normal Cost of Teacher Retirement to the State"

H.P. 417 L.D. 601

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-73)**.

Signed:

Senator:

MILLETT of Cumberland

Representatives:

KORNFIELD of Bangor
DAUGHTRY of Brunswick
FARNSWORTH of Portland
FULLER of Lewiston
McCREA of Fort Fairfield
PIERCE of Falmouth

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

Signed:

Senators:

LANGLEY of Hancock
MAKER of Washington

Representatives:

GINZLER of Bridgton
SAMPSON of Alfred
STEWART of Presque Isle
TURNER of Burlington

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-73)**.

Reports **READ**.

Senator **LANGLEY** of Hancock moved the Senate **ACCEPT** the Minority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

On motion by Senator **MILLETT** of Cumberland, supported by a Division of one-fifth of the members present and voting, a Roll Call was ordered.

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#102)

YEAS: Senators: BRAKEY, COLLINS, CUSHING, CYRWAY, DAVIS, DOW, HAMPER, KATZ, LANGLEY, MAKER, MASON, ROSEN, SAVIELLO, VOLK, WHITTEMORE, PRESIDENT THIBODEAU

NAYS: Senators: BELLOWS, BREEN, CARPENTER, CARSON, CHENETTE, CHIPMAN, DESCHAMBAULT, DIAMOND, DILL, DION, GRATWICK, HILL, JACKSON, LIBBY, MILLETT, MIRAMANT, VITELLI, WOODSOME

EXCUSED: Senator: KEIM

16 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 18 Senators having voted in the negative, with 1 Senator being excused, the motion by Senator **LANGLEY** of Hancock to **ACCEPT** the Minority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report, in **NON-CONCURRENCE, FAILED**.

The Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-73) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act To Simplify the In-service Days Requirement in Education" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 691 L.D. 978

Reported that the same **Ought Not to Pass**.

Signed:

Senators:
LANGLEY of Hancock
MILLETT of Cumberland

Representatives:
DAUGHTRY of Brunswick
FARNSWORTH of Portland
FULLER of Lewiston
GINZLER of Bridgton
McCREA of Fort Fairfield

PIERCE of Falmouth
SAMPSON of Alfred
STEWART of Presque Isle
TURNER of Burlington

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass**.

Signed:

Senator:
MAKER of Washington

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

Reports **READ**.

On motion by Senator **LANGLEY** of Hancock, the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **JUDICIARY** on Bill "An Act To Amend the Maine Parentage Act"

H.P. 105 L.D. 147

Reported that the same **Ought Not to Pass**.

Signed:

Senators:
KEIM of Oxford
HILL of York
WHITTEMORE of Somerset

Representatives:
MOONEN of Portland
BABBIDGE of Kennebunk
BAILEY of Saco
BRADSTREET of Vassalboro
CARDONE of Bangor
GUERIN of Glenburn
McCREIGHT of Harpswell
RECKITT of South Portland
SHERMAN of Hodgdon

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass**.

Signed:

Representative:
JOHANSEN of Monticello

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

Reports **READ**.

On motion by Senator **WHITTEMORE** of Somerset, the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **JUDICIARY** on Bill "An Act To Prohibit Prescriptive Property Rights Claims of Property Owned by Nonprofit Organizations"

H.P. 426 L.D. 610

Reported that the same **Ought Not to Pass**.

Signed:

Senators:

KEIM of Oxford
HILL of York
WHITTEMORE of Somerset

Representatives:

MOONEN of Portland
BABBIDGE of Kennebunk
BAILEY of Saco
CARDONE of Bangor
GUERIN of Glenburn
McCREIGHT of Harpswell
RECKITT of South Portland
SHERMAN of Hodgdon

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass**.

Signed:

Representatives:

BRADSTREET of Vassalboro
JOHANSEN of Monticello

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

Reports **READ**.

On motion by Senator **WHITTEMORE** of Somerset, the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** on Bill "An Act To Improve Insurance Coverage for First Responders Answering a Call to Duty"

H.P. 54 L.D. 67

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-43)**.

Signed:

Senator:

BELLOWS of Kennebec

Representatives:

FECTEAU of Biddeford
BATES of Westbrook
DOORE of Augusta
HANDY of Lewiston
MASTRACCIO of Sanford
SYLVESTER of Portland

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

Signed:

Senators:

VOLK of Cumberland
LANGLEY of Hancock

Representatives:

AUSTIN of Gray
LOCKMAN of Amherst
STETKIS of Canaan
VACHON of Scarborough

Comes from the House with the Minority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

Reports **READ**.

On motion by Senator **VOLK** of Cumberland, the Minority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** on Bill "An Act To Opt Out of Federal Daylight Saving Time and To Ask the United States Secretary of Transportation To Place the State in the Atlantic Time Zone"
H.P. 159 L.D. 203

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-76)**.

Signed:

Senators:

DAVIS of Piscataquis
DESCHAMBAULT of York
KEIM of Oxford

Representatives:

MARTIN of Sinclair
BEEBE-CENTER of Rockland
BRYANT of Windham
HARRINGTON of Sanford
HOGAN of Old Orchard Beach
MADIGAN of Rumford
SPEAR of South Thomaston

HOGAN of Old Orchard Beach
MADIGAN of Rumford
ORDWAY of Standish
PICKETT of Dixfield

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "B" (H-77)**.

Signed:

Representatives:

GRIGNON of Athens
ORDWAY of Standish
PICKETT of Dixfield

Comes from the House with the Minority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "B" (H-77)** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "B" (H-77)**.

Reports **READ**.

On motion by Senator **DAVIS** of Piscataquis, the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-76)** Report **ACCEPTED**, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-76) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** on Resolve, Authorizing the Mount Hunger Area of the Town of Gray To Proceed with the Secession Process

H.P. 434 L.D. 618

Reported that the same **Ought Not to Pass**.

Signed:

Senators:

DAVIS of Piscataquis
DESCHAMBAULT of York
KEIM of Oxford

Representatives:

MARTIN of Sinclair
BRYANT of Windham
GRIGNON of Athens
HARRINGTON of Sanford

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-70)**.

Signed:

Representatives:

BEEBE-CENTER of Rockland
SPEAR of South Thomaston

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

Reports **READ**.

On motion by Senator **DAVIS** of Piscataquis, the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** on Resolve, Authorizing the Area of the West Side of Little Sebago Lake of the Town of Gray To Proceed with the Secession Process

H.P. 435 L.D. 619

Reported that the same **Ought Not to Pass**.

Signed:

Senators:

DAVIS of Piscataquis
DESCHAMBAULT of York
KEIM of Oxford

Representatives:

MARTIN of Sinclair
BRYANT of Windham
GRIGNON of Athens
HARRINGTON of Sanford
HOGAN of Old Orchard Beach
MADIGAN of Rumford
ORDWAY of Standish
PICKETT of Dixfield

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-71)**.

Signed:

Representatives:

BEEBE-CENTER of Rockland
SPEAR of South Thomaston

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS**
Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

Reports **READ**.

On motion by Senator **DAVIS** of Piscataquis, the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** on Bill "An Act To Establish Indigenous People's Day"

H.P. 642 L.D. 914

Reported that the same **Ought Not to Pass**.

Signed:

Senators:

DAVIS of Piscataquis
DESCHAMBAULT of York
KEIM of Oxford

Representatives:

MARTIN of Sinclair
GRIGNON of Athens
HARRINGTON of Sanford
HOGAN of Old Orchard Beach
MADIGAN of Rumford
PICKETT of Dixfield

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-66)**.

Signed:

Representatives:

BEEBE-CENTER of Rockland
BRYANT of Windham
ORDWAY of Standish
SPEAR of South Thomaston

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS**
Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

Reports **READ**.

On motion by Senator **DAVIS** of Piscataquis, the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** on Bill "An Act To Modify the Lincoln County Budget Advisory Committee"

H.P. 685 L.D. 972

Reported that the same **Ought Not to Pass**.

Signed:

Senators:

DESCHAMBAULT of York
KEIM of Oxford

Representatives:

MARTIN of Sinclair
BEEBE-CENTER of Rockland
BRYANT of Windham
HOGAN of Old Orchard Beach
MADIGAN of Rumford
SPEAR of South Thomaston

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-78)**.

Signed:

Senator:

DAVIS of Piscataquis

Representatives:

GRIGNON of Athens
HARRINGTON of Sanford
ORDWAY of Standish
PICKETT of Dixfield

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS**
Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

Reports **READ**.

On motion by Senator **DAVIS** of Piscataquis, the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** on Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Granting of a Variance from the Dimensional Standards of a Zoning Ordinance"

H.P. 760 L.D. 1082

Reported that the same **Ought Not to Pass**.

Signed:

Senators:

DAVIS of Piscataquis
DESCHAMBAULT of York
KEIM of Oxford

Representatives:

MARTIN of Sinclair
BEEBE-CENTER of Rockland
BRYANT of Windham
HOGAN of Old Orchard Beach
MADIGAN of Rumford
SPEAR of South Thomaston

FARRIN of Norridgewock
HANINGTON of Lincoln
WHITE of Washburn

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

Reports **READ**.

Senator **MASON** of Androscoggin moved the Senate **ACCEPT** the Minority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-79)** Report, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

On motion by Senator **CARPENTER** of Aroostook, supported by a Division of one-fifth of the members present and voting, a Roll Call was ordered.

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#103)

YEAS: Senators: BRAKEY, COLLINS, CUSHING, CYRWAY, DAVIS, DOW, HAMPER, LANGLEY, MAKER, MASON, ROSEN, VOLK, WHITTEMORE, WOODSOME, PRESIDENT THIBODEAU

NAYS: Senators: BELLOWS, BREEN, CARPENTER, CARSON, CHENETTE, CHIPMAN, DESCHAMBAULT, DIAMOND, DILL, DION, GRATWICK, HILL, JACKSON, KATZ, LIBBY, MILLETT, MIRAMANT, SAVIELLO, VITELLI

EXCUSED: Senator: KEIM

15 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 19 Senators having voted in the negative, with 1 Senator being excused, the motion by Senator **MASON** of Androscoggin to **ACCEPT** the Minority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-79)** Report, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**, **FAILED**.

The Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

Divided Report

Six Members of the Committee on **LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** on Bill "An Act To Promote Keeping Workers in Maine"

H.P. 350 L.D. 487

Reported in Report "A" that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-49)**

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass**.

Signed:

Representatives:

GRIGNON of Athens
HARRINGTON of Sanford
ORDWAY of Standish
PICKETT of Dixfield

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**. Reports **READ**.

On motion by Senator **DAVIS** of Piscataquis, the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act Regarding Terminology in Campaign Finance Law"

H.P. 285 L.D. 394

Reported that the same **Ought Not to Pass**.

Signed:

Senator:

CARPENTER of Aroostook

Representatives:

LUCHINI of Ellsworth
CASÁS of Rockport
HICKMAN of Winthrop
LONGSTAFF of Waterville
MONAGHAN of Cape Elizabeth
SCHNECK of Bangor

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-79)**.

Signed:

Senators:

MASON of Androscoggin
COLLINS of York

Representatives:

DILLINGHAM of Oxford

Signed:

Senator:
BELLOWS of Kennebec

Representatives:
FECTEAU of Biddeford
BATES of Westbrook
HANDY of Lewiston
MASTRACCIO of Sanford
SYLVESTER of Portland

Six Members of the same Committee on the same subject reported in Report "B" that the same **Ought Not to Pass**.

Signed:

Senators:
VOLK of Cumberland
LANGLEY of Hancock

Representatives:
AUSTIN of Gray
LOCKMAN of Amherst
STETKIS of Canaan
VACHON of Scarborough

Comes from the House with Report "A" **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-49) READ and ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-49)**.

Reports **READ**.

On motion by Senator **VOLK** of Cumberland, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending **ACCEPTANCE OF EITHER REPORT**.

Senate

Ought to Pass

Senator ROSEN for the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** on Bill "An Act To Allow for Consistent Application of Credit for Driver's License Suspensions Imposed by the Court"

S.P. 232 L.D. 670

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

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

Senator ROSEN for the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** on Bill "An Act To Allow for Accurate Credit for a License Suspension for Operating under the Influence"
S.P. 233 L.D. 671

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

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

Ought to Pass As Amended

Senator ROSEN for the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** on Bill "An Act To Prohibit the Discharge of a Firearm within 300 Feet of a State-owned Boat Launching Ramp"
S.P. 109 L.D. 343

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-52)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-52) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

Senator WOODSOME for the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** on Bill "An Act To Improve Transparency in the Electricity Supply Market"
S.P. 248 L.D. 803

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-49)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-49) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** on Bill "An Act To Prohibit Foraging on Private Land without Permission"
S.P. 47 L.D. 128

Reported that the same **Ought Not to Pass**.

Signed:

Senators:

DAVIS of Piscataquis
DILL of Penobscot

Representatives:

DUNPHY of Old Town
ACKLEY of Monmouth
BLACK of Wilton
CHAPMAN of Brooksville
HIGGINS of Dover-Foxcroft
KINNEY of Knox
MARTIN of Sinclair
McELWEE of Caribou
O'NEIL of Saco
SKOLFIELD of Weld

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-48)**.

Signed:

Senator:

SAVIELLO of Franklin

Reports **READ**.

Senator **DAVIS** of Piscataquis moved the Senate **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Franklin, Senator Saviello.

Senator **SAVIELLO:** Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, I just thought I'd make a few highlights of this bill. This bill's been around a number of times. This is the third time, in fact. It's interesting, for all of us here, that all of us realize that somewhere in our careers in the Senate or the House we get our 15 minutes of fame. This is my 15 minutes of fame. This article appeared in the *Wall Street Journal* and my daughter called me later to tell me that it was in the *North Carolina Raleigh Times* about foraging in Maine. Now, this is a simple bill, was a simple bill, because it simply said that if you're going to pick fiddleheads, mushrooms, raspberries, blueberries, and so forth you should have the common courtesy to ask permission so that you would not have any charges filed against you. It was very interesting, in the hearing, because I was a bit discouraged, but I guess I wasn't surprised, because I learned that one of the axioms of those that forage is: what is mine is mine and what is yours is mine. In fact, I found all the landowners came in favor of this bill and those that go out and forage, steal, were against the bill. So I did a little homework and I want this in the record so that those foragers that might be listening realize that they are, in fact, breaking the law if they don't go knock on the door of the landowner and make an attempt to get his permission. Title 14, Chapter 307, and Part 7, Chapter 739, it says; injury to land, forest products, or agriculture products, one can be fined between

\$250 and \$500 and, in fact, if the person that they have damaged the property of can receive all, get back all reasonable costs of professional services necessary to determine the damages. If you pull up mushrooms or you pick raspberries, you could be liable for that. It's interesting, under Title 36, Taxation, Special Taxes, Chapter 701, Blueberry Tax: possession or removal, unlawful removal, it is unlawful for a person to harvest, pick, rake, process, or remove wild blueberries from the land of an owner without first securing written permission from that owner or his authorized agent. So if you think it's cool to just walk down their field and take a handful of blueberries, you are breaking the law. Finally, under Theft, and this is my favorite one, Chapter 17A, Chapter 15, Theft: substantive offenses, and one of them says property, and it defines property as meaning anything of value, including but not limited to, real estate and things growing thereupon, affixed to, or found thereupon. So for the fishermen who goes out there, and happens to carry his weapon, which he's allowed to do, and takes a handful of fiddleheads and a Game Warden sees him, he's actually in line for a Class B crime. So I just want to make sure that the foragers out there, or those thieves, know that, in fact, it would be probably a good idea if they ask permission. The bill wasn't necessary, but they probably should do that because maybe we'll get to visit them in the State jails. Thank you very much.

On motion by Senator **DAVIS** of Piscataquis, the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **ACCEPTED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** on Bill "An Act To Deter the Dealing of Dangerous Drugs"

S.P. 22 L.D. 42

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-50)**.

Signed:

Senators:

ROSEN of Hancock
CYRWAY of Kennebec
DIAMOND of Cumberland

Representatives:

COREY of Windham
GERRISH of Lebanon
HERRICK of Paris
MAREAN of Hollis
NADEAU of Winslow

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

Signed:

Sent down for concurrence.

Representatives:

WARREN of Hallowell
GROHMAN of Biddeford
LONGSTAFF of Waterville
RECKITT of South Portland
TALBOT ROSS of Portland

Reports **READ**.

Senator **ROSEN** of Hancock moved the Senate **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report.

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

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** on Bill "An Act To Provide a Source of Funding for Drug Abuse Resistance Education"

S.P. 42 L.D. 94

Reported that the same **Ought Not to Pass**.

Signed:

Senators:

ROSEN of Hancock
DIAMOND of Cumberland

Representatives:

WARREN of Hallowell
COREY of Windham
GERRISH of Lebanon
GROHMAN of Biddeford
HERRICK of Paris
LONGSTAFF of Waterville
MAREAN of Hollis
RECKITT of South Portland

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-51)**.

Signed:

Senator:

CYRWAY of Kennebec

Representative:

NADEAU of Winslow

Reports **READ**.

On motion by Senator **ROSEN** of Hancock, the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **ACCEPTED**.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** on Bill "An Act To Strengthen Protections against Civil Asset Forfeiture"

S.P. 288 L.D. 888

Reported that the same **Ought Not to Pass**.

Signed:

Senators:

ROSEN of Hancock
CYRWAY of Kennebec
DIAMOND of Cumberland

Representatives:

COREY of Windham
GERRISH of Lebanon
HERRICK of Paris
LONGSTAFF of Waterville
MAREAN of Hollis
NADEAU of Winslow
RECKITT of South Portland
TALBOT ROSS of Portland

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-53)**.

Signed:

Representatives:

WARREN of Hallowell
GROHMAN of Biddeford

Reports **READ**.

Senator **ROSEN** of Hancock moved the Senate **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report.

On further motion by same Senator, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending the motion by same Senator to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** on Bill "An Act To Amend the Charter of the Rumford Water District" (EMERGENCY)

S.P. 38 L.D. 90

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-54)**.

Signed:

Representatives:

- BERRY of Bowdoinham
- COOPER of Yarmouth
- DeCHANT of Bath
- HARVELL of Farmington
- RILEY of Jay
- RYKERSON of Kittery
- SANBORN of Portland

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

Signed:

Senators:

- WOODSOME of York
- CUSHING of Penobscot
- DION of Cumberland

Representatives:

- HANLEY of Pittston
- O'CONNOR of Berwick
- WADSWORTH of Hiram

Reports **READ.**

On motion by Senator **WOODSOME** of York, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending **ACCEPTANCE OF EITHER REPORT.**

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** on Bill "An Act To Allocate at Least 10 Percent of Antlerless Deer Permits Available in Each Wildlife Management District to Hunters 70 Years of Age and Older" S.P. 170 L.D. 509

Reported that the same **Ought Not to Pass.**

Signed:

Senators:

- CYRWAY of Kennebec
- CARPENTER of Aroostook
- WOODSOME of York

Representatives:

- DUCHESNE of Hudson
- HARLOW of Portland
- LYFORD of Eddington
- MASON of Lisbon
- NADEAU of Winslow
- REED of Carmel
- STEARNS of Guilford
- THERIAULT of China
- WOOD of Greene

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-55).**

Signed:

Representative:

- ALLEY of Beals

Reports **READ.**

On motion by Senator **CYRWAY** of Kennebec, the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **ACCEPTED.**

Sent down for concurrence.

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

SECOND READERS

The Committee on **Bills in the Second Reading** reported the following:

House

Bill "An Act To Expand the Types of Nonprofit Organizations to Which Surplus Property May Be Sold by the State" H.P. 462 L.D. 648

Bill "An Act To Allow the Waldo County Budget Committee To Appoint Replacement Members" (EMERGENCY) H.P. 686 L.D. 973

Bill "An Act To Modernize Ballot Notices for City Elections" H.P. 741 L.D. 1058

Bill "An Act To Enhance the Administration of the State's Group Health Plan" (EMERGENCY) H.P. 835 L.D. 1198

READ A SECOND TIME and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**, in concurrence.

House As Amended

Bill "An Act To Protect Landlords from Lawsuits for Damage or Harm Caused by Assistance Animals" H.P. 154 L.D. 198 (C "A" H-74)

Bill "An Act To Improve Safety in the Disposal of Expired Marine Flares" H.P. 185 L.D. 252 (C "A" H-62)

Bill "An Act To Ensure Fair Compensation for Licensed Insurance Agents"

H.P. 267 L.D. 361
(C "A" H-69)

Bill "An Act To Extend the Allowed Time for the Interchange of Government Employees"

H.P. 354 L.D. 491
(C "A" H-65)

Bill "An Act To Help Municipalities Prepare for Sea Level Rise"

H.P. 384 L.D. 540
(C "A" H-28)

Bill "An Act To Offer Hunters 65 Years of Age or Older Who Have Accumulated at Least 30 Points a Guaranteed Moose Permit" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 395 L.D. 553
(C "A" H-68)

Bill "An Act To Remove Restrictions on the Membership of Regional Water Councils"

H.P. 477 L.D. 686
(C "A" H-75)

Bill "An Act Regarding Advertisements by Maine Clean Election Act Candidates"

H.P. 571 L.D. 791
(C "A" H-30)

Bill "An Act To Make Changes to the Maine Liquor Liability Act"

H.P. 601 L.D. 852
(C "A" H-80)

Bill "An Act To Allow Learner's Permits To Be Issued by Driver Education Schools"

H.P. 626 L.D. 877
(C "A" H-38)

Resolve, To Establish the Study Committee To Develop a Disposition Plan for Future Surplus State Property in York County (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 723 L.D. 1021
(C "A" H-67)

READ A SECOND TIME and PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED, in concurrence.

Senate

Bill "An Act To Extend the Germination Testing Period for Cool-weather Lawn and Turf Seed from 9 to 15 Months"

H.P. 605 L.D. 856

READ A SECOND TIME and PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED.

Sent down for concurrence.

Senate As Amended

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Burial or Cremation of Certain Persons"

S.P. 179 L.D. 518
(C "A" S-45)

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Funding for Landfill Closure Costs"

S.P. 191 L.D. 576
(C "A" S-47)

Bill "An Act To Provide for the 2017 and 2018 Allocations of the State Ceiling on Private Activity Bonds" (EMERGENCY)

S.P. 343 L.D. 1037
(C "A" S-44)

READ A SECOND TIME and PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED.

Sent down for concurrence.

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

ENACTORS

The Committee on **Engrossed Bills** reported as truly and strictly engrossed the following:

Acts

An Act To Prohibit Insurance Carriers from Charging Enrollees for Prescription Drugs in Amounts That Exceed the Drugs' Costs

S.P. 10 L.D. 6
(S "A" S-40 to C "A" S-22)

An Act To Reduce Waste by Promoting the Use of Reusable Bags and Recyclable Food Service Containers

H.P. 44 L.D. 57
(C "A" H-18)

An Act To Ensure Resiliency of the Maine Electrical Grid

H.P. 373 L.D. 529
(C "A" H-45)

An Act To Update the Licensure Renewal Provision of the Board of Licensure in Medicine

S.P. 208 L.D. 593

PASSED TO BE ENACTED and, having been signed by the President, were presented by the Secretary to the Governor for his approval.

Ordered sent down forthwith.

An Act To Reimburse Nursing Homes for the Loss of Coinsurance and Deductibles for Skilled Nursing Beds under Rules Adopted by the Department of Health and Human Services

H.P. 21 L.D. 20
(C "A" H-39)

On motion by Senator **HAMPER** of Oxford, placed on the **SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS TABLE**, pending **ENACTMENT**, in concurrence.

An Act To Amend Maine's Fish and Wildlife Licensing Laws
H.P. 394 L.D. 552

On motion by Senator **CYRWAY** of Kennebec, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending **ENACTMENT**, in concurrence.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Unfinished Business

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

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later Assigned (4/27/2017) matter:

SENATE REPORTS - from the Committee on **LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** on Bill "An Act To Improve the Ability of Maine Companies To Manufacture and Market Bioplastics"

S.P. 218 L.D. 656

Majority - **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-43)** (7 members)

Minority - **Ought Not to Pass** (6 members)

Tabled - April 27, 2017, by Senator **MASON** of Androscoggin

Pending - motion by same Senator to **RECONSIDER** whereby the Senate **FAILED** to **ACCEPT** the Minority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report

(In Senate, April 27, 2017, Reports **READ**. Motion by Senator **VOLK** of Cumberland to **ACCEPT** the Minority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **FAILED**.)

On motion by Senator **MASON** of Androscoggin, the Senate **RECONSIDERED** whereby it **FAILED** to **ACCEPT** the Minority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report.

On motion by Senator **LIBBY** of Androscoggin, supported by a Division of one-fifth of the members present and voting, a Roll Call was ordered.

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#104)

YEAS: Senators: BRAKEY, COLLINS, CUSHING, CYRWAY, DAVIS, HAMPER, KATZ, LANGLEY, MAKER, MASON, ROSEN, VOLK, WHITTEMORE, WOODSOME, PRESIDENT THIBODEAU

NAYS: Senators: BELLOWS, BREEN, CARPENTER, CARSON, CHENETTE, CHIPMAN, DESCHAMBAULT, DIAMOND, DILL, DION, DOW, GRATWICK, HILL, JACKSON, LIBBY, MILLETT, MIRAMANT, SAVIELLO, VITELLI

EXCUSED: Senator: KEIM

15 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 19 Senators having voted in the negative, with 1 Senator being excused, the motion by Senator **VOLK** of Cumberland to **ACCEPT** the Minority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **FAILED**.

The Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **ACCEPTED**.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-43) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

Off Record Remarks

RECESSED until the sound of the bell.

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

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

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

House Papers

Bill "An Act To Facilitate a Statewide Teacher Contract"
H.P. 1071 L.D. 1555

Bill "An Act To Revise Certification Statutes for Educational Personnel"
H.P. 1080 L.D. 1569

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

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 Protect Children from Prenatal Drug and Alcohol Exposure"

H.P. 1072 L.D. 1556

Comes 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 Protect Maine Consumers from Unexpected Medical Bills"

H.P. 1073 L.D. 1557

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

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

Bill "An Act To Enact the Maine Fair Chance Employment Act"

H.P. 1079 L.D. 1566

Comes 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 Require That Municipalities and Counties Recover the Cost of Opioid Antagonist Treatment from Repeat Recipients"

H.P. 1074 L.D. 1558

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

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

Bill "An Act To Make Technical Changes to Maine's Tax Laws"
H.P. 1081 L.D. 1570

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

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

Bill "An Act To Remove the Law Mandating a Front License Plate"
H.P. 1075 L.D. 1559

Comes 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 Regarding Veteran Homelessness"
H.P. 1076 L.D. 1560

Bill "An Act To Enact the Maine Citizens' Initiatives Clean Election Act"

H.P. 1077 L.D. 1561

Bill "An Act To Amend the Election Laws Relating to Party Qualification"

H.P. 1082 L.D. 1571

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

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

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

Off Record Remarks

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

On motion by Senator **MASON** of Androscoggin, **ADJOURNED** until Thursday, May 4, 2017 at 10:00 in the morning.