



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

Advance Journal and Calendar

16th Legislative Day

In Senate Chamber, Tuesday, February 28, 2017.

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

Prayer by Reverend Larry Lakey, Winslow Baptist Church.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Senator Michael E. Carpenter of Aroostook County.

Reading of the Journal of Thursday, February 16, 2017.

Doctor of the day, Garreth Debiegun, M.D. of Yarmouth.

Michael D. Thibodeau
Senate President

Heather J.R. Priest
Secretary of the Senate

<http://legislature.maine.gov/senate>

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

House Papers

(1-1) Bill "An Act To Amend the Municipal Subdivision Laws"

H.P. 444 L.D. 628

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

(1-2) Bill "An Act To Improve Rehabilitation Services for Persons with Mental Illness in Maine"

H.P. 445 L.D. 629

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

Joint Orders

Expressions of Legislative Sentiment recognizing:

(1-3) Al Godfrey, of Fayette, who is being honored by the Lions Club for his 50 years of membership. Mr. Godfrey's service to his community has been exemplary. We extend to Mr. Godfrey our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 73

(1-4) Casco Public Library, in Casco, which is celebrating its 65th Anniversary. We extend to the administration, staff and patrons of the Casco Public Library our congratulations on this occasion;

HLS 74

(1-5) Fryeburg Academy, in Fryeburg, which is celebrating its 225th Anniversary. We extend to the alumni of and everyone at Fryeburg Academy our congratulations on this anniversary;

HLS 75

(1-6) the Skowhegan Area High School Speech Team, of Skowhegan, which won the State Speech and Debate Championship, sponsored by the Maine Forensic Association and the Maine Principals' Association. We extend to all the members of the team our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 76

(1-7) Shanna Brown, of Norridgewock, who has received a Spirit of America Award. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the award is presented to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We send our congratulations to Ms. Brown on her receiving this award;

HLS 77

(1-8) John Eastman Wilder, of Norridgewock, to whom the Town of Norridgewock dedicated its town report. We extend to Mr. Wilder our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 78

(1-9) Jean Wilhelm, of Eastport, who celebrated her 90th Birthday on January 14, 2017. We extend to her our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 80

(1-10) Donita St. John, of Paris, an employee of Community Concepts, who has received the Employee of the Year Award from the Oxford Hills Chamber of Commerce. We extend to Ms. St. John our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 81

(1-11) Sarah Glynn, of Paris, who has received the Community Service Award from the Oxford Hills Chamber of Commerce. We extend to Ms. Glynn our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 82

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

Joint Resolutions

(1-12) The following Joint Resolution:

H.P. 410

**JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING
FEBRUARY 11TH AS 2-1-1 MAINE DAY**

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

WHEREAS, in order to promote the 2-1-1 Maine health and human services and emergency preparedness hotline, which helps Maine citizens to get access to needed resources, we recognize February 11th as 2-1-1 Maine Day; and

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

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

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

WHEREAS, during this past year, 2-1-1 Maine has directed more than 6,300 Mainers to heating and utility assistance services that may have prevented people from contacting the wrong agency for a federal Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program benefit, prevented utility shutoffs and saved people from spending winter nights without fuel assistance; and

WHEREAS, since 2006, 2-1-1 Maine call specialists have assisted with more than 670,000 requests to locate health and human services information; and

WHEREAS, 2-1-1 Maine handles a number of specialized services, including assisting the Department of Health and Human Services, Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention and Office of Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services and the gambling helpline, and is also a resource to find information about such needs as tax preparation and mental health services; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Twenty-eighth Legislature now assembled in the First Regular Session, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to recognize February 11, 2017 as 2-1-1 Maine Day.

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

Joint Resolutions in Memoriam:

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

(1-13) Bruce Vincent Avery, of Windham. Mr. Avery worked in Los Angeles, California, as a tour guide at Universal Studios and as president of the local branch of the International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees union, representing hundreds of tour personnel. After returning to Maine, he was a town councilor in Standish and a longtime board member of School Administrative District No. 6. He also ran for State Representative. His greatest passion was theater, and he taught, acted in and directed plays for many years at the Schoolhouse Arts Center at Sebago Lake and at Gorham High School. Mr. Avery will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family, friends and colleagues;

HLS 79

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

(1-14) Robert Raymond Frechette, of North Berwick. Mr. Frechette served in the United States Air Force from 1956 to 1958 and in the Sanford Fire Department for 33 years. Mr. Frechette will be long remembered and sadly missed by his wife of 57 years, Mary Jane Frechette, and his family and friends;

HLS 83

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

COMMUNICATIONS

(2-1) The Following Communication:

S.C. 155

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

February 16, 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 Transportation has had under consideration the nomination of Thomas J. Zuke of Saco, for appointment to the Maine Turnpike Authority, Board of Directors.

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, Miramant of Knox, Rosen of Hancock
	Representatives	8	Austin of Skowhegan, Bryant of Windham, Gillway of Searsport, Grant of Gardiner, Parry of Arundel, Perkins of Oakland, Schneck of Bangor, Sheats of Auburn
NAYS		0	
ABSENT		2	Rep. McLean of Gorham, Rep. Cebra of Naples

Eleven 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 Thomas J. Zuke of Saco, for appointment to the Maine Turnpike Authority, Board of Directors be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Ronald F. Collins
Senate Chair

S/Andrew J. McLean
House Chair



(2-2) The Following Communication:

S.C. 143

**STATE OF MAINE
SUPREME JUDICIAL COURT
PORTLAND, MAINE**

DOCKET NO. OJ-17-1

In the Matter of
Request for Opinion of the Justices

PROCEDURAL ORDER

On Tuesday, February 7, 2017, the Maine State Senate referred three Questions to the Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court, pursuant to Article VI, Section 3 of the Maine Constitution, related to An Act to Establish Ranked-Choice Voting, which was approved by Maine voters on November 8, 2016, pursuant to Article IV, Part Third, Section 18 of the Maine Constitution.

The Justices hereby invite a representative for each of the Maine Senate, the House of Representatives, Governor LePage, the Secretary of State, and the Attorney General, and any other interested person or entity to submit briefs addressing

1. whether the Questions propounded present a "solemn occasion," pursuant to article VI, section 3 of the Maine Constitution; and
2. the law regarding the Questions propounded.

Any person or entity submitting a brief to the Court must do so by filing the brief, as described below, with the Executive Clerk of the Supreme Judicial Court, at 205 Newbury Street, Room 139, Portland, Maine 04101, at or before 4:00 p.m. on Friday March 3, 2017.

Responsive briefs are not required, but any person or entity that filed an initial brief may file a responsive brief at or before noon on Friday, March 17, 2017.

Briefs and responsive briefs must conform to the requirements of M.R. App. P. 9(f), and comply with the following:

- a. the front cover must be white and must contain the following information:
 - the designation that the matter is "Before the Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court";
 - the docket number of the matter, OJ-17-1;
 - the title of the matter, "In the Matter of Request for Opinion of the Justices";

- the title of the document as either a “Brief of” or “Responsive Brief of” followed by the name of the person or entity filing the brief or responsive brief; and
 - the name, address, and Maine bar number of counsel representing the filer or, if the filer is not represented by counsel, the name and address of the filer.
- b. Briefs must be in 14-point font or larger, double spaced—except for quotes.
- c. Briefs may not be longer than 25 pages. Responsive briefs may not exceed 10 pages.
- d. Briefs are not required to be bound.
- e. Any person or entity filing a brief shall provide two copies to the Clerk’s Office, and an electronic copy of any brief (which need not be signed) shall be simultaneously emailed in the form of a single text-based pdf file to lawcourt.clerk@courts.maine.gov.

Oral Argument will be held on Thursday, April 13, 2017, at 8:30 a.m., in Courtroom 12, in the Cumberland County Courthouse.

All filings and orders in this matter can be found, within a reasonable time after filing, on the Court’s website at: www.courts.maine.gov/quick/senate.

Dated February 7, 2017

For the Justices,

_____/s/

S/Leigh I. Saufley

Chief Justice

(2-3) The Following Communication:

S.C. 144

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

February 23, 2017

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

Dear Secretary Priest:

Pursuant to my authority under Title 5, MRSA, Chapter 163, §2003, I am pleased to appoint Claire Kiedrowski of Stockton Springs to the Maine Library of Geographic Information Board.

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

Sincerely,

S/Michael D. Thibodeau
President of the Senate

(2-4) The Following Communication:

S.C. 145

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

February 23, 2017

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

Dear Secretary Priest:

Pursuant to my authority under Title 5, MRSA, Chapter 163, §2003, I am pleased to appoint Patrick Cunningham of Hallowell to the Maine Library of Geographic Information Board.

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

Sincerely,

S/Michael D. Thibodeau
President of the Senate

(2-5) The Following Communication:

S.C. 146

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

February 23, 2017

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

Dear Secretary Priest:

Pursuant to my authority under Title 22, MRSA, §3883, I am pleased to appoint Senator Joyce A. Maker of Washington to Maine Children's Trust Incorporated, representing a member of the Senate effective date of this letter.

If you have any questions regarding this appointment please do not hesitate to contact my office. Please let me know if you have any questions regarding this appointment.

Sincerely,

S/Michael D. Thibodeau
President of the Senate

(2-6) The Following Communication:

S.C. 147

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

February 23, 2017

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

Dear Secretary Priest:

Pursuant to my authority under Title 5, MRSA, Chapter 319, Section 3371, I am pleased to appoint the following Senators to the Maine Fire Protection Services Commission effective date of this letter.

Senator Scott. W. Cyrway of Kennebec
Senator Brownie Carson of Cumberland

If you have any questions regarding this appointment please do not hesitate to contact my office. Please let me know if you have any questions regarding this appointment.

Sincerely,

S/Michael D. Thibodeau
President of the Senate

(2-7) The Following Communication:

S.C. 148

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

February 15, 2017

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

Dear Secretary Priest:

Pursuant to my authority under Title 10, MRSA, Part 2, §1079 I am pleased to appoint Denise St. Peter of Bangor to the Advisory Committee on Family Development Accounts, representing a community development organization. With this appointment she will be replacing Shannon Bonsey effective the date of this letter.

Sincerely,

S/Michael D. Thibodeau
President of the Senate

(2-8) The Following Communication:

S.C. 149

**MAINE MARITIME ACADEMY
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
CASTINE, MAINE**

February 2, 2017

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

Dear President Thibodeau:

I am pleased to accept your invitation to address a Joint Session of the 128th Maine Legislature on Thursday, March 2, 2017, at 11 a.m. I appreciate the courtesy you have extended to me and I look forward to presenting to you and your colleagues an update on the status of Maine Maritime Academy.

Sincerely,

S/Dr. William J. Brennan
President

(2-9) The Following Communication:

S.C. 150

**MAINE COMMUNITY
COLLEGE SYSTEM
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
AUGUSTA, ME**

January 30, 2017

The Honorable Michael D. Thibodeau
President of the Senate
128 Maine Legislature
3 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333-0003

The Honorable Sara Gideon
Speaker of the House
128th Maine Legislature
2 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333-0002

Dear President Thibodeau and Speaker Gideon:

Thank you for your invitation to address the Joint Session of the 128th Maine Legislature on Tuesday, March 2, 2017, regarding the State of the Maine Community College System. I accept your invitation and appreciate the opportunity to share with you our recent accomplishments and future goals.

Sincerely yours

S/Derek Langhauser
President

(2-10) The Following Communication:

S.C. 151

**STATE OF MAINE
128TH MAINE LEGISLATURE**

February 2, 2017

Brigadier General Douglas A. Farnham
Adjutant General, Maine National Guard
33 State House Station
Camp Keyes
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Brigadier General Farnham:

We are pleased to invite you to address a Joint Session of the 128th Maine Legislature on Tuesday, March 7, 2017, at 11:00 a.m., concerning matters of defense, veterans' services, emergency management and any other matters that you may care to bring to our attention. We look forward to seeing you then.

Sincerely,

S/Michael D. Thibodeau
President of the Senate

S/Sara Gideon
Speaker of the House

(2-11) The Following Communication:

S.C. 152

**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, VETERANS AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
33 STATE HOUSE STATION
CAMP KEYES, AUGUSTA, MAINE**

February 3, 2017

The Honorable Michael D. Thibodeau
President of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333-0003

Dear Senator Thibodeau:

As the Commissioner of the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management and the Adjutant General of the Maine National Guard, I accept your invitation to address the Joint Session of the 128th Maine Legislature on Tuesday, March 7, 2017 at 11:00 a.m.

Sincerely,

S/Brigadier General Douglas A. Farnham
Commissioner and Adjutant General

(2-12) The Following Communication:

S.C. 153

**MAINE'S PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES
UNIVERSITY OF MAINE SYSTEM
OFFICE OF THE CHANCELLOR
ORONO, MAINE**

31 January 2017

The Honorable Michael D. Thibodeau
President of the Senate

The Honorable Sara Gideon
Speaker of the House

128th Maine Legislature
State of Maine
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear President Thibodeau and Speaker Gideon:

Thank you for your invitation to address a Joint Session of the 128th Maine Legislature on Thursday, March 2, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. concerning the State of the University of Maine System. I accept with great pleasure and look forward to the opportunity to share with you my thoughts on the role and future of the University of Maine System.

These are challenging times. I deeply appreciate the support provided by the Legislature as we work together to build a brighter future for the people of Maine.

Sincerely,

S/James H. Page, Ph.D.
Chancellor

(2-13) The Following Communication:

S.C. 154

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

February 17, 2017

Honorable Roger J. Katz, Senate Chair
Honorable Anne-Marie Mastraccio, House Chair
And Members of the Government Oversight Committee
82 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Honorable Michael D. Thibodeau, President of the Senate
and Members of the 128th Maine Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Honorable Sara Gideon, Speaker of the House
and Members of the 128th Maine House of Representatives
2 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Government Oversight Committee Members, Senators and Representatives:

In accordance with 3 MRSA §995.4, I respectfully submit OPEGA's Annual Report on Activities and Performance for 2016. OPEGA's service to the Legislature as a non-partisan resource is meant to provide support in overseeing and improving the performance of State government. The OPEGA staff and I are honored that Maine's legislators and legislative committees have come to view the Office as a trusted source of objective, credible information. As OPEGA begins its 13th year of service to the Legislature, we will continue to conduct our work in a manner that earns your trust and respect, as well as that of Maine's citizens. I hope our efforts and results will continue to be viewed as a worthwhile use of taxpayer dollars.

Sincerely,

S/Beth L. Ashcroft
Director

SENATE PAPERS

(3-1) Resolve, To Establish a Working Group To Propose Changes to the Animal Welfare Laws
S.P. 215 L.D. 653

Presented by Senator CARPENTER of Aroostook.
Cosponsored by Representative: JOHANSEN of Monticello.

(3-2) Resolve, Directing the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry To Work
with All-terrain Vehicle Clubs To Develop All-terrain Vehicle Trails in Northern Maine
S.P. 224 L.D. 662

Presented by Senator JACKSON of Aroostook.
Cosponsored by Representative MARTIN of Eagle Lake and Representatives: MARTIN of
Sinclair, McCREA of Fort Fairfield.

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

(3-3) Bill "An Act To Clarify and Protect Certain Public Service Retirement Benefits"
S.P. 212 L.D. 650

Presented by Senator WOODSOME of York.
Cosponsored by Representative MARTIN of Sinclair and Senators: BELLOWS of Kennebec,
COLLINS of York, DAVIS of Piscataquis, GRATWICK of Penobscot, JACKSON of
Aroostook, LIBBY of Androscoggin, Representatives: FOLEY of Wells, GERRISH of Lebanon,
GRANT of Gardiner, GROHMAN of Biddeford, HARRINGTON of Sanford, MASTRACCIO
of Sanford, McELWEE of Caribou, PICCHIOTTI of Fairfield, SAMPSON of Alfred.

(3-4) RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Reduce Volatility in State Pension Funding Requirements Caused by the Financial Markets
S.P. 240 L.D. 723

Presented by Senator KATZ of Kennebec.
Cosponsored by Representative GATTINE of Westbrook and Senators: BREEN of Cumberland, CUSHING of Penobscot, WHITTEMORE of Somerset, Representatives: FREY of Bangor, HUBBELL of Bar Harbor, POULIOT of Augusta.
Submitted by the Maine Public Employees Retirement System pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

(3-5) Bill "An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Support the Independence of Maine's Seniors"

S.P. 245 L.D. 735

Presented by Senator VOLK of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative HERBIG of Belfast and Senator: LIBBY of Androscoggin, Representatives: DENNO of Cumberland, Speaker GIDEON of Freeport, GROHMAN of Biddeford, TUELL of East Machias, VACHON of Scarborough.

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

(3-6) Bill "An Act To Expand Substance Abuse Prevention Projects"

S.P. 213 L.D. 651

Presented by Senator DION of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative HAMANN of South Portland and Senators: CHIPMAN of Cumberland, CUSHING of Penobscot, JACKSON of Aroostook.

(3-7) Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Certain Sexual Offenses"

S.P. 216 L.D. 654

Presented by Senator CARPENTER of Aroostook.
Cosponsored by Representative HERBIG of Belfast and Senators: DESCHAMBAULT of York, MILLETT of Cumberland, Representatives: CASÁS of Rockport, ESPLING of New Gloucester.

(3-8) Bill "An Act To Give the Courts Sentencing Discretion When a Person with a Developmental Disability Has Been Convicted of a Crime"

S.P. 227 L.D. 665

Presented by Senator VOLK of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Senators: CYRWAY of Kennebec, DIAMOND of Cumberland,

Representatives: COREY of Windham, NADEAU of Winslow.

(3-9) Bill "An Act To Allow for Consistent Application of Credit for Driver's License Suspensions Imposed by the Court"

S.P. 232 L.D. 670

Presented by Senator KATZ of Kennebec.

Cosponsored by Representative CAMPBELL of Orrington and Senators: CUSHING of

Penobscot, DION of Cumberland, ROSEN of Hancock, Representative: POULIOT of Augusta.

(3-10) Bill "An Act To Allow for Accurate Credit for a License Suspension for Operating under the Influence"

S.P. 233 L.D. 671

Presented by Senator KATZ of Kennebec.

Cosponsored by Representative CAMPBELL of Orrington and Senators: DION of Cumberland,

ROSEN of Hancock, Representative: POULIOT of Augusta.

(3-11) Bill "An Act To Mandate the Reporting of a Planned Act of Terrorism by a Person with Knowledge of That Plan"

S.P. 238 L.D. 721

Presented by Senator KATZ of Kennebec.

Cosponsored by Senators: BREEN of Cumberland, DAVIS of Piscataquis, Representatives:

FREY of Bangor, HUBBELL of Bar Harbor, MASTRACCIO of Sanford, SEAVEY of

Kennebunkport, TIMBERLAKE of Turner.

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

(3-12) Bill "An Act To Provide Public Charter Schools with Access to State Funds for Capital Expenses"

S.P. 236 L.D. 674

Presented by Senator MASON of Androscoggin.

Cosponsored by Representative POULIOT of Augusta and Senator: CYRWAY of Kennebec, Representatives: GINZLER of Bridgton, STEWART of Presque Isle.

(3-13) Bill "An Act To Create Equity in Funding of Rural Schools"

S.P. 246 L.D. 736

Presented by Senator WOODSOME of York.

Cosponsored by Representative SAMPSON of Alfred and Senator: MAKER of Washington, Representatives: HARRINGTON of Sanford, HYMANSON of York, JOHANSEN of Monticello, McCREA of Fort Fairfield, WHITE of Washburn.

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

(3-14) Bill "An Act To Lower the Price MaineCare Pays for Prescription Drugs"

S.P. 217 L.D. 655

Presented by Senator CARPENTER of Aroostook.

Cosponsored by Representative MELARAGNO of Auburn and Senators: CARSON of Cumberland, DESCHAMBAULT of York, DIAMOND of Cumberland.

(3-15) Bill "An Act To Provide Lung Cancer Screening for MaineCare Recipients"

S.P. 237 L.D. 720

Presented by Senator KATZ of Kennebec.

Cosponsored by Senator: BREEN of Cumberland, Representatives: FREY of Bangor, HUBBELL of Bar Harbor.

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

(3-16) Bill "An Act To Protect Young Bucks in Northern, Eastern and Western Maine"
S.P. 244 L.D. 732

Presented by Senator MAKER of Washington.

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

(3-17) Bill "An Act To Conform Maine Law Regarding Insurer Privacy Notices to Federal Law"
S.P. 220 L.D. 658

Presented by Senator WHITTEMORE of Somerset.

Cosponsored by Representative PICCHIOTTI of Fairfield and Senators: CARSON of Cumberland, DOW of Lincoln, Representatives: CRAIG of Brewer, FOLEY of Wells, LAWRENCE of South Berwick, PRESCOTT of Waterboro, WALLACE of Dexter.

(3-18) Bill "An Act To Amend the Maine Guaranteed Access Reinsurance Association Act"
S.P. 221 L.D. 659

Presented by Senator WHITTEMORE of Somerset.

Cosponsored by Representative FOLEY of Wells and Senators: COLLINS of York, CUSHING of Penobscot, DAVIS of Piscataquis, DOW of Lincoln, President THIBODEAU of Waldo, Representatives: CRAIG of Brewer, LAWRENCE of South Berwick, PICCHIOTTI of Fairfield.

(3-19) Bill "An Act To Allow Credit and Debit Card Surcharges"
S.P. 222 L.D. 660

Presented by Senator WHITTEMORE of Somerset.

Cosponsored by Representative FOLEY of Wells and Senators: DOW of Lincoln, LANGLEY of Hancock, ROSEN of Hancock, Representatives: CRAIG of Brewer, PICCHIOTTI of Fairfield, PRESCOTT of Waterboro, STETKIS of Canaan, STROM of Pittsfield.

(3-20) Bill "An Act To Improve Access to Cost-effective Health Care Services"
S.P. 228 L.D. 666

Presented by Senator VOLK of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Representative VACHON of Scarborough and Senator: WHITTEMORE of Somerset, Representatives: FOLEY of Wells, HYMANSON of York, PARKER of South Berwick, PERRY of Calais.

(3-21) Bill "An Act Regarding Uninsured Vehicle Coverage"

S.P. 239 L.D. 722

Presented by Senator KATZ of Kennebec.

Cosponsored by Senators: CARPENTER of Aroostook, DION of Cumberland, Representatives: FREY of Bangor, HUBBELL of Bar Harbor.

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

(3-22) Bill "An Act To Allow Attorneys Employed by the State To Perform Volunteer Legal Services"

S.P. 225 L.D. 663

Presented by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin.

Cosponsored by Senators: BELLOWS of Kennebec, DAVIS of Piscataquis, DION of Cumberland, KATZ of Kennebec, KEIM of Oxford.

(3-23) Bill "An Act To Facilitate the Return of Unclaimed Property"

S.P. 230 L.D. 668

Presented by Senator MIRAMANT of Knox.

Cosponsored by Representative BRYANT of Windham and Senators: DAVIS of Piscataquis, DESCHAMBAULT of York, DIAMOND of Cumberland, Representatives: DUNPHY of Old Town, FAY of Raymond, FOLEY of Wells, GILLWAY of Searsport, KINNEY of Knox.

(3-24) Bill "An Act To Require Mortgage Servicers To Act in Good Faith in Dealings with Homeowners"

S.P. 243 L.D. 731

Presented by Senator CARPENTER of Aroostook.

Cosponsored by Representative TUCKER of Brunswick.

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

(3-25) Bill "An Act To Improve the Ability of Maine Companies To Manufacture and Market Bioplastics"

S.P. 218 L.D. 656

Presented by Senator DILL of Penobscot.

Cosponsored by Representative TIPPING of Orono and Senators: CUSHING of Penobscot, DIAMOND of Cumberland, GRATWICK of Penobscot, JACKSON of Aroostook, Representatives: CAMPBELL of Orrington, DUNPHY of Old Town.

(3-26) Bill "An Act Regarding the Chain of Custody in Crematories"

S.P. 223 L.D. 661

Presented by Senator JACKSON of Aroostook.

Cosponsored by Representative MARTIN of Eagle Lake and Senators: BELLOWS of Kennebec, CUSHING of Penobscot, DAVIS of Piscataquis, Representative: TUELL of East Machias.

(3-27) Bill "An Act To Address the Unmet Workforce Needs of Employers and To Improve the Economic Future of Workers"

S.P. 231 L.D. 669

Presented by Senator KATZ of Kennebec.

Cosponsored by Representative PIERCE of Dresden and Senators: DAVIS of Piscataquis, GRATWICK of Penobscot, LANGLEY of Hancock, LIBBY of Androscoggin, Representatives: DeCHANT of Bath, HARRINGTON of Sanford, MASTRACCIO of Sanford, RYKERSON of Kittery.

(3-28) Bill "An Act To Restore the Tip Credit to Maine's Minimum Wage Law"

S.P. 235 L.D. 673

Presented by Senator KATZ of Kennebec.

Cosponsored by Representative HUBBELL of Bar Harbor and Senators: COLLINS of York, CUSHING of Penobscot, DIAMOND of Cumberland, DILL of Penobscot, WOODSOME of York, Representatives: GROHMAN of Biddeford, LUCHINI of Ellsworth, MASTRACCIO of Sanford.

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

(3-29) Bill "An Act To Repeal the Legalization of Recreational Marijuana"
S.P. 229 L.D. 667

Presented by Senator CYRWAY of Kennebec.
Cosponsored by Representative CAMPBELL of Orrington and Senators: DOW of Lincoln, WHITTEMORE of Somerset, Representatives: CRAIG of Brewer, PICKETT of Dixfield, PIERCE of Dresden, SIMMONS of Waldoboro, SIROCKI of Scarborough, STEWART of Presque Isle.

(3-30) Bill "An Act To Clarify a Municipality's Authority To Adopt and Enforce Land Use Regulations for Marijuana Facilities"
S.P. 234 L.D. 672

Presented by Senator BREEN of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative: ESPLING of New Gloucester.

Joint Select Committee on **MARIJUANA LEGALIZATION IMPLEMENTATION** suggested and ordered printed.

(3-31) Bill "An Act To Provide Drug Price Relief"
S.P. 214 L.D. 652

Presented by Senator CARPENTER of Aroostook.
Cosponsored by Representative: MELARAGNO of Auburn.

(3-32) Bill "An Act To Recognize Local Control Regarding Food and Water Systems"
S.P. 242 L.D. 725

Presented by Senator JACKSON of Aroostook.
Cosponsored by Representative HICKMAN of Winthrop and Senators: LANGLEY of Hancock, MIRAMANT of Knox, Representatives: DUNPHY of Old Town, MARTIN of Eagle Lake.

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

(3-33) Bill "An Act To Exempt Gold and Silver Coins and Bullion from Sales Tax"
S.P. 226 L.D. 664

Presented by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin.
Cosponsored by Representative LONGSTAFF of Waterville and Senator: MASON of Androscoggin, Representatives: O'CONNOR of Berwick, STETKIS of Canaan, WARD of Dedham.

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

(3-34) Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the State's Rail Authority"
S.P. 241 L.D. 724

Presented by Senator LIBBY of Androscoggin.
Cosponsored by Representative GOLDEN of Lewiston.

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

(3-35) Bill "An Act To Reduce the In-stock Spirits Requirements for Liquor Agents in Towns with Certain Populations"

S.P. 219 L.D. 657

Presented by Senator WHITTEMORE of Somerset.
Cosponsored by Representative LAWRENCE of South Berwick and Senators: COLLINS of York, CUSHING of Penobscot, DAVIS of Piscataquis, DOW of Lincoln, President THIBODEAU of Waldo, Representatives: CRAIG of Brewer, FOLEY of Wells, PICCHIOTTI of Fairfield.

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

ORDERS

Joint Orders

Expressions of Legislative Sentiment recognizing:

(4-1) Nancy Brown, of Appleton, who has received a Spirit of America Foundation Award. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the foundation presents awards to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We send our congratulations to Ms. Brown on her receiving this award;

SLS 62

Sponsored by Senator MIRAMANT of Knox.

Cosponsored by Representative: SUTTON of Warren.

(4-2) Walter Rich, of Union, who has received a Spirit of America Foundation Award. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the foundation presents awards to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We send our congratulations to Mr. Rich on his receiving this award;

SLS 63

Sponsored by Senator MIRAMANT of Knox.

Cosponsored by Representatives: SIMMONS of Waldoboro, SUTTON of Warren.

(4-3) Kenneth Putnam, of Limington, who has received a Spirit of America Foundation Award. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the foundation presents awards to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We send our congratulations to Mr. Putnam on his receiving this award;

SLS 64

Sponsored by Senator CHENETTE of York.

Cosponsored by Representative: KINNEY of Limington.

(4-4) Veterans Memorial Park Flag Ceremony Group, of Old Orchard Beach, which has received a Spirit of America Foundation Award. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the foundation presents awards to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We send our congratulations to Veterans Memorial Park Flag Ceremony Group on its receiving this award;

SLS 65

Sponsored by Senator CHENETTE of York.

Cosponsored by Representative: HOGAN of Old Orchard Beach.

(4-5) Peg Poulin, of Saco, who has received a Spirit of America Foundation Award. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the foundation presents awards to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We send our congratulations to Ms. Poulin on her receiving this award;

SLS 66

Sponsored by Senator CHENETTE of York.

Cosponsored by Representatives: BAILEY of Saco, MAREAN of Hollis, O'NEIL of Saco.

(4-6) the students of the Gray-New Gloucester High School International Baccalaureate Information Technology in a Global Society class, in Gray, who received Verizon's "Innovative Learning App Challenge" Best in State Award. We extend to them our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 67

Sponsored by Senator BREEN of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Senator: BRAKEY of Androscoggin, Representatives: AUSTIN of Gray, DENNO of Cumberland, ESPLING of New Gloucester.

(4-7) Mapleton Lions Club, of Mapleton, which has received a Spirit of America Foundation Award. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the foundation presents awards to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We send our congratulations to Mapleton Lions Club on its receiving this award;

SLS 68

Sponsored by Senator JACKSON of Aroostook.

Cosponsored by Senator: CARPENTER of Aroostook, Representative: WHITE of Washburn.

(4-8) Bruce S. Harrington, of Fairfield, who has received a Spirit of America Foundation Award. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the foundation presents awards to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We send our congratulations to Mr. Harrington on his receiving this award;

SLS 69

Sponsored by Senator CYRWAY of Kennebec.

Cosponsored by Representative: PICCHIOTTI of Fairfield.

(4-9) the Rotary Club of Lewiston-Auburn, which is celebrating its 100th Anniversary on March 21, 2017. We extend to all the members of the Rotary Club of Lewiston-Auburn our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 70

Sponsored by Senator LIBBY of Androscoggin.

Cosponsored by Senator: BRAKEY of Androscoggin, Representatives: BICKFORD of Auburn, BROOKS of Lewiston, FULLER of Lewiston, GOLDEN of Lewiston, HANDY of Lewiston, MELARAGNO of Auburn, SHEATS of Auburn.

(4-10) St. Mary's Nutrition Center's Lots to Gardens, of Lewiston, which has received a Spirit of America Foundation Award. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the foundation presents awards to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We send our congratulations to St. Mary's Nutrition Center's Lots to Gardens on its receiving this award;

SLS 71

Sponsored by Senator LIBBY of Androscoggin.

Cosponsored by Representatives: BROOKS of Lewiston, FULLER of Lewiston, GOLDEN of Lewiston, HANDY of Lewiston.

(4-11) Evelyn Hill, of Dover-Foxcroft, who is celebrating her 100th birthday. Ms. Hill had 11 children and has 26 grandchildren, 60 great-grandchildren and 20 great-great-grandchildren. We extend to her our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 84

Sponsored by Senator DAVIS of Piscataquis.

Cosponsored by Representative: HIGGINS of Dover-Foxcroft.

(4-12) Barrett Grant, of Searsport, a senior at Searsport District High School and a player on the boys basketball team, who recently scored his 1,000th career point. We extend to Barrett our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 85

Sponsored by President THIBODEAU of Waldo.

Cosponsored by Representative: GILLWAY of Searsport.

(4-13) Casco Alliance Church Food Pantry and Casco Village Church Food Pantry, of Casco, which have received a Spirit of America Foundation Award. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the foundation presents awards to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We send our congratulations to Casco Alliance Church Food Pantry and Casco Village Church Food Pantry on their receiving this award;

SLS 86

Sponsored by Senator DIAMOND of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Representatives: AUSTIN of Gray, FAY of Raymond.

(4-14) the Windham Town Council, of Windham, which has received a Spirit of America Foundation Award. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the foundation presents awards to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We send our congratulations to the Windham Town Council on its receiving this award;

SLS 87

Sponsored by Senator DIAMOND of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Representatives: BRYANT of Windham, COREY of Windham.

(4-15) Margaret Gardiner, of Woolwich, who celebrated her 95th Birthday on February 11, 2017. We extend to Ms. Gardiner our congratulations on her birthday and offer her our best wishes;

SLS 88

Sponsored by Senator VITELLI of Sagadahoc.

Cosponsored by Representative: PIERCE of Dresden.

(4-16) John Callaway, of Avon, for his more than 20 years of public service, including his service as a selectman of the Town of Avon, a teacher in School Administrative District No. 58 and the chair of the Franklin County Budget Committee. We extend to Mr. Callaway our appreciation for his public service;

SLS 89

Sponsored by Senator SAVIELLO of Franklin.

Cosponsored by Representatives: BLACK of Wilton, SKOLFIELD of Weld.

(4-17) Jonathan West, of South Berwick, owner of Jonathan's Ogunquit, who has been named Restaurateur of the Year by the Maine Restaurant Association. We extend to Mr. West our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 90

Sponsored by Senator COLLINS of York.

Cosponsored by Senator: HILL of York, Representatives: HYMANSON of York, LAWRENCE of South Berwick, PARKER of South Berwick.

(4-18) Cody Craig, of Skowhegan, who won his 4th-straight Class A State Wrestling Title. Cody has never lost a match in Maine or to a Maine wrestler. We extend to him our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 91

Sponsored by Senator WHITTEMORE of Somerset.

Cosponsored by Representative: AUSTIN of Skowhegan.

(4-19) Brad Gallant, of Rumford, an officer with the Rumford Police Department, who was named Officer of the Year by the Maine Association of Police. We extend to Officer Gallant our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 93

Sponsored by Senator KEIM of Oxford.

Cosponsored by Representative: MADIGAN of Rumford.

Joint Resolution

Joint Resolution in Memoriam:

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

(4-20) David Moses Bridges, of Pleasant Point, a Passamaquoddy tribal member widely known for his craftsmanship of birch bark canoes and baskets as well as for his community service and activism. He will be sadly missed by his loving family and many friends;

SLS 92

Sponsored by Senator MAKER of Washington.

Cosponsored by Representatives: DANA of the Passamaquoddy Tribe, PERRY of Calais.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Senate

Ought to Pass As Amended

(5-1) Senator HAMPER for the Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act To Make Supplemental Appropriations and Allocations for the Expenditures of State Government and To Change Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2017" (EMERGENCY)

S.P. 88 L.D. 302

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-2)**.

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

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**

4.

Tabled and Later Assigned

JOINT RESOLUTION - Memorializing Phil Bernaiche, of Houlton
SLS 50

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

Pending - **ADOPTION**

5.

Tabled and Later Assigned

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

Tabled - February 16, 2017, by Senator **MASON** of Androscoggin

Pending - **REFERENCE**

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

(In House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL
RESOURCES**.)

6.

Tabled and Later Assigned

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

Tabled - February 16, 2017, by Senator **MASON** of Androscoggin

Pending - **REFERENCE**

(In House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** and
ordered printed.)

7.

Tabled and Later Assigned

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

Tabled - February 16, 2017, by Senator **CUSHING** of Penobscot

Pending - **REFERENCE**

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

(In House, **REFERRED** to the Joint Select Committee on **MARIJUANA LEGALIZATION IMPLEMENTATION**.)

8.

Tabled and Later Assigned

Bill "An Act To Return the Normal Cost of Teacher Retirement to the State"

H.P. 417 L.D. 601

Tabled - February 16, 2017, by Senator **MASON** of Androscoggin

Pending - **REFERENCE**

(In House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed.)

9.

Tabled and Later Assigned

Bill "An Act To Protect Maine's Lakes by Prohibiting the Discharge of Waste from Watercraft"

H.P. 420 L.D. 604

Tabled - February 16, 2017, by Senator **CYRWAY** of Kennebec

Pending - **REFERENCE**

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

(In House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES**.)
