



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

Advance Journal and Calendar

27th Legislative Day

In Senate Chamber, Thursday, April 6, 2017.

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

Prayer by Pastor Gary Pierson, Emmanuel Assembly of God in Livermore Falls.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Senator Garrett Paul Mason of Androscoggin County.

Reading of the Journal of Tuesday, April 4, 2017.

Doctor of the day, Richard Swett, M.D. of Dover Foxcroft.

Michael D. Thibodeau
Senate President

Heather J.R. Priest
Secretary of the Senate

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

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

S.P. 453

Ordered, the House concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourn, they do so until Tuesday, April 11, 2017, at 10:00 in the morning.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

House Papers

(1-1) Bill "An Act Regarding Opioids and Palliative Care"

H.P. 919 L.D. 1325

(1-2) Bill "An Act To Reduce Morbidity and Mortality Related to Opioid Misuse"

H.P. 920 L.D. 1326

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

(1-3) Bill "An Act To Establish the Vaccine Consumer Protection Program within the Department of Health and Human Services"

H.P. 900 L.D. 1303

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

Comes from the House, with the Bill and accompanying papers **INDEFINITELY POSTPONED**.

(1-4) Bill "An Act To Allow Former Military Medical Personnel To Perform Certain Medical Services"

H.P. 921 L.D. 1327

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

(1-5) Bill "An Act To Promote Bicycle Safety by Placing Warning Signs on Certain Public Ways"

H.P. 922 L.D. 1328

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

(1-6) Bill "An Act To Amend the Law Regarding Lien Recordings on Statutory Road Associations"

H.P. 908 L.D. 1311

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

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

(1-7) Bill "An Act To Allow Tobacco Retail Establishments To Serve Alcohol"

H.P. 923 L.D. 1329

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

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

Joint Orders

Expressions of Legislative Sentiment recognizing:

(1-8) Gilbert Jameson, of Ellsworth, who is retiring after 39 years in law enforcement. Officer Jameson began his career at the Bar Harbor Police Department and since then has worked 33 years at the Ellsworth Police Department. A well-known and active member of the community, he served as a DARE officer and later as a school resource officer and has volunteered at the YMCA and as a Boy Scout leader. We extend to Officer Jameson our congratulations on his retirement and offer him our best wishes;

HLS 181

(1-9) Gary Lawless, of Nobleboro, owner of Gulf of Maine Books in Brunswick, who has been awarded the Constance H. Carlson Public Humanities Prize by the Maine Humanities Council. The prize recognizes people and organizations who make a difference in the lives of others through the humanities. We congratulate Mr. Lawless on his receiving this award;

HLS 183

(1-10) Chelsea Ripley, of Warren, a senior at Medomak Valley 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 Chelsea on her receiving this award;

HLS 185

(1-11) James Elias, of Madison, on his induction into the University of Maine at Fort Kent Athletic Hall of Fame in the student-athlete category. We extend to Mr. Elias our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 187

(1-12) Keith Williams, of Couva, Trinidad and Tobago, on his induction into the University of Maine at Fort Kent Athletic Hall of Fame in the student-athlete category. We extend to Mr. Williams our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 188

(1-13) Theresa Biggs, of Fort Kent, on her induction into the University of Maine at Fort Kent Athletic Hall of Fame in the student-athlete category. We extend to Ms. Biggs our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 189

(1-14) the Orland Fire Department, of Orland, which has received a Spirit of America Foundation Award. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the foundation presents awards to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We send our congratulations to the Orland Fire Department on its receiving this award;

HLS 191

(1-15) the Lewiston High School Boys Hockey Team, of Lewiston, which won the Class A State Championship. We extend to all the members of the team our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 196

(1-16) Mason Cooper, of Fairfield, a student at Lawrence High School and a member of the boys basketball team, who has been named the Kennebec Valley Athletic Conference Class A North Player of the Year. We extend to Mason our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 197

(1-17) David Gross, of Bucksport, who has won the State Heavyweight Wrestling Championship. David is the first high school freshman to win this title. We congratulate him and send him our best wishes;

HLS 198

(1-18) Taylor Kruger, of Fryeburg, a senior at Fryeburg Academy, 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 Taylor on her receiving this award;

HLS 199

(1-19) Cheryl Rust, of Wiscasset, who has received the 2017 Bill Zoidis Lifetime Achievement Award from the Maine Restaurant Association. For 40 years, she has devoted herself not only to her restaurant, Le Garage, but also to her community and the State, volunteering many hours on various committees and nonprofit organizations. We extend to Ms. Rust our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 200

(1-20) William and Patricia Stuart, of Sabattus, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary, April 1, 2017. They will be recognized at a special anniversary Mass at Holy Trinity Church in Lisbon Falls on April 23, 2017. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Stuart on this very special occasion;

HLS 201

(1-21) the late Will Fulford, of Biddeford, who was named Coach of the Year by the *Portland Press Herald/Maine Sunday Telegram*, for his turning around a struggling cross-country program and coaching the team to its first state meet in 22 years. We extend to Mr. Fulford's family our congratulations on his being recognized;

HLS 203

(1-22) Austin Dutremble, of Biddeford, a senior at Biddeford 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 Austin on his receiving this award;

HLS 205

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

Joint Resolutions

(1-23) The following Joint Resolution:

H.P. 892

JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING APRIL 2017 AS AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, autism is a spectrum disorder, which means no 2 people with autism are affected the same way, and it is a complex developmental disability that usually appears during the first 3 years of life and results in a neurological disorder that affects the functioning of the brain and social interaction and communication skills; and

WHEREAS, in the United States, one in 68 children is diagnosed with this spectrum disorder and prevalence has increased 30% since the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's study in 2008; and

WHEREAS, autism knows no racial, ethnic or social boundaries and neither income nor lifestyle nor education affects its occurrence and it is estimated that more than 3,500,000 people live with autism spectrum disorder in the United States; and

WHEREAS, autism costs the United States over \$236,000,000,000 in annual health care costs, most of which are in adult services, and these costs are anticipated to increase; and

WHEREAS, while a single specific cause of autism is not known, current research links it to biological or neurological differences in the brain, and outdated theories and myths, such as autism being a mental illness, have been proven to be false; and

WHEREAS, with support, people with autism can live full lives and make meaningful contributions to society; 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, pause in our deliberations to acknowledge that the month of April 2017 is Autism Awareness Month and to pledge our support and encouragement to all those affected by autism; and be it further

RESOLVED: That suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the Autism Society of Maine as a token of our respect and support.

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

Joint Resolutions in Memoriam:

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

(1-24) Daniel McDonald, of Brunswick. Mr. McDonald's hot dog stand, Danny's on the Mall, has been a landmark on the Brunswick Mall for 35 years, and Mr. McDonald was a prominent figure in the midcoast area. Mr. McDonald will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family, his friends and those whose lives he touched;

HLS 182

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

(1-25) Mark Baumer, of Brunswick. A graduate of Greely High School, Wheaton College and Brown University, Mr. Baumer was passionate about the issues of labor, social justice and environment and climate change. At the time of his death he was engaged in a project to walk barefoot across the country to raise awareness and funds for the FANG Collective, a nonprofit environmental organization in Rhode Island. Mr. Baumer will be sadly missed by his loving family, his many friends and his companions in the causes he supported;

HLS 184

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

(1-26) Richard Gordon Felt, of Woodstock, a farmer and logger. Mr. Felt was a devoted member of the Franklin Grange #124 from 14 years of age and served as the grange's master for 39 years. He was also a member of the Oxford Pomona Grange #2. This year, he earned an 80-year grange membership award. Mr. Felt served as president of the Maine Sheep Breeders Association and as a selectman for the Town of Woodstock, was instrumental in helping to form the original Town of Woodstock Chamber of Commerce and in forming Tri-Town Rescue and worked for the town's police department. Mr. Felt also led his band, The Richard Felt Orchestra, and was featured in *National Geographic*. Mr. Felt will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family, friends and colleagues;

HLS 186

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

(1-27) Sister Frances Carr, of New Gloucester, one of the last remaining members of the Sabbathday Lake Shaker Village religious community. At age 89, Sister Frances was the oldest practicing Shaker in the world. Over the years, she published several books, including her memoir, *Growing Up Shaker*, and a cookbook, *Shaker Your Plate: Of Shaker Cooks and Cooking*. She will be sadly missed by her loving community, family and many friends;

HLS 190

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

(1-28) Everest "Sonny" Doucette, of Orland. Mr. Doucette grew up in Bucksport and worked at the paper mill for many years until his retirement. Mr. Doucette will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family and friends;

HLS 192

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

(1-29) Larry Paul Freilino, of Orland. Mr. Freilino worked for 17 years at various IGAs and for 28 years for Hannaford, as well as at the Blue Nose Inn. Mr. Freilino will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family and friends;

HLS 193

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

(1-30) Ralph E. "Sonny" Gross, Jr., of Penobscot. Mr. Gross worked in the paper industry for 32 years, at mills in Woodland, Millinocket and East Millinocket, first as an engineer and later as a production manager. After retirement, he worked as a truck driver with his brother. Mr. Gross will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family and friends;

HLS 194

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

(1-31) Grace Edna Dunham, of Orland. Ms. Dunham worked for many years at the radio station now known as Zone Radio, retiring in 2003. Ms. Dunham will be long remembered and sadly missed by her family and friends;

HLS 195

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

(1-32) Dahlov Ipcar, of Georgetown, a nationally renowned artist and children's book writer and illustrator. Mrs. Ipcar was best known for wildly colorful, kaleidoscopic paintings of farm animals and exotic creatures from the plains and jungles of Africa and Asia. Her art career, which began at a young age, spanned many styles and expressions, including more than 30 highly regarded children's books and several large-scale murals throughout the State. Mrs. Ipcar received numerous awards for her work, including in 2001 the Katahdin Award, a lifetime achievement award from the Maine Library Association, and in 2010 the New England Independent Booksellers Association's prestigious President's Award for her outstanding contribution to arts and letters. She will be long remembered and sadly missed by her family and friends and all those who appreciated her art;

HLS 204

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

COMMUNICATIONS

(2-1) The Following Communication:

S.C. 270

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

April 3, 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. 926 An Act To Improve Equity in State Aid to Schools

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Brian D. Langle
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Tori P. Kornfield
House Chair

(2-2) The Following Communication:

S.C. 271

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

April 27, 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. Warren of Hallowell, to report the following bill Leave to Withdraw:

L.D. 535 An Act To Protect Maine Citizens from Aerial Trespass

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Lisa Keim
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Matthew W. Moonen
House Chair

(2-3) The Following Communication:

S.C. 274

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

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 Environment and Natural Resources has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 372	An Act To Protect Public Health through Septic Tank Inspections
L.D. 375	An Act To Establish a Carpet Stewardship Program
L.D. 580	An Act To Modify the Mining Laws
L.D. 604	An Act To Protect Maine's Lakes by Prohibiting the Discharge of Waste from Watercraft
L.D. 881	An Act To Increase Wastewater Management Responsibility by Licensing Certain Municipal Sewage Collection Systems
L.D. 894	An Act To Increase Funding for the Youth Conservation Corps
L.D. 930	An Act To Protect Maine Families by Enhancing Well Water Regulation

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Thomas B. Saviello
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Ralph L. Tucker
House Chair

(2-4) The Following Communication:

S.C. 272

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE STATE AUDITOR
AUGUSTA, ME**

March 31, 2017

Senator Michael D. Thibodeau
President of the Senate

Representative Sara Gideon
Speaker of the House of Representatives

The Honorable Paul R. LePage
Governor of Maine

I am pleased to submit the Single Audit of the State of Maine for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016. The audit was conducted in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; the requirements of the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996; and Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Our audit complies with 5 MRSA §243 and is also a prerequisite for the receipt of federal financial assistance. During fiscal year 2016, \$3.0 billion in federal financial assistance was received by the State of Maine.

This document contains the following reports and schedules:

- Independent Auditor's Report
- Basic Financial Statements, Management's Discussion and Analysis, Notes to Financial Statements, and Required Supplementary Information
- Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters based on an Audit of Financial Statements performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*
- Independent Auditor's Report on Compliance for Each Major Program and on Internal Control over Compliance Required by the Uniform Guidance
- Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards
- Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs
- Financial Statement Findings
- Indexes to Federal Program Findings
- Federal Findings and Questioned Costs
- Corrective Action Plan
- Summary Schedule of Prior Audit Findings

On behalf of the Office of the State Auditor, I thank employees throughout Maine Government who assisted us during the audit.

Please contact me if you have questions or comments about the 2016 Single Audit of the State of Maine.

Respectfully submitted,

S/Pola A. Buckley
State Auditor

(2-5) The Following Communication:

S.C. 273

**STATE OF MAINE
DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
AUGUSTA, ME**

March 10, 2107

Honorable Sara Gideon
Speaker of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

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

RE: Maine Coworking Development Fund Report

Dear Speaker Gideon and President Thibodeau:

Attached to this letter of transmittal is the Maine Coworking Development Fund Report submitted by the Department of Economic and Community Development pursuant to Title 5 MRSA §13056-G, sub-§5.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or would like any additional information.

Very truly yours,

S/Deborah Johnson
Director

(2-6) The Following Communication:

H.C. 114

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

April 4, 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 it accepted the Majority Ought to Pass as amended Report of 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) and Passage to be Engrossed as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-7).

Sincerely,

S/Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House

(2-7) The Following Communication:

H.C. 115

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

April 4, 2017

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

Dear Secretary Priest:

House Paper 169, Legislative Document 213, "An Act To Provide Funds for Access for Veterans Seeking Health Care," having been returned by the Governor, together with objections to the same, pursuant to Article IV, Part Third, Section 2 of the Constitution of the State of Maine, after reconsideration, the House proceeded to vote on the question: "Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?"

89 voted in favor and 54 against, with 1 being excused, and accordingly it was the vote of the House that the Bill not become a law and the veto was sustained.

Sincerely,

S/Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House

SENATE PAPERS

(3-1) Bill "An Act Regarding Grid-scale Wind Energy Development"

S.P. 456 L.D. 1342

Presented by Senator DION of Cumberland.

(3-2) Bill "An Act To Advance Locally Owned Solar Energy Systems"

S.P. 460 L.D. 1352

Presented by Senator WOODSOME of York.
Cosponsored by Senator: DION of Cumberland.

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

(3-3) Bill "An Act To Amend the Law Regarding Recreational Gold Prospecting"
(EMERGENCY)

S.P. 458 L.D. 1350

Presented by Senator SAVIELLO of Franklin.

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

(3-4) Bill "An Act Relating to Exempt Equity in a Primary Residence"

S.P. 462 L.D. 1354

Presented by Senator CARPENTER of Aroostook.

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

(3-5) Bill "An Act To Ensure the Timely and Proper Completion of Residential Foreclosures"

S.P. 463 L.D. 1355

Presented by Senator CARPENTER of Aroostook.

(3-6) Bill "An Act To Amend the Grandparents Visitation Act"

S.P. 464 L.D. 1356

Presented by Senator ROSEN of Hancock.

Cosponsored by Senators: HILL of York, KATZ of Kennebec, KEIM of Oxford, Representative:
BRADSTREET of Vassalboro.

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

(3-7) Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Maine State Housing Authority"
S.P. 454 L.D. 1340

Presented by Senator VOLK of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Representative FECTION of Biddeford and Senator: LANGLEY of Hancock,
Representatives: AUSTIN of Gray, BATES of Westbrook, HANDY of Lewiston, LOCKMAN
of Amherst, MASTRACCIO of Sanford, SYLVESTER of Portland, VACHON of Scarborough.

(3-8) Bill "An Act To Clarify Eligibility for Unemployment Benefits during Labor Disputes"
S.P. 455 L.D. 1341

Presented by Senator VOLK of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Representative VACHON of Scarborough and Representatives: AUSTIN of
Gray, LOCKMAN of Amherst, STETKIS of Canaan.
Submitted by the Department of Labor pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

(3-9) Bill "An Act To Promote Downtown Revitalization by Creating the Locating Businesses
Downtown Loan Program"

S.P. 457 L.D. 1343

Presented by Senator CHENETTE of York.

Cosponsored by Representative FECTION of Biddeford and Senators: BELLOWS of
Kennebec, DESCHAMBAULT of York, Representatives: BAILEY of Saco, DUNPHY of Old
Town.

(3-10) Bill "An Act To Establish the Maine Domestic Trade Center"

S.P. 461 L.D. 1353

Presented by Senator CARPENTER of Aroostook.

(3-11) Bill "An Act To Improve Public Sector Labor Relations"

S.P. 466 L.D. 1358

Presented by Senator JACKSON of Aroostook.

Cosponsored by Representative SYLVESTER of Portland and Representatives: BATES of
Westbrook, FECTION of Biddeford.

(3-12) Bill "An Act To Adopt the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact"

S.P. 467 L.D. 1359

Presented by Senator GRATWICK of Penobscot.

Cosponsored by Representative TUCKER of Brunswick and Senators: BRAKEY of
Androscoggin, DILL of Penobscot, DOW of Lincoln, MAKER of Washington, MIRAMANT of
Knox, Representatives: CAMPBELL of Orrington, DUCHESNE of Hudson, HARLOW of
Portland.

(3-13) Bill "An Act To Conform the State Workforce Board and Workforce Development Programs to the Federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act"

S.P. 468 L.D. 1360

Presented by Senator VOLK of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Representative FECTION of Biddeford and Senator: LANGLEY of Hancock, Representatives: HANDY of Lewiston, SYLVESTER of Portland.

(3-14) Bill "An Act To Update the Operations of the Bureau of Rehabilitation Services and To Conform to the Federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014"

S.P. 470 L.D. 1362

Presented by Senator VOLK of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Representative FECTION of Biddeford and Senator: LANGLEY of Hancock, Representatives: AUSTIN of Gray, HANDY of Lewiston, MASTRACCIO of Sanford, STETKIS of Canaan, SYLVESTER of Portland, VACHON of Scarborough.

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

(3-15) Bill "An Act Regarding State Hiring and Retention for Persons with Disabilities"

S.P. 469 L.D. 1361

Presented by Senator VOLK of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Representative HERBIG of Belfast and Senators: BELLOWS of Kennebec, LANGLEY of Hancock, Representatives: FECTION of Biddeford, HANDY of Lewiston, MASTRACCIO of Sanford, SYLVESTER of Portland, VACHON of Scarborough.

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

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

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

(3-17) Bill "An Act Regarding the Length of Time a Temporary Sign May Be Placed in a Public Way"

S.P. 459 L.D. 1351

Presented by Senator DILL of Penobscot.

Cosponsored by Representative STANLEY of Medway and Senators: CARPENTER of Aroostook, GRATWICK of Penobscot, MIRAMANT of Knox, VITELLI of Sagadahoc, Representatives: BLACK of Wilton, MAREAN of Hollis.

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

(3-18) Bill "An Act To Authorize Multiparty Candidate Nominations for State Offices"

S.P. 465 L.D. 1357

Presented by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin.

Cosponsored by Senators: CHENETTE of York, CHIPMAN of Cumberland, Representative: CASÁS of Rockport.

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

ORDERS

Joint Orders

Expressions of Legislative Sentiment recognizing:

(4-1) Kiara Carr, of Fairfield, a senior at Temple Academy in Waterville and a member of the girls basketball team, who recently scored her 1,400th career point. We extend to Kiara our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 165

Sponsored by Senator CYRWAY of Kennebec.

Cosponsored by Representative: PICCHIOTTI of Fairfield.

(4-2) the Shead High School Girls Basketball Team, of Eastport, which won the Class D North Championship. Members of the team include Holly Preston, Kiesha Scott, Audrey Bradbury, Justine Cheney, Roxanna McGregor, Cassidee Lawrence, Madison Greenlaw, Katelyn Mitchell, Halle Sullivan and Cassidy Wilder; managers Alexis Moore and Felicia Smith; assistant coach Dana Bowen; and head coach Dean Preston. We extend to all the members of the team our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 172

Sponsored by Senator MAKER of Washington.

Cosponsored by Representative: TUELL of East Machias.

(4-3) the Gorham High School Girls Basketball Team, of Gorham, which won the Class AA State Championship. Members of the team include players Kaylea Lundin, Alexis Fotter, MacKenzie Holmes, Brittany Desjardin, Emma Forgues, Noelle Dibiase, Shayla Harris, Kristen Curley, Michelle Rowe, Courtney Brent, Emily Esposito and Danasia Fennie; and coach Laughn Berthiaume. We extend to all the members of the team our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 173

Sponsored by Senator VOLK of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Representatives: McLEAN of Gorham, TERRY of Gorham.

(4-4) the Gorham High School Girls Basketball Team, of Gorham, which won the Class AA South Championship. Members of the team include players Kaylea Lundin, Alexis Fotter, MacKenzie Holmes, Brittany Desjardin, Emma Forgues, Noelle Dibiase, Shayla Harris, Kristen Curley, Michelle Rowe, Courtney Brent, Emily Esposito and Danasia Fennie; and coach Laughn Berthiaume. We extend to all the members of the team our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 174

Sponsored by Senator VOLK of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Representatives: McLEAN of Gorham, TERRY of Gorham.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

House

Change of Committee

(5-1) The Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act To Allow a Resident Veteran's Child Who Is Enrolled in an Out-of-state College or University To Take a Course in Maine at a State Postsecondary Education Institution for Free"

H.P. 696 L.D. 995

Reported that the same be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **REFERRED** to the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS**.

(5-2) The Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Bill "An Act To Create a Centralized Authority To Combat Opiate Addiction in Maine"

H.P. 73 L.D. 105

Reported that the same be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **REFERRED** to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT**.

Ought to Pass

(5-3) The Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Section 97, Private Non-Medical Institution Services, a Late-filed Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Health and Human Services (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 325 L.D. 458

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

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

(5-4) The Committee on **INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** on Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 191: Health Maintenance Organizations and of the Final Repeal of Chapter 750: Standardized Health Plans, Major Substantive Rules of the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Bureau of Insurance (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 398 L.D. 556

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

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

(5-5) The Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** on Bill "An Act To Designate a Maine Community Litter Cleanup Day"

H.P. 312 L.D. 432

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

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

Ought to Pass As Amended

(5-6) The Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Bill "An Act Requiring the Use of the Electronic Death Registration System"

H.P. 139 L.D. 183

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-20)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-20)**.

(5-7) The Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Resolve, To Increase Certain Chiropractic Reimbursement Rates under the MaineCare Program

H.P. 200 L.D. 267

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-21)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-21)**.

(5-8) The Committee on **JUDICIARY** on Bill "An Act To Amend the Law Regarding the Execution of Temporary Powers of Attorney"

H.P. 22 L.D. 21

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-22)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-22)**.

Divided Report

(5-9) The Majority of the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** on Bill "An Act To Extend Internet Availability in Rural Maine" (EMERGENCY)
H.P. 303 L.D. 423

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-17)**.

Signed:

Senator:

DION of Cumberland

Representatives:

BERRY of Bowdoinham

COOPER of Yarmouth

DeCHANT of Bath

RILEY of Jay

RYKERSON of Kittery

SANBORN of Portland

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

Signed:

Senators:

WOODSOME of York

CUSHING of Penobscot

Representatives:

HANLEY of Pittston

HARVELL of Farmington

O'CONNOR of Berwick

WADSWORTH of Hiram

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-17) AND HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" (H-19)**.

Senate

Ought to Pass As Amended

(5-10) Senator WOODSOME for the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** on Bill "An Act To Provide Opportunity for Energy Cost Reduction for Maine Businesses and Citizens"

S.P. 110 L.D. 344

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

SECOND READERS

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

House

(6-1) Bill "An Act To Allow Alternate Flashing Headlights on a School Bus"

H.P. 29 L.D. 28

(6-2) Bill "An Act To Correct the Maine Uniform Trust Code Concerning Certain Beneficiaries"

H.P. 245 L.D. 331

Senate

(6-3) 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

Senate As Amended

(6-4) 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
(C "A" S-15)

(6-5) Bill "An Act To Determine When the Remains of Deceased Persons May Be Considered Abandoned"

S.P. 69 L.D. 223
(C "A" S-14)

ENACTORS

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

Emergency Resolve

(7-1) Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 220: Removal of Provider of Last Resort Service Obligation, a Major Substantive Rule of the Public Utilities Commission

H.P. 327 L.D. 461

Acts

(7-2) An Act To Repeal the Requirement That Municipalities License Roller-skating Rinks

H.P. 23 L.D. 22

(7-3) An Act To Provide Funding for Costs Associated with Requiring the Licensing of Midwives

S.P. 49 L.D. 130
(C "A" S-9)

(7-4) 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)

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

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.)

5.

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.)

6.

Tabled and Later Assigned

Bill "An Act To Ensure the Effectiveness of Tax Expenditures"

H.P. 868 L.D. 1245

Tabled - April 4, 2017, by Senator **VOLK** of Cumberland

Pending - **REFERENCE**

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

(In House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TAXATION**.)

7.

Tabled and Later Assigned

Bill "An Act Regarding Generic Drug Pricing"

S.P. 432 L.D. 1280

Tabled - April 4, 2017, by Senator **BRAKEY** of Androscoggin

Pending - **REFERENCE**

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

8.

Tabled and Later Assigned

JOINT ORDER - To Create the Maine Health Advisory Committee

S.P. 451

Tabled - April 4, 2017, by Senator **CUSHING** of Penobscot

Pending - motion by Senator **GRATWICK** of Penobscot to **PASS**

9.

Tabled and Later Assigned

Bill "An Act To Add Vehicles Hauling Animal Bedding to Those Exempt from Posted Road Restrictions"

H.P. 164 L.D. 208

Tabled - April 4, 2017, by Senator **MASON** of Androscoggin

Pending - **PASSAGE TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-13)** in concurrence

(In House, **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-13).**)
