



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

**Advance Journal and Calendar**

**24th Legislative Day**

In Senate Chamber, Tuesday, March 28, 2017.

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

Prayer by Pastor Eric Ness, Center Conway Baptist Church of New Hampshire.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Senator Eloise A. Vitelli of Sagadahoc County.

Reading of the Journal of Thursday, March 23, 2017.

Doctor of the day, Romeo Lucas, D.O. of Cumberland.

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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**

**House Papers**

(1-1) Bill "An Act To Support Tourism on Public Reserved Lands by Leasing Sites to Commercial Sporting Camps"

H.P. 789 L.D. 1126

(1-2) Bill "An Act To Provide Occupants of Motor Vehicles with Gold Star Family Registration Plates Free Entry to State Parks"

H.P. 790 L.D. 1127

Come from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** and ordered printed.

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(1-3) Resolve, To Establish the Committee To Study the Processing of Evidence from Sexual Assault Test Kits

H.P. 791 L.D. 1128

(1-4) Resolve, To Provide Wage Parity for Law Enforcement Officers in the Department of Corrections with Other Law Enforcement Officers

H.P. 809 L.D. 1146

(1-5) Bill "An Act To Provide a Voluntary Method of Determining Whether a Purchaser of a Firearm Is Prohibited from Possessing a Firearm without a Background Check"

H.P. 817 L.D. 1154

Come from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** and ordered printed.

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(1-6) Bill "An Act Regarding College Affordability"

H.P. 792 L.D. 1129

(1-7) Bill "An Act To Provide Traffic Safety Education in Schools"

H.P. 793 L.D. 1130

(1-8) Bill "An Act To Create Education Savings Accounts for Maine Students"

H.P. 794 L.D. 1131

(1-9) Bill "An Act To Create Education Savings Accounts for Students with Special Needs"

H.P. 795 L.D. 1132

Come from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed.

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(1-10) Bill "An Act To Modernize the Renewable Portfolio Standard"

H.P. 810 L.D. 1147

(1-11) Bill "An Act To Allow Promotional Allowances by Public Utilities"

H.P. 814 L.D. 1151

Come from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** and ordered printed.

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(1-12) Bill "An Act To Promote Independent Living for People with Disabilities"  
H.P. 779 L.D. 1105

(1-13) Bill "An Act Regarding Access to Appropriate Residential Services for Individuals Being Discharged from Psychiatric Hospitalization"  
H.P. 796 L.D. 1133

(1-14) Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Nursing Facilities To Permit Nurse Practitioners, Clinical Nurse Specialists and Physician Assistants To Perform Certain Physician Tasks"  
H.P. 797 L.D. 1134

(1-15) Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services To Amend Its Rules Regarding Services Provided to Students  
H.P. 799 L.D. 1136

(1-16) Bill "An Act To Safeguard the Rights of Private Child Care Businesses"  
H.P. 811 L.D. 1148

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

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(1-17) Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Crossbow Hunting"  
H.P. 800 L.D. 1137

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** and ordered printed.

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(1-18) Bill "An Act To Require Notification of Long-term Care Policy Proposed Rate Increases"  
H.P. 801 L.D. 1138

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

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(1-19) Bill "An Act To Clarify Certain Right-of-way Limitations"

H.P. 802 L.D. 1139

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

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(1-20) Bill "An Act To Preserve the Economic Viability of Maine's Historic Properties"

H.P. 803 L.D. 1140

(1-21) Bill "An Act To Encourage the Hiring of Skilled Immigrants through Flexible Certification"

H.P. 815 L.D. 1152

Come from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** and ordered printed.

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(1-22) Bill "An Act To Make Election Day a State Holiday"

H.P. 804 L.D. 1141

(1-23) Bill "An Act To Repeal the Laws Establishing the Cumberland County Recreation Center and To Transfer Authority to Cumberland County"

H.P. 805 L.D. 1142

(1-24) Bill "An Act To Establish a Village Corporation"

H.P. 816 L.D. 1153

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

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(1-25) Resolve, Providing for the Official Observance of the 200th Anniversary of the Formation of the State of Maine

H.P. 806 L.D. 1143

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

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS**.

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(1-26) Bill "An Act To Support Maine Families by Increasing the Dependent Care Credit"

H.P. 807 L.D. 1144

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

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(1-27) Bill "An Act To Allow the Department of Transportation To Recover Costs Incurred by the Department for Allowing Access to a Controlled Access Highway"

H.P. 808 L.D. 1145

(1-28) Bill "An Act To Provide Revenue To Fix and Rebuild Maine's Infrastructure"

H.P. 812 L.D. 1149

(1-29) Resolve, To Establish the Road Usage Charge Task Force

H.P. 813 L.D. 1150

Come from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** and ordered printed.

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**Joint Orders**

Expressions of Legislative Sentiment recognizing:

(1-30) the Cony High School Girls Swim Team, of Augusta, which won the Class A State Championship. This is the team's first state title. We extend to all the members of the team our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 156

(1-31) Joseph Sylvester Bernard, also known as Dawn Red Eagle, of Caribou, who is celebrating his 90th Birthday on March 20, 2017. Throughout his life, Dawn Red Eagle has worked as an activist, teacher and entertainer, and is well known as a Maliseet cultural and treaty rights advocate. We extend to him our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 157

(1-32) Allison Dean, of Madison, a senior at Madison Area Memorial 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 Allison on her receiving this award;

HLS 158

(1-33) Bill Eldridge, of Poland, who received the 2017 W. Ballard Nash, Sr. Community Service Award from the Town of Poland. We extend to Mr. Eldridge our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 163

(1-34) the Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School Boys Basketball Team, of South Paris, which received the Class AA North Sportsmanship Award. We extend to all the members of the team our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 164

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:

(1-35) Tara Lou Astbury, of Penobscot. Born in Blue Hill, Ms. Astbury graduated from George Stevens Academy and attended the University of Maine. She ran a successful cleaning and organizing business for many years in the Blue Hill area. She will be long remembered and sadly missed by her family and many friends;

HLS 159

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

(1-36) Goldie M. Redman, of Verona Island. Mrs. Redman owned and operated Goldie's Kut and Kurl on Verona Island for years. She will be long remembered and sadly missed by her husband of nearly 68 years, Bob, her family and her friends;

HLS 160

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

(1-37) Dr. George McKay Lord, Jr., of East Orland. Dr. Lord practiced optometry in the area for 34 years. He will be long remembered and sadly missed by his wife of 58 years, Nancy, and his family and friends;

HLS 161

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

(1-38) Robert F. McKay, of Penobscot. Mr. McKay taught business subjects in high school for over 30 years. He coached baseball, basketball and golf and was a basketball referee and a softball umpire. He also served as the assistant umpire-in-chief in the State. Mr. McKay will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family, friends and colleagues;

HLS 162

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

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COMMUNICATIONS

(2-1) The Following Communication:

S.C. 237

STATE OF MAINE  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

March 23, 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 B. Charles Large of Lewiston for appointment to the Northern New England Passenger Rail Authority.

Pursuant to Title 23, MRSA §8112, this appointment is contingent on the Maine Senate confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation.  
Sincerely,

S/Paul R. LePage  
Governor

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(2-2) The Following Communication:

S.C. 238

**STATE OF MAINE  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

March 23, 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 The Hon. Brian D. Hobart of Bowdoinham for appointment to the Northern New England Passenger Rail Authority.

Pursuant to Title 23, MRSA §8112, this appointment is contingent on the Maine Senate confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation.

Sincerely,

S/Paul R. LePage  
Governor

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(2-3) The Following Communication:

S.C. 239

**STATE OF MAINE  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

March 23, 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 Robert D. Stone of Auburn for reappointment to the Maine Turnpike Authority Board of Directors.

Pursuant to Title 23, MRSA §1964-A, this reappointment is contingent on the Maine Senate confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation.  
Sincerely,

S/Paul R. LePage  
Governor

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(2-4) The Following Communication:

S.C. 244

**STATE OF MAINE  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

March 24, 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 The Hon. Kenneth C. Fletcher of Winslow for reappointment to the Efficiency Maine Trust Board.

Pursuant to Title 35-A, MRSA §10103, this reappointment is contingent on the Maine Senate confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology.

Sincerely,

S/Paul R. LePage  
Governor

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(2-5) The Following Communication:

S.C. 245

**STATE OF MAINE  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

March 24, 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 David S. Stapp of Bremen for reappointment to the Efficiency Maine Trust Board.

Pursuant to Title 35-A, MRSA §10103, this reappointment is contingent on the Maine Senate confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology.

Sincerely,

S/Paul R. LePage  
Governor

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(2-6) The Following Communication:

S.C. 243

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

March 20, 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. Stearns of Guilford, to report the following bill Leave to Withdraw:

L.D. 741 An Act To Provide Equity in Education Funding

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Dana L. Dow  
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Ryan Tipping  
House Chair

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(2-7) The Following Communication:

S.C. 241

**STATE OF MAINE  
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE  
COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION & FORESTRY**

March 23, 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 Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 430                      An Act To Amend the Exemption for Highway Contractors and  
   Subcontractors under the Arborist Licensing Laws

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Paul T. Davis  
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Michelle Ann Dunphy  
House Chair

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(2-8) The Following Communication:

S.C. 242

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

March 21, 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 Transportation has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 624                   An Act Concerning the Transporting of Dogs in Passenger Vehicles

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Ronald F. Collins  
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Andrew J. McLean  
House Chair

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(2-9) The Following Communication:

S.C. 240

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

TO: Honorable Michael D. Thibodeau, President of the Senate  
Honorable Sara Gideon, Speaker of the House  
and Democratic and Republican Leaders

FROM: S/Beth L. Ashcroft, Director

DATE: March 24, 2017

RE: Children's Licensing and Investigation Services

Attached please find the final report from the Office of Program Evaluation and Government Accountability on Children's Licensing and Investigation Services. The report is also available on our website at <http://legislature.maine.gov/opega/opega-reports/9149>. The public comment period on this Report has been scheduled for Friday, April 14, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 220 Cross Building.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact me.

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**SENATE PAPERS**

(3-1) Bill "An Act To Require That Information on Prisoners' Furlough Be Reported to the National Crime Information Center, Department of Public Safety and State Bureau of Identification"

S.P. 394 L.D. 1173

Presented by Senator CYRWAY of Kennebec.

Cosponsored by Representative PIERCE of Dresden and Senators: DIAMOND of Cumberland, President THIBODEAU of Waldo, Representatives: GERRISH of Lebanon, GROHMAN of Biddeford, HAWKE of Boothbay Harbor, HERRICK of Paris, NADEAU of Winslow, PICCHIOTTI of Fairfield.

(3-2) Bill "An Act To Expand Options for the Prevention of Domestic Violence"

S.P. 396 L.D. 1175

Presented by Senator DION of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Representative WARREN of Hallowell and Senators: CHIPMAN of Cumberland, HILL of York, Representatives: RECKITT of South Portland, SANBORN of Portland, SPEAR of South Thomaston.

(3-3) Bill "An Act To Clear a Path to Employment"

S.P. 403 L.D. 1202

Presented by Senator VOLK of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Representative WARREN of Hallowell and Senator: BRAKEY of Androscoggin, Representative: VACHON of Scarborough.

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

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(3-4) Bill "An Act To Sustain and Attract Skilled Workers to Maine by Improving the Job Creation Through Educational Opportunity Program"

S.P. 392 L.D. 1171

Presented by Senator CHENETTE of York.

Cosponsored by Representative NADEAU of Winslow and Senators: LIBBY of Androscoggin, MILLETT of Cumberland, Representative: TIPPING of Orono.

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

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(3-5) Bill "An Act To Ensure the Safety of Low-income Persons Who Are Deaf and Who Use Video and Captioned Phones by Providing Equitable Access to the Internet"

S.P. 397 L.D. 1176

Presented by Senator DION of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Representative TALBOT ROSS of Portland and Senators: CHENETTE of York, DIAMOND of Cumberland, HILL of York, Representatives: BERRY of Bowdoinham, COOPER of Yarmouth, RILEY of Jay, RYKERSON of Kittery, SANBORN of Portland.

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

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(3-6) Bill "An Act To Better Understand and Control Invasive Aquatic Plants and Nuisance Species"

S.P. 399 L.D. 1178

Presented by Senator SAVIELLO of Franklin.

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

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(3-7) Bill "An Act To Reduce Youth Access to Tobacco Products"

S.P. 391 L.D. 1170

Presented by Senator DAVIS of Piscataquis.

Cosponsored by Representative GUERIN of Glenburn and Senators: DOW of Lincoln, JACKSON of Aroostook, LANGLEY of Hancock, LIBBY of Androscoggin, Representatives: CHACE of Durham, GOLDEN of Lewiston, HYMANSON of York, WARD of Dedham.

(3-8) Bill "An Act To Create an Appeals Process for Child Care Providers"

S.P. 398 L.D. 1177

Presented by Senator VOLK of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Representative ESPLING of New Gloucester and Senators: BRAKEY of Androscoggin, CHIPMAN of Cumberland, DION of Cumberland, MAKER of Washington, Representative: PERRY of Calais.

(3-9) Bill "An Act To Create Fairness in Home-based Care Fees for Service"

S.P. 408 L.D. 1214

Presented by Senator LIBBY of Androscoggin.

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

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(3-10) Bill "An Act To Increase Funding for Programs That Support the Mission of the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife"

S.P. 400 L.D. 1179

Presented by Senator SAVIELLO of Franklin.

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

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(3-11) Bill "An Act To Protect Taxpayers in the Privatization of State Services"

S.P. 407 L.D. 1213

Presented by Senator BELLOWS of Kennebec.

Cosponsored by Senator JACKSON of Aroostook, Representative BLUME of York and Senators: CYRWAY of Kennebec, DESCHAMBAULT of York, KEIM of Oxford, LIBBY of Androscoggin, SAVIELLO of Franklin, Representatives: FECTION of Biddeford, MARTIN of Eagle Lake, MARTIN of Sinclair.

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

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(3-12) Bill "An Act To Repeal the Maine Personal Property Tax"

S.P. 393 L.D. 1172

Presented by Senator CUSHING of Penobscot.

Cosponsored by Representative WARD of Dedham, Representative FREDETTE of Newport and Senators: CHENETTE of York, KATZ of Kennebec, MASON of Androscoggin, President THIBODEAU of Waldo, Representatives: GUERIN of Glenburn, KINNEY of Knox, PICCHIOTTI of Fairfield.

(3-13) Bill "An Act To Provide a Definition of 'Primary Residence' for Purposes of Property Tax Abatements Based on Hardship or Poverty"

S.P. 401 L.D. 1180

Presented by Senator SAVIELLO of Franklin.

Cosponsored by Senator: DAVIS of Piscataquis.

(3-14) Bill "An Act To Amend the Definition of 'Eligible Business Equipment' for the Purposes of the Business Equipment Tax Exemption Program"

S.P. 406 L.D. 1212

Presented by Senator KATZ of Kennebec.

Cosponsored by Representative SPEAR of South Thomaston and Senators: GRATWICK of Penobscot, MIRAMANT of Knox.

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

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(3-15) Bill "An Act To Exempt Temporary Categorical Signs from the Identification Label Requirement for 6 Weeks Prior to the June and November Elections"

S.P. 390 L.D. 1169

Presented by Senator COLLINS of York.

Cosponsored by Representative DUNPHY of Old Town and Senators: CUSHING of Penobscot, DIAMOND of Cumberland, KATZ of Kennebec, Representatives: CEBRA of Naples, PARRY of Arundel, STANLEY of Medway, TIPPING of Orono, TURNER of Burlington.

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

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(3-16) Bill "An Act To Clarify the Use of Public Money for Bulk Mailing in the Election Process"

S.P. 395 L.D. 1174

Presented by Senator CUSHING of Penobscot.

Cosponsored by Representative GUERIN of Glenburn and Senators: COLLINS of York, MASON of Androscoggin, President THIBODEAU of Waldo, Representative: FREDETTE of Newport.

(3-17) Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Legislative Political Action Committees"  
S.P. 405 L.D. 1211

Presented by Senator CHIPMAN of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Senators: CHENETTE of York, MAKER of Washington, Representatives:  
ACKLEY of Monmouth, CASÁS of Rockport, HANINGTON of Lincoln, MONAGHAN of  
Cape Elizabeth.

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

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## ORDERS

### Joint Orders

(4-1) On motion by Senator **BRAKEY** of Androscoggin, the following Joint Order:  
S.P. 404

**ORDERED**, the House concurring, that the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services shall report out, to the Senate, a bill to review the Mental Health Homicide, Suicide and Aggravated Assault Review Board.

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Expressions of Legislative Sentiment recognizing:

(4-2) Dan Onion, of Vienna, 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. Onion on his receiving this award;  
SLS 147

Sponsored by Senator SAVIELLO of Franklin.

Cosponsored by Representatives: BLACK of Wilton, HILLIARD of Belgrade.

(4-3) Joel and Brenda Jipson, of Howland, who celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on February 4, 2017. We extend to Mr. and Mrs. Jipson our congratulations and best wishes;  
SLS 148

Sponsored by Senator DILL of Penobscot.

Cosponsored by Representative: HANINGTON of Lincoln.

(4-4) Emma Alley, of Millinocket, a senior at George W. Stearns High School and a player on the girls basketball team, who recently scored her 1,000th career point. We extend to Emma our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 149

Sponsored by Senator DILL of Penobscot.  
Cosponsored by Representative: STANLEY of Medway.

(4-5) Philip Witherell, of Monmouth, who is celebrating his 90th Birthday on March 21, 2017. We extend to Mr. Witherell our congratulations on his birthday and offer him our best wishes;

SLS 150

Sponsored by Senator BELLOWS of Kennebec.  
Cosponsored by Representatives: ACKLEY of Monmouth, HICKMAN of Winthrop.

(4-6) Heather Kervin, of Winslow, a student at Winslow High School and a member of the girls basketball team, who recently scored her 1,000th career point. We extend to Heather our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 151

Sponsored by Senator CYRWAY of Kennebec.  
Cosponsored by Representative: NADEAU of Winslow.

(4-7) the Winslow High School Wrestling Team, of Winslow, which won the Kennebec Valley Athletic Conference Class B Championship. Members of the team include Devlin Braun, Alex Demers, Ben Abbott, Ryan Fredette, Patrick Hopkins, Ely Yang, Andrew Mattingly, Anthony Park, Jared Goss, Anthony Proulx, Devon Vigue, Hunter Desveaux, Dylan Inman, Keenan Janeski, Wyatt Dutton and Alex Lint. The team's head coach is Anthony Dalisio. We extend to all the members of the team our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 152

Sponsored by Senator CYRWAY of Kennebec.  
Cosponsored by Representative: NADEAU of Winslow.

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**Joint Resolutions**

(4-8) On motion by Senator **DION** of Cumberland, the following Joint Resolution:  
S.P. 402

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

**JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MARCH 2017 AS  
BLEEDING DISORDERS AWARENESS MONTH**

**WHEREAS**, bleeding disorders, which are distinguished by the inability to form a proper blood clot, are characterized by extended bleeding after injury, surgery, trauma or menstruation and can lead to significant morbidity and can be fatal if not treated effectively; and

**WHEREAS**, many individuals with hemophilia became infected with HIV and hepatitis C in the 1980s due to the contamination of the blood supply and blood products; and

**WHEREAS**, the federal Department of Health and Human Services designated March 2017 as National Bleeding Disorders Month, a designation that formalizes and expands upon the designation 31 years ago of March 1986 as Hemophilia Awareness Month by President Ronald Reagan; and

**WHEREAS**, Bleeding Disorders Awareness Month will generate greater awareness and understanding of not only hemophilia but all inheritable bleeding disorders, including von Willebrand disease, which alone affects an estimated one percent of the U.S. population or more than 3.2 million individuals; and

**WHEREAS**, Bleeding Disorders Awareness Month will foster a greater sense of community and shared purpose among individuals with all inheritable bleeding disorders; and

**WHEREAS**, Bleeding Disorders Awareness Month will elevate awareness of and engagement in the inheritable bleeding disorders journey to the general public, enabling the prevention of illness, unnecessary procedures and disability; 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 March as Bleeding Disorders Awareness Month.

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Joint Resolution in Memoriam:

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

(4-9) Robert E. Fast, Sr., of Wilton. Dr. Fast, who graduated from Princeton University, served in the United States Army and received his master's and doctoral degrees from Rutgers University, was a psychology professor at the University of Maine at Farmington for 30 years, retiring as professor emeritus in 1997. He was a member of the Wilton Lions Club and the First Congregational Church in Wilton and volunteered his time to many local causes, including the library and the Wilton Parents Association. Dr. Fast will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family, friends, colleagues and students;

SLS 146

Sponsored by Senator SAVIELLO of Franklin.  
Cosponsored by Representative: BLACK of Wilton.

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## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

### House

#### Ought to Pass

(5-1) The Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** on Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 220: Removal of Provider of Last Resort Service Obligation, a Major Substantive Rule of the Public Utilities Commission (EMERGENCY)  
H.P. 327 L.D. 461

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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(5-2) The Committee on **LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** on Bill "An Act To Repeal the Requirement That Municipalities License Roller-skating Rinks"

H.P. 23 L.D. 22

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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**Divided Report**

(5-3) The Majority of the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** on Bill "An Act Concerning the Property Tax Levy Limit"

H.P. 16 L.D. 15

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

Signed:

Senator:

DESCHAMBAULT of York

Representatives:

MARTIN of Sinclair

BEEBE-CENTER of Rockland

BRYANT of Windham

HOGAN of Old Orchard Beach

MADIGAN of Rumford

SPEAR of South Thomaston

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

Signed:

Senators:

DAVIS of Piscataquis

KEIM of Oxford

Representatives:

GRIGNON of Athens

HARRINGTON of Sanford

ORDWAY of Standish

PICKETT of Dixfield

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

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**Divided Report**

(5-4) Nine members of the Committee on **JUDICIARY** on Bill "An Act To Prevent Bad Faith Assertions of Patent Infringement"

H.P. 4 L.D. 2

Reported in Report "A" that the same **Ought Not to Pass**.

Signed:

Senators:

KEIM of Oxford  
HILL of York  
WHITTEMORE of Somerset

Representatives:

BRADSTREET of Vassalboro  
CARDONE of Bangor  
GUERIN of Glenburn  
JOHANSEN of Monticello  
McCREIGHT of Harpswell  
SHERMAN of Hodgdon

Three members of the same Committee on the same subject reported in Report "B" that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-12)**.

Signed:

Representatives:

BABBIDGE of Kennebunk  
BAILEY of Saco  
RECKITT of South Portland

One member of the same Committee on the same subject reported in Report "C" that the same **Ought to Pass**.

Signed:

Representative:

MOONEN of Portland

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

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**Senate**

**Ought to Pass As Amended**

(5-5) Senator MASON for the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act To Authorize Auxiliary Licenses at Disc Golf Courses"

S.P. 90 L.D. 304

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-10)**.

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**SECOND READERS**

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

**House As Amended**

(6-1) Bill "An Act Regarding Dancing on the Premises of Certain Liquor Licensees"

H.P. 31 L.D. 30

(C "A" H-11)

(6-2) Bill "An Act To Improve Officer Safety at Roadside Incidents"

H.P. 128 L.D. 172

(C "A" H-9)

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**Senate As Amended**

(6-3) Bill "An Act To Provide Funding for Costs Associated with Requiring the Licensing of Midwives"

S.P. 49 L.D. 130

(C "A" S-9)

(6-4) Bill "An Act To Make Allocations from Maine Turnpike Authority Funds for the Maine Turnpike Authority for the Calendar Year Ending December 31, 2018"

S.P. 157 L.D. 460

(C "A" S-8)

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**ENACTORS**

The Committee on **Engrossed Bills** reported as truly and strictly engrossed the following:

**Emergency Mandate**

(7-1) An Act To Change the Name of Township 17, Range 4, WELS, in the Unorganized Territory to Sinclair

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

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**Acts**

(7-2) An Act To Allow Conveyance of Land Previously Conveyed by the State to the Town of Bridgton

H.P. 8 L.D. 7

(7-3) An Act To Exclude Cardboard Beverage Containers from the Laws Governing Returnable Beverage Containers

S.P. 73 L.D. 227  
(C "A" S-4)

(7-4) 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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**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 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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**2.**

**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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3.

**Tabled and Later Assigned**

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

Tabled - March 21, 2017, by Senator **WHITTEMORE** of Somerset

Pending - **FURTHER CONSIDERATION**

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

(In House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.)

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4.

**Tabled and Later Assigned**

Bill "An Act To Enhance Access to Affordable Health Care"

I.B. 2 L.D. 1039

Tabled - March 21, 2017, by Senator **BRAKEY** of Androscoggin

Pending - **REFERENCE**

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

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5.

**Tabled and Later Assigned**

JOINT ORDER - Expression of Legislative Sentiment Recognizing Sybil Riemensnider, of South Portland

SLS 127

Tabled - March 21, 2017, by Senator **MASON** of Androscoggin

Pending - **PASSAGE**

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6.

**Tabled and Later Assigned**

JOINT ORDER - Expression of Legislative Sentiment Recognizing the Greater Portland Transit District METRO

SLS 129

Tabled - March 21, 2017, by Senator **CHIPMAN** of Cumberland

Pending - **PASSAGE**

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7.

**Tabled and Later Assigned**

Bill "An Act To Clarify That Involuntary Transfers of Teachers and Municipal Public Employees Are Subject to Collective Bargaining"

H.P. 767 L.D. 1093

Tabled - March 23, 2017, by Senator **LANGLEY** of Hancock

Pending - motion by same Senator to **REFER**, in concurrence

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

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

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