



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

**Advance Journal and Calendar**

**18th Legislative Day**

In Senate Chamber, Tuesday, March 7, 2017.

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

Prayer by Pastor Brian Kline, Lighthouse Baptist Church in Farmingdale.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Senator Mark N. Dion of Cumberland County.

Reading of the Journal of Thursday, March 2, 2017.

Doctor of the day, Kenneth Christian, M.D. of Holden.

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**Michael D. Thibodeau**  
*Senate President*

**Heather J.R. Priest**  
*Secretary of the Senate*

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

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

S.O. 16

Ordered, that a message be sent to the House of Representatives proposing a Convention of the two branches of the Legislature be held at 10:45 this morning in the Hall of the House for the purpose of extending to Brigadier General Douglas A. Farnham, Adjutant General of the Maine National Guard and Commissioner of the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management, an invitation to attend the Convention and make such communication as pleases him.

## PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

### Non-Concurrent Matter

(1-1) Bill "An Act To Amend the Maine Medical Use of Marijuana Act"

S.P. 84 L.D. 238

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

In Senate, January 31, 2017, on motion by Senator **KATZ** of Kennebec, **REFERRED** to the Joint Select Committee on **MARIJUANA LEGALIZATION IMPLEMENTATION** and ordered printed.

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

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### House Papers

(1-2) Bill "An Act To Ensure Transparency in Public Union Negotiations"

H.P. 552 L.D. 772

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

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

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**Pursuant to Statute  
Department of Environmental Protection**

(1-3) Report of the **Department of Environmental Protection**, pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 8072 asks leave to report that the accompanying Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 200: Metallic Mineral Exploration, Advanced Exploration and Mining, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Environmental Protection (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 286 L.D. 395

Be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Comes from the House, Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**, and the Resolve **REFERRED** to the Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

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**Joint Orders**

Expressions of Legislative Sentiment recognizing:

(1-4) the Newport Cultural Center, of Newport, which received the 2017 Sebasticook Valley Chamber of Commerce Business of the Year award. We extend to everyone at the Newport Cultural Center our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 92

(1-5) Michael and Terri Crosby, of Newport, who received the Sebasticook Valley Chamber of Commerce 2017 Delmar L. Doody Award. We extend to them our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 93

(1-6) the Lewiston High School Cheerleading Team, of Lewiston, which won the Class A State Championship. This is the team's 3rd-straight Class A State Championship. We extend to all the members of the team our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 95

(1-7) Jody Dube, of Lewiston, a teacher at Lewiston High School, who received the 2017 Maine Art Education Association Outstanding Service Through the Profession Award for his commitment and dedication to the continued advancement of art education in the State. We extend to Mr. Dube our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 96

(1-8) Lori Flynn, of Saco, a teacher at Biddeford Intermediate School, who received the Golden Apple Award from radio station WTHT in Portland. The award was given to recognize Ms. Flynn's dedication to the intellectual and emotional growth of Maine's children and young adults. We extend to Ms. Flynn our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 97

(1-9) the Greely High School Girls Indoor Track Team, of Cumberland, which won the Class B State Championship. We extend to all the members of the team our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 101

(1-10) Maxwell Aley, of Appleton, who has received the Boston Post Cane, an honor given to the oldest citizen of a municipality. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. Aley on this occasion;

HLS 102

(1-11) Fred Murphy, of China, who is retiring after 37 years as a cobbler in central Maine. He is the owner of Babe's Shoe Repair in Waterville, which is closing after being operated for approximately 3 decades by Mr. Murphy. We extend to Mr. Murphy our congratulations on his retirement and offer him our best wishes;

HLS 107

(1-12) Taylor Worthington, of Brunswick, a senior at Brunswick High School, on his winning the 2017 Congressional Art Competition in Maine's First Congressional District. Winning students are chosen by a jury formed by the Maine Arts Commission and the Maine College of Art and are flown to Washington, D.C., to participate in an opening ceremony. Taylor's work will be on display at the United States Capitol for one year. We congratulate Taylor on his accomplishment and on his receiving this honor, and send him our best wishes;

HLS 108

(1-13) Kevin Millay, of Machias, who retired from the Downeast Correctional Facility after 30 years of service. Mr. Millay began working as a Correctional Officer in 1985. He also held the position of Correctional Maintenance Mechanic, and he retired as a Correctional Trades Shop Supervisor, managing the facility's motor pool. We extend to Mr. Millay our congratulations on his retirement and offer him our best wishes;

HLS 109

(1-14) Gerard Castonguay, of St. Agatha, who retired from the St. Agatha Fire Department after 27 years of service. Mr. Castonguay served as Fire Chief from 1995 to 2000 and from 2010 to 2014. We extend to him our congratulations on his retirement and offer him our best wishes;

HLS 111

(1-15) the Can-Am Crown International Sled Dog Race, of Fort Kent, which is celebrating its 25th Anniversary. This 250-mile race, which is a qualifier for the Iditarod and the Yukon Quest, draws mushers and spectators from throughout the United States and Canada and from other countries. We extend to everyone involved with the Can-Am Crown International Sled Dog Race our congratulations on this anniversary and our best wishes;

HLS 112

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

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### Joint Resolutions

Joint Resolutions in Memoriam:

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

(1-16) Nancy J. Wight, of Newry. Mrs. Wight worked at Maine Line Products and *The Bethel Citizen*, and she served as a ballot clerk in Newry for many years. She also was a supporter of the Telstar Football Boosters and a former president of the Newry Mothers Club. Mrs. Wight will be long remembered and sadly missed by her husband of 60 years, John, and her family and friends;

HLS 98

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

(1-17) Harold E. Sawyer, of South Hiram. Mr. Sawyer owned a construction business and served Hiram as a road commissioner, as a selectman and as a school board member for School Administrative District No. 55. He was also a past president of the Kiwanis Club of Kezar Falls-Cornish. Mr. Sawyer will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family and friends;

HLS 99

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

(1-18) Philip Robert Leonard, of Penobscot. Mr. Leonard was a veteran of the United States Navy, serving for 23 years and retiring as Chief Petty Officer. He later worked for the State's Child Protective Services and the former Bureau of Mental Retardation, and he served as a lector and cantor for Our Lady of Holy Hope Catholic Church. Mr. Leonard will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family and friends;

HLS 100

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

(1-19) Bernard Staples, of Lee, a veteran of the United States Army Air Corps who served in World War II. Mr. Staples will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family and friends;  
HLS 103

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

(1-20) David T. Suttie, of Fairfield. Mr. Suttie was a Master Electrician and owned Suttie's Electric in Fairfield for many years. He was active in Kiwanis, the School Administrative District No. 49 school board and the Knights of Columbus, and he enjoyed coaching youth sports, especially football and hockey. Mr. Suttie will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family and friends;

HLS 105

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

(1-21) Arthur Donald Julia, a lifelong resident of Fairfield. Mr. Julia was the oldest practicing country auctioneer in the State. He and his wife of 70 years, Lilla, owned Oak Tree Antiques in Fairfield, and he later started his own auction business, quickly becoming the "go to" auctioneer in central Maine. In 2006, the Maine Auctioneers Association inducted him into the Maine Auctioneer Hall of Fame. Mr. Julia will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family and friends;

HLS 106

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

(1-22) Joel Huston Dodge, of Damariscotta, a well-known local woodworker and carpenter. Mr. Dodge served in the 109th Observation Squadron in the 8th Air Force during World War II. After the war, he began to restore houses and other structures. His largest project was the restoration of the Colby Mill, a water-powered sawmill in Somerville. In 2006, he donated approximately 10 acres of his family's land to the Damariscotta River Association, and the property now includes a public trail to the water's edge. He had a wealth of knowledge about Damariscotta and its history. Mr. Dodge will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family, friends and all those whose lives he touched;

HLS 110

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

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COMMUNICATIONS

(2-1) The Following Communication:

S.C. 178

**MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE  
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**

February 27, 2017

Honorable Michael D. Thibodeau  
President of the Senate  
128th Maine Legislature  
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Thibodeau:

I am notifying you that, pursuant to 12 MRSA §683-A, I have forwarded to the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry the following nomination made to the Maine Land Use Planning Commission by the Aroostook County Commissioners on February 27, 2017:

Durward L. Humphrey of Benedicta

The County asks that this nomination be considered to fill the four-year term that begins on March 14, 2017 which is scheduled to be filled by Aroostook County.

Pursuant to 12 MRSA 683-A, this appointment is subject to confirmation by the Maine Senate after review by the committee having jurisdiction over conservation matters.

Sincerely,

S/Grant T. Pennoyer

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(2-2) The Following Communication:

S.C. 172

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

March 1, 2017

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

Dear President Thibodeau and Speaker Gideon,

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

L.D. 690 An Act To Provide Additional Funding for Persons with Disabilities

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Eric L. Brakey  
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Patricia Hymanson  
House Chair

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(2-3) The Following Communication:

S.C. 171

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

March 1, 2017

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

Dear President Thibodeau and Speaker Gideon,

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

L.D. 609     An Act To Prohibit Insurance Carriers That Are Not Health Insurance Carriers  
                  from Operating as Managed Care Organizations

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Rodney L. Whittemore  
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Mark W. Lawrence  
House Chair

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(2-4) The Following Communication:

S.C. 173

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

March 1, 2017

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

Dear President Thibodeau and Speaker Gideon:

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

L.D. 425                      An Act To Extend Fall Fishing Opportunities

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Scott W. Cyrway  
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Robert S. Duchesne  
House Chair

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(2-5) The Following Communication:

S.C. 174

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

March 1, 2017

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

Dear President Thibodeau and Speaker Gideon:

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

L.D. 145	An Act To Protect Consumers from Closure of Inactive Bank Accounts
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This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Rodney L. Whittemore  
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Mark W. Lawrence  
House Chair

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(2-6) The Following Communication:

S.C. 175

**STATE OF MAINE  
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-EIGHT LEGISLATURE  
COMMITTEE ON LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC  
DEVELOPMENT**

March 1, 2017

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

Dear President Thibodeau and Speaker Gideon:

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

L.D. 13	An Act To Require Certain Licensing Boards To Report Cases of Sexual Abuse of a Patient or Client by a Licensee to a Law Enforcement Agency or the Department of Health and Human Services
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This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Amy F. Volk  
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Ryan M. Fecteau  
House Chair

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(2-7) The Following Communication:

S.C. 176

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

March 1, 2017

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

Dear President Thibodeau and Speaker Gideon:

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

L.D. 496	An Act To Update Maine's Veterans' Benefits Eligibility Requirements
L.D. 510	An Act To Create Fairness in Gaming License Fees for Small Nonprofit Organizations

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Garrett P. Mason  
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Louis J. Luchini  
House Chair

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**SENATE PAPERS**

(3-1) Bill "An Act To Require a Veterinarian to be Present at an Agricultural Fair"  
S.P. 274 L.D. 828

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

(3-2) Bill "An Act To Improve and Protect Maine Organic Milk Producers"

S.P. 295 L.D. 893

Presented by Senator SAVIELLO of Franklin.

Cosponsored by Representative: BLACK of Wilton.

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

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(3-3) Bill "An Act To Carry Out the Will of the People of the State of Maine by Ensuring the Issuance of Bonds To Support the Independence of Maine's Seniors" (EMERGENCY)

S.P. 278 L.D. 832

Presented by Senator KATZ of Kennebec.

Cosponsored by Speaker GIDEON of Freeport and Senators: BREEN of Cumberland, DIAMOND of Cumberland, HILL of York, JACKSON of Aroostook, LIBBY of Androscoggin, Representatives: McELWEE of Caribou, TUELL of East Machias, VACHON of Scarborough.

(3-4) Bill "An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Encourage Efficient Biomass Thermal and Power Projects in Maine"

S.P. 299 L.D. 897

Presented by Senator WOODSOME of York.

Cosponsored by Representative HIGGINS of Dover-Foxcroft and Senators: DILL of Penobscot, JACKSON of Aroostook, SAVIELLO of Franklin, Representatives: BERRY of Bowdoinham, FARRIN of Norridgewock, RYKERSON of Kittery.

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

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(3-5) Bill "An Act To Strengthen Protections against Civil Asset Forfeiture"

S.P. 288 L.D. 888

Presented by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin.

Cosponsored by Senators: BELLOWS of Kennebec, DION of Cumberland, KATZ of Kennebec, Representatives: HAMANN of South Portland, HICKMAN of Winthrop, O'CONNOR of Berwick, SIROCKI of Scarborough, WARREN of Hallowell.

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

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(3-6) Bill "An Act To Support the Professional Development of Principals in Maine Schools"  
S.P. 291 L.D. 891

Presented by Senator LANGLEY of Hancock.

Cosponsored by Representative POULIOT of Augusta and Senators: MAKER of Washington,  
WHITTEMORE of Somerset, Representative: SAMPSON of Alfred.

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

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(3-7) Bill "An Act To Increase Wastewater Management Responsibility by Licensing Certain  
Municipal Sewage Collection Systems"

S.P. 281 L.D. 881

Presented by Senator SAVIELLO of Franklin.

Cosponsored by Senator: DAVIS of Piscataquis.

(3-8) Bill "An Act To Increase Funding for the Youth Conservation Corps"

S.P. 296 L.D. 894

Presented by Senator SAVIELLO of Franklin.

Cosponsored by Representative: BLACK of Wilton.

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

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(3-9) Bill "An Act To Require That Maine Welfare Benefits Be Used in Maine"

S.P. 286 L.D. 886

Presented by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin.

Cosponsored by Senators: CUSHING of Penobscot, President THIBODEAU of Waldo,  
Representatives: GUERIN of Glenburn, HEAD of Bethel, MALABY of Hancock,  
SANDERSON of Chelsea, STETKIS of Canaan.

(3-10) Bill "An Act To Reduce Youth Cancer Risk"

S.P. 289 L.D. 889

Presented by Senator VOLK of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Representative DEVIN of Newcastle and Senators: CHIPMAN of Cumberland, GRATWICK of Penobscot, LIBBY of Androscoggin, ROSEN of Hancock, Representatives: CHACE of Durham, PERRY of Calais, SEAVEY of Kennebunkport, VACHON of Scarborough.

(3-11) Bill "An Act To Address Mandatory Overtime for Hospital Professionals"

S.P. 300 L.D. 898

Presented by Senator MASON of Androscoggin.

Cosponsored by Senators: BELLOWS of Kennebec, CUSHING of Penobscot, Representative: VACHON of Scarborough.

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

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(3-12) Bill "An Act To Protect a Homeowner's Equity of Redemption in a Foreclosure Action"

S.P. 280 L.D. 880

Presented by Senator CHIPMAN of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Senator CARPENTER of Aroostook and Senator: BREEN of Cumberland, Representatives: BABBIDGE of Kennebunk, COOPER of Yarmouth, GUERIN of Glenburn, McCREIGHT of Harpswell, MOONEN of Portland, RECKITT of South Portland, SHERMAN of Hodgdon.

(3-13) Bill "An Act Regarding Insurance Coverage of Certain Dental Services"

S.P. 302 L.D. 900

Presented by Senator CUSHING of Penobscot.

Cosponsored by Representative MALABY of Hancock and Senator: WOODSOME of York, Representatives: KINNEY of Knox, PICKETT of Dixfield.

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

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(3-14) Bill "An Act To Promote Retention and Recruitment of Judicial Marshals and Sergeants"  
(EMERGENCY)

S.P. 298 L.D. 896

Presented by Senator HILL of York.

Cosponsored by Representative MOONEN of Portland and Senators: DIAMOND of Cumberland, DION of Cumberland, HAMPER of Oxford, KATZ of Kennebec, KEIM of Oxford, Representatives: CARDONE of Bangor, McCREIGHT of Harpswell, SHERMAN of Hodgdon.

(3-15) Bill "An Act To Modify the Term and Withholding Limitations for Spousal Support"

S.P. 303 L.D. 916

Presented by Senator WOODSOME of York.

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

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(3-16) Bill "An Act To Base the Minimum Wage on a New England State Average and To Restore the Tip Credit"

S.P. 277 L.D. 831

Presented by Senator DOW of Lincoln.

Cosponsored by Representative SIROCKI of Scarborough and Senators: CYRWAY of Kennebec, DAVIS of Piscataquis, SAVIELLO of Franklin, WOODSOME of York, Representatives: BICKFORD of Auburn, HILLIARD of Belgrade, WARD of Dedham.

(3-17) Bill "An Act To Exempt Small Bottlers from the Bottling Plant Requirements"  
(EMERGENCY)

S.P. 284 L.D. 884

Presented by Senator SAVIELLO of Franklin.

Cosponsored by Senators: CHIPMAN of Cumberland, DAVIS of Piscataquis.

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

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(3-18) Bill "An Act To Authorize Portions of the City of Caribou to Secede and Form the Town of Lyndon"

S.P. 276 L.D. 830

Presented by Senator JACKSON of Aroostook.

(3-19) Bill "An Act Prohibiting Public Entities from Contracting with and Investing in Companies That Boycott the State of Israel"

S.P. 282 L.D. 882

Presented by Senator MASON of Androscoggin.

Cosponsored by Representative GUERIN of Glenburn and Senators: CUSHING of Penobscot, DAVIS of Piscataquis, HILL of York, Representatives: GINZLER of Bridgton, MASON of Lisbon, TIMBERLAKE of Turner.

(3-20) Bill "An Act To Include a Representative of the Aroostook Band of Micmacs in the House of Representatives"

S.P. 290 L.D. 890

Presented by Senator CARPENTER of Aroostook.

Cosponsored by Representative STEWART of Presque Isle and Representatives: BEAR of the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians, JOHANSEN of Monticello, McCREA of Fort Fairfield.

(3-21) Bill "An Act To Help Maine Manufacturing"

S.P. 297 L.D. 895

Presented by Senator SAVIELLO of Franklin.

Cosponsored by Senator: KEIM of Oxford, Representative: BLACK of Wilton.

(3-22) Resolve, To Establish the Commission To Study the Salaries of the Governor, Legislators and Executive and Legislative Staff

S.P. 301 L.D. 899

Presented by Senator CUSHING of Penobscot.

Cosponsored by Representative HARVELL of Farmington and Senators: DIAMOND of Cumberland, DION of Cumberland, HAMPER of Oxford, KATZ of Kennebec, Representatives: KINNEY of Knox, McELWEE of Caribou, NADEAU of Winslow.

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

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(3-23) Bill "An Act To Increase the Income Tax Surcharge Threshold Imposed on Households"  
S.P. 275 L.D. 829

Presented by Senator DIAMOND of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Representative COREY of Windham and Senators: BREEN of Cumberland,  
DOW of Lincoln, HILL of York, SAVIELLO of Franklin, Representative: MAREAN of Hollis.

(3-24) Bill "An Act To Update References to the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986  
Contained in the Maine Revised Statutes" (EMERGENCY)

S.P. 285 L.D. 885

Presented by Senator DOW of Lincoln.

Submitted by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services pursuant to Joint Rule  
204.

(3-25) Bill "An Act To Provide Relief to Maine Property Tax Payers"

S.P. 287 L.D. 887

Presented by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin.

Cosponsored by Senators: DAVIS of Piscataquis, DOW of Lincoln, MASON of Androscoggin,  
Representatives: GUERIN of Glenburn, POULIOT of Augusta, SANDERSON of Chelsea,  
STETKIS of Canaan, WARD of Dedham.

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

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(3-26) Bill "An Act To Repeal the Laws Governing Truck Camper Registration"

S.P. 273 L.D. 827

Presented by President THIBODEAU of Waldo.

Cosponsored by Senators: BRAKEY of Androscoggin, COLLINS of York, DAVIS of  
Piscataquis, MIRAMANT of Knox, Representative: HARRINGTON of Sanford.

(3-27) Bill "An Act To Allow an Attorney Responding to an Incident that Involved the Use of  
Deadly Force To Use Emergency Lights on a Vehicle"

S.P. 292 L.D. 892

Presented by Senator LANGLEY of Hancock.

Cosponsored by Senators: COLLINS of York, CYRWAY of Kennebec, DAVIS of Piscataquis,  
MAKER of Washington.

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

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(3-28) Bill "An Act To Streamline the Gaming Permit Process for Veterans' Organizations"  
S.P. 279 L.D. 833

Presented by Senator DAVIS of Piscataquis.

(3-29) Bill "An Act To Establish a Minimum Payment for Signatures Gathered by Maine Citizens for Referendums"

S.P. 283 L.D. 883

Presented by Senator SAVIELLO of Franklin.  
Cosponsored by Senator: DOW of Lincoln.

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

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## ORDERS

### Joint Orders

(4-1) On motion by Senator **LANGLEY** of Hancock, the following Joint Order:  
S.P. 293

**ORDERED**, the House concurring, that the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs shall report out, to the Senate, a bill regarding attainment of certain goals for postsecondary education of the work force.

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(4-2) On motion by Senator **LIBBY** of Androscoggin, the following Joint Order:  
S.P. 294

## STATE OF MAINE 128<sup>TH</sup> MAINE LEGISLATURE

**WHEREAS**, historically, Maine has been world-renowned for its hard-working people, its enviable quality of life and its production of high-quality products; and

**WHEREAS**, for generations, citizens of the State had jobs in industries such as logging, shipbuilding, papermaking, textiles, manufacturing, farming and fishing that allowed workers to live and raise families in the State; and

**WHEREAS**, jobs that supported a thriving Maine economy were responsible for decades of growth in many of our communities in the State, but over the years, jobs that provided living wages, benefits and job security became harder and harder to find; and

**WHEREAS**, as the prospects for well-paying jobs diminished in the rapidly changing world economy, so too did Maine's ability to retain its young people, who increasingly sought opportunities elsewhere, contributing to Maine's looming demographic crisis; and

**WHEREAS**, a prosperous Maine economy will require skilled workers capable of succeeding in the modern economy as well as innovative investments that will help Maine businesses grow and thrive; and

**WHEREAS**, it is essential that the Legislature work with the State's businesses, education community and workforce, as well as with policy experts, to develop and implement measures to strengthen the State's economy, bring back jobs and young people and expand the middle class; and

**WHEREAS**, the members of the Joint Select Committee on Maine's Workforce and Economic Future in the 126th Legislature worked together in a bipartisan manner with input from experts throughout the State to unanimously support legislation to help move Maine toward stronger economic growth and to prepare Maine's workers and businesses to compete in the global marketplace; now, therefore, be it

**ORDERED**, the House concurring, that, notwithstanding Joint Rule 353, the Task Force on Maine's 21st Century Economy and Workforce, referred to in this order as "the task force," is established as follows.

**1. Appointments; 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 of Representatives, 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 representing the interests of the Maine Community College System, appointed by the President of the Senate;

D. One member representing the interests of the University of Maine System, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

E. One member representing the interests of apprenticeship programs in the State, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

F. One member representing the interests of providers and teachers of adult education in the State, appointed by the President of the Senate;

G. One member representing the interests of private colleges in the State, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

H. One member representing the statewide interests of the business community, appointed by the President of the Senate;

I. One member representing the interests of a Maine business that employs more than 1,000 workers, appointed by the President of the Senate; and

J. One member representing the interests of a Maine business that employs fewer than 1,000 workers, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

The President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall invite to participate as members of the task force the Commissioner of Education, or the commissioner's designee, and the Commissioner of Labor, or the commissioner's designee.

**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. Notwithstanding Joint Rule 353, the chairs may appoint, as nonvoting members, individuals who represent the interests of those sectors of industry that have experienced significant workforce shortages. Any additional members appointed pursuant to this section are not entitled to compensation or reimbursement under section 5.

**3. Appointments; convening.** All appointments must be made no later than 15 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 15 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 review ways to strengthen the State's economy, improve the State's business climate and facilitate economic growth in the State, including strategies to make targeted and strategic investments in the State's workforce and businesses; to expand partnerships among the State's workers, educators and businesses to specifically address workforce needs and worker training; to develop strategies for attracting, retaining and training Maine workers in sectors of industry most acutely affected by workforce shortage, as identified in priority order by the Maine Department of Labor, including health care, government, retail trade, professional and business services and the hospitality industry; and to help improve the ability of small businesses to innovate and expand.

**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 voting 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.** The task force may submit an initial report, including suggested legislation, prior to the adjournment of the First Regular Session of the 128th Legislature. No later than March 1, 2018, 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.

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Expressions of Legislative Sentiment recognizing:

(4-3) Jordan Jabar, of Waterville, a student at Waterville High School and a member of the girls basketball team, who recently scored her 1,000th career point. We extend to Jordan our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 108

Sponsored by Senator CYRWAY of Kennebec.

Cosponsored by Representatives: LONGSTAFF of Waterville, MADIGAN of Waterville.

(4-4) Debra MacInnes, of Pittston, 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. MacInnes on her receiving this award;

SLS 109

Sponsored by Senator BELLOWS of Kennebec.

Cosponsored by Representative: HANLEY of Pittston.

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## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

### House

#### Ought to Pass

(5-1) The Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** on Bill "An Act To Change the Time and Location of the Annual Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Kittery Water District"

H.P. 72 L.D. 104

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

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

### Senate

#### Ought to Pass

(5-2) Senator COLLINS for the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** on Bill "An Act To Update Accessibility Requirements on Highways"

S.P. 80 L.D. 236

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

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**Ought to Pass As Amended**

(5-3) Senator VOLK for the Committee on **LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** on Bill "An Act To Provide a Career and Technical Education Training Option for Plumbers"

S.P. 16 L.D. 37

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-3)**.

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**SECOND READERS**

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

**Senate**

(6-1) Bill "An Act Regarding Changing the Designation of a Parent on the Birth Certificate of an Adult"

S.P. 32 L.D. 83

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**HELD MATTER**

Bill "An Act To Prohibit Marijuana on the Campuses of Maine's Public Postsecondary Institutions" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 580 L.D. 800

(In Senate, March 2, 2017, **REFERRED** to the Joint Select Committee on **MARIJUANA LEGALIZATION IMPLEMENTATION** in concurrence.)

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

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**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**

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**

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**2.**

**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.)

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3.

**Tabled and Later Assigned**

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

Tabled - February 28, 2017, by Senator **DAVIS** of Piscataquis

Pending - **REFERENCE**

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

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4.

**Tabled and Later Assigned**

Bill "An Act To Facilitate the Return of Unclaimed Property"  
S.P. 230 L.D. 668

Tabled - February 28, 2017, by Senator **KEIM** of Oxford

Pending - **REFERENCE**

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

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5.

**Tabled and Later Assigned**

Bill "An Act To Promote Transparency with Respect to Surveillance Technology"  
S.P. 268 L.D. 823

Tabled - March 2, 2017, by Senator **DAVIS** of Piscataquis

Pending - **REFERENCE**

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

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6.

**Tabled and Later Assigned**

Bill "An Act To Curb Drug-impaired Driving"

S.P. 269 L.D. 824

Tabled - March 2, 2017, by Senator **COLLINS** of York

Pending - **REFERENCE**

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

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7.

**Tabled and Later Assigned**

Resolve, To Increase the Permissible Size of Bed and Breakfasts

H.P. 526 L.D. 746

Tabled - March 2, 2017, by Senator **MASON** of Androscoggin

Pending - **REFERENCE**

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

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8.

**Tabled and Later Assigned**

Bill "An Act To Ensure Municipal Equity for the Town of Frye Island"

H.P. 529 L.D. 749

Tabled - March 2, 2017, by Senator **LANGLEY** of Hancock

Pending - **REFERENCE**

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

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9.

**Tabled and Later Assigned**

Bill "An Act To Allow a Percentage of Funds from the Medical Use of Marijuana Fund To Fund Health Care Research"

H.P. 542 L.D. 762

Tabled - March 2, 2017, by Senator **BRAKEY** of Androscoggin

Pending - **REFERENCE**

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

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10.

**Tabled and Later Assigned**

Bill "An Act To Allow Aroostook County To Create Tax Increment Financing Districts"

H.P. 559 L.D. 779

Tabled - March 2, 2017, by Senator **DAVIS** of Piscataquis

Pending - **REFERENCE**

(In House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** and ordered printed.)

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