



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

Advance Journal and Calendar

26th Legislative Day

In Senate Chamber, Tuesday, April 4, 2017.

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

Prayer by Pastor Susan Reisert, Old South Congregational Church in Hallowell.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Senator Rodney L. Whittmore of Somerset County.

Reading of the Journal of Thursday, March 30, 2017.

Doctor of the day, Geoffrey Gratwick, M.D. of Bangor.

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) HOUSE REPORTS - from the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT**
on Bill "An Act Concerning the Property Tax Levy Limit"

H.P. 16 L.D. 15

Majority - **Ought to Pass** (7 members)

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

In Senate, March 28, 2017, on motion by Senator **DAVIS** of Piscataquis, the Minority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

Comes from the House, that Body having **INSISTED** on its former action whereby the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS** Report was **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**.

House Papers

(1-2) Bill "An Act To Prevent Abusive Debt Collection Tactics by Debt Buyers"

H.P. 865 L.D. 1242

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

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

(1-3) Bill "An Act To Ensure the Effectiveness of Tax Expenditures"

H.P. 868 L.D. 1245

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

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

(1-4) Bill "An Act To Allow Municipalities To Include Itemized Fees on Property Tax Bills"

H.P. 882 L.D. 1270

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

(1-5) Bill "An Act To Adjust the Timing for Recounts in Certain Municipal and Local School Elections"

H.P. 881 L.D. 1269

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

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

Joint Orders

Expressions of Legislative Sentiment recognizing:

(1-6) John G. Murphy, of Scarborough, who is retiring as President of the Maine Credit Union League after 44 years of service, including service over the past 25 years as President and Chief Executive Officer. Mr. Murphy worked tirelessly on behalf of Maine's credit unions and their members as an advocate and a champion to strengthen the credit union movement in Maine. He oversaw the tremendous growth in credit union membership to 685,000 members and was instrumental in supporting and implementing initiatives such as the Campaign for Ending Hunger and the "SurF Network" and in promoting financial literacy. We extend to Mr. Murphy our congratulations on his retirement and offer him our best wishes;

HLS 151

(1-7) the Wells High School Boys Varsity Basketball Team, of Wells, which won the 2016-17 Class B South Championship. Members of the team include players Owen Berry, Riley Dempsey, Tyler Dewey, Keegan Reidy, Deandre Woods, Liam Bell, Cameren Cousins, John Harris, Christian Saulnier, Channing Wang, Tyler Bridge, Matt Sherburne and Dylan Whitney; managers Katie Reidy, Liv Talevi and Covy Dufort; assistant coaches Nick Charles, Tim Roche, Rob Berry and AJ Dufort; and head coach Troy Brown. We extend to all the members of the team our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 170

(1-8) the Central Maine Community College Women's Basketball Team, of Auburn, which won the United States Collegiate Athletic Association 2017 Women's Division II National Championship. This is the team's first national title. We extend to all the members of the team our congratulations on this significant achievement and offer them our best wishes;

HLS 171

(1-9) Ryan James Pellerin, of Albion, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 446, 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, Ryan collected information about veterans for the Veterans History Project of the Library of Congress. We extend our congratulations to Ryan on this achievement;

HLS 172

(1-10) Kenneth Dow, of Corinna, to whom the Town of Corinna has dedicated its Town Report. We extend to Mr. Dow our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 173

(1-11) Katelyn Robinson, of Dexter, who has been named to the Young Maine Volunteer Roll of Honor, a Governor's Award for Service and Volunteerism. We extend to Katelyn our congratulations on her receiving this recognition and offer her our best wishes;

HLS 174

(1-12) Kevin McAfee, of Hodgdon, who has received a Presidential Volunteer Service Award from the Corporation for National and Community Service and Points of Light. We extend to Mr. McAfee our congratulations for his receiving this prestigious recognition, and we offer him our best wishes;

HLS 176

(1-13) Gary Petley, of Clinton, on his retirement as Chief of the Clinton Fire Department. Chief Petley has served the Town of Clinton for 37 years, 25 of which as chief. We extend to Chief Petley our congratulations on his retirement and offer him our best wishes;

HLS 177

(1-14) Samantha Wozich, of Casco, a 6th-grade student at Lake Region Middle School, who has received the Julia Clukey Courage Award. Samantha was selected by school administrators to receive the award for her courage in overcoming a brain tumor and challenges during her recovery. We extend to Samantha our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 178

(1-15) Telstar Regional High School, of Bethel, which won WGME's School Spirit Challenge by collecting 58,006 pounds of food for the Good Shepherd Food Bank. We extend to everyone at Telstar Regional High School our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 179

(1-16) the Mount Desert Island High School Boys Indoor Track Team, of Bar Harbor, which won the Class B State Championship. We extend to all the members of the team our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 180

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

Joint Resolution

Joint Resolution in Memoriam:

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

(1-17) Sylvia D. Schroeder, of Cape Elizabeth. Mrs. Schroeder moved to Brunswick in 1985 and subsequently moved to South Portland, where she worked as a social worker, retiring from Community Counseling Services in 1998. She served on the board of the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf and was an active volunteer in the community. Mrs. Schroeder will be long remembered and sadly missed by her family, friends and colleagues;

HLS 175

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

COMMUNICATIONS

(2-1) The Following Communication:

S.C. 259

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

March 30, 2017

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

Dear Secretary Priest:

Pursuant to my authority under Joint Rule 294, I am pleased to appoint the following members to the Task Force on Maine's 21st Century Economy and Workforce, effective date of this letter.

Mr. Derek Langhauser of Cumberland Foreside
Mr. Dana Connors of Gray
Ms. Judith West of Portland
Mr. William Grant of Winthrop

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

Sincerely,

S/Michael D. Thibodeau
President of the Senate

(2-2) The Following Communication:

S.C. 260

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

March 30, 2017

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

Dear Secretary Priest:

Pursuant to my authority under Joint Rule 294, I am pleased to appoint the following Senators to the Task Force on Maine's 21st Century Economy and Workforce, effective date of this letter.

Senator Brian Langley of Hancock, Chair
Senator Dana Dow of Lincoln
Senator Nathan Libby of Androscoggin
Senator Eloise Vitelli of Sagadahoc

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

Sincerely,

S/Michael D. Thibodeau
President of the Senate

(2-3) The Following Communication:

S.C. 263

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

March 30, 2017

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

Dear Secretary Priest,

Pursuant to my authority under Joint Order, SP 294, I am pleased to appoint the following legislators and members of the public to serve on the Task Force on Maine's 21st Century Economy and Workforce, effective March 30, 2017:

Representative Erin Herbig of Belfast as House Chair
Representative Matthea Daughtry of Brunswick
Representative Stephanie Hawke of Boothbay Harbor
Representative Robert Foley of Wells
Chancellor James H. Page of Old Town as a representative of the University of Maine System
Ms. Jennifer McKenna of Gardiner as a representative of the interests of apprenticeship programs in the State
Bates College President A. Clayton Spencer of Lewiston as a representative of the interests of private colleges in the State
Mr. Eric Meyer of Whitefield as a representative of the interests of a Maine business that employs fewer than 1,000 workers

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

Sincerely,

S/Sara Gideon
Speaker of the House

(2-4) The Following Communication:

S.C. 264

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY**

March 30, 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 Criminal Justice and Public Safety has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

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| L.D. 501 | An Act To Increase Firearm Safety |
| L.D. 574 | An Act To Amend the Provision of Law Requiring Disclosure of the Possession of a Firearm under Certain Circumstances |
| L.D. 595 | An Act Prohibiting a Law Enforcement Officer from Confiscating a Firearm under Certain Conditions |

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Kimberley C. Rosen
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Charlotte May Warren
House Chair

(2-5) The Following Communication:

S.C. 265

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS**

April 03, 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 Education and Cultural Affairs has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

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| L.D. 180 | An Act To Enhance Higher Education in Maine through the Creation of a Unified Board of Higher Education |
| L.D. 570 | An Act To Create the Maine Institute of Technology |
| L.D. 841 | An Act To Provide Stability in MaineCare Payments for Educational Programming |
| L.D. 997 | An Act To Increase Funding to Schools by Repealing Unnecessary and Burdensome Regulations |

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Brian D. Langley
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Tori P. Kornfield
House Chair

(2-6) The Following Communication:

S.C. 266

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

April 03, 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":

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| L.D. 490 | An Act To Exempt Chiropractic Assistants from Being Required To Hold Licenses as Radiographers, Nuclear Medicine Technologists or Radiation Therapists |
| L.D. 554 | An Act To Require Paid Parental Leave for Employees |
| L.D. 615 | Resolve, To Establish a Work Group To Update the Maine Pharmacy Act |

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Amy F. Volk
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Ryan M. Fecteau
House Chair

(2-7) The Following Communication:

S.C. 267

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

March 30, 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 Taxation has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 205 An Act To Exempt Certain International Athletic Competition
Prizes from Maine Income Tax

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Dana L. Dow
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Ryan Tipping
House Chair

(2-8) The Following Communication:

S.C. 268

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

March 30, 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. 980 An Act To Improve Absentee Balloting

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Garrett P. Mason
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Louis J. Luchini
House Chair

(2-9) The Following Communication:

H.C. 109

**STATE OF MAINE
CLERK'S OFFICE
2 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0002**

March 30, 2017

The Honorable Heather J.R. Priest
Secretary of the Senate
128th Maine Legislature
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Secretary Priest:

The House voted today to insist on its former action whereby 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) and accompanying papers were referred to the Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development.

Sincerely,

S/Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House

SENATE PAPERS

(3-1) Bill "An Act To Require Background Checks for All School Employees"

S.P. 438 L.D. 1286

Presented by Senator MILLETT of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Representative MAREAN of Hollis and Senators: BREEN of Cumberland, DIAMOND of Cumberland, DION of Cumberland, MAKER of Washington, Representative: FARNSWORTH of Portland.

(3-2) Bill "An Act To Promote Computer Science and Efficient Communication between Schools and the Department of Education"

S.P. 440 L.D. 1288

Presented by Senator DILL of Penobscot.

Cosponsored by Representative TIPPING of Orono and Senators: DIAMOND of Cumberland, GRATWICK of Penobscot, SAVIELLO of Franklin, Representatives: DUNPHY of Old Town, HIGGINS of Dover-Foxcroft, HUBBELL of Bar Harbor.

(3-3) Bill "An Act To Provide Student Loan Debt Relief to Maine Teachers"

S.P. 442 L.D. 1290

Presented by Senator LIBBY of Androscoggin.

Cosponsored by Representative DAUGHTRY of Brunswick.

(3-4) Resolve, To Convene a Study Group To Study Proficiency in Content Areas for Secondary School Graduation Standards

S.P. 446 L.D. 1294

Presented by Senator DILL of Penobscot.

Cosponsored by Representative TIPPING of Orono and Senators: DIAMOND of Cumberland, SAVIELLO of Franklin, Representatives: DUNPHY of Old Town, HIGGINS of Dover-Foxcroft.

(3-5) Bill "An Act To Ensure Federal Title I Funding Is Directed to Classroom Learning"

S.P. 448 L.D. 1319

Presented by Senator LIBBY of Androscoggin.

Cosponsored by Senator CHIPMAN of Cumberland, Representative RILEY of Jay, Representative HANDY of Lewiston and Representatives: BROOKS of Lewiston, GOLDEN of Lewiston, MELARAGNO of Auburn.

(3-6) Bill "An Act To Promote Social and Emotional Learning and Development in Early Childhood"

S.P. 450 L.D. 1321

Presented by Senator BREEN of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Representative PIERCE of Falmouth and Senators: LANGLEY of Hancock, MAKER of Washington, MILLETT of Cumberland, Representatives: FARNSWORTH of Portland, GATTINE of Westbrook, KORNFELD of Bangor, MALABY of Hancock, PARKER of South Berwick.

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

(3-7) Bill "An Act Regarding Generic Drug Pricing"

S.P. 432 L.D. 1280

Presented by Senator JACKSON of Aroostook.

Cosponsored by Representative GATTINE of Westbrook and Senators: BELLOWS of Kennebec, CARSON of Cumberland, DAVIS of Piscataquis, SAVIELLO of Franklin, VITELLI of Sagadahoc, Representatives: LAWRENCE of South Berwick, MASTRACCIO of Sanford.

(3-8) Bill "An Act To Increase Affordability of and Access to Heat Pumps for Maine Homeowners"

S.P. 443 L.D. 1291

Presented by Senator JACKSON of Aroostook.

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

(3-9) Bill "An Act To Ensure Patient Protections in the Health Insurance Laws"

S.P. 431 L.D. 1279

Presented by Senator JACKSON of Aroostook.

Cosponsored by Senators: BREEN of Cumberland, CHIPMAN of Cumberland, GRATWICK of Penobscot, LIBBY of Androscoggin, Representatives: GATTINE of Westbrook, MARTIN of Eagle Lake, MASTRACCIO of Sanford.

(3-10) Bill "An Act To Improve the Foreclosure Process by Regulating Mortgage Loan Servicers"

S.P. 444 L.D. 1292

Presented by Senator DOW of Lincoln.

Cosponsored by Representative WALLACE of Dexter and Representative: PICCHIOTTI of Fairfield.

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

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

(3-11) Bill "An Act Regarding the Compensation of Assistant Attorneys General and District Attorneys and the Approval of Financial Orders by the Attorney General and Secretary of State"
S.P. 433 L.D. 1281

Presented by Senator HILL of York.

Cosponsored by Representative MOONEN of Portland and Senators: CARPENTER of Aroostook, KATZ of Kennebec, SAVIELLO of Franklin, Representatives: FREY of Bangor, LUCHINI of Ellsworth, McLEAN of Gorham.

Submitted by the Department of the Attorney General pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

(3-12) Bill "An Act To Provide a Definition for the Maine Condominium Act"
S.P. 434 L.D. 1282

Presented by Senator COLLINS of York.

Cosponsored by Representative GRANT of Gardiner and Senators: CYRWAY of Kennebec, LANGLEY of Hancock, ROSEN of Hancock, Representatives: AUSTIN of Skowhegan, BRYANT of Windham, McLEAN of Gorham.

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

(3-13) Bill "An Act To Create the Procurement Review Board"
S.P. 447 L.D. 1295

Presented by Senator LIBBY of Androscoggin.

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

(3-14) Bill "An Act To Modernize the Mining Excise Tax"
S.P. 435 L.D. 1283

Presented by Senator SAVIELLO of Franklin.

(3-15) Bill "An Act To Tax Political Expenditures Made Immediately before an Election"
S.P. 437 L.D. 1285

Presented by Senator SAVIELLO of Franklin.

Cosponsored by Senator: DAVIS of Piscataquis.

(3-16) Bill "An Act To Strengthen Efforts To Recruit and Retain Primary Care Professionals and Dentists in Rural and Underserved Areas of the State"

S.P. 439 L.D. 1287

Presented by Senator JACKSON of Aroostook.

Cosponsored by Representative SEAVEY of Kennebunkport and Senators: CARPENTER of Aroostook, CHENETTE of York, CUSHING of Penobscot, DAVIS of Piscataquis, DOW of Lincoln, Representatives: STANLEY of Medway, TIPPING of Orono, WARD of Dedham.

(3-17) Bill "An Act To Allow Voluntary Payments in Lieu of Taxes in the Unorganized Territory"

S.P. 441 L.D. 1289

Presented by Senator DILL of Penobscot.

Cosponsored by Representative MARTIN of Eagle Lake and Senators: CARPENTER of Aroostook, JACKSON of Aroostook, SAVIELLO of Franklin, Representative: MARTIN of Sinclair.

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

(3-18) Bill "An Act To Require Election Transparency and Audits"

S.P. 436 L.D. 1284

Presented by Senator BELLOWS of Kennebec.

Cosponsored by Representative HICKMAN of Winthrop and Senators: CARPENTER of Aroostook, MASON of Androscoggin, SAVIELLO of Franklin, VOLK of Cumberland, Representatives: CASÁS of Rockport, FARRIN of Norridgewock, GOLDEN of Lewiston, LUCHINI of Ellsworth.

(3-19) Bill "An Act To Allow Wine Tastings at Farmers' Markets"

S.P. 445 L.D. 1293

Presented by Senator MIRAMANT of Knox.

Cosponsored by Representative AUSTIN of Skowhegan and Senators: CARPENTER of Aroostook, CHENETTE of York, COLLINS of York, VITELLI of Sagadahoc, Representatives: BRYANT of Windham, GILLWAY of Searsport, HUBBELL of Bar Harbor.

(3-20) Bill "An Act To Regulate and Tax Sports Fantasy League Activities in Maine"
S.P. 449 L.D. 1320

Presented by Senator KATZ of Kennebec.

Cosponsored by Representative TIMBERLAKE of Turner and Senators: CUSHING of Penobscot, JACKSON of Aroostook, MASON of Androscoggin, Representatives: FARRIN of Norridgewock, GOLDEN of Lewiston.

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

ORDERS

Joint Orders

(4-1) On motion by Senator **GRATWICK** of Penobscot, the following Joint Order:
S.P. 451

STATE OF MAINE 128TH MAINE LEGISLATURE

Whereas, now is a time of potentially significant changes with respect to the delivery of health care; and

Whereas, there currently exists very little impartial data regarding the best method of delivering high-quality health care efficiently and economically in the State; and

Whereas, it is imperative to establish a method to gather this information in order for the Legislature to successfully analyze and guide Maine's health policy; now, therefore, be it

ORDERED, the House concurring, that, notwithstanding Joint Rule 353, the Maine Health Advisory Committee, referred to in this order as "the advisory committee," is established to advise the Legislature regarding the interests of Maine citizens and businesses with respect to the delivery of health care in Maine.

1. Appointment; composition. The advisory committee consists of members appointed as follows:

A. The following 5 members of the Legislature, of whom one must serve on the Joint Standing Committee on Insurance and Financial Services and one must serve on either the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services or the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs:

(1) Two members of the Senate, appointed by the President of the Senate, including one member recommended by the Senate Minority Leader; and

(2) Three members of the House of Representatives, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, including one member recommended by the House Minority Leader;

B. One person representing the insurance industry, appointed by the President of the Senate;

C. One person representing Maine hospitals or other health care facilities, appointed by the President of the Senate;

D. One person who is an advocate for enrolling in health insurance hard-to-reach populations, including individuals with mental health or substance use disorders, appointed by the President of the Senate;

E. One person representing health care providers, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

F. One person representing a health care advocacy group, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

G. One person who has expertise in health economics, appointed by the President of the Senate; and

I. One person who has expertise in statistics, polling and data analysis, appointed by the President of the Senate.

The President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall invite the following to participate as ex officio nonvoting members: the Superintendent of Insurance, or the superintendent's designee; the Commissioner of Health and Human Services, or the commissioner's designee; and the Director of the Division of Employee Health and Benefits, Bureau of Human Resources, Department of Administrative and Financial Services.

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

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

4. Duties. The advisory committee shall explore health care issues, including but not limited to the issues of quality, affordability and accessibility of health care throughout the State; the prevention of illness; fairness and equity of health care delivery and accessibility in different geographic regions of the State; various funding options; and methods of cost containment. Through the use of public meetings, questionnaires, polling and other sampling techniques, the advisory committee shall solicit information and concerns from the public. The committee shall review strategies employed by other states and, based on the information it gathers, shall develop recommendations to present to the Legislature regarding the delivery and financing of health care in this State.

5. Reports. The advisory committee shall submit to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services a preliminary report on its activities no later than December 31, 2017. The report must include:

A. A review and an evaluation of the continuation of the advisory committee, including the staffing and funding needs of such an advisory committee, and recommendations regarding the advisability of establishing an ongoing advisory committee in the Maine Revised Statutes; and

B. Recommendations for any changes in policy or law that would improve the delivery of health care for citizens and businesses in the State.

6. Compensation. The legislative members of the advisory committee 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 advisory committee. 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 advisory committee.

7. Quorum. A quorum is a majority of the members of the advisory committee.

8. Meetings. The advisory committee shall hold 6 meetings, 4 of which must be held at geographically diverse locations throughout the State. Meetings of the advisory committee are public proceedings as provided by the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 1, chapter 13, subchapter 1.

9. Staffing. The Legislative Council shall provide staff support for the operation of the advisory committee, except that the Legislative Council staff support is not authorized when the Legislature is in regular or special session. In addition, the advisory committee may contract for administrative, professional and clerical services if funding permits.

10. Funding for advisory committee activities. The Legislative Council on behalf of the advisory committee may accept from a state department or agency funding that is received by that department or agency for functions or activities performed by the advisory committee. The Legislative Council on behalf of the advisory committee may apply for and receive funds, grants or contracts from public and private sources to support the advisory committee's activities. Contributions to support the work of the advisory committee may not be accepted from any party having a pecuniary or other vested interest in the outcome of the matters being studied. Any person, other than a state agency, desiring to make a financial or in-kind contribution shall certify to the Legislative Council that it has no pecuniary or other vested interest in the outcome of the advisory committee's activities. Such a certification must be made in the manner prescribed by the Legislative Council. All contributions are subject to approval by the Legislative Council. All funds accepted must be forwarded to the Executive Director of the Legislative Council along with an accounting record that includes the amount of funds, the date the funds were received, from whom the funds were received and the purpose of and any limitation on the use of those funds. The Executive Director of the Legislative Council shall administer any funds received by the advisory committee.

Expressions of Legislative Sentiment recognizing:

(4-2) Dr. Robert D. Buchanan, of Caribou, who is celebrating his 95th Birthday on May 5, 2017 at the University of Maine's Buchanan Alumni House, which itself is celebrating the 15th Anniversary of its dedication in Dr. Buchanan's name. We extend to Dr. Buchanan our congratulations on his birthday and offer him our best wishes;

SLS 166

Sponsored by Senator DILL of Penobscot.

Cosponsored by Senator: JACKSON of Aroostook, Representatives: FREY of Bangor, McELWEE of Caribou, TIPPING of Orono.

(4-3) Creighton Taylor, of Falmouth, who has received the Heart of Gold Award from the Trauma Intervention Program of Greater Portland at Maine Behavioral Healthcare for her mental health advocacy work. We extend to Ms. Taylor our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 167

Sponsored by Senator BREEN of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Representatives: PIERCE of Falmouth, SANBORN of Portland.

(4-4) William and Melissa Wedge, of Glenburn, who have been named the 2017 Community Citizens of the Year by the Valley Grange #144. We extend to Mr. and Mrs. Wedge our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 168

Sponsored by Senator DAVIS of Piscataquis.

Cosponsored by Senator: CUSHING of Penobscot, Representatives: GUERIN of Glenburn, HIGGINS of Dover-Foxcroft, STEARNS of Guilford.

(4-5) Bradley Russell, of Hartland, to whom the Town of Hartland has dedicated its Town Report for his service to the town. Mr. Russell served as Plant Supervisor of the Hartland Pollution Control Facility from 1999 to 2017. We extend to Mr. Russell our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 169

Sponsored by Senator DAVIS of Piscataquis.

Cosponsored by Representative: STETKIS of Canaan.

(4-6) Seth A. Townsend, of Levant, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 41, 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, Seth improved a trail system for Regional School Unit No. 87 by removing dead trees, placing signs, removing rocks and covering roots, as well as building 3 benches and 3 signs. We extend our congratulations to him on this achievement;

SLS 170

Sponsored by Senator CUSHING of Penobscot.

Cosponsored by Representatives: GUERIN of Glenburn, HAGGAN of Hampden.

(4-7) Jacob Lennon, of Albion, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 446, 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, Jacob built 3 small free libraries to encourage reading. We extend our congratulations to Jacob on this achievement;

SLS 171

Sponsored by Senator CYRWAY of Kennebec.
Cosponsored by Representative: THERIAULT of China.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

House

Ought to Pass

(5-1) The Committee on **JUDICIARY** on Bill "An Act To Correct the Maine Uniform Trust Code Concerning Certain Beneficiaries"

H.P. 245 L.D. 331

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

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

Divided Report

(5-2) The Majority of the Committee on **LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** on Bill "An Act To Provide Matching Funds for Federal Community Development Block Grants"

H.P. 123 L.D. 165

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-16)**.

Signed:

Senator:

BELLOWS of Kennebec

Representatives:

FECTEAU of Biddeford

BATES of Westbrook

DOORE of Augusta

HANDY of Lewiston

MASTRACCIO of Sanford

SYLVESTER of Portland

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

Signed:

Senators:

VOLK of Cumberland

LANGLEY of Hancock

Representatives:

AUSTIN of Gray

LOCKMAN of Amherst

STETKIS of Canaan

VACHON of Scarborough

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-16)**.

Divided Report

(5-3) The Majority of the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** on Bill "An Act To Allow Alternate Flashing Headlights on a School Bus"

H.P. 29 L.D. 28

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

Signed:

Senators:

COLLINS of York
ROSEN of Hancock

Representatives:

McLEAN of Gorham
AUSTIN of Skowhegan
BRYANT of Windham
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 Not To Pass**.

Signed:

Senator:

MIRAMANT of Knox

Representatives:

CEBRA of Naples
GILLWAY of Searsport

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

Divided Report

(5-4) The Majority of the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act To Implement the National Popular Vote for President"

H.P. 114 L.D. 156

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

Signed:

Senators:

MASON of Androscoggin
COLLINS of York

Representatives:

CASÁS of Rockport
DILLINGHAM of Oxford
FARRIN of Norridgewock
HANINGTON of Lincoln
WHITE of Washburn

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

Signed:

Senator:

CARPENTER of Aroostook

Representatives:

LUCHINI of Ellsworth
HICKMAN of Winthrop
LONGSTAFF of Waterville
MONAGHAN of Cape Elizabeth
SCHNECK of Bangor

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

Senate

Ought to Pass

(5-5) Senator COLLINS for the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** on Bill "An Act To Increase the Maximum Registered Gross Weight Allowed for Vehicles with Disabled Veterans or Special Veterans Registration Plates"

S.P. 146 L.D. 444

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

Ought to Pass As Amended

(5-6) Senator KEIM for the Committee on **JUDICIARY** on Bill "An Act To Require the Department of Health and Human Services To Disclose Information to the Personal Representative of the Estate of an Incapacitated or Dependent Adult Who Dies While under Public Guardianship or Public Conservatorship"

S.P. 54 L.D. 135

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-15)**.

Divided Report

(5-7) The Majority of the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Bill "An Act To Determine When the Remains of Deceased Persons May Be Considered Abandoned" S.P. 69 L.D. 223

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-14)**.

Signed:

Senators:

BRAKEY of Androscoggin
CHIPMAN of Cumberland

Representatives:

HYMANSON of York
CHACE of Durham
DENNO of Cumberland
HAMANN of South Portland
MADIGAN of Waterville
MALABY of Hancock
PARKER of South Berwick
PERRY of Calais

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

Signed:

Representative:

HEAD of Bethel

Divided Report

(5-8) The Majority of the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** on Bill "An Act To Allow the Formation of Transportation Corridor Districts"

S.P. 161 L.D. 500

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

Signed:

Senators:

MIRAMANT of Knox
ROSEN of Hancock

Representatives:

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

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

Signed:

Senator:

COLLINS of York

Representatives:

CEBRA of Naples
PARRY of Arundel

ENACTORS

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

Acts

(7-1) An Act To Amend the Law Governing Special Amusement Permits for Liquor Licensees
H.P. 31 L.D. 30
(C "A" H-11)

(7-2) An Act To Authorize Podiatrists To Perform Certain Routine Procedures
S.P. 51 L.D. 132

(7-3) An Act To Improve Officer Safety at Roadside Incidents
H.P. 128 L.D. 172

(7-4) 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

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 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**.)

2.

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**

3.

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**

4.

Tabled and Later Assigned

Bill "An Act To Protect Monhegan Island by Limiting Wind Turbines"

S.P. 425 L.D. 1262

Tabled - March 30, 2017, by Senator **SAVIELLO** of Franklin

Pending - **REFERENCE**

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

5.

Tabled and Later Assigned

Resolve, Regarding Court Facilities in York County

S.P. 427 L.D. 1264

Tabled - March 30, 2017, by Senator **KEIM** of Oxford

Pending - **REFERENCE**

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

6.

Tabled and Later Assigned

Bill "An Act To Address the Policies Relating to Substance Use in the Workplace"

S.P. 413 L.D. 1222

Tabled - March 30, 2017, by Senator **VOLK** of Cumberland

Pending - **REFERENCE**

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