

**STATE OF MAINE
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In Senate Chamber
Wednesday
May 6, 2015

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

Prayer by Pastor Steve Christner, Calvary Baptist Church in
Turner.

PASTOR CHRISTNER: Let us pray. Lord Jesus, we thank You,
God, for our country. We thank You, God, for the liberties and
freedoms you've given to us. We thank You, God, for those that
have been instrumental in framing it and signing it, coming up
with the ideas of liberty and freedom. Thank You for those that
have defended our liberties and freedoms and are, right now, all
around the world. Thank You for those here today that have
served in our great state; giving of their time and their energy and
efforts. Thank You, God, for their work. Thank You, God, for
those here today that are here for the purpose of representing
and working and defending our freedoms and liberties, making
decisions on our behalf. Thank You, God, and bless them. It's
good to stop and pause and ask You to do, God, what we cannot
do. Give us wisdom and strength and protection. God, we love
You. Thank You for Your love to us, Your grace, Your mercy,
healing. God, our land needs healing. Please, God, bless our
land. Thank You, God, for hope that You give to us and
especially the gift of salvation. Thank You again for those that
are here to serve. Bless them today. In this day in Jesus' name,
Amen.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Senator Thomas B. Saviello of
Franklin County.

Reading of the Journal of Tuesday, May 5, 2015.

Doctor of the day, Senator Geoffrey M. Gratwick, MD of
Penobscot County.

Off Record Remarks

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, the Chair laid
before the Senate the following Tabled and Later Assigned
(4/23/15) matter:

JOINT ORDER - Expression of Legislative Sentiment
Recognizing T. J. Maines of Waterville
SLS 340

Tabled - April 23, 2015, by Senator **CYRWAY** of Kennebec

Pending - motion by same Senator to **PASS**

(In Senate, April 23, 2015, **READ.**)

The Joint Order was **READ.**

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

Senator **CYRWAY:** Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and
gentlemen of the Senate, I rise before you this morning to
acknowledge a constituent of mine who is here to be recognized
before this Body. Coach T.J. Maines has been named the 2014 –
2015 Kennebec Journal Boys Basketball Coach of the Year.
Coach Maines came to the Cony Rams after coaching at Thomas
College. During his seven years at Thomas he posted an 89-88
record. At Cony, he inherited a boys' basketball team that
finished 5-13 during the 2013 – 2014 season. This year he
coached the Rams team to their first winning season in five years
and reached the quarter finals in doing so. As many of you know
who played sports in high school, my sports days were quite
some time ago, Coaches are not only someone who guides a
player on the athletic field or basketball court, a Coach actually
becomes a role model to these young athletes and mentors them
often with the impressions that will last a lifetime. The athletes at
Cony are lucky to have Coach Maines as their mentor and I am
certain you all would agree. Thank you, Mr. President.

On motion by Senator **CYRWAY** of Kennebec, **PASSED.**

Sent down for concurrence.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair is pleased to recognize in the rear
of the Chamber Coach Maines and his guests. Would they
please rise and accept the greetings of the Maine State Senate.

Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, the Chair laid
before the Senate the following Tabled and Later Assigned
(4/23/15) matter:

JOINT ORDER - Expression of Legislative Sentiment
Recognizing Liam Stokes of Augusta
SLS 341

Tabled - April 23, 2015, by Senator **KATZ** of Kennebec

Pending - motion by same Senator to **PASS**

(In Senate, April 23, 2015, **READ.**)

The Joint Order was **READ**.

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

Senator **KATZ:** Thank you, Mr. President. As my colleagues know, I am a proud graduate of Cony High School and I sat on the end of the bench of the Cony High School basketball team. It's with great pleasure that I'm able to rise and honor someone who really knows how to play the game. Liam Stokes is the Kennebec Journal Player of the Year. He was first team KVIC. He was a semi-finalist for Mr. Basketball. He knows how to play the game. Perhaps more importantly, Mr. President, is his accomplishments in the classroom. Liam is fourth in his class at Cony High School. He is an Academic All State and he's been accepted into the U-Maine honors program at the University of Maine. Those of us in Augusta are very proud of him. Many of us know his father. You may know Bill Stokes as the former head of the Criminal Division of the Attorney General's Office. You may know Bill Stokes as a current Superior Court Judge. Increasingly, Mr. President, Bill Stokes is known as the father of Liam Stokes. Thank you, Mr. President.

On motion by Senator **KATZ** of Kennebec, **PASSED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair is pleased to recognize in the rear of the Chamber Liam Stokes. Would he please rise and accept the greetings of the Maine Senate.

Off Record Remarks

Welcome Back Day Ceremony

THE PRESIDENT: Now we're going to move to the ceremony that we've all been waiting for: the introduction of former Presidents. At this time I'd like to recognize the Honorable Gerald P. Conley, Sr. He was President during the 111th legislature and he served during the 104th to 111th legislatures. During the 107th to the 110th legislatures he served as the Minority Leader and during the 105th legislature as Assistant Minority Leader. He served in the House during the 102nd and the 103rd legislatures. I want to thank President Conley for his service. The Secretary has a gift for you, President Conley. Thanks for coming today.

Next I'd like to recognize the Honorable Richard Bennett. He was President during the 120th legislature. He served during the 118th through the 121st legislature. During the 119th legislature he served as Assistant Minority Leader. He also served in the House during the 115th and 116th legislatures. Thank you, President Bennett, for your service.

Now I would like to take the opportunity to recognize the Honorable Elizabeth Mitchell. She's not in the Chamber currently, but we'll certainly recognize her when she arrives. I wanted to talk about her service. She was President during the 124th legislature. She served during the 122nd and 123rd legislatures. During the 123rd legislature she served as the Majority Leader. She was a member of the House from the 107th to the 118th. She

served as Speaker during the 118th legislature. President Mitchell is the first woman in the United States to have been chosen in the State Legislature for both the position of Speaker of the House and President of the Maine Senate. Thank you, President Mitchell, for your service. When she arrives we will announce her and give her her gift as well.

Lastly, I'd like to recognize the Honorable Justin Alford. Senator Alford served as President during the 126th legislature. He served in this Chamber since the 124th legislature and currently serves as the Minority Leader. Would the Sergeant-At-Arms please escort Senator Alford to the rostrum to accept a gift on behalf of the Senate.

Now it's our opportunity to recognize the folks that really make this Chamber work. The first individual that we're going to recognize is not in the Chamber currently but down to the House, and when he arrives in the Chamber we will recognize him at that time. I want to tell you about the Honorable Ed Pert. He served as Secretary during the 102nd legislature. He served as a member of the House during the 99th legislature and as Clerk of the House from the 107th to the 115th legislature. Secretary Pert was the first person to serve both as Clerk of the House and Secretary of the Senate. We certainly will recognize Mr. Pert when he arrives.

I'd like to recognize now the Honorable May Ross Coffin. She served as Secretary of the Senate during the 108th, 109th, and 117th legislatures and as the Assistant Secretary during the 106th and during the 107th legislatures. She served as a staff member during the 99th, 100th, 104th, 105th, 110th, 111th, 112th, 113th, 114th, 115th, and 116th legislatures, for a total of 32 years of service. I want to thank Secretary Coffin for her service.

Now I'd like to recognize the Honorable Pam Cahill. She served as Secretary of the Senate during the 120th legislature and as the Assistant Secretary during the 117th and 120th legislatures. During the 113th through 116th she served as a member of this Body. She also served as the Minority Leader during the 116th and as Assistant Minority Leader during the 114th and 115th legislatures. She served as a member of the House during the 110th through the 112th legislatures. Thank you, Secretary Cahill, for your service.

Next I'd like to recognize the Honorable Joseph G. Carleton who served as Secretary during the 125th legislature. He also served in the House during the 115th through the 118th legislatures and as Assistant Minority Leader during the 117th legislature. Thank you, Secretary Carleton, for your service.

Last, but certainly not least, I'd like to recognize the Honorable Darek Grant. He served as Secretary during the 126th Senate session. He also served as a staff member here since the 121st legislature. Thank you, Secretary Grant, for your service.

None of these individuals would have been as successful as they were without their Assistants. Today we have the Honorable Bonnie Gould, who served as the Assistant Secretary during the 125th legislature. She also served in the House during the 123rd legislature. I want to thank Assistant Secretary Gould for her service.

I'd also like to recognize the Honorable David Madore, who served as Assistant Secretary during the 125th legislature and also served in the House during the 117th through the 120th legislatures. I'd like to thank Secretary Madore for his service.

We'd now like to recognize the names of the Senators and staff attending today and would ask that they stand when we read their name. The Honorable Howard M. Trotzky, the Honorable Richard A. Morrell, the Honorable Ronald E. Usher, the

Honorable David R. Ault, the Honorable Beverly Bustin-Hatheway, the Honorable Linda Curtis Brawn, the Honorable Gerald P. Conley, the Honorable Dale McCormick, the Honorable Judy Paradis, the Honorable Mary E. Small, the Honorable Richard A. Nass, the Honorable Edward M. Youngblood, the Honorable Debra Plowman, the Honorable Richard W. Rosen, the Honorable Lois A. Snowe-Mello, the Honorable Margaret Craven, the Honorable Gerald M. Davis, the Honorable Cynthia Dill, the Honorable James Boyle, the Honorable Gary Plummer, Ms. Terry Morrison, Ms. Molly Pitcher, Ms. Angela Morin Gagnon, Ms. Muriel Mosher, Mr. O'Neil Boivin, Ms. Emmy Brawn, the Honorable Edward Coffin.

Now we're going to recognize the members with the earliest Senate service, the Honorable Gerald Conley Sr., he first served during the 104th legislature. Would he please stand and be recognize. Recognition of the member with the longest Senate service, the Honorable Gerald Conley Sr. and the Honorable Beverly Bustin-Hatheway. Both have served in the Senate for 16 years. President Conley served during the 104th through the 111th legislature and Ms. Bustin-Hatheway served during the 110th through the 117th legislature. Will President Conley please stand to be recognized and would the Sergeant-At-Arms please escort the Honorable Beverly Bustin-Hatheway to the rostrum to receive a gift on behalf of the Senate. Now we'll recognize the staff with the earliest service, Secretary Coffin, who started her service during the 99th legislature. Would she please stand and be recognized for her service. Recognition of the member or staff who has traveled the furthest to join us here today, the Honorable Judy Paradis traveled from Frenchville to be with us today. Will the Sergeant-At-Arms please escort the Honorable Judy Paradis to the rostrum to receive a gift on behalf of the Maine Senate.

On behalf of the currently serving members, I want to say thank you to each and every one of you that took time out of your busy lives to come back and join us here today. It's a real treat, a real honor, to have you all come back and share your stories, talk about your experiences here in the legislature, and to encourage each and every one of the members that are currently serving with those stories. I appreciate very much, as does all of the members, your service and your willingness to come back and be part of Welcome Back Day, which has been a long standing tradition that I hope continues to be successful for many years to come. Thank you for being here.

A reminder that at noon there is a buffet luncheon in the Hall of Flags. It will be served right at noontime. I would encourage all the members of the Senate and our guests to be down there as we all recognize that the House becomes very unruly and will beat us to lunch if we're not punctual. The lunch is being catered by DaVinci's Eatery of Lewiston and partnered with the Green Ladle Lewiston Regional Technical Center of Culinary Arts Program and dessert provided by Gelato Fiasco.

All the members are certainly welcome to stay and we're going to move on to our daily calendar at this point. Again, thank you for being here and being part of this event.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, the Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later Assigned (4/23/15) matter:

JOINT ORDER - Expression of Legislative Sentiment
Recognizing the Portland Junior Pirates U-19 Girls Premier Team
SLS 331

Tabled - April 23, 2015, by Senator **VOLK** of Cumberland

Pending - motion by same Senator to **PASS**

(In Senate, April 23, 2015, **READ**.)

The Joint Order was **READ**.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Volk.

Senator **VOLK:** Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, it's not easy to put together a best of the best team of players from around the state. A lot of times, I know from personal experience, that players have a certain position and they want to play that position and if they can't be the top player in that position then they'll leave and go to another organization. The Junior Pirates organization is a very well run organization. It's very professional, with their affiliation with the Portland Pirates. They were able to do just that. They put together this group of girls from Wells to Lewiston and they range in age from a young side of 13 years old all the way up to 18 years old. They improved all year long. They practiced in Saco five hours a week, three hours on ice and two hours off ice, and pushed each other and they didn't lose throughout the State's Regionals or the National's, which was held in Lansing, Michigan. The Coach, who is a veterinarian when he's not coaching hockey and I believe he has two daughters who play on the team, so he's a Dad as well, was telling me that other states were just shocked when they found out that not only was this not a college prep team but in fact there were some 8th graders on this team. That was a little surprising to some of these teams from Michigan and Wisconsin and places like that where not only were they shocked to lose to a team from Maine but they were shocked to lose from a team from Maine with 8th graders playing in prominent positions on the team. This team represented Maine with class, with hard work, and the Junior Pirates organization is the only organization that actually produced two championship teams at this particular national tournament. We have a lot to be proud of and I'm very pleased to have many members of the team and their parents here with us in the Chamber today. I just want to congratulate them, as I'm sure you do as well.

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 stand and say congratulations to the ladies of the Portland Junior Pirates U-19 team. This is a truly incredible feat, that they won this national championship, and to have two teams that have done it is just downright remarkable. In my former life I used to manage and operate a hockey team in Lewiston at the Colisee and I couldn't let the opportunity go by without saying congratulations to the ladies. Job well done and thank you for representing Maine so well. Thank you.

On motion by Senator **VOLK** of Cumberland, **PASSED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair is pleased to recognize in the Chamber with us Coach Paul Michaud-Nolan, along with his players and chaperones; Patti Frechette, Tammy Hulst, and Lisa Fontaine. Would they please rise and accept the greetings of the Maine Senate.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

Non-Concurrent Matter

SENATE REPORTS - from the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act To Strengthen Maine's Election Laws by Requiring Photographic Identification for the Purpose of Voting"

S.P. 72 L.D. 197
(C "A" S-27)

Majority - **Ought Not to Pass** (7 members)

Minority - **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-27)** (5 members)

In Senate, April 30, 2015, on motion by Senator **MASON** of Androscoggin, Minority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-27)**.

Comes from the House, Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

On motion by Senator **CYRWAY** of Kennebec, the Senate **ADHERED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Joint Resolution

The following Joint Resolution:

H.P. 938

**JOINT RESOLUTION
IN HONOR OF THE CONTRIBUTIONS THAT WOMEN
MAKE TO THE PEOPLE OF MAINE**

WHEREAS, American women of every race, class and ethnic background have made historic contributions to the growth and strength of our nation in countless recorded and unrecorded ways, especially in the areas of political and social change; and

WHEREAS, the United States boasts a rich history of women whose vast and courageous achievements speak to the sense of excellence and potential shared by all Americans; and

WHEREAS, our country would not have attained its greatness without the strength, bravery, insight and persistence of the women who have come before us; and

WHEREAS, American women have played, and continue to play, critical economic, cultural, political and social roles in every sphere of the life of the nation by constituting a significant portion of the labor force working inside and outside of the home and in professions from educator to astronaut, yet make up a very small percentage of the executives in charge of Fortune 500 companies each year; and

WHEREAS, women have played a major role in the defense of our nation, both on and off the battlefield; and

WHEREAS, American women have been leaders, not only in securing their own rights of suffrage and equal opportunity but also in the abolitionist movement, the industrial labor movement, the civil rights movement and other movements that create a more fair and just society for all; and

WHEREAS, women not only have played critical economic, cultural and social roles in our society but also have permanently changed the face of American government and politics; and

WHEREAS, Maine has a rich and vibrant history of women in leadership, including Senator Margaret Chase Smith, who was perhaps best known for her contribution to the well-being of the United States and its people with her condemnation of bigotry and injustice wherever she found them; and

WHEREAS, Senator Margaret Chase Smith was the first woman from Maine to serve in the United States Congress, the first woman in the nation elected to both houses of the United States Congress and the first woman to be placed in nomination for the presidency at a major party's convention; and

WHEREAS, Maine currently has some of the strongest women leaders in the nation, including Senator Susan Collins, the first woman to run for Maine Governor from a major party, and the recently retired Senator Olympia J. Snowe, the first woman to serve in both chambers of a state legislature and both chambers of the United States Congress; and

WHEREAS, the Maine Legislature has a distinguished record of women elected to leadership positions, including the Honorable Beverly Daggett, the first female President of the Senate, the Honorable Betheda Edmonds, the first woman to serve 2 terms as President of the Senate and the Honorable Elizabeth Mitchell, the first woman in the United States to have been chosen in a state legislature as both Speaker of the House and President of the Senate; and

WHEREAS, among the many women who have served in the Maine Legislature are the Honorable Hannah Pingree, the youngest woman to hold the position of Speaker of the House, and the many women who have served as Senate floor leaders, including the Honorable Jane A. Amero, the Honorable Pamela Cahill, the Honorable Nancy Randall Clark, the Honorable Chellie Pingree, the Honorable Sharon Treat, the Honorable Mary Small and the Honorable Carol Weston, and who have served as House floor leaders, including the Honorable Lucia M. Cormier, the

Honorable Emily Cain, the Honorable Carol A. Kontos and the Honorable Mary Clark Webster; and

WHEREAS, women who have served as assistant leaders in the Maine Legislature include the Honorable Minnette Cummings, the Honorable Barbara A. Gill, the Honorable Beverly Bustin-Hatheway, the Honorable Anne Rand, the Honorable Lisa Marraché, the Honorable Debra Plowman, the Honorable Elizabeth D. Moffatt, the Honorable Mary Najarian and the Honorable Anne Haskell; and

WHEREAS, women currently serving in positions of leadership include the Honorable Dawn Hill as Assistant Senate Minority Leader, the Honorable Sara Gideon as Assistant House Majority Leader and the Honorable Eleanor Espling as Assistant House Minority Leader; and

WHEREAS, women have served and currently serve in top legislative offices as Secretary of the Senate and Clerk of the House, including the Honorable May Ross, the first woman elected Secretary of the Senate, the Honorable Joy O'Brien, the longest-serving Secretary of the Senate in Maine's history, the Honorable Heather Priest, the first woman to serve as both Clerk of the House and Secretary of the Senate in Maine, the Honorable Bertha Johnson, the first woman elected Clerk of the House and the Honorable Millicent MacFarland, the longest-serving female Clerk of the House; and

WHEREAS, within our state judicial system, Chief Justice Leigh I. Saufley is the first woman to serve as Maine's Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable Janet T. Mills is the first woman to have served as Maine's Attorney General, as well as being a former District Attorney and Legislator; the Honorable Dale McCormick is the first woman to serve as Treasurer of State, as well as being a former Legislator; the Honorable Gail Chase is the first woman to serve as State Auditor, as well as being a former Legislator; Pola Buckley is the current State Auditor; and the Honorable Teresea Hayes is the Treasurer of State as well as being a former Legislator and Assistant House Minority Leader; and

WHEREAS, we must take every action possible to promote women in leadership so that we can achieve fair representation in our State Government, including recognizing Maine women's contributions to our state history; 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 the contributions of women to Maine government and to the People of Maine.

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

READ and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

Joint Resolution in Memoriam:

WHEREAS, the Legislature has learned with deep regret of the death of:

Arnold Leavitt, of Auburn, a decorated veteran of World War II. Mr. Leavitt was born in Boston, Massachusetts and graduated from Bates College in 1943. He served his country in combat during World War II and was awarded a Purple Heart. He was held as a prisoner of war but was able to escape and make his way back to Allied Forces. After the war, he owned and operated a lumber yard and later worked for the Department of Transportation. He was an active member of numerous fraternal and veterans organizations, was involved in local and state politics and was president of the Beth Abraham Synagogue. He was presented with an Outstanding Veteran of the Year award in 2014 by Governor Paul LePage. Mr. Leavitt will be greatly missed and long remembered by his family and friends;
HLS 329

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

READ.

On motion by Senator **DUTREMBLE** of York, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending **ADOPTION**, in concurrence.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: S.C. 285

STATE OF MAINE ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

May 5, 2015

The Honorable Michael D. Thibodeau
President of the Senate of Maine
127th Maine State Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333-0003

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Section 157, and with Joint Rule 505 of the Maine Legislature, the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation has had under consideration the nomination of Ronald J. McKinnon of Bowdoinham, for appointment to the Northern New England Passenger Rail Authority.

After public hearing and discussion on this nomination, the Committee proceeded to vote on the motion to recommend to the Senate that this nomination be confirmed. The Committee Clerk called the roll with the following result:

YEAS	Senators	3	Collins of York, Diamond of Cumberland, Rosen of Hancock
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Representatives 10 McLean of Gorham, Bryant of Windham, Farrin of Norridgewock, Gillway of Searsport, Golden of Lewiston, Hobart of Bowdoinham, Hogan of Old Orchard Beach, Parry of Arundel, Powers of Naples, Verow of Brewer

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 276

STATE OF MAINE 127TH LEGISLATURE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

May 5, 2015

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 Chief Justice Thomas E. Humphrey of Sanford for appointment as an Associate Justice to the Maine Supreme Judicial Court.

Pursuant to Article V, Part First, §8 of the Maine Constitution, this appointment 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. 279

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

May 4, 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 Energy, Utilities and Technology has voted unanimously to report the following bill out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 1255 An Act To Improve Rural Utility Service through the Use of Microgrids

NAYS 0

ABSENT 0

Thirteen members of the Committee having voted in the affirmative and zero in the negative, it was the vote of the Committee that the nomination of Ronald J. McKinnon of Bowdoinham, for appointment to the Northern New England Passenger Rail Authority be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Ronald F. Collins Senate Chair

S/Andrew J. McLean House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall the recommendation of the Committee on TRANSPORTATION be overridden?"

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Chapter 6, Section 158, and with Joint Rule 506 of the 127th Legislature, the vote was taken by the Yeas and Nays.

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#54)

YEAS: Senators: None

NAYS: Senators: BAKER, BRAKEY, BREEN, BURNS, COLLINS, CUSHING, CYRWAY, DAVIS, DIAMOND, DILL, DUTREMBLE, EDGEComb, GERZOFsky, GRATWICK, HAMPER, HASKELL, HILL, JOHNSON, KATZ, LIBBY, MASON, MCCORMICK, MILLETT, MIRAMANT, PATRICK, ROSEN, SAVIELLO, VALENTINO, VOLK, WHITTEMORE, WILLETTE, WOODSOME, THE PRESIDENT – MICHAEL D. THIBODEAU

ABSENT: Senators: ALFOND, LANGLEY

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 33 Senators having voted in the negative, with 2 Senators being absent, and none being less than two-thirds of the Membership present and voting, it was the vote of the Senate that the Committee's recommendation be ACCEPTED and the nomination of Ronald J. McKinnon of Bowdoinham for appointment to the Northern New England Passenger Rail Authority was CONFIRMED.

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. David Woodsome
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Mark N. Dion
House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 280

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

May 4, 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 Health and Human Services has voted unanimously to report the following bills out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 559 An Act To Notify Parents of a Complaint against a Child Care Facility or a Family Child Care Provider

L.D. 632 An Act To Require the State To Administer and Fund the General Assistance Program

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Eric L. Brakey
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Andrew M. Gattine
House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 281

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

May 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 Health and Human Services has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 84 An Act Concerning Screening of Newborns for Lysosomal Storage Disorders

Resolve, To Enhance Consumer Awareness of Expenditures and Gifts by Manufacturers of Prescribed Products

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Eric L. Brakey
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Andrew M. Gattine
House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 282

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES**

May 4, 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 Insurance and Financial Services has voted unanimously to report the following bills out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 569 An Act To Reduce Municipal Liability outside Federally Declared Flood Zones

L.D. 1265 An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Maine Health Exchange Advisory Committee (EMERGENCY)

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Rodney L. Whittemore
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Henry E. Beck
House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 277

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY**

April 29, 2015

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

Dear President Thibodeau and Speaker Eves,

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

L.D. 1340 An Act To Enact the Preservation of Religious Freedom Act

Sincerely,

S/Sen. David C. Burns
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Barry J. Hobbins
House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 283

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON TAXATION**

May 4, 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 Taxation has voted unanimously to report the following bills out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 183 An Act To Decrease Property Taxes by Increasing the Sales Tax

L.D. 1060 An Act To Strengthen Revenue Sharing

L.D. 1070 An Act To Retain More Retirees in Maine

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Earle L. McCormick
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Adam A. Goode
House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 284

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION**

May 4, 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 Transportation has voted unanimously to report the following bills out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 437 An Act To Ensure the Responsibility of the Department of Transportation for a Portion of U.S. Route 1 in York and for the U.S. Route 1 Bypass in Kittery

L.D. 1025 An Act To Require Motorized Scooters To Be Equipped with Flags

L.D. 1104 Resolve, To Exempt Local Fuel Delivery Vehicles from Hours-of-service Restrictions during Winter Months

L.D. 1133 An Act To Require Snow and Ice To Be Removed from Vehicles before Operation

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Ronald F. Collins
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Andrew J. McLean
House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 278

**MAINE EDUCATIONAL LOAN AUTHORITY
131 PRESUMPCOT STREET
PORTLAND, MAINE 04103**

April 29, 2015

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

Dear President Thibodeau:

Pursuant to 20-A M.R.S.A., Chapter 417-A, Section 11427, enclosed is a copy of the Maine Educational Loan Authority's (MELA) annual report for the fiscal year January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014.

MELA's annual report includes the following sections: introduction and background information; program administration (loan origination and servicing); application volume and distribution; loan volume; borrower distribution; financial counseling and literacy; summary; charts and graphs to illustrate the narrative contained within the report; and basic financial statements with management discussion and analysis.

MELA was established in 1988 to assist Maine students and their families in achieving their higher education goals by providing a supplemental or alternative student loan program. In 2014, MELA's supplemental student loan program consisted of The Maine Loan[®], The Maine Medical Loansm and MELA Private Consolidation Loansm. The Maine Loan, MELA's primary student loan product, exists to bridge the gap between the full cost of undergraduate and graduate higher education and other traditional financial aid resources such as scholarships, grants, and the Federal education loan programs. The Maine Medical Loan was created in 1998 to assist Maine students pursuing a Doctor of Medicine (MD) or Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (DO) degree. MELA expanded the scope of its medical loan program in 2002 to include other degrees such as dentistry, chiropractic, and veterinary medicine. This loan program is available to eligible medical students to borrow funds up to the full cost of a medical degree less other financial aid. The MELA Private Consolidation Loan, which allowed borrowers with qualifying alternative or private education loans to consolidate these loans, was offered through June 30, 2014.

Students attending Maine's public and private institutions of higher education continue to be the greatest beneficiaries of MELA loans. MELA's loan volume in 2014 was \$7,151,316 in

originations, which is an increase of 10% when compared with the \$6,474,442 originated in fiscal year 2013. It is expected that there will be a continuing demand for supplemental student loans for a number of reasons, including the impact of the prolonged difficult economic conditions on state funding for higher education, employment opportunities, and individual wealth. In addition, the high cost of attendance at higher education institutions requires increased borrowing by students and their families to cover the gap between the full cost of a college education and traditional financial aid resources.

On July 15, 2014, MELA issued \$10,466,098 (including original issue premium) in tax-exempt student loan revenue bonds. MELA's 2014 bond issue enabled the Authority to offer three fixed interest rates depending on the repayment option selected by the borrower. Two of MELA's fixed interest rates were lower than the William D. Ford Federal Direct PLUS Loan rate of 7.21% for the 2014-2015 academic year. MELA's repayment options and the percentage of borrowers utilizing each option included: immediate repayment of principal and interest (12%), interest only payments, and deferment of principal and interest payments (35%).

Baker Newman and Noyes LLC, an independent certified public accounting firm, recently completed MELA's financial audit for the 2014 fiscal year. In reviewing the financial statements, it is clear that the funds MELA has acquired with proceeds from tax-exempt bonds or obligations are being solely utilized for its alternative student loan program.

In summary, MELA looks forward to continuing to fulfill its mission of providing cost effective supplemental education financing to assist Maine students and families in achieving their higher education goals. MELA considers it to be a privilege to continue to partner with the State of Maine in making a college education more accessible and affordable for its residents.

Sincerely,

S/Shirley M. Erickson, Ph.D.
Executive Director

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

The Following Communication: H.C. 135

**STATE OF MAINE
CLERK'S OFFICE
2 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0002**

May 5, 2015

The Honorable Heather J.R. Priest
Secretary of the Senate
127th Maine Legislature
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Secretary Priest:

The House voted today to insist on its previous action whereby it accepted Report "A" Ought to Pass as Amended of the Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety on Bill "An Act To Encourage Responsible Consumer Fireworks Use" (S.P. 117) (L.D. 302) and Passage to be Engrossed.

Sincerely,

S/Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: H.C. 136

**STATE OF MAINE
CLERK'S OFFICE
2 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0002**

May 5, 2015

The Honorable Heather J.R. Priest
Secretary of the Senate
127th Maine Legislature
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Secretary Priest:

House Paper 93, Legislative Document 135, "An Act To Reduce Tobacco Use Surcharges in Small Group and Individual Health Insurance Products," having been returned by the Governor, together with objections to the same, pursuant to Article IV, Part Third, Section 2 of the Constitution of the State of Maine, after reconsideration, the House proceeded to vote on the question: "Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?"

83 voted in favor and 64 against, and accordingly it was the vote of the House that the Bill not become a law and the veto was sustained.

Sincerely,

S/Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later Today Assigned matter:

JOINT ORDER – Expression of Legislative Sentiment
Recognizing Arnold Leavitt of Auburn
HLS 329

Tabled – May 6, 2015, by Senator **DUTREMBLE** of York

Pending – **ADOPTION**, in concurrence

(In House, May 5, 2015, **READ** and **ADOPTED**.)

(In Senate, May 6, 2015, **READ**.)

The Joint Order was **READ**.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Oxford, Senator Patrick.

Senator **PATRICK:** Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, I rise today to remember a wonderful veteran, Arnold Leavitt of Auburn. A decorated veteran of World War II. Mr. Leavitt was born in Boston, Massachusetts and graduated from Boston College in 1943. He served his country in combat during World War II and was awarded a Purple Heart. He was held as a prisoner of war but was able to escape to make his way back to the allied forces. After the war he owned and operated a lumber yard and later worked for the Department of Transportation. Mr. President, ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, the reason I bring this up, and am willing to speak, is in 2002 I had the blessing to be voted in as a State Representative. I served on the Veterans and Legal Affairs Committee. Within that committee I've had a wonderful Representative by the name of Nancy Chizmar from Lisbon and she brought me over to talk to Mr. Arnold Leavitt, a World War II veteran. The reason that I fight for veterans, in the most part, is because of Arnold Leavitt and Don Simoneau. They touched upon me the value of what it is to be a veteran and what a veteran deserves. He gave me his counsel, his knowledge, his wisdom, and I can be forever blessed to have the opportunity to say that I knew Arnold Leavitt as a friend and someone that was willing to tell me what was right all the time. No one, I think, touched my life, as far as veterans, any more than Arnold did, as far as legislatively, and I just wanted to thank the membership for giving me the opportunity to honor his memory. I would say, rest in peace my friend. Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator **BRAKEY:** Thank you, Mr. President. I just wanted to thank the Senator from Oxford for his comments. I had the great fortune to meet Mr. Leavitt as I was going door-to-door and hearing his story about being over there and his family not knowing whether he was alive or not. I think there are some great heroes among us and Mr. Leavitt certainly was one of them.

ADOPTED, in concurrence.

Off Record Remarks

SENATE PAPERS

Bill "An Act Regarding the State Board of Corrections"
S.P. 513 L.D. 1387

Presented by President THIBODEAU of Waldo.

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 Clarify the Used Car Information Laws"
S.P. 514 L.D. 1388

Presented by Senator VOLK of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Senator: CUSHING of Penobscot,
Representatives: AUSTIN of Gray, BATES of Westbrook,
McCABE of Skowhegan, STETKIS of Canaan.

Bill "An Act To Conform Maine Law to Federal Law Regarding Closings and Mass Layoffs and To Strengthen Employee Severance Pay Protections"

S.P. 515 L.D. 1389

Presented by Senator ROSEN of Hancock.
Cosponsored by Senators: CUSHING of Penobscot, President THIBODEAU of Waldo.
Submitted by the Department of Labor pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Amend the Boundaries of the Capitol Area" (EMERGENCY)

S.P. 516 L.D. 1390

Presented by Senator WILLETTE of Aroostook. (GOVERNOR'S BILL)
Cosponsored by Representative TURNER of Burlington and Senator: KATZ of Kennebec, Representatives: BRYANT of Windham, DOORE of Augusta, FOWLE of Vassalboro, McLEAN of Gorham, POULIOT of Augusta.

On motion by Senator **WHITTEMORE** of Somerset, **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

Ought to Pass

The Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 11: Rules Governing the Controlled Substances Prescription Monitoring Program, a Late-filed Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Health and Human Services
H.P. 801 L.D. 1170

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

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

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

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ TWICE** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**, in concurrence.

Ought to Pass As Amended

The Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act To Support College Affordability in Maine"
H.P. 597 L.D. 878

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-108)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-108)**.

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

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-108) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED**, in concurrence.

The Committee on **TAXATION** on Bill "An Act To Define Prosthetic and Orthotic Devices for Purposes of the Sales Tax Law"
H.P. 695 L.D. 1000

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-110)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-110)**.

Report **READ**.

On motion by Senator **MCCORMICK** of Kennebec, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending **ACCEPTANCE OF THE REPORT**, in concurrence.

The Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** on Bill "An Act To Ensure the Administration of Written Driving Tests" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 463 L.D. 682

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-109)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-109)**.

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

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-109) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED**, in concurrence.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act To Eliminate the Maine School Performance Grading System"

H.P. 258 L.D. 392

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

Signed:

Senators:

LANGLEY of Hancock
EDGECOMB of Aroostook

Representatives:

KORNFELD of Bangor
DAUGHTRY of Brunswick
FARNSWORTH of Portland
HUBBELL of Bar Harbor
MAKER of Calais
McCLELLAN of Raymond
PIERCE of Falmouth
POULIOT of Augusta
STEARNS of Guilford
TIPPING-SPITZ of Orono

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

Signed:

Senator:

MILLETT of Cumberland

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

Reports **READ**.

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

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Resolve, To Implement the Recommendations of the Commission To Continue the Study of Long-term Care Facilities (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 70 L.D. 87

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-77)**.

Signed:

Senator:

HASKELL of Cumberland

Representatives:

GATTINE of Westbrook
BURSTEIN of Lincolnville
HAMANN of South Portland
HYMANSON of York
PETERSON of Rumford
STUCKEY of Portland

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

Signed:

Senators:

BRAKEY of Androscoggin
McCORMICK of Kennebec

Representatives:

HEAD of Bethel
MALABY of Hancock
SANDERSON of Chelsea
VACHON of Scarborough

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

Reports **READ**.

On motion by Senator **BRAKEY** of Androscoggin, **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 Lower the Eligibility Age for a Junior Hunting License"

H.P. 114 L.D. 156

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-105)**.

Signed:

Senators:

DAVIS of Piscataquis
CYRWAY of Kennebec
DUTREMBLE of York

Representatives:

SHAW of Standish
ALLEY of Beals
CRAFTS of Lisbon
HILLIARD of Belgrade
LYFORD of Eddington
MARTIN of Sinclair
REED of Carmel
WOOD of Greene

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

Signed:

Representatives:

COREY of Windham
SHORT of Pittsfield

(Representative DANA of the Passamaquoddy Tribe - of the House - supports the Majority **Ought To Pass as Amended Report**.)

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-105)**.

Reports **READ**.

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

Off Record Remarks

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** on Bill "An Act To Recognize and Provide for the Right To Hunt for Sustenance in Aroostook County for Maliseet and Micmac Tribal Members and Disabled Veterans"

H.P. 607 L.D. 888

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

Signed:

Senators:

DAVIS of Piscataquis
CYRWAY of Kennebec
DUTREMBLE of York

Representatives:

SHAW of Standish
COREY of Windham
CRAFTS of Lisbon
HILLIARD of Belgrade
LYFORD of Eddington
MARTIN of Sinclair
REED of Carmel
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" (H-106)**.

Signed:

Representatives:

ALLEY of Beals
SHORT of Pittsfield

(Representative DANA of the Passamaquoddy Tribe - of the House - supports the Minority **Ought To Pass as Amended Report**.)

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

Reports **READ**.

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

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** on Bill "An Act To Restore Consumer Rate Review for Health Insurance Plans in the Individual Market"

H.P. 175 L.D. 243

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-104).**

Signed:

Senator:
GRATWICK of Penobscot

Representatives:
BECK of Waterville
BROOKS of Lewiston
COOPER of Yarmouth
MELARAGNO of Auburn
MORRISON of South Portland
TUCKER of Brunswick

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

Signed:

Senators:
WHITTEMORE of Somerset
BAKER of Sagadahoc

Representatives:
FOLEY of Wells
PICCHIOTTI of Fairfield
PRESCOTT of Waterboro
WALLACE of Dexter

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-104).**

Reports **READ.**

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

Senate

Ought to Pass

Senator BURNS for the Committee on **JUDICIARY** on Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Confidentiality of Library Records"

S.P. 127 L.D. 344

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

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

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ TWICE** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED.**

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Resolve, To Direct the Department of Health and Human Services To Report on Efforts To Reach in Rural Areas Persons Who Are Elderly, Disabled or Mentally Ill
S.P. 194 L.D. 525

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

Signed:

Senators:
BRAKEY of Androscoggin
McCORMICK of Kennebec
HASKELL of Cumberland

Representatives:
GATTINE of Westbrook
BURSTEIN of Lincolnville
HAMANN of South Portland
HEAD of Bethel
HYMANSON of York
MALABY of Hancock
PETERSON of Rumford
STUCKEY of Portland
VACHON of Scarborough

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

Signed:

Representative:
SANDERSON of Chelsea

Reports **READ.**

On motion by Senator **BRAKEY** of Androscoggin, the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS** Report **ACCEPTED.**

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ TWICE** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED.**

Sent down for concurrence.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Bill "An Act To Preserve Jobs and Primary Care Services in Rural and Underserved Areas of Maine"
S.P. 341 L.D. 969

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-68).**

Signed:

Senators:

McCORMICK of Kennebec
HASKELL of Cumberland

Representatives:

GATTINE of Westbrook
BURSTEIN of Lincolnville
HAMANN of South Portland
HEAD of Bethel
HYMANSON of York
MALABY of Hancock
PETERSON of Rumford
STUCKEY of Portland

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

Signed:

Senator:

BRAKEY of Androscoggin

Representatives:

SANDERSON of Chelsea
VACHON of Scarborough

Reports **READ.**

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

Off Record Remarks

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** on Bill "An Act Concerning Billing between Emergency Medical Services Providers and Insurance Companies"

S.P. 130 L.D. 347

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

Signed:

Senators:

WHITTEMORE of Somerset
BAKER of Sagadahoc
GRATWICK of Penobscot

Representatives:

BROOKS of Lewiston
FOLEY of Wells
MORRISON of South Portland
PICCHIOTTI of Fairfield
PRESCOTT of Waterboro
TUCKER of Brunswick

WALLACE of Dexter

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

Signed:

Representatives:

BECK of Waterville
COOPER of Yarmouth
MELARAGNO of Auburn

Reports **READ.**

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** on Bill "An Act To Establish a Unified-payor, Universal Health Care System"

S.P. 289 L.D. 815

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

Signed:

Senators:

WHITTEMORE of Somerset
BAKER of Sagadahoc
GRATWICK of Penobscot

Representatives:

BECK of Waterville
COOPER of Yarmouth
FOLEY of Wells
MELARAGNO of Auburn
MORRISON of South Portland
PICCHIOTTI of Fairfield
PRESCOTT of Waterboro
WALLACE of Dexter

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-69).**

Signed:

Representatives:

BROOKS of Lewiston
TUCKER of Brunswick

Reports **READ.**

On motion by Senator **WHITTEMORE** of Somerset, 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:

Senate

Bill "An Act To Extend Options for Publicly Funded Projects"
S.P. 348 L.D. 1008

READ A SECOND TIME and PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED.

Sent down for concurrence.

Senate As Amended

Bill "An Act To Amend the Maine Emergency Medical Services Act of 1982"

S.P. 292 L.D. 818
(C "A" S-63)

Bill "An Act To Amend the Emergency Rule-making Authority of the Department of Marine Resources"

S.P. 364 L.D. 1038
(C "A" S-64)

Bill "An Act To Modify the Laws Regarding the Collection and Recycling of Mercury-added Thermostats"

S.P. 371 L.D. 1045
(C "A" S-62)

Bill "An Act To Penalize Legislators for Excessive Absences"

S.P. 372 L.D. 1046
(C "A" S-66)

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:

Emergency Measure

An Act To Authorize Municipalities To Refund Amounts Collected in Excess of Tax Liens

S.P. 51 L.D. 118
(C "A" S-55)

This being an Emergency Measure and having received the affirmative vote of 34 Members of the Senate, with no Senators having voted in the negative, and 34 being more than two-thirds of the entire elected Membership of the Senate, was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED** and, having been signed by the President, was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for his approval.

Ordered sent down forthwith.

Emergency Measure

An Act Concerning Commercial Vehicles at Canadian Weight Limits Traveling to Certain Points in the State

H.P. 378 L.D. 554
(C "A" H-85)

On motion by Senator **COLLINS** of York, placed on the **SPECIAL HIGHWAY TABLE**, pending **ENACTMENT**, in concurrence.

Acts

An Act To Improve Permit Oversight for the Cutting of Christmas Trees and Evergreen Boughs

S.P. 91 L.D. 253
(C "A" S-50)

An Act Regarding the Tracking of Wounded Animals with a Leashed Dog

H.P. 214 L.D. 320
(C "A" H-76)

An Act To Allow Licensed Foresters To Use Mechanics Liens

H.P. 324 L.D. 485

An Act To Authorize the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife To Postpone or Cancel an Open Hunting Season

H.P. 394 L.D. 570
(H "A" H-89)

An Act To Ensure Appropriate Health Insurance Coverage for Prescription Eye Drops

H.P. 396 L.D. 572
(C "A" H-81)

An Act To Allow the Synchronization of Prescriptions

S.P. 284 L.D. 810
(C "A" S-57)

An Act Regarding Aerial Pesticide Spray Projects
S.P. 291 L.D. 817

(In Senate, April 1, 2015, **READ.**)

An Act To Establish a Private Support Organization for the Maine
Commission for Community Service
H.P. 636 L.D. 916

On motion by Senator **MASON** of Androscoggin, the Joint
Resolution **INDEFINITELY POSTPONED**, in **NON-
CONCURRENCE.**

An Act To Amend the Laws Relating to Group Trusts Established
by Self-insurers of Workers' Compensation Benefits
S.P. 338 L.D. 958

Sent down for concurrence.

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

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later
Assigned (5/5/15) matter:

Emergency

An Act To Strengthen the Laws Prohibiting Stalking
S.P. 160 L.D. 431
(C "A" S-49)

An Act Regarding Community Paramedicine Pilot Projects
S.P. 222 L.D. 629
(C "A" S-32)

Tabled - May 5, 2015, by Senator **MASON** of Androscoggin

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

Pending - **ENACTMENT**, in concurrence

(In Senate, April 16, 2015, **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS
AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-32).**)

An Act To Improve Science and Engineering Education for
Maine's Students

H.P. 303 L.D. 464
(S "A" S-60 to C "A" H-43)

(In House, April 30, 2015, **PASSED TO BE ENACTED.**)

This being an Emergency Measure and having received the
affirmative vote of 34 Members of the Senate, with no Senators
having voted in the negative, and 34 being more than two-thirds
of the entire elected Membership of the Senate, was **PASSED TO
BE ENACTED** and, having been signed by the President, was
presented by the Secretary to the Governor for his approval.

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

Ordered sent down forthwith.

An Act To Amend the Laws Regarding Learner's Permits and
Intermediate Licenses

S.P. 267 L.D. 737
(C "A" S-58)

Off Record Remarks

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

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

ORDERS OF THE DAY

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later
Assigned (4/1/15) matter:

On motion by Senator **MCCORMICK** of Kennebec, **ADJOURNED**
to Thursday, May 7, 2015, at 10:00 in the morning.

JOINT RESOLUTION - In Honor Of Women's History Month And
In Recognition Of The Contributions That Women Make To Maine
And To The United States

H.P. 757

Tabled - April 1, 2015, by Senator **MASON** of Androscoggin

Pending - **ADOPTION**, in concurrence

(In House, March 31, 2015, **READ** and **ADOPTED.**)