

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION
JOURNAL OF THE SENATE**

In Senate Chamber
Wednesday
January 7, 2015

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

Prayer by Pastor Aaron Martin, Winterport Baptist Church.

PASTOR MARTIN: Let us pray. Dear Heavenly Father, we praise and we thank You. Thank You for each one here. Thank You, Lord, that each one is special in Your eyes. Lord, I pray that on this first session that we'll set a great precedent and that each one here will have soundness of mind and unity of spirit. I know, Lord, each one is different. We're all individuals. We have different backgrounds, different beliefs and values and principles, but somehow, in this great country and in this great state, we come together and we try to make it work. I pray, Lord, that each one would do their best. I know they have families and they have sicknesses and health and financial things and a lot going on in their life and they take the time to still come and represent the people of Maine. I thank them for that. I pray that You would bless them for that. I pray that they would give it their all and at the end of the day they'll still be able to do a handshake or a hug despite differences. Things need to get done and to move forward, Lord, so I pray that each one would do the best to work together. Thank You that we have You as our authority and we have the word of God as a great set of values and principles to follow and that we recognize wisdom and true discernment, when it comes from You, it just seems to work a whole lot better. We pray for that, Lord. Thank You. In Your precious name, Jesus. Amen.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Senator Scott W. Cyrway of
Kennebec County.

Reading of the Journal of Wednesday, December 3, 2014.

Doctor of the day, David Edsall, MD of Ellsworth and Dr. Leigh
"Jack" Forbush, DO of Hampden.

Off Record Remarks

Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, on motion by
Senator **MASON** of Androscoggin, the following Joint Order:
S.P. 9

Ordered, the House concurring, that the returns of votes for the
Governor, given in the several cities, towns and plantations of the
State for the political years 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018, be
referred to a Joint Select Committee of seven on the part of the
Senate, with such as the House may join.

READ and PASSED.

Ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

The Chair appointed the Senators from Cumberland, Senator
Volk; York, Senator Collins; Hancock, Senator Rosen;
Sagadahoc, Senator Baker; Oxford, Senator Patrick; Lincoln,
Senator Johnson; and Penobscot, Senator Dill.

Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, on motion by
Senator **MASON** of Androscoggin, the following Senate Order:
S.O. 16

Ordered, that a message be sent to the House of Representatives
proposing a Convention of the two branches of the Legislature be
held at 11:30 this morning at the Augusta Civic Center for the
purpose of administering to the Honorable Paul Richard LePage,
Governor-elect, the oaths required by the Constitution to qualify
him to enter upon the discharge of his official duties and to
receive such communication as he may be pleased to make.

READ and PASSED.

The Chair appointed the Senator from Androscoggin, Senator
MASON to deliver the message to the House of Representatives.
The Senator was escorted to the House of Representatives.

Senate at Ease.

Senate called to order by the President.

Subsequently, the Senator from Androscoggin, Senator **MASON**
reported that he had delivered the message with which he was
charged.

Off Record Remarks

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: S.C. 6

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE-HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE
STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE SENATORIAL VOTE**

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

January 7, 2015

Dear President Thibodeau:

Pursuant to Senate Order 15, the Standing Committee on the Senatorial Vote convened on December 9, 2014, to thoroughly examine issues relevant to the election in Senate District 25. The Committee's proceedings began with a detailed review with the Deputy Secretary of State for Elections of election-day procedures and recount procedures with an emphasis on understanding the protocol for maintaining a secured chain of custody of election ballots. With a clear understanding of these procedures and protocols, the Committee moved on to examine the issue of the discrepancy between the number of ballots recorded for the Town of Long Island at the November 14th recount and the number of voters checked off as "voted" on the incoming voting list on election day (171).

In accordance with proper ballot security measures, we directed the Deputy Secretary of State for Elections and a detective from the Office of the Attorney General to open the secured box containing the ballots cast in the Town of Long Island. Directly observing the opening of the box, the Committee found the following. There were:

1. Four bundles (lots) of folded ballots, each wrapped with a tally sheet from the recount indicating the number of votes for each candidate in the Senate District 25 race and the number of ballots that contained no vote for that race (blanks) in each lot.
2. Among those 4 bundles;
 - A. There were 3 bundles of folded ballots for which the recount tally sheet indicated a total of 50 ballots (Lots A-1, A-3 and A-4); and
 - B. One bundle of ballots for which the recount tally sheet indicated a total of 42 ballots (Lot A-2).

The next step in the Committee's process was to observe the careful counting of the bundled ballots by the detective from the Office of the Attorney General. When the first bundle, Lot A-1, was counted it was found to contain only 29 ballots rather than 50. The tally sheet attached to this bundle indicated 50 ballots with 28 marked with votes for Catherine Breen, 21 marked with votes for Cathleen Manchester and one ballot where no vote was marked for the Senate District 25 race. The remaining three bundles were counted and the number of ballots contained within corresponded with the number on the accompanying tally sheets.

With the discrepancy between the recount tally sheet and the actual number of ballots in Lot A-2 noted, the Committee directed that the ballots for the Town of Long Island be recounted as part

of the public proceeding. Committee members Senator Saviello and Senator Diamond conducted the recount, recording the votes for Cathleen Manchester and Catherine Breen. The recount showed the following.

- Lot A-1 contained 29 ballots:
- 28 ballots were marked with votes for Catherine Breen,
- 0 votes for Cathleen Manchester, and
- 1 ballot was blank.
- Lot A-2 contained 42 ballots:
- 9 ballots were marked with votes for Catherine Breen,
- 29 for Cathleen Manchester, and
- 4 ballots were blank.
- Lot A-3 contained 50 ballots:
- 27 ballots were marked with votes for Catherine Breen,
- 21 for Cathleen Manchester, and
- 2 ballots were blank.
- Lot A-4 contained 50 ballots:
- 31 ballots were marked with votes for Catherine Breen,
- 15 for Cathleen Manchester, and
- 4 ballots were blank.

According to the recount conducted in the presence of all in attendance at the proceedings of the Standing Committee on the Senatorial Vote, it was determined that 171 ballots were cast in the Town of Long Island. This number, 171, corresponds with the number of voters recorded as having voted on the incoming voting list. The total number of votes cast by the voters of Long Island show Cathleen Manchester receiving 65 votes, Catherine Breen receiving 95 votes and 11 ballots that contained no vote for Senate District 25. The number of votes counted as cast for each candidate when the Committee completed the recount matched the number of votes tabulated on election night for those candidates in the Town of Long Island.

It appears evident to the Committee that the 21 votes recorded on the recount tally sheet for Lot A-1 were subsequently counted again when they were inadvertently incorporated into Lot A-2.

After the recount conducted on November 14, 2014, the unofficial results for the Senate District 25 race were recorded as follows.

- 10,927 votes for Cathleen A. Manchester
- 10,916 votes for Catherine Breen
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- 876 ballots district-wide contained no vote (blank)
- 9 ballots were in dispute.

Based on the outcome of the recount conducted at the direction of the Standing Committee on the Senatorial Vote, the Committee finds the results for Senate District 25 as follows.

- 10,906 votes for Cathleen A. Manchester
- 10,916 votes for Catherine Breen
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- 876 ballots district-wide contained no vote (blank)
- 9 ballots were in dispute.

In accordance with our charge as prescribed by Senate Order 15, the Standing Committee on the Senatorial Vote thoroughly examined the issues relevant to the election in Senate District 25 and has concluded that an error occurred in the process of the recount conducted in Augusta, Maine on November 14, 2014, where 21 ballots with votes recorded for Cathleen A. Manchester were counted twice.

Based on the work of the Committee and the recount conducted at its direction on December 9, 2014, the Committee recommends that the full Senate determine that Catherine Breen was properly elected to serve as Senator from District 25.

The Standing Committee on the Senatorial Vote respectfully submits this report of our proceedings, including the result of the recount of ballots from the Town of Long Island for Senate District 25, ordered by the Committee.

Sincerely,

S/Senator Roger J. Katz S/Senator Dawn Hill
S/Senator Bill Diamond S/Senator Garrett Paul Mason
S/Senator Andre E. Cushing III S/Senator Stan J. Gerzofsky
S/Senator Thomas B. Saviello

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 7

**STATE OF MAINE
127TH LEGISLATURE**

December 9, 2014

The Honorable Michael Thibodeau
President of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333-0003

Dear President Thibodeau:

It is with great pride and respect that, given the results of today's Senate Committee on Senatorial Vote. I wish to resign my Senate seat. I offer my full and sincere congratulations to Catherine Breen.

I am so grateful that the most critical aspect of our democracy was maintained: that of ensuring the sanctity of the ballot box. I am extremely pleased that both the Maine State Police and the Town of Long Island have been vindicated from any wrongdoing.

It has been such a pleasure to serve the voters of Senate District 25 and the people of Maine for the past week. I cannot imagine a greater honor, and I am sure that you, as Senate President, will continue the initiatives that I have been so delighted to work on. Finally, I am appreciative of the warm welcome that legislators on

both sides of the aisle afforded me during my particularly contentious time in Augusta.

What a poignant reminder of the importance of participation in the electoral process. Every vote truly does count. Best wishes for a successful session on behalf of the people of Maine.

Sincerely,

S/Cathleen Manchester, State Senator

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

At this point a message was received from the House of Representatives, borne by Representative MCCABE of Skowhegan informing the Senate that the House concurred with the proposition for a Convention of the two branches of the Legislature to be held at 11:30 this morning at the Augusta Civic Center for the purpose of administering to the Honorable Paul Richard LePage, Governor-elect, the oaths required by the Constitution to qualify him to enter upon the discharge of his official duties and to receive such communication as he may be pleased to make.

The Following Communication: S.C. 8

**STATE OF MAINE
127TH LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT**

December 3, 2014

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

Dear Secretary Priest:

Pursuant to my authority under Senate Order 3, I have made the following appointments to the Committee on Senatorial Vote:

Senator Roger J. Katz of Kennebec, Chair
Senator Garrett P. Mason of Androscoggin
Senator Andre E. Cushing III of Penobscot
Senator Thomas B. Saviello of Franklin
Senator Dawn Hill of York
Senator Stan J. Gerzofsky of Cumberland
Senator G. William Diamond of Cumberland

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

S/Michael D. Thibodeau
President of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 9

**STATE OF MAINE
127TH LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT**

December 23, 2014

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

Dear Secretary Priest:

Pursuant to my authority under Senate Rule 201.3, I have made the following appointments to various Joint Standing Committees.

Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

Peter E. Edgecomb, Chair (R-Aroostook)
Thomas B. Saviello (R-Franklin)
James F. Dill (D-Penobscot)

Appropriations and Financial Affairs

James M. Hamper, Chair (R-Oxford)
Roger J. Katz (R-Kennebec)
Linda M. Valentino (D-York)

Criminal Justice and Public Safety

Kimberley C. Rosen, Chair (R-Hancock)
David C. Burns (R-Washington)
Stan Gerzofsky (D-Cumberland)

Education and Cultural Affairs

Brian D. Langley, Chair (R-Hancock)
Peter E. Edgecomb (R-Aroostook)
Rebecca J. Millett (D-Cumberland)

Energy, Utilities and Technology

David Woodsome, Chair (R-York)
Garrett P. Mason (R-Androscoggin)
Dawn Hill (D-York)

Environment and Natural Resources

Thomas B. Saviello, Chair (R-Franklin)
Eric L. Brakey (R-Androscoggin)
Catherine Breen (D-Cumberland)

Health and Human Services

Eric L. Brakey, Chair (R-Androscoggin)
Earle L. McCormick (R-Kennebec)
Anne M. Haskell (D-Cumberland)

Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

Paul T. Davis, Sr., Chair (R-Piscataquis)
Scott W. Cyrway (R-Kennebec)
David E. Dutremble (D-York)

Insurance and Financial Services

Rodney L. Whittemore, Chair (R-Somerset)
Linda L. Baker (R-Sagadahoc)
Geoffrey M. Gratwick (D-Penobscot)

Judiciary

David C. Burns, Chair (R-Washington)
Amy F. Volk (R-Cumberland)
Christopher K. Johnson (D-Lincoln)

Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development

Amy F. Volk, Chair (R-Cumberland)
Andre E. Cushing III (R-Penobscot)
John L. Patrick (D-Oxford)

Marine Resources

Linda L. Baker, Chair (R-Sagadahoc)
Brian D. Langley (R-Hancock)
David R. Miramant (D-Knox)

State and Local Government

Michael J. Willette, Chair (R-Aroostook)
David Woodsome (R-York)
Nathan L. Libby (D-Androscoggin)

Taxation

Earle L. McCormick, Chair (R-Kennebec)
Paul T. Davis, Sr. (R-Piscataquis)
Nathan L. Libby (D-Androscoggin)

Transportation

Ronald F. Collins, Chair (R-York)
Kimberley C. Rosen (R-Hancock)
G. William Diamond (D-Cumberland)

Veterans and Legal Affairs

Scott W. Cyrway, Chair (R-Kennebec)
Ronald F. Collins (R-York)
John L. Patrick (D-Oxford)

Sincerely,

S/Michael D. Thibodeau
President of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 10

**STATE OF MAINE
127TH LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT**

December 23, 2014

The 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 Rule 354, I have made the following appointments to the Committee on Joint Rules:

Senator Garrett P. Mason of Androscoggin, Chair
Senator Andre E. Cushing III of Penobscot
Senator Paul T. Davis, Sr. of Piscataquis
Senator Stan J. Gerzofsky of Cumberland
Senator Dawn Hill of York

If you have any questions regarding this appointment, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,

S/Michael Thibodeau
President of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 11

**STATE OF MAINE
127TH LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT**

December 23, 2014

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

Dear Secretary Priest:

Pursuant to my authority under Senate Rule 201.3, I have made the following appointments to the Senate Rules Committee:

Senator Garrett P. Mason of Androscoggin, Chair
Senator Andre E. Cushing III of Penobscot
Senator Roger J. Katz of Kennebec
Senator Stan J. Gerzofsky of Cumberland
Senator Dawn Hill of York

If you have any questions regarding this appointment, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,

S/Michael Thibodeau
President of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 12

**STATE OF MAINE
127TH LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT**

December 23, 2014

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

Dear Secretary Priest:

Pursuant to my authority under Senate Rule 201.5, I have made the following appointments to the Committee on Bills in the Second Reading:

Senator Thomas B. Saviello of Franklin, Chair
Senator Linda L. Baker of Sagadahoc
Senator Rebecca J. Millett of Cumberland
Senator David R. Miramant of Knox

If you have any questions regarding this appointment, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,

S/Michael Thibodeau
President of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 13

**STATE OF MAINE
127TH LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT**

December 23, 2014

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

Dear Secretary Priest:

Pursuant to my authority under Senate Rule 201.5, I have made the following appointments to the Committee on Engrossed Bills:

Senator Kimberley C. Rosen, Chair
Senator David Woodsome of York
Senator Geoffrey M. Gratwick of Penobscot
Senator David E. Dutremble of York

If you have any questions regarding this appointment, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,

S/Michael Thibodeau
President of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 14

**STATE OF MAINE
127TH LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT**

December 23, 2014

The 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 Rule 371, I have made the following appointments to the Government Oversight Committee:

Roger J. Katz, Chair (R-Kennebec)
David C. Burns (R-Washington)
Paul T. Davis, Sr. (R-Piscataquis)
Christopher K. Johnson (D-Lincoln)
Stan Gerzofsky (D-Cumberland)
G. William Diamond (D-Cumberland)

Sincerely,

S/Michael D. Thibodeau
President of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 15

**STATE OF MAINE
127TH LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT**

December 23, 2014

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

Dear Secretary Priest:

Pursuant to my authority under Senate Rule 201.6, I have made the following appointments to the Committee on Conduct and Ethics:

Senator David C. Burns of Washington, Chair
Senator Brian D. Langley of Hancock
Senator Ronald F. Collins of York
Senator Anne M. Haskell of Cumberland
Senator Linda M. Valentino of York

If you have any questions regarding this appointment, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,

S/Michael Thibodeau
President of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 16

**STATE OF MAINE
127TH LEGISLATURE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
SPEAKER'S OFFICE**

December 10, 2014

Honorable Heather Priest
Secretary of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333-0003

Dear Secretary Priest:

Pursuant to my authority under Title 5, Chapter 371-A § 7030 of the Maine Revised Statutes, I am pleased to reappoint the following to Permanent Commission on the Status of Women:

Andrea Irwin of Augusta
Elizabeth Ward Saxl of Belgrade

If you have any questions regarding these appointments, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

S/Mark W. Eves
Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 17

**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
SPEAKER'S OFFICE
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0002**

December 23, 2014

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

Dear Secretary Priest:

Pursuant to my authority under Joint Rule 371, I have appointed the following members to the Government Oversight Committee:

Chuck Kruger, Chair (D-Thomaston)
Robert S. Duchesne (D-Hudson)
Anne-Marie Mastraccio (D-Sanford)
Michael D. McClellan (R-Raymond)*
Richard H. Campbell (R-Orrington)
Deborah J. Sanderson (R-Chelsea)

*Ranking Republican Member

Sincerely,

S/Mark W. Eves
Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 18

**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
SPEAKER'S OFFICE
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0002**

December 23, 2014

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

Dear Secretary Priest:

Pursuant to my authority under Joint Rule 354, I have appointed the following members to the Joint Select Committee on Joint Rules:

Sara Gideon, Chair (D-Freeport)
John L. Martin (D-Eagle Lake)
Matthew W. Moonen (D-Portland)
Roger L. Sherman (R-Hodgdon)*
Donald G. Marean (R-Hollis)

*Ranking Republican Member

Sincerely,

S/Mark W. Eves
Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 19

**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
SPEAKER'S OFFICE
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0002**

TO: The Honorable Heather J.R. Priest
Secretary of the Senate

FROM: S/Mark W. Eves
Speaker of the House

DATE: December 23, 2014

RE: Committee Appointments
127th Legislature

Pursuant to my authority under House Rule 201.1(l)(a), I have made the following appointments to the various Joint Standing Committees:

Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

Craig V. Hickman, Chair (D-Winthrop)
William F. Noon (D-Sanford)
Robert J. Saucier (D-Presque Isle)
Ralph Chapman (D-Brooksville)
Michelle Ann Dunphy (D-Old Town)
Russell J. Black (R-Wilton)*
Donald G. Marean (R-Hollis)
Carol A. McElwee (R-Caribou)
Anthony J. Edgecomb (R-Fort Fairfield)
MaryAnne Kinney (R-Knox)

Appropriations and Financial Affairs

Margaret R. Rotundo, Chair (D-Lewiston)
John L. Martin (D-Eagle Lake)
Linda F. Sanborn (D-Gorham)
Aaron M. Frey (D-Bangor)
Erik C. Jorgensen (D-Portland)
Gay M. Grant (D-Gardiner)
Tom J. Winsor (R-Norway)*
Robert W. Nutting (R-Oakland)
Heather W. Sirocki (R-Scarborough)
Jeffrey L. Timberlake (R-Turner)

Criminal Justice and Public Safety

Lori A. Fowle, Chair (D-Vassalboro)
Michel A. Lajoie (D-Lewiston)
Justin M. Chenette (D-Saco)
Catherine M. Nadeau (D-Winslow)
James E. Davitt (D-Hampden)
Charlotte Warren (D-Hallowell)
Ricky D. Long (R-Sherman)*
Karen A. Gerrish (R-Lebanon)
Timothy S. Theriault (R-China)
Michael J. Timmons (R-Cumberland)

Education and Cultural Affairs

Victoria P. Kornfield, Chair (D-Bangor)
Matthea Elisabeth Larsen Daughtry (D-Brunswick)
Brian L. Hubbell (D-Bar Harbor)
Richard R. Farnsworth (D-Portland)
Ryan D. Tipping-Spitz (D-Orono)
Teresa S. Pierce (D-Falmouth)
Joyce A. Maker (R-Calais)*
Michael D. McClellan (R-Raymond)
Matthew G. Pouliot (R-Augusta)
Paul A. Stearns (R-Guilford)

Energy, Utilities and Technology

Mark N. Dion, Chair (D-Portland)
Roberta B. Beavers (D-South Berwick)
Christopher W. Babbidge (D-Kennebunk)
Deane Rykerson (D-Kittery)
Jennifer L. DeChant (D-Bath)
Martin J. Grohman (D-Biddeford)
Larry C. Dunphy (R-Embden)*
Beth A. O'Connor (R-Berwick)
Norman E. Higgins (R-Dover-Foxcroft)
Nathan J. Wadsworth (R-Hiram)

Environment and Natural Resources

Joan W. Welsh, Chair (D-Rockport)
Robert S. Duchesne (D-Hudson)
John L. Martin (D-Eagle Lake)
Denise Patricia Harlow (D-Portland)
Ralph L. Tucker (D-Brunswick)
Richard H. Campbell (R-Orrington)*
Andrew Russell Buckland (R-Farmington)
Jeffery P. Hanley (R-Pittston)
Dustin Michael White (R-Washburn)
Benjamin M. Chipman (I-Portland)

Health and Human Services

Drew Gattine, Chair (D-Westbrook)
Peter C. Stuckey (D-Portland)
Matthew J. Peterson (D-Rumford)
Scott M. Hamann (D-South Portland)
Christine S. Burstein (D-Lincolnville)
Patricia Hymanson (D-York)
Deborah J. Sanderson (R-Chelsea)*
Richard S. Malaby (R-Hancock)
Frances M. Head (R-Bethel)
Karen Vachon (R-Scarborough)

Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

Michael A. Shaw, Chair (D-Standish)
Roland Danny Martin (D-Sinclair)
Stanley Byron Short, Jr. (D-Pittsfield)
Robert W. Alley, Sr. (D-Beals)
Dale J. Crafts (R-Lisbon)*
Stephen J. Wood (R-Sabattus)
Roger E. Reed (R-Carmel)
Patrick W. Corey (R-Windham)
Gary L. Hilliard (R-Belgrade)
Peter A. Lyford (R-Eddington)
Matthew Dana II (Passamaquoddy Tribe)

Insurance and Financial Services

Henry E. M. Beck, Chair (D-Waterville)
Terry K. Morrison (D-South Portland)
Janice E. Cooper (D-Yarmouth)
Heidi E. Brooks (D-Lewiston)
Gina M. Melaragno (D-Auburn)
Ralph L. Tucker (D-Brunswick)
Raymond A. Wallace (R-Dexter)*
John Joseph Picchiotti (R-Fairfield)
Robert A. Foley (R-Wells)
Dwayne W. Prescott (R-Waterboro)

Judiciary

Barry J. Hobbins, Chair (D-Saco)
Kimberly J. Monaghan (D-Cape Elizabeth)
Matthew W. Moonen (D-Portland)
Joyce McCreight (D-Harpswell)
Charlotte Warren (D-Hallowell)
Stacey K. Guerin (R-Glenburn)*
Roger L. Sherman (R-Hodgdon)
Phyllis A. Ginzler (R-Bridgton)
Lloyd C. Herrick (R-Paris)
Jeffrey Evangelos (U-Friendship)
Wayne T. Mitchell (Penobscot Nation)

Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development

Erin D. Herbig, Chair (D-Belfast)
Paul E. Gilbert (D-Jay)
Anne-Marie Mastraccio (D-Sanford)
Dillon Bates (D-Westbrook)
Ryan M. Fecteau (D-Biddeford)
Lawrence E. Lockman (R-Amherst)*
Susan M. W. Austin (R-Gray)
Joel R. Stetkis (R-Canaan)
Karleton S. Ward (R-Dedham)
James J. Campbell, Sr. (I-Newfield)

Marine Resources

Walter A. Kumiega III, Chair (D-Deer Isle)
Michael G. Devin (D-Newcastle)
Robert W. Alley, Sr. (D-Beals)
Lydia Blume (D-York)
Joyce McCreight (D-Harpswell)
Jeffrey K. Pierce (R-Dresden)*
Kevin J. Battle (R-South Portland)
Stephanie Hawke (R-Boothbay Harbor)
David P. Sawicki (R-Auburn)
William R. Tuell (R-East Machias)

State and Local Government

Roland Danny Martin, Chair (D-Sinclair)
Mark E. Bryant (D-Windham)
Christopher W. Babbidge (D-Kennebunk)
Elizabeth E. Dickerson (D-Rockland)
Donna R. Doore (D-Augusta)
Beth P. Turner (R-Burlington)*
Randall Adam Greenwood (R-Wales)
Richard A. Pickett (R-Dixfield)
William R. Tuell (R-East Machias)
Jeffrey Evangelos (U-Friendship)

Taxation

Adam A. Goode, Chair (D-Bangor)
Stephen S. Stanley (D-Medway)
Matthew W. Moonen (D-Portland)
Diane M. Russell (D-Portland)
Denise A. Tepler (D-Topsham)
H. Stedman Seavey (R-Kennebunkport)*
Bruce A. Bickford (R-Auburn)
Paul Chace (R-Durham)
Thomas H. Skolfield (R-Weld)
Gary E. Sukeforth (U-Appleton)

Pursuant to my authority under Title 7, Chapter 5, §125 of the Maine Revised Statutes, I have appoint Rep. Craig Hickman of Winthrop to serve as a legislative member of the Board of Agriculture.

Please contact my office if you have any questions regarding this appointment.

Sincerely,

S/Mark W. Eves
Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

Transportation

Andrew J. McLean, Chair (D-Gorham)
George W. Hogan (D-Old Orchard Beach)
Christine B. Powers (D-Naples)
Arthur C. Verow (D-Brewer)
Mark E. Bryant (D-Windham)
Jared F. Golden (D-Lewiston)
Wayne R. Parry (R-Arundel)*
James S. Gillway (R-Searsport)
Bradlee Thomas Farrin (R-Norridgewock)
Brian D. Hobart (R-Bowdoinham)

The Following Communication: S.C. 21

**STATE OF MAINE
FINANCE AUTHORITY OF MAINE
5 COMMUNITY DRIVE
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04332-0949**

December 22, 2014

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

Dear President Thibodeau:

Enclosed please find a copy of the Finance Authority of Maine's FY 14 annual report as required by 10 MRSA §974.

Sincerely,

S/Bruce Wagner
Chief Executive Officer

READ and with accompanying papers ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

Veterans and Legal Affairs

Louis J. Luchini, Chair (D-Ellsworth)
Thomas R. W. Longstaff (D-Waterville)
Robert J. Saucier (D-Presque Isle)
John C. Schneck (D-Bangor)
Kimberly J. Monaghan (D-Cape Elizabeth)
Jared F. Golden (D-Lewiston)
Jonathan L. Kinney (R-Limington)*
Beth P. Turner (R-Burlington)
Kathleen R. J. Dillingham (R-Oxford)
Sheldon Mark Hanington (R-Lincoln)
Henry John Bear (Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians)

*Ranking Republican Member

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 20

**STATE OF MAINE
127TH LEGISLATURE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
SPEAKER'S OFFICE**

December 30, 2014

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

Dear Secretary Priest;

The Following Communication: S.C. 22

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE**

December 30, 2014

Honorable Michael D. Thibodeau
President of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333-0003

Dear President Thibodeau,

Pursuant to 5 MRSA §12009, I am submitting to you the report of Board and Commission appointments or reappointments for the calendar year 2015. Additionally, I am providing a report that lists appointments or re-appointments that have not been made from previous years through December 31, 2014, and where vacancies actually exist on a board or commission that need a new appointment. If you need a breakdown by your appointments only, we can provide this to you as well.

If you have any questions concerning these reports or need additional information, please contact this office or Cathy Beaudoin in the Bureau of Corporations, Elections and Commissions at 624-7748

Sincerely,

S/Matthew Dunlap
Secretary of State

READ and with accompanying papers ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 23

**CHILD WELFARE OMBUDSMAN
P.O. BOX 2057
HOPE, MAINE 04847**

December 28, 2014

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

I am pleased to present the twelfth annual report of the Maine Child Welfare Ombudsman. Our office reports to the Governor, the Department, and the Legislature each year pursuant to 22 M.R.S.A. §4087-A. This report reflects the Fiscal Year from October 1, 2013 through September 30, 2014. I respectfully request that you distribute this report to the members of the Maine Senate.

The Child Welfare Services Ombudsman provides information to callers about Child Welfare Services, and also provides information and referrals to callers. For approximately one fifth of callers, the Ombudsman will open a case for review. The Ombudsman is glad to report that the Office of Child and Family Services and the Ombudsman continue to have an excellent working relationship as we strive for the common goal of keeping Maine's most vulnerable children safe and helping reunite families involved with Child Welfare.

Please let me know if you have any questions about the report or our program and I would be happy to meet and discuss those or any other issues with you.

Respectfully submitted,

S/Christine Alberi
Ombudsman

READ and with accompanying papers ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 24

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE**

January 7, 2015

To the President of the Senate in the One Hundred and Twenty-seventh Legislature:

I, MATTHEW DUNLAP, Secretary of State, in accordance with the Constitution and laws of the State of Maine, having tabulated the returns of the votes cast for Governor at the General Election held on the fourth day of November in the year two thousand and fourteen;

REPORT AS FOLLOWS; that Paul R. LePage, having received a plurality of the votes cast, appears to have been elected Governor of the State of Maine:

General Election – November 4, 2014

Governor

**Eliot R. Cutler
Cape Elizabeth
Independent**

Androscoggin	3,556
Aroostook	2,727
Cumberland	12,836
Franklin	1,241
Hancock	2,268
Kennebec	4,241
Knox	1,555
Lincoln	1,351
Oxford	2,226
Penobscot	4,712
Piscataquis	631
Sagadahoc	1,550
Somerset	1,586
Waldo	1,440
Washington	1,157
York	8,361
State UOCAVA	72
Emergency Utility Workers	5
Total	51,515

**Paul R. LePage
Augusta
Republican**

Androscoggin	25,987
Aroostook	13,725
Cumberland	55,932
Franklin	7,591
Hancock	12,016
Kennebec	28,336
Knox	8,425
Lincoln	9,157
Oxford	14,902
Penobscot	33,190
Piscataquis	4,736
Sagadahoc	8,760
Somerset	12,194
Waldo	8,862
Washington	7,390
York	43,055
State UOCAVA	196
Emergency Utility Workers	65
Total	294,519

**Michael H. Michaud
East Millinocket
Democrat**

Androscoggin	16,376
Aroostook	12,398
Cumberland	72,217
Franklin	5,426
Hancock	12,007
Kennebec	24,129
Knox	8,911
Lincoln	7,633
Oxford	9,269
Penobscot	26,210
Piscataquis	2,810
Sagadahoc	8,264
Somerset	8,422
Waldo	8,167
Washington	5,452
York	36,905
State UOCAVA	499
Emergency Utility Workers	19
Total	265,114

Others

Androscoggin	1
Aroostook	6
Cumberland	22
Franklin	7
Hancock	3
Kennebec	8
Knox	0
Lincoln	0
Oxford	3
Penobscot	0

Piscataquis	2
Sagadahoc	3
Somerset	1
Waldo	6
Washington	3
York	14
State UOCAVA	0
Emergency Utility Workers	0
Total	79

I, MATTHEW DUNLAP, Secretary of State, hereby certify that the foregoing report is a true tabulation of the votes cast for Governor at the General Election, as reported to me on the returns from the cities, towns and plantations of the State.

S/Matthew Dunlap
Secretary of State

READ and REFERRED to the Committee on **GUBERNATORIAL VOTE**.

Senate at Ease.

Senate called to order by the President.

ORDERS

Senate Order

On motion by Senator **KATZ** of Kennebec, the following Senate Order:

S.O. 17

WHEREAS, the Standing Committee on the Senatorial Vote has met and, on the basis of the report of the committee, it is determined that Catherine Breen of Falmouth has been elected in Senate District 25 by a plurality of the votes in the election held on November 4, 2014; now, therefore, be it

ORDERED, that Catherine Breen of Falmouth be provisionally seated pending the administration of the oath of office.

READ and PASSED.

The Chair requested the Sergeant-At-Arms escort the Senator from Cumberland, Senator **BREEN**, to her seat on the Floor.

Joint Orders

On motion by Senator **CUSHING** of Penobscot, the following Joint Order:

S.P. 10

Ordered, the House concurring, that a Committee of three on the part of the Senate, with such as the House may join, be appointed to wait upon the Honorable Paul Richard LePage and inform him that he has been duly elected Governor of the State of Maine for the political years 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018.

READ and PASSED.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Chair appointed the Senators from Aroostook, Senator Edgecomb, Kennebec, Senator Cyrway, and Androscoggin, Senator Libby. The Senators were escorted to deliver their message to the Governor-elect Paul R. LePage.

All matters thus acted upon were ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

Senate at Ease.

Senate called to order by the President.

Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, the Senate considered the following:

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: S.C. 25

**STATE OF MAINE
127TH LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT**

January 7, 2015

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

Dear Secretary Priest:

In compliance with Joint Order (S.P. 9), I am pleased to appoint the following members to the Gubernatorial Vote Committee:

- Senator Amy F. Volk of Cumberland, Chair
- Senator Ronald F. Collins of York
- Senator Kimberley C. Rosen of Hancock
- Senator Linda L. Baker of Sagadahoc
- Senator John L. Patrick of Oxford
- Senator Christopher K. Johnson of Lincoln
- Senator James F. Dill of Penobscot

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

S/Michael D. Thibodeau
President of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 26

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

January 7, 2015

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

Dear Secretary Priest:

Pursuant to Joint Order S.P. 9, the Speaker appointed the following Representatives to the Joint Select Committee on Gubernatorial Vote on the part of the House:

- Representative Louis J. Luchini of Ellsworth
- Representative Thomas R. W. Longstaff of Waterville
- Representative Robert J. Saucier of Presque Isle
- Representative John C. Schneck of Bangor
- Representative Kimberly J. Monaghan of Cape Elizabeth
- Representative Jared F. Golden of Lewiston
- Representative Jonathan L. Kinney of Limington
- Representative Beth P. Turner of Burlington
- Representative Kathleen R. J. Dillingham of Oxford
- Representative Sheldon Mark Hanington of Lincoln
- Representative Henry John Bear of the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians

Sincerely,

S/Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, the Senate considered the following:

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: S.P. 11

**STATE OF MAINE
127TH LEGISLATURE
JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE
ON GUBERNATORIAL VOTE**

January 7, 2015

The Honorable Michael D. Thibodeau
President of the Senate
The Honorable Mark W. Eves
Speaker of the House
State House
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear President Thibodeau and Speaker Eves:

The Joint Select Committee of the One Hundred and Twenty-Seventh Legislature on returns of votes for Governor given in the several cities, towns, and plantations of this State for the political years 2015, 2016, 2017, and 2018 has attended to its duty and asks leave to report that the tabulation of the return of votes cast for Governor at the General Election held on November 4, 2014 as reported by the Secretary of State Dunlap, is a true and accurate account.

Sincerely,

S/Senator Amy F. Volk S/Representative Louis J. Luchini
Senate Chair House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

Sent down for concurrence.

Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, the Senate considered the following:

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: S.C. 27

**STATE OF MAINE
127TH LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT**

January 7, 2015

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

Dear Secretary Priest:

In compliance with Joint Order (S.P. 10), I am pleased to appoint the following members to inform the Honorable Paul R. LePage that he has been duly elected Governor of the State of Maine for the political years 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018.

Senator Peter E. Edgecomb of Aroostook, Chair
Senator Scott W. Cyrway of Kennebec
Senator Nathan L. Libby of Androscoggin

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

S/Michael D. Thibodeau
President of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 28

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

January 7, 2015

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

Dear Secretary Priest:

Pursuant to Joint Order S.P. 10, the Speaker appointed the following Representatives on the part of the House to the Committee to wait upon the Honorable Paul R. LePage, and inform him that he has been duly elected Governor of the State of Maine for the political years 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018:

- Representative Roland Danny Martin of Sinclair
- Representative Mark E. Bryant of Windham
- Representative Christopher W. Babbidge of Kennebunk
- Representative Elizabeth E. Dickerson of Rockland
- Representative Donna R. Doore of Augusta
- Representative Beth P. Turner of Burlington
- Representative Randall Adam Greenwood of Wales
- Representative Richard A. Pickett of Dixfield
- Representative William R. Tuell of East Machias
- Representative Jeffrey Evangelos of Friendship

Sincerely,

S/Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

Off Record Remarks

THE PRESIDENT: Following the inauguration the Senate will reconvene at 3:30 for the purpose of adjournment.

Off Record Remarks

All matters thus acted upon were ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

RECESSED until 11:30 in the morning
to the Augusta Civic Center.

At this point, the Senate retired to the Augusta Civic Center,
where a Joint Convention was formed.

After Convention

In Senate Chamber

Senate called to order by the President

On motion by Senator **MASON** of Androscoggin, **ADJOURNED**
to Thursday, January 8, 2015, at 10:00 in the morning.