



**One Hundred and Twenty-Eighth Legislature
First Regular Session**

Advance Journal and Calendar

15th Legislative Day

In Senate Chamber, Thursday, February 16, 2017.

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

Prayer by Senator Paul T. Davis Sr. of Piscataquis.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Senator Andre E. Cushing, III of Penobscot County.

Reading of the Journal of Tuesday, February 14, 2017.

Doctor of the day, Patrick Keaney, M.D. of Yarmouth.

Michael D. Thibodeau
Senate President

Heather J.R. Priest
Secretary of the Senate

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

S.P. 180

Ordered, the House concurring, that when the House and Senate adjourn they do so until Tuesday, February 28, 2017, at 10:00 in the morning.

Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, on motion by Senator **CUSHING** of Penobscot, the following Senate Order:

S.O. 14

Ordered, that a message be sent to the House of Representatives proposing a Convention of the two branches of the Legislature be held at 4:45 this afternoon in the Hall of the House for the purpose of welcoming the Honorable Leigh Ingalls Saufley, Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court, the Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court, and members of the Judiciary, and request the Chief Justice make such communication as pleases her.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

Non-Concurrent Matter

(1-1) Bill "An Act To Amend the Exemption for Highway Contractors and Subcontractors under the Arborist Licensing Laws"

H.P. 310 L.D. 430

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

In Senate, February 7, 2017, on motion by Senator **VOLK** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

Comes from the House, that Body having **INSISTED** on its former action whereby the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY**.

Non-Concurrent Matter

(1-2) Bill "An Act To Clarify Damages for the Willful or Negligent Injury or Death of a Dog"
H.P. 299 L.D. 419

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

In Senate, February 7, 2017, on motion by Senator **DAVIS** of Piscataquis, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

Comes from the House, that Body having **INSISTED** on its former action whereby the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY**.

House Papers

(1-3) Bill "An Act To Allow a Public Safety Answering Point To Be Reimbursed for Training Costs"
H.P. 337 L.D. 474

Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** suggested and ordered printed.

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

(1-4) Bill "An Act To Facilitate the Creation of the Maine Water Trust To Regulate and Protect Maine's Water Supply and To Ensure the Quantity and Quality of Maine's Drinking Water"
H.P. 302 L.D. 422

Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** suggested and ordered printed.

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

(1-5) Bill "An Act To Require That a Person Who Has Been Treated by a Law Enforcement Officer with Naloxone Be Informed about Drug Addiction Treatment"

H.P. 338 L.D. 475

(1-6) Bill "An Act To Promote Workforce Participation" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 344 L.D. 481

(1-7) Bill "An Act To Remove the Requirement That Child Care Facility Workers and Family Child Care Providers Submit to Criminal Background Checks"

H.P. 403 L.D. 561

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

(1-8) Bill "An Act To Authorize Vacating the Convictions of Members of the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians Convicted under Prior Laws Governing the Possession and Use of Marijuana" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 349 L.D. 486

Committee on **JUDICIARY** suggested and ordered printed.

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Joint Select Committee on **MARIJUANA LEGALIZATION IMPLEMENTATION**.

(1-9) Bill "An Act To Standardize the Law Concerning Property Transfers and To Protect Water Quality"

H.P. 401 L.D. 559

Committee on **JUDICIARY** suggested and ordered printed.

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**.

(1-10) Bill "An Act To Help Municipalities Prepare for Sea Level Rise"

H.P. 384 L.D. 540

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

(1-11) Bill "An Act Regarding the Commercial Forestry Excise Tax"

H.P. 385 L.D. 541

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

(1-12) Bill "An Act To Require That Candidates for the Office of County Sheriff Who Meet the Basic Corrections Training Standards Have Corrections Supervisory Experience"

H.P. 360 L.D. 497

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

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

Joint Orders

Expressions of Legislative Sentiment recognizing:

(1-13) the Greenville Consolidated School Boys Soccer Team, of Greenville, which won the 2016 Class D South Championship. Members of the team include players Chris Caiazzo, Noah Bilodeau, Drew Worster, Camden Harmon, Jack Morehouse, Aubrey Kronholm, Doug Kane, Ben Baldwin, Alec Oelshlegal, Noah Stolz, Noah Pratt, Nick Foley, Evan Bjork, Parker Richards, Connor DiAngelo, Anthony Mason, Robert Mello, Traj Macfadyen and Matt Mendes; managers Emily Vraux and Tomas Silva-Johnson; and coaches Jeff Richards and Bill Foley. We extend to all the members of the team our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 61

(1-14) Dana Cary, of Topsham, who received the Sarah Whitten Community Award from the Whitten Society of the Topsham Public Library for his outstanding service to the library and community. We extend to Mr. Cary our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 64

(1-15) Norway Center for Health & Rehabilitation, of Norway, which has received the Business of the Year Award from the Oxford Hills Chamber of Commerce. We extend to everyone at Norway Center for Health & Rehabilitation our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 67

(1-16) Norway Brewing Company, of Norway, which has received the Rising Star of the Year Award from the Oxford Hills Chamber of Commerce. We extend to everyone at Norway Brewing Company our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 68

(1-17) Kevin Cooper, of Buxton, who received the 2016 Mike Landry Award for Best Coach from the Southern Maine Activities Association. Coach Cooper has received many recognitions through the years, including being named the Maine Football Coaches Association Coach of the Year and the Coach of the Year by the State of Maine Chapter of the National Football Foundation. He has worked in Regional School Unit No. 6 for 19 years. We extend to Coach Cooper our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 72

Come from the House, **READ** and **PASSED**.

Joint Resolutions

Joint Resolutions in Memoriam:

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

(1-18) Norma Duguay Faulkingham, of Jonesport. Mrs. Faulkingham worked various jobs in her lifetime, including raking blueberries, packing fish and working as a nurse's aide and licensed practical nurse, and she was a wonderful bread and pastry cook. She will be long remembered and sadly missed by her family and friends;

HLS 62

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

(1-19) Nelson D. Harding, of Albion, a veteran of the United States Marine Corps who served 2 tours of duty in Vietnam. A carpenter by trade, he formed the company Harding Brothers with his brother Dennis. He was a stock car racer and a member of China Baptist Church, Central Masonic Lodge No. 45, the Washburn-Brann-Ward American Legion Post No. 195 and the Veterans of Foreign Wars posts in Waterville and Fairfield. Mr. Harding will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family and friends;

HLS 65

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

(1-20) Jeffrey Abbott, of Saco. Mr. Abbott was an employee of the Maine Turnpike Authority. He died when he was struck by a vehicle after he left the cab of a Maine Turnpike Authority safety vehicle in order to remove traffic cones on the highway. Mr. Abbott will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family, friends and colleagues;

HLS 66

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

(1-21) Sage Nequtahtahwet Rapp, of Hampden. Mr. Rapp was serving as a United States Marine. In 2013, he graduated from Hampden Academy, where he played varsity football. He was a member of the traditional Wabanaki Medicine Society of Eagle Dancers and belonged to Mystic Lodge #65 in Hampden as a Master Mason. Mr. Rapp will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family and friends;

HLS 69

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

COMMUNICATIONS

(2-1) The Following Communication:

S.C. 131

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

February 14, 2017

The Honorable Michael D. Thibodeau
President of the Senate of Maine
128th 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 Judiciary has had under consideration the nomination of the Honorable Robert W. Clifford of Lewiston, for reappointment as an Active Retired Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court.

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	Keim of Oxford, Hill of York, Whittemore of Somerset
	Representatives	9	Moonen of Portland, Babbidge of Kennebunk, Bailey of Saco, Bradstreet of Vassalboro, Cardone of Bangor, Galgay Reckitt of South Portland, Guerin of Glenburn, Johansen of Monticello, McCreight of Harpswell
NAYS		0	
ABSENT		1	Rep. Sherman of Hodgdon

Twelve 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 the Honorable Robert W. Clifford of Lewiston, for reappointment as an Active Retired Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Lisa Keim
Senate Chair

S/Matthew W. Moonen
House Chair



(2-2) The Following Communication:

S.C. 132

**STATE OF MAINE
128TH LEGISLATURE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
SPEAKER'S OFFICE**

February 14, 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 5, MRSA, Part 17, Ch. 371-A, §7030, I am pleased to appoint the following to the Permanent Commission on the Status of Women, effective February 14, 2017:

Meredith Strang Burgess of Cumberland Foreside to seat 13
Ruth Kermish-Allen of Appleton to seat 15

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,

S/Sara Gideon
Speaker of the House

(2-3) The Following Communication:

S.C. 129

February 10, 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. 19 An Act To Assist Residents of Nursing Homes To Return to Their
 Communities

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Eric L. Brakey
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Patricia Hymanson
House Chair

(2-4) The Following Communication:

S.C. 130

February 10, 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. 110 An Act To Assist Island and Coastal Communities with Controlling
 Excess Deer Populations

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Scott W. Cyrway
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Robert S. Duchesne
House Chair

SENATE PAPERS

(3-1) Bill "An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Commission To Study the Public Reserved Lands Management Fund"

S.P. 201 L.D. 586

Presented by Senator SAVIELLO of Franklin.

(3-2) Bill "An Act To Modify the Definition of 'General Use Pesticide'"

S.P. 209 L.D. 594

Presented by Senator SAVIELLO of Franklin.
Cosponsored by Representative TIMBERLAKE of Turner.

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

(3-3) Bill "An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Invest in Maine's Rail Infrastructure"

S.P. 205 L.D. 590

Presented by Senator JACKSON of Aroostook.

Cosponsored by Representative MARTIN of Eagle Lake and Senator: LIBBY of Androscoggin, Representatives: GATTINE of Westbrook, GOLDEN of Lewiston.

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

(3-4) Bill "An Act To Amend the Provision of Law Requiring Disclosure of the Possession of a Firearm under Certain Circumstances"

S.P. 189 L.D. 574

Presented by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin.

Cosponsored by Representative MARTIN of Eagle Lake and Representatives: CEBRA of Naples, FARRIN of Norridgewock, MAREAN of Hollis, STETKIS of Canaan.

(3-5) Bill "An Act To Allow Law Enforcement Agencies and Associations To Engage Directly in Fund-raising under Certain Circumstances"

S.P. 203 L.D. 588

Presented by Senator DIAMOND of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Senator DAVIS of Piscataquis, Representative CAMPBELL of Orrington and Senators: CYRWAY of Kennebec, DILL of Penobscot, DION of Cumberland.

(3-6) Resolve, To Establish a Working Group To Review the Function and Mission of Probation Officers and Establish a Licensing Procedure

S.P. 204 L.D. 589

Presented by Senator GRATWICK of Penobscot.

Cosponsored by Representative GUERIN of Glenburn, Representative CARDONE of Bangor and Senators: DIAMOND of Cumberland, DILL of Penobscot, DION of Cumberland, MIRAMANT of Knox, ROSEN of Hancock, Representatives: FECTEAU of Biddeford, HAMANN of South Portland, McCREA of Fort Fairfield.

Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** suggested and ordered printed.

(3-7) Bill "An Act To Create the Maine Institute of Technology"

S.P. 185 L.D. 570

Presented by Senator BELLOWS of Kennebec.

Cosponsored by Representative ACKLEY of Monmouth and Senators: BREEN of Cumberland, CHENETTE of York, CHIPMAN of Cumberland, VITELLI of Sagadahoc, Representatives: CASÁS of Rockport, GINZLER of Bridgton, GROHMAN of Biddeford, HICKMAN of Winthrop.

(3-8) Resolve, To Audit Standardized Testing in Maine's Schools

S.P. 188 L.D. 573

Presented by Senator LIBBY of Androscoggin.

Cosponsored by Representative SAMPSON of Alfred and Representatives: FARNSWORTH of Portland, FULLER of Lewiston.

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

(3-9) Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Funding for Landfill Closure Costs"

S.P. 191 L.D. 576

Presented by Senator DILL of Penobscot.

Cosponsored by Representative DUNPHY of Old Town and Senator: GRATWICK of Penobscot, Representatives: STANLEY of Medway, TUCKER of Brunswick, WHITE of Washburn.

(3-10) Bill "An Act Regarding Zero-emissions Vehicles"

S.P. 192 L.D. 577

Presented by Senator SAVIELLO of Franklin.

(3-11) Bill "An Act To Modify the Mining Laws"

S.P. 195 L.D. 580

Presented by Senator SAVIELLO of Franklin.

Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** suggested and ordered printed.

(3-12) Bill "An Act To Provide for the Comprehensive Medical, Dental, Educational and Behavioral Assessment of Children Entering State Custody"

S.P. 197 L.D. 582

Presented by Senator GRATWICK of Penobscot.

Cosponsored by Representative TUCKER of Brunswick and Senators: BRAKEY of Androscoggin, CHIPMAN of Cumberland, CUSHING of Penobscot, DIAMOND of Cumberland, LIBBY of Androscoggin, Representatives: BERRY of Bowdoinham, HICKMAN of Winthrop, MALABY of Hancock.

Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** suggested and ordered printed.

(3-13) Bill "An Act To Allow Fees To Be Charged for Wild Game Dinners"

S.P. 202 L.D. 587

Presented by Senator SAVIELLO of Franklin.

Cosponsored by Senators: CARSON of Cumberland, DILL of Penobscot, LANGLEY of Hancock.

Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** suggested and ordered printed.

(3-14) Bill "An Act To Enable the Maine Employers' Mutual Insurance Company To Better Serve Maine Employers by Eliminating the High-risk Program"

S.P. 207 L.D. 592

Presented by Senator WHITTEMORE of Somerset.

Cosponsored by Representative FARRIN of Norridgewock and Senators: CUSHING of Penobscot, CYRWAY of Kennebec, KATZ of Kennebec, LANGLEY of Hancock, MASON of Androscoggin, SAVIELLO of Franklin, Representatives: STETKIS of Canaan, STROM of Pittsfield.

Committee on **INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** suggested and ordered printed.

(3-15) Bill "An Act To Modify the Divorce Laws Concerning Perpetrators of Domestic Violence"

S.P. 193 L.D. 578

Presented by Senator SAVIELLO of Franklin.

(3-16) Bill "An Act To Require Notification When a Temporary Protection from Abuse Order Is Rescinded"

S.P. 196 L.D. 581

Presented by Senator JACKSON of Aroostook.

Cosponsored by Senator: KEIM of Oxford, Representative: MOONEN of Portland.

Committee on **JUDICIARY** suggested and ordered printed.

(3-17) Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Practice of Pharmacy"

S.P. 187 L.D. 572

Presented by Senator VOLK of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Representative FECTION of Biddeford and Senators: BRAKEY of Androscoggin, KATZ of Kennebec, Representatives: CHACE of Durham, PERRY of Calais.

(3-18) Bill "An Act To Update the Licensure Renewal Provision of the Board of Licensure in Medicine"

S.P. 208 L.D. 593

Presented by Senator BELLOWS of Kennebec.

Cosponsored by Representative AUSTIN of Gray and Senators: CUSHING of Penobscot, GRATWICK of Penobscot, VOLK of Cumberland, Representatives: BROOKS of Lewiston, FECTION of Biddeford, HYMANSON of York, LOCKMAN of Amherst, MASTRACCIO of Sanford.

Submitted by the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

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

(3-19) Bill "An Act To Improve the Enforcement of Maine's Lobster Laws"
S.P. 190 L.D. 575

Presented by Senator LANGLEY of Hancock.
Cosponsored by Representative TUELL of East Machias and Senators: BRAKEY of
Androscoggin, COLLINS of York, MAKER of Washington, WHITTEMORE of Somerset.

Committee on **MARINE RESOURCES** suggested and ordered printed.

(3-20) Bill "An Act To Allow Municipalities To Adopt Bus Traffic Ordinances"
S.P. 206 L.D. 591

Presented by Senator CHIPMAN of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Senators: DAVIS of Piscataquis, DESCHAMBAULT of York, MIRAMANT of
Knox, Representatives: BEEBE-CENTER of Rockland, CASÁS of Rockport, HARRINGTON
of Sanford, HOGAN of Old Orchard Beach, MARTIN of Sinclair.

Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** suggested and ordered printed.

(3-21) Bill "An Act To Eliminate the 3 Percent Surcharge on Certain Income and Provide an
Alternative Funding Source for the Fund To Advance Public Kindergarten to Grade 12
Education"
S.P. 186 L.D. 571

Presented by Senator DOW of Lincoln.
Cosponsored by Representative WARD of Dedham and Senators: CYRWAY of Kennebec,
MASON of Androscoggin, President THIBODEAU of Waldo, WHITTEMORE of Somerset,
Representatives: STETKIS of Canaan, TIMBERLAKE of Turner.

(3-22) Bill "An Act To Improve the Tax Appeal Process for Maine Businesses and Consumers"
S.P. 198 L.D. 583

Presented by Senator LIBBY of Androscoggin.
Cosponsored by Representative STANLEY of Medway.

Committee on **TAXATION** suggested and ordered printed.

(3-23) Bill "An Act To Create the Fund for Municipalities To Improve Pedestrian Safety"
S.P. 199 L.D. 584

Presented by Senator LIBBY of Androscoggin.

Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** suggested and ordered printed.

(3-24) Bill "An Act Regarding Transfers of Liquor between Licensed Manufacturers' Facilities"
S.P. 194 L.D. 579

Presented by Senator SAVIELLO of Franklin.
Cosponsored by Senator: LANGLEY of Hancock.

(3-25) Bill "An Act To Allow Cash Qualifying Contributions under the Maine Clean Election
Act"

S.P. 200 L.D. 585

Presented by Senator MIRAMANT of Knox.
Cosponsored by Representative SHEATS of Auburn and Senators: CARPENTER of Aroostook,
CYRWAY of Kennebec, DILL of Penobscot, KEIM of Oxford, MILLETT of Cumberland,
Representatives: CASÁS of Rockport, HARRINGTON of Sanford, HICKMAN of Winthrop.

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

ORDERS

Joint Orders

(4-1) On motion by Senator **JACKSON** of Aroostook, the following Joint Order:
S.P. 210

STATE OF MAINE
128TH MAINE LEGISLATURE

ORDERED, the House concurring, that, notwithstanding Joint Rule 353, the Task Force To Address the Opioid Crisis in the State, referred to in this order as "the task force," is established as follows.

1. Appointment; composition. The task force consists of members appointed as follows:

A. Four members of the Senate, appointed by the President of the Senate, including 2 members of the party holding the largest and 2 members of the party holding the 2nd-largest number of seats in the Senate;

B. Four members of the House of Representatives, appointed by the Speaker of the House, including 2 members of the party holding the largest and 2 members of the party holding the 2nd-largest number of seats in the House of Representatives;

C. One member who is an administrator at a hospital in the State, appointed by the President of the Senate;

D. One member representing the interests of law enforcement, appointed by the President of the Senate;

E. One member representing the interests of providers of services at opioid treatment facilities, appointed by the President of the Senate;

F. One member representing a statewide association of physicians in the State, appointed by the President of the Senate;

G. One member who is recovering from opioid addiction, appointed by the Speaker of the House;

H. One member representing the interests of providers of substance abuse and recovery services, appointed by the Speaker of the House;

I. One member who is a physician specializing in addiction treatment, appointed by the Speaker of the House; and

J. One member who is a behavioral health specialist, appointed by the Speaker of the House.

The President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House shall invite to participate as members of the task force the Governor, or the Governor's designee; the Attorney General, or the Attorney General's designee; and a representative of the judicial branch.

2. Chairs. The first-named Senator is the Senate chair of the task force and the first-named member of the House of Representatives is the House chair of the task force.

3. Appointments; convening. All appointments must be made no later than 30 days following passage of this order. The appointing authorities shall notify the Executive Director of the Legislative Council once all appointments have been made. When the appointment of all members has been completed, the chairs of the task force shall call and convene the first meeting of the task force. If 30 days or more after the passage of this order a majority of but not all appointments have been made, the chairs may request authority and the Legislative Council may grant authority for the task force to meet and conduct its business.

4. Duties. The task force shall examine the current laws in the State addressing opiate abuse and heroin use, including but not limited to existing laws focused on law enforcement, prevention, treatment and recovery. As part of its study, the task force shall review the report and recommendations of the Maine Opiate Collaborative issued on May 6, 2016 as well as initiatives that have been successfully undertaken by other states, including but not limited to proposals for increased law enforcement personnel or funding; substance abuse prevention, treatment and peer recovery services; and substance abuse prevention and education in schools and communities, and shall develop recommendations to address the opioid crisis in the State.

5. Compensation. The legislative members of the task force are entitled to receive the legislative per diem, as defined in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 3, section 2, and reimbursement for travel and other necessary expenses related to their attendance at authorized meetings of the task force. Public members not otherwise compensated by their employers or other entities that they represent are entitled to receive reimbursement of necessary expenses and, upon a demonstration of financial hardship, a per diem equal to the legislative per diem for their attendance at authorized meetings of the task force.

6. Quorum. A quorum is a majority of the members of the task force, including those members invited to participate who have accepted the invitation to participate.

7. Staffing. The Legislative Council shall contract for necessary staff support for the task force during the legislative session and may contract for such staff support for a longer period to the extent needed and if sufficient funding is available. At the request of the task force, the Legislative Council may provide drafting assistance to the task force during the legislative session and other staffing support to the task force when the Legislature is not in session.

8. Reports. No later than April 30, 2017, the task force shall submit an initial report that includes its findings and recommendations, including suggested legislation, for introduction to the First Regular Session of the 128th Legislature. No later than December 6, 2017, the task force shall submit a final report that includes its findings and recommendations, including suggested legislation, for introduction to the Second Regular Session of the 128th Legislature.

Expressions of Legislative Sentiment recognizing:

(4-2) the Central Aroostook Middle School Cheerleading Squad, of Mars Hill, which won the 2017 Aroostook League Middle School Cheering Championship. We extend to all the members of the team our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 60

Sponsored by Senator CARPENTER of Aroostook.

Cosponsored by Representative: WHITE of Washburn.

(4-3) Crystal Greaves, of Dexter, who has received the 2017 Joyce Packard Community Spirit Award from the Sebecook Valley Chamber of Commerce. We extend to Ms. Greaves our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 61

Sponsored by Senator DAVIS of Piscataquis.

Cosponsored by Senator: CUSHING of Penobscot, Representative: WALLACE of Dexter.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Unfinished Business

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

1.

Tabled and Later Assigned

Bill "An Act To Change the Name of Captain Ambrose Bear Stream"

S.P. 89 L.D. 303

Tabled - January 31, 2017, by Senator MASON of Androscoggin

Pending - motion by Senator DAVIS of Piscataquis to REFER to the Committee on STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

(Committee on STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT suggested and ordered printed.)

2.

Tabled and Later Assigned

Bill "An Act To Fund and Enhance the Maine Diversion Alert Program" (EMERGENCY)
H.P. 182 L.D. 249

Tabled - January 31, 2017, by Senator **MASON** of Androscoggin

Pending - **REFERENCE**

(In House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** and ordered printed.)

3.

Tabled and Later Assigned

Bill "An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Working Group To Study Background Checks for Child Care Facilities and Providers"

H.P. 207 L.D. 274

Tabled - January 31, 2017, by Senator **MASON** of Androscoggin

Pending - **REFERENCE**

(Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** suggested and ordered printed.)

(In House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** and ordered printed.)

4.

Tabled and Later Assigned

JOINT ORDER - Expression of Legislative Sentiment Recognizing the Hermon High School Girls Cheerleading Team, of Hermon

SLS 49

Tabled - February 7, 2017, by Senator **CUSHING** of Penobscot

Pending - **PASSAGE**

5.

Tabled and Later Assigned

JOINT RESOLUTION - Memorializing Phil Bernaiche, of Houlton
SLS 50

Tabled - February 7, 2017, by Senator **CARPENTER** of Aroostook

Pending - **ADOPTION**

6.

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JOINT ORDER - Expression of Legislative Sentiment Recognizing the Greenville Consolidated School Boys Soccer Team, of Greenville
HLS 59

Tabled - February 14, 2017, by Senator **MASON** of Androscoggin

Pending - **PASSAGE**

(In House, **READ** and **PASSED**.)

7.

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Bill "An Act Regarding Final Enactment of the State Budget" (EMERGENCY)
H.P. 366 L.D. 522

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