



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

**Advance Journal and Calendar**

**22nd Legislative Day**

In Senate Chamber, Tuesday, March 21, 2017.

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

Prayer by Pastor Paula Norbert, First Congregational Church of Kennebunk.

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

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

Doctor of the day, Julie Grosvenor, M.D. of East Waterboro.

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

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

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**PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE**

**Non-Concurrent Matter**

(1-1) Bill "An Act Regarding Workers' Compensation Insurance Rates for Small Businesses"  
H.P. 641 L.D. 913

In Senate, March 14, 2017, on motion by Senator **WHITTEMORE** of Somerset, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

Comes from the House, that Body having **INSISTED** on its former action whereby the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** and ordered printed.

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**Non-Concurrent Matter**

(1-2) Bill "An Act To Separate the Authorities under the Licenses for Property and Casualty Insurance Adjusters and Workers' Compensation Insurance Adjusters"  
S.P. 323 L.D. 984

In Senate, March 14, 2017, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** and ordered printed.

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

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**Non-Concurrent Matter**

(1-3) Bill "An Act To Protect a Homeowner's Equity of Redemption in a Foreclosure Action"  
S.P. 280 L.D. 880

In Senate, March 14, 2017, on motion by Senator **WHITTEMORE** of Somerset, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** and ordered printed.

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

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**House Papers**

(1-4) Resolve, To Expand Research To Fight Lyme Disease

H.P. 737 L.D. 1054

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

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(1-5) Bill "An Act To Protect Homeowners from Workers' Compensation Claims"

H.P. 739 L.D. 1056

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

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

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(1-6) Bill "An Act To Promote Life with Dignity"

H.P. 749 L.D. 1066

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

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

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### Joint Orders

Expressions of Legislative Sentiment recognizing:

(1-7) Lin Martin-Hunt, of Buxton, on her retirement from the Maine Volunteer Lawyers Project after 33 years of service. Ms. Martin-Hunt facilitated the development of this first-class volunteer program, helping law students, college students and the broader community understand the relationship between poverty and injustice. The project's volunteer force helps provide legal clinics and staff helplines and improves the lives of citizens with low incomes. We extend to Ms. Martin-Hunt our congratulations on her retirement and offer her our best wishes;

HLS 63

(1-8) Dustin Crawford, of Anson, a senior at Carrabec High School, who is a recipient of a 2017 Principal's Award for outstanding academic achievement and citizenship, sponsored by the Maine Principals' Association. We extend our congratulations to Dustin on his receiving this award;

HLS 147

(1-9) Jason Allen, of Pittsfield, Indoor Track Coach at Maine Central Institute, who was named the Kennebec Valley Athletic Conference Class B Coach of the Year. We extend to Mr. Allen our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 148

(1-10) Paula Doughty, of Farmington, coach of the Skowhegan Area High School field hockey team, who was named National Coach of the Year by Maxpreps. We extend to Ms. Doughty our congratulations on her receiving this honor and offer her our best wishes;

HLS 149

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:

(1-11) Daniel Wayne Beal, of Jonesport. Mr. Beal was a musician and was known as The Music Man for his songs and his piano playing and singing. He played in bands, for cruise lines, for nursing homes and at many churches, and he played for the Moosabec Summerfest and at the Tugboat Inn in Boothbay Harbor. Mr. Beal will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family, his friends and his public;

HLS 142

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

(1-12) Betty Dunbar Thurston, of Penobscot. Mrs. Thurston earned her registered nurse certification from New England Deaconess Hospital in 1954 and worked at Eastern Maine Medical Center and Bar Harbor Hospital and for Dr. Bill Davis in Orland. When her husband, Robert Thurston, retired in 1974, she worked at the Bucksport Regional Health Center. She volunteered with the Bucksport ambulance response team and with the hospice program. She and her husband served 27 months in Paraguay with the Peace Corps before she returned to Bucksport to work at Blue Hill Hospital and Down East Home Health Care Agency until her retirement in 1994. Mrs. Thurston will be long remembered and sadly missed by her family, friends and colleagues;

HLS 143

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

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COMMUNICATIONS

(2-1) The Following Communication:

S.C. 206

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

March 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 Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development has had under consideration the nomination of Thomas R. Davis of Winslow, for appointment to the Workers' Compensation Board.

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:

Table with 4 columns: Category, Position, Count, and Names. Rows include YEAS (Senators: 2, Representatives: 8), NAYS (0), and ABSENT (3).

Ten 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 R. Davis of Winslow, for appointment to the Workers' Compensation Board be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Amy F. Volk
Senate Chair

S/Ryan M. Fecteau
House Chair

(2-2) The Following Communication:

S.C. 207

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

March 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 Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development has had under consideration the nomination of Ronald P. Green, Jr. of Plymouth, for reappointment to the Workers' Compensation Board.

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	2	Volk of Cumberland, Bellows of Kennebec
	Representatives	8	Fecteau of Biddeford, Austin of Gray, Handy of Lewiston, Lockman of Amherst, Mastraccio of Sanford, Stetkis of Canaan, Sylvester of Portland, Vachon of Scarborough
NAYS		0	
ABSENT		3	Sen. Langley of Hancock, Rep. Bates of Westbrook, Rep. Doore of Augusta

Ten members of the Committee having voted in the affirmative and zero in the negative, it was the vote of the Committee that the nomination of Ronald P. Green, Jr. of Plymouth, for reappointment to the Workers' Compensation Board be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Amy F. Volk  
Senate Chair

S/Ryan M. Fecteau  
House Chair



(2-3) The Following Communication:

S.C. 208

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

March 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 Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development has had under consideration the nomination of Richelle R. Wallace of Auburn, for reappointment to the Workers' Compensation Board.

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	2	Volk of Cumberland, Bellows of Kennebec
	Representatives	8	Fecteau of Biddeford, Austin of Gray, Handy of Lewiston, Lockman of Amherst, Mastraccio of Sanford, Stetkis of Canaan, Sylvester of Portland, Vachon of Scarborough
NAYS		0	
ABSENT		3	Sen. Langley of Hancock, Rep. Bates of Westbrook, Rep. Doore of Augusta

Ten 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 Richelle R. Wallace of Auburn, for reappointment to the Workers' Compensation Board be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Amy F. Volk  
Senate Chair

S/Ryan M. Fecteau  
House Chair





(2-4) The Following Communication:

S.C. 210

**STATE OF MAINE  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

March 16, 2017

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

Dear President Thibodeau:

This is to inform you that I am today nominating Amy B. Arata of New Gloucester for appointment to the State Board of Education.

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

S/Paul R. LePage  
Governor

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(2-5) The Following Communication:

S.C. 211

**STATE OF MAINE  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

March 16, 2017

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

Dear President Thibodeau:

This is to inform you that I am today nominating Amber M. Oakes of Milford for appointment to the School Board of the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf.

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

S/Paul R. LePage  
Governor

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(2-6) The Following Communication:

S.C. 212

**STATE OF MAINE  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

March 16, 2017

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

Dear President Thibodeau:

This is to inform you that I am today nominating Deborah L. Camire of Biddeford for reappointment to the School Board of the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf.

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

S/Paul R. LePage  
Governor

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(2-7) The Following Communication:

S.C. 213

**STATE OF MAINE  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

March 16, 2017

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

Dear President Thibodeau:

This is to inform you that I am today nominating Jason R. White of Rockland for reappointment to the School Board of the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf.

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

S/Paul R. LePage  
Governor

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(2-8) The Following Communication:

S.C. 214

**STATE OF MAINE  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

March 16, 2017

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

Dear President Thibodeau:

This is to inform you that I am today nominating Robin L. Foster of Orrington for appointment to the School Board of the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf.

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

S/Paul R. LePage  
Governor

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(2-9) The Following Communication:

S.C. 215

**STATE OF MAINE  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

March 16, 2017

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

Dear President Thibodeau:

This is to inform you that I am today nominating Dr. Robert G. Hasson, Jr. of South Portland for appointment as Commissioner of the Department of Education.

Pursuant to Title 20-A, MRSA §251, this appointment is contingent on the Maine Senate confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs.

Sincerely,

S/Paul R. LePage  
Governor

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(2-10) The Following Communication:

S.C. 205

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

March 15, 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. Melaragno of Auburn, to report the following bill Leave to Withdraw:

L.D. 909     An Act To Stimulate the Maine Economy and Alleviate Child Poverty by Indexing Certain Benefits to Inflation

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Eric L.  
Brakey Senate Chair

S/Rep. Patricia  
Hymanson House Chair

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(2-11) The Following Communication:

S.C. 216

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

March 13, 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. Reckitt of South Portland, to report the following bill Leave to Withdraw:

L.D. 641     Resolve, To Establish the Commission To Study the Availability of Information Regarding Related Incidents in Domestic Violence Cases (EMERGENCY)

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Lisa Keim  
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Matthew W. Moonen  
House Chair

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(2-12) The Following Communication:

S.C. 209

**STATE OF MAINE  
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY EIGHTH LEGISLATURE  
COMMITTEE ON MARIJUANA LEGALIZATION IMPLEMENTATION**

March 9, 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. Handy of Lewiston, to report the following bill Leave to Withdraw:

L.D. 800 An Act To Prohibit Marijuana on the Campuses of Maine's Public Postsecondary Institutions (EMERGENCY)

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Roger J. Katz  
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Teresa S. Pierce  
House Chair

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(2-13) The Following Communication:

H.P. 728

**STATE OF MAINE  
OFFICE OF THE  
SECRETARY OF STATE  
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0148**

March 7, 2017

Honorable Robert B. Hunt  
Clerk of the House  
2 State House Station  
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Clerk Hunt:

Enclosed please find my official certification to the 128th Legislature of the citizen initiative petition entitled "An Act To Enhance Access to Affordable Health Care".

Sincerely,

S/Matthew Dunlap  
Secretary of State

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**STATE OF MAINE  
SECRETARY OF STATE**

I, Matthew Dunlap, Secretary of State, hereby certify that written petitions bearing valid signatures of 66,434 electors of this State were addressed to the Legislature of the State of Maine and were filed in the office of the Secretary of State on January 25 and 26, 2017, requesting that the Legislature consider an act entitled, " An Act To Enhance Access to Affordable Health Care".

I further certify that the number of signatures submitted is in excess of ten percent of the total votes cast in the last gubernatorial election preceding the filing of such petitions, as required by Article IV, Part Third, Section 18 of the Constitution of Maine, that number being 61,123.

I further certify this initiative petition to be valid and attach herewith the text of the legislation circulated on the petition's behalf.

In testimony whereof, I have caused the Great Seal of the State of Maine to be hereunto affixed. Given under my hand at Augusta on the seventh day of March in the year two thousand and seventeen.

S/Matthew Dunlap  
Secretary of State

Comes from the House, **READ** and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

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The accompanying bill:

(2-14) Bill "An Act To Enhance Access to Affordable Health Care"

I.B. 2 L.D. 1039

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

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**SENATE PAPERS**

(3-1) Bill "An Act To Amend the Rules Regulating Invasive Terrestrial Plant Species"

S.P. 368 L.D. 1114

Presented by Senator VOLK of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Representative VACHON of Scarborough.

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

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(3-2) Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Eluding an Officer"

S.P. 361 L.D. 1090

Presented by Senator ROSEN of Hancock.

Cosponsored by Senators: CYRWAY of Kennebec, DAVIS of Piscataquis, Representatives: GERRISH of Lebanon, NADEAU of Winslow.

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

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(3-3) Bill "An Act To Improve Antihunger Programs in Maine Schools"

S.P. 367 L.D. 1113

Presented by Senator BELLOWS of Kennebec.

Cosponsored by Representative KORNFIELD of Bangor and Senators: BREEN of Cumberland, DOW of Lincoln, KATZ of Kennebec, LANGLEY of Hancock, MILLETT of Cumberland, Representatives: PIERCE of Falmouth, POULIOT of Augusta, TUELL of East Machias.

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

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(3-4) Bill "An Act To Restore Public Health Nursing Services" (EMERGENCY)

S.P. 362 L.D. 1108

Presented by Senator CARSON of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Representative PERRY of Calais and Senators: DAVIS of Piscataquis, KATZ of Kennebec, MAKER of Washington, WOODSOME of York, Representatives: MALABY of Hancock, SAMPSON of Alfred, TEPLER of Topsham, TUELL of East Machias.

(3-5) Bill "An Act To Improve General Assistance Reimbursements"

S.P. 363 L.D. 1109

Presented by Senator CHIPMAN of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Representative HAMANN of South Portland and Senator: LIBBY of Androscoggin, Representatives: DENNO of Cumberland, HYMANSON of York, JORGENSEN of Portland, MADIGAN of Waterville, PARKER of South Berwick, PERRY of Calais, TALBOT ROSS of Portland.

(3-6) Bill "An Act Concerning Medicaid for Incarcerated Persons about To Be Released"

S.P. 364 L.D. 1110

Presented by Senator GRATWICK of Penobscot.

Cosponsored by Representative TUCKER of Brunswick and Senators: BREEN of Cumberland, DILL of Penobscot, VITELLI of Sagadahoc, Representatives: CARDONE of Bangor, DENNO of Cumberland, DEVIN of Newcastle, LONGSTAFF of Waterville.

(3-7) Resolve, To Establish a Task Force To Study the Causes of and Solutions to the Epidemic of Childhood Obesity in Maine (EMERGENCY)

S.P. 365 L.D. 1111

Presented by Senator GRATWICK of Penobscot.

Cosponsored by Representative DENNO of Cumberland and Senators: DILL of Penobscot, LANGLEY of Hancock, LIBBY of Androscoggin, SAVIELLO of Franklin, Representatives: CARDONE of Bangor, DEVIN of Newcastle, FOLEY of Wells, TUCKER of Brunswick.

(3-8) Bill "An Act Regarding the Maternal and Infant Death Review Panel"

S.P. 366 L.D. 1112

Presented by Senator KEIM of Oxford.

Cosponsored by Representative HAMANN of South Portland and Senators: BRAKEY of Androscoggin, MAKER of Washington, Representatives: HEAD of Bethel, MALABY of Hancock, SANDERSON of Chelsea.

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

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(3-9) Bill "An Act To Require That Employees Be Informed of Potential Eligibility for the Earned Income Tax Credit"

S.P. 359 L.D. 1088

Presented by Senator VITELLI of Sagadahoc.

Cosponsored by Representative POULIOT of Augusta and Senators: JACKSON of Aroostook, LIBBY of Androscoggin, MIRAMANT of Knox, SAVIELLO of Franklin, Representatives: ALLEY of Beals, BLUME of York, STANLEY of Medway, TALBOT ROSS of Portland.

(3-10) Bill "An Act To Improve the Unemployment Compensation System"

S.P. 370 L.D. 1116

Presented by Senator JACKSON of Aroostook.

(3-11) Resolve, To Establish the Commission To Study the Phase-out of Subminimum Wage

S.P. 371 L.D. 1117

Presented by Senator JACKSON of Aroostook.

Cosponsored by Representative PARKER of South Berwick and Representatives: ALLEY of Beals, BLUME of York, DEVIN of Newcastle, FAY of Raymond, GOLDEN of Lewiston, HAMANN of South Portland, PERRY of Calais.

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

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(3-12) Bill "An Act To Define When a Municipal Land Use Decision Is Considered Final for Purposes of an Appeal to Superior Court"

S.P. 358 L.D. 1087

Presented by Senator BREEN of Cumberland.

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

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(3-13) Bill "An Act To Prohibit the Use of Handheld Phones and Devices While Driving"

S.P. 360 L.D. 1089

Presented by Senator DIAMOND of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Representative PIERCE of Falmouth and Senators: BREEN of Cumberland, KATZ of Kennebec, ROSEN of Hancock, Representative: BRYANT of Windham.

(3-14) Bill "An Act To Establish a Specialty License Plate for Female Veterans"

S.P. 369 L.D. 1115

Presented by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin. (BY REQUEST)

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

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## **ORDERS**

### **Joint Orders**

Expressions of Legislative Sentiment recognizing:

(4-1) Sybil Riemensnider, of South Portland, for her 20 years of service as Executive Director of the South Portland Food Cupboard, which served fewer than 200 people per month when it opened in 1997 but now serves more than 700 people per month. We extend to Ms. Riemensnider our appreciation for her service and offer her our best wishes;

SLS 127

Sponsored by Senator MILLETT of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Representatives: BATTLE of South Portland, HAMANN of South Portland, RECKITT of South Portland.

(4-2) the Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School Girls Basketball Team, of South Paris, which won the Class AA North Championship. Members of the team include Brooke Carson, Jade Smedberg, Emily Corbett, Cecelia Dieterich, Maggie Hartnett, Erin Morton, Emma Davidson, Anna Piirainen, Hannah Kenney, Erin Eastman, Maighread Laliberte, Jadah Adams, Julia Colby, Krystin Paine and Sophia Hanscom; managers Alyssa Morin and Emma McFarland; assistant Troy Eastman; junior varsity coach Matt Corbett; and varsity coach Nate Pelletier. We extend to all the members of the team our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 128

Sponsored by Senator HAMPER of Oxford.

Cosponsored by Representatives: DILLINGHAM of Oxford, GINZLER of Bridgton, HERRICK of Paris, WINSOR of Norway.

(4-3) the Greater Portland Transit District METRO, of Portland, which celebrated its 50th year of service in 2016, which was also the year of its highest ridership, with 1,810,825 rides. We extend to the Greater Portland Transit District METRO our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 129

Sponsored by Senator CHIPMAN of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Senator: DION of Cumberland, Representatives: COLLINGS of Portland, FARNSWORTH of Portland, HARLOW of Portland, JORGENSEN of Portland, MOONEN of Portland, SANBORN of Portland, SYLVESTER of Portland, TALBOT ROSS of Portland.

(4-4) Nicholas Prins, of Bucksport, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 102, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. This is the highest award in Boy Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. For his Eagle Scout project, Nicholas built a raised flower garden at the Bucksport Middle School. We extend our congratulations to Nicholas on this achievement;

SLS 130

Sponsored by Senator ROSEN of Hancock.

Cosponsored by Representative: CAMPBELL of Orrington.

(4-5) the Greenville Consolidated School Boys Basketball Team, of Greenville, which won the Class D South Championship. Members of the team include players Matt Mendes, Nick Foley, Connor DiAngelo, Evan Bjork, Noah Pratt, Devin Boone, Nick Caiazzo, Doug Kane, Noah Bilodeau and Chris Caiazzo; manager Gary Mace; assistant coach Joe Pelletier; and coach Bill Foley. We extend to all the members of the team our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 131

Sponsored by Senator DAVIS of Piscataquis.

Cosponsored by Representatives: HIGGINS of Dover-Foxcroft, STEARNS of Guilford.

(4-6) Brad Smith, of Sidney, a senior at Temple Academy and a player on the boys basketball team, who recently scored his 1,000th career point. We extend to Brad our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 132

Sponsored by Senator KATZ of Kennebec.

Cosponsored by Senator: CYRWAY of Kennebec, Representative: PERKINS of Oakland.

(4-7) the Wells High School Wrestling Team, of Wells, which won the Class B State Championship, the first for the team since 1996. Members of the team include wrestlers Devin Bickford, Josh Burgess, Caleb Chase, Cullen Cummings, Nathan Curtis, Brendan Dean, Caden Gibson, Aaron Maynard, Sean McCormack-Kuhman, Ryan Norton, Ben Orozco, Drew Peters, Nolan Potter, Spencer Poulin and Michael Wrigley and coaches Scott Lewia and Jim Worthing. Nolan Potter won a state title in the 195-pound division, and Michael Wrigley took the runner-up spot in the 170-pound division. We extend to all the members of the team our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 133

Sponsored by Senator COLLINS of York.

Cosponsored by Representatives: FOLEY of Wells, HYMANSON of York.

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## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

### House

#### Change of Committee

(5-1) The Committee on **LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** on Bill "An Act To Protect Public Health through Septic Tank Inspections"  
H.P. 278 L.D. 372

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

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

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(5-2) The Committee on **LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** on Bill "An Act To Standardize the Law Concerning Property Transfers and To Protect Water Quality"

H.P. 401 L.D. 559

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

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

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**Ought to Pass**

(5-3) The Committee on **TAXATION** on Bill "An Act To Clarify the Tax Laws for Title to Real Estate by Releasing Inheritance Tax Liens"

H.P. 59 L.D. 72

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

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

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(5-4) The Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** on Resolve, To Name the Bridge over the Penobscot River in the Towns of Enfield and Howland King's Bridge (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 227 L.D. 294

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

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

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**Ought to Pass As Amended**

(5-5) The Committee on **INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** on Bill "An Act To Incorporate Protections for Living Donors into Maine Law"

H.P. 13 L.D. 12

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-6)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-6)**.

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**Divided Report**

(5-6) The Majority of the Committee on **INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** on Bill "An Act Concerning Notification after a Security Breach"

H.P. 217 L.D. 284

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

Signed:

Senators:

WHITTEMORE of Somerset  
CARSON of Cumberland  
DOW of Lincoln

Representatives:

LAWRENCE of South Berwick  
BROOKS of Lewiston  
COLLINGS of Portland  
CRAIG of Brewer  
FOLEY of Wells  
PRESCOTT of Waterboro  
SANBORN of Portland  
WALLACE of Dexter

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-7)**.

Signed:

Representatives:

MELARAGNO of Auburn  
PICCHIOTTI of Fairfield

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

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**Divided Report**

(5-7) The Majority of the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** on Bill "An Act To Reduce Penalties for Violations of the Motor Vehicle Inspection Laws"

H.P. 30 L.D. 29

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

Signed:

Senators:

COLLINS of York  
ROSEN of Hancock

Representatives:

McLEAN of Gorham  
AUSTIN of Skowhegan  
BRYANT of Windham  
GILLWAY of Searsport  
GRANT of Gardiner  
PARRY of Arundel  
PERKINS of Oakland  
SCHNECK of Bangor  
SHEATS of Auburn

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-8)**.

Signed:

Senator:

MIRAMANT of Knox

Representative:

CEBRA of Naples

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

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**Divided Report**

(5-8) The Majority of the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** on Bill "An Act To Reform Maine's Motor Vehicle Inspection Guidelines"

H.P. 112 L.D. 154

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

Signed:

Senators:

COLLINS of York  
ROSEN of Hancock

Representatives:

McLEAN of Gorham  
AUSTIN of Skowhegan  
BRYANT of Windham  
GILLWAY of Searsport  
GRANT of Gardiner  
PARRY of Arundel  
PERKINS of Oakland  
SHEATS of Auburn

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

Signed:

Senator:

MIRAMANT of Knox

Representatives:

CEBRA of Naples  
SCHNECK of Bangor

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

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**Senate**

**Ought to Pass**

(5-9) Senator WHITTEMORE for the Committee on **INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** on 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

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

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(5-10) Senator VOLK for the Committee on **LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** on Bill "An Act To Authorize Podiatrists To Perform Certain Routine Procedures"

S.P. 51 L.D. 132

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

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**SECOND READERS**

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

**House**

(6-1) Bill "An Act To Allow Conveyance of Land Previously Conveyed by the State to the Town of Bridgton"

H.P. 8 L.D. 7

(6-2) Bill "An Act Concerning the Law Governing the Posting of Newspaper Legal Notices and the Statewide Repository for Legal Notices"

H.P. 243 L.D. 329

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**House As Amended**

(6-3) Bill "An Act To Change the Name of Township 17, Range 4, WELS, in the Unorganized Territory to Sinclair" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 25 L.D. 24  
(C "A" H-5)

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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 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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3.

**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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4.

**Tabled and Later Assigned**

Bill "An Act To Amend the Maine Medical Use of Marijuana Act"

S.P. 84 L.D. 238

Tabled - March 7, 2017, by Senator **KATZ** of Kennebec

Pending - **FURTHER CONSIDERATION**

(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.)

(In House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.)

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5.

**Tabled and Later Assigned**

Bill "An Act To Enact the Uniform Emergency Volunteer Health Practitioners Act"  
S.P. 314 L.D. 958

Tabled - March 9, 2017, by Senator **LIBBY** of Androscoggin

Pending - motion by Senator **BRAKEY** of Androscoggin to **REFER** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

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

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6.

**Tabled and Later Assigned**

HOUSE REPORTS - from the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** on Bill "An Act To Remove the Legislative Council from the Capitol Area Development Approval Process"

H.P. 26 L.D. 25

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

**Minority - Ought to Pass** (5 members)

Tabled - March 9, 2017, by Senator **DAVIS** of Piscataquis

Pending - motion by same Senator to **ACCEPT** the Minority **OUGHT TO PASS** Report in **NON-CONCURRENCE**

(In House, Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.)

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7.

**Tabled and Later Assigned**

Bill "An Act To Use Taxes on Nonmedical Marijuana and Increase the Tax on Cigarettes To Partially Offset the 3% Income Tax Surcharge"

H.P. 499 L.D. 708

Tabled - March 14, 2017, by Senator **KATZ** of Kennebec

Pending - **REFERENCE**

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

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

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8.

**Tabled and Later Assigned**

Bill "An Act Regarding State Investments and the Dakota Access Pipeline"

S.P. 320 L.D. 981

Tabled - March 14, 2017, by Senator **DAVIS** of Piscataquis

Pending - **REFERENCE**

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

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9.

**Tabled and Later Assigned**

JOINT ORDER - Expression of Legislative Sentiment Recognizing Abe and Heather Furth, of Orono

SLS 118

Tabled - March 14, 2017, by Senator **DILL** of Penobscot

Pending - **PASSAGE**

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**10.**

**Tabled and Later Assigned**

SENATE REPORTS - from the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** on Resolve, Directing the Department of Transportation To Install a Caution Light in New Sweden

S.P. 60 L.D. 168

**Majority - Ought Not to Pass** (11 members)

**Minority - Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-5)** (2 members)

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

Pending - motion by Senator **ROSEN** of Hancock to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report

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**11.**

**Tabled and Later Assigned**

SENATE REPORTS - from the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act To Increase the Size of Grants under the Maine State Grant Program"

S.P. 11 L.D. 32

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

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

Tabled - March 16, 2017, by Senator **LANGLEY** of Hancock

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

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**SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS TABLE**

L.D. 213 - H.P. 169 (C "A" H-10)

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