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In Senate Chamber  
Tuesday  
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Senate called to order by President Beverly C. Daggett of Kennebec County.

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Prayer by Reverend Ray Richard, Retired, of Lewiston.

**REVEREND RICHARD:** Let us pause for a moment. A new day has begun. Let us pause for this moment to pray for guidance, as this body continues its work representing the well-being and the interest of the people of Maine.

What is on the agenda for this day? What needs and obligations will be considered? What priorities will be set? How will we decide?

May our individual beliefs about the mystery of God and divine guidance help all of us to remember that the bills and laws that proceed from our deliberations should all contribute to and enhance the common good. May this divine guidance help us see that what we do as a body should reflect the sincere effort to know the many types of people we serve and the complex issues that face our society today. May divine guidance make us honest and objective as individuals, thorough and well informed in promoting our positions, and finally, dedicated and selfless in the discharge of our responsibilities as representatives of the people of Maine. Amen.

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Pledge of Allegiance led by Senator Bruce S. Bryant of Oxford County.

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Doctor of the day, Richard Flowerdew, M.D. of Falmouth.

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Reading of the Journal of Thursday, February 20, 2003.

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Off Record Remarks

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Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, on motion by Senator **TREAT** of Kennebec, the following Senate Order:

S.O. 20

ORDERED, that a message be sent to the House of Representatives proposing a Convention of the two branches of the Legislature be held at 11:00 this morning in the Hall of the House for the purpose of extending to the Honorable Joseph W. Westphal, Chancellor of the University of Maine System, and the Honorable John Fitzsimmons, President of the Maine Technical College System, an invitation to make such communication as pleases them.

The Chair appointed the Senator from Kennebec, Senator **TREAT** to deliver the message to the House of Representatives. The Sergeant-At-Arms escorted the Senator to the House of Representatives.

Subsequently, the Senator from Kennebec, Senator **TREAT** reported that she had delivered the message with which she was charged.

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**PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE**

**Non-Concurrent Matter**

Bill "An Act To Improve Rights to Marine Resources"

S.P. 184 L.D. 544

Committee on **MARINE RESOURCES** suggested and ordered printed.

In Senate, February 6, 2003, on motion by Senator **DAMON** of Hancock, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** and ordered printed.

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

On motion by Senator **DAMON** of Hancock, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending **FURTHER CONSIDERATION**.

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**House Papers**

Bill "An Act To Clarify the Duties of Conservators"

H.P. 617 L.D. 840

Bill "An Act To Protect Health Care Practitioners Responding to Public Health Threats"

H.P. 623 L.D. 846

Resolve, Directing the Family Law Advisory Commission To Study and Report on Legal Issues Surrounding Surrogate Parenting and Gestational Agreements

H.P. 642 L.D. 865

Bill "An Act Concerning the Financial Obligations of a Parent Involved in a Crime against a Child of That Parent"

H.P. 646 L.D. 869

Bill "An Act To Require State Reimbursement When Laws or Rules Devalue Private Property"

H.P. 663 L.D. 886

Bill "An Act To Protect Children in Protection from Abuse Proceedings"

H.P. 669 L.D. 912

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

On motion by Senator **PENDLETON** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

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Bill "An Act To Provide Health Insurance Contributions to All Retired Teachers"

H.P. 586 L.D. 809

Bill "An Act Pertaining to Former Members of the Maine State Retirement System"

H.P. 608 L.D. 831

Bill "An Act To Protect the Solvency of Workers' Compensation Trust Funds"

H.P. 611 L.D. 834

Bill "An Act To Eliminate the Social Security Offset for Unemployment Benefits"

H.P. 657 L.D. 880

Bill "An Act To Allow the Buyback of Active Duty Military Time for Maine State Retirement System Credit"

H.P. 658 L.D. 881

Bill "An Act Regarding an Employee's Access to Personnel Files"

H.P. 660 L.D. 883

Bill "An Act To Require Public Improvement Projects Contractors and Subcontractors To Meet Certain Criteria"

H.P. 676 L.D. 919

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

On motion by Senator **EDMONDS** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LABOR** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

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Bill "An Act To Provide Equity in Residential Requirements for Public Employees"

H.P. 589 L.D. 812

Bill "An Act To Include Androscoggin County in the Law Governing the Use of County Surplus Funds"

H.P. 607 L.D. 830

Bill "An Act To Increase the Number of County Commissioners in Cumberland County"

H.P. 618 L.D. 841

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

On motion by Senator **ROTUNDO** of Androscoggin, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

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Bill "An Act Concerning Multiple Item Bond Issues"

H.P. 590 L.D. 813

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

On motion by Senator **ROTUNDO** of Androscoggin, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending **REFERENCE**.

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Bill "An Act To Facilitate Economic Development in Maine"

H.P. 610 L.D. 833

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

On motion by Senator **ROTUNDO** of Androscoggin, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **BUSINESS, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** and ordered printed, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

Sent down for concurrence.

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At this point a message was received from the House of Representatives, borne by Representative RICHARDSON of Brunswick informing the Senate that the House concurred with the proposition for a Convention of the two branches of the Legislature to be held in the Hall of the House at 11:00 in the morning for the purpose of extending the Honorable Joseph W. Westphal, Chancellor of the University of Maine System, and the Honorable John Fitzsimmons, President of the Maine Technical College System, an invitation to make such communication as pleases them.

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Bill "An Act To Control County Jail Health Care Expenses"

H.P. 585 L.D. 808

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

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY**.

On motion by Senator **ROTUNDO** of Androscoggin, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

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Bill "An Act To Require State Reimbursement to Counties for Health Expenses Incurred For Prisoners in County Jails"

H.P. 640 L.D. 863

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

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY**.

On motion by Senator **ROTUNDO** of Androscoggin, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

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**COMMUNICATIONS**

The Following Communication:

S.P. 335

**STATE OF MAINE**  
**121<sup>ST</sup> MAINE LEGISLATURE**

February 20, 2003

Sen. Beth G. Edmonds  
Senate Chair, Joint Standing Committee on  
Labor  
Rep. William J. Smith  
House Chair, Joint Standing Committee on  
Labor  
121<sup>st</sup> Legislature  
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Senator Edmonds and Representative Smith:

Please be advised that Governor John E. Baldacci has nominated P. Vincent O'Malley of Portland as the member representing labor on the Maine Unemployment Insurance Commission.

Pursuant to Title 26, M.R.S.A. §1081, this nomination will require review by the Joint Standing Committee on Labor and confirmation by the Senate.

Sincerely,

S/Beverly C. Daggett  
President of the Senate

S/Patrick Colwell  
Speaker of the House

**READ** and **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LABOR**.

Sent down for concurrence.

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The Following Communication:

S.P. 336

**STATE OF MAINE  
121<sup>ST</sup> MAINE LEGISLATURE**

February 20, 2003

Sen. Pamela Henderson Hatch  
Senate Chair, Joint Standing Committee on  
Transportation  
Rep. Ronald E. Usher  
House Chair, Joint Standing Committee on  
Transportation  
121<sup>st</sup> Legislature  
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Senator Hatch and Representative Usher:

Please be advised that Governor John E. Baldacci has nominated David A. Cole of Brewer as Commissioner, Department of Transportation.

Pursuant to Title 23, M.R.S.A. §4205, this nomination will require review by the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation and confirmation by the Senate.

Sincerely,

S/Beverly C. Daggett  
President of the Senate

S/Patrick Colwell  
Speaker of the House

**READ and REFERRED** to the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION**.  
Sent down for concurrence.

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The Following Communication:

S.C. 61

**121<sup>ST</sup> LEGISLATURE  
JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON  
INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE**

February 20, 2003

The Honorable Beverly C. Daggett  
President of the Senate of Maine  
121<sup>st</sup> Maine Legislature  
State House  
Augusta, Maine 04333-0003

Dear Madame President:

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Section 157, and with Joint Rule 505 of the 121<sup>st</sup> Maine Legislature, the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife has had under consideration the nomination of Roland (Dan) Martin of Caribou, for appointment as the Commissioner of the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.

After public hearing and discussion on this nomination, the Committee proceeded to vote on the motion to recommend to the Senate that this nomination be confirmed. The Committee Clerk called the roll with the following result:

YEAS	Senators	3	Bryant of Oxford, Carpenter of York, Kneeland of Aroostook
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Representatives	10	Dunlap of Old Town, Honey of Boothbay, McGlocklin of Embden, Pineau of Jay, Richardson of Greenville, Tobin of Dexter, Trahan of Waldoboro, Watson of Bath, Wheeler of Kittery, Wotton of Littleton
NAYS	0	
ABSENT	0	

Thirteen members of the Committee having voted in the affirmative and none in the negative, it was the vote of the Committee that the nomination of Roland (Dan) Martin of Caribou, for appointment as the Commissioner of the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Bruce Bryant  
Senate Chair

S/Matthew Dunlap  
House Chair

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall the recommendation of the Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** be overridden?"

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Chapter 6, Section 151, and with Joint Rule 506 of the 121<sup>st</sup> Legislature, the vote was taken by the Yeas and Nays.

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.  
The Secretary opened the vote.

**ROLL CALL (#18)**

YEAS: Senators: None

NAYS: Senators: BENNETT, BLAIS, BRENNAN, BROMLEY, BRYANT, CARPENTER, CATHCART, DAMON, DAVIS, DOUGLASS, EDMONDS, GAGNON, GILMAN, HALL, HATCH, KNEELAND, LAFOUNTAIN, LEMONT, MARTIN, MAYO, MITCHELL, NASS, PENDLETON, ROTUNDO, SAVAGE, SAWYER, STANLEY, STRIMLING, TREAT, TURNER, WESTON, WOODCOCK, YOUNGBLOOD, THE PRESIDENT - BEVERLY C. DAGGETT

ABSENT: Senator: SHOREY

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 34 Senators having voted in the negative, with 1 Senator being absent, and none being less than two-thirds of the Membership present and voting, it was the vote of the Senate that the Committee's recommendation be **ACCEPTED** and the nomination of **Roland (Dan) Martin** of Caribou, for appointment as the Commissioner of the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife was **CONFIRMED**.

The Secretary has so informed the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

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The Following Communication:

S.C. 62

**121<sup>ST</sup> LEGISLATURE  
JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON  
AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY**

February 21, 2003

The Honorable Beverly C. Daggett  
President of the Senate of Maine

121<sup>st</sup> Maine Legislature  
State House  
Augusta, Maine 04333-0003

Dear Madame President:

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Section 157, and with Joint Rule 505 of the 121<sup>st</sup> Maine Legislature, the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry has had under consideration the nomination of Robert Spear of Nobleboro, for appointment as the Commissioner of the Department of Agriculture.

After public hearing and discussion on this nomination, the Committee proceeded to vote on the motion to recommend to the Senate that this nomination be confirmed. The Committee Clerk called the roll with the following result:

YEAS	Senators	3	Bryant of Oxford, Kneeland of Aroostook, Youngblood of Penobscot
	Representatives	7	Carr of Lincoln, Churchill of Orland, Fletcher of Winslow, Honey of Boothbay, Lundeen of Mars Hill, Pineau of Jay, Piotti of Unity
NAYS	Senators	0	
	Representatives	3	McKee of Wayne, Eder of Portland, Smith of Monmouth
ABSENT		0	

Ten members of the Committee having voted in the affirmative and three in the negative, it was the vote of the Committee that the nomination of Robert Spear of Nobleboro, for appointment as the Commissioner of the Department of Agriculture be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Bruce Bryant  
Senate Chair

S/Linda Rogers McKee  
House Chair

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

On motion by Senator **TREAT** of Kennebec, Nomination **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending **CONSIDERATION**.

The Following Communication:

S.C. 55

**121<sup>ST</sup> LEGISLATURE  
JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON  
CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY**

February 18, 2003

Honorable Beverly C. Daggett, President of the Senate  
Honorable Patrick Colwell, Speaker of the House  
121st Maine Legislature  
State House  
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Daggett and Speaker Colwell:

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 out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 461      Resolve, Requiring the State Police To Develop a Form for Use in Private  
Firearm Sales

We have also notified the sponsor and cosponsors of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Ethan Strimling  
Senate Chair

S/Rep. George H. Bunker, Jr.  
House Chair

**READ** and with accompanying papers **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

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The Following Communication:

S.C. 56

**121<sup>ST</sup> LEGISLATURE  
JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES**

February 18, 2003

Honorable Beverly C. Daggett, President of the Senate  
Honorable Patrick Colwell, Speaker of the House  
121st Maine Legislature  
State House  
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Daggett and Speaker Colwell:

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that the Joint Standing Committee on Natural Resources has voted unanimously to report the following bill out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 30      An Act to Appropriate Funds for Special Testing at the Norridgewock Landfill

We have also notified the sponsor and cosponsors of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. John L. Martin  
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Theodore Koffman  
House Chair

**READ** and with accompanying papers **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

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The Following Communication:

S.C. 57

**121<sup>ST</sup> LEGISLATURE  
JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON  
STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

February 18, 2003

Honorable Beverly C. Daggett, President of the Senate  
Honorable Patrick Colwell, Speaker of the House  
121st Maine Legislature  
State House  
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Daggett and Speaker Colwell:

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government has voted unanimously to report the following bills out "Ought Not to Pass":



- L.D. 24 An Act to Create the State Government Information Clearinghouse
- L.D. 27 Resolve, Directing the Maine Historic Preservation Commission to Develop a Database of Historic or At-risk Areas and Sites in the State
- L.D. 78 RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Provide for the Direct Election of the Secretary of State

We have also notified the sponsors and cosponsors of each bill listed of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Margaret Rotundo  
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Janet L. McLaughlin  
House Chair

**READ** and with accompanying papers **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

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The Following Communication:

S.C. 58

**121<sup>ST</sup> LEGISLATURE**  
**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON TAXATION**

February 20, 2003

Honorable Beverly C. Daggett, President of the Senate  
Honorable Patrick Colwell, Speaker of the House  
121st Maine Legislature  
State House  
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Daggett and Speaker Colwell:

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 bills out "Ought Not to Pass":

- L.D. 62 An Act to Promote Equity Among Health Care Clinics
- L.D. 146 An Act to Establish a Tax Credit for Parents who Homeschool Their Children
- L.D. 154 An Act to Provide a Sales Tax Exemption for Nonprofit Organizations That Provide Food and Lodging for Family Members of Patients in Hospitals
- L.D. 198 An Act to Fund the Fund for a Healthy Maine From an Increase in Liquor Taxes
- L.D. 216 An Act to Provide an Income Tax Deduction for a Qualified State-sponsored 529 Plan for Higher Education Expenses
- L.D. 246 An Act To Promote and Facilitate Personal Retirement Saving in Maine

We have also notified the sponsors and cosponsors of each bill listed of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Stephen Stanley  
Senate Chair

S/Rep. David G. Lemoine  
House Chair

**READ** and with accompanying papers **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

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The Following Communication:

S.C. 59

**121<sup>ST</sup> LEGISLATURE**

**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION**

February 18, 2003

Honorable Beverly C. Daggett, President of the Senate  
Honorable Patrick Colwell, Speaker of the House  
121st Maine Legislature  
State House  
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Daggett and Speaker Colwell:

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation has voted unanimously to report the following bills out "Ought Not to Pass":

- L.D. 15      An Act to Add the Steel Bridge in New Sharon to the State's List of Historic Bridges
- L.D. 63      An Act to Protect Motor Vehicles From Dangerous Pedestrians
- L.D. 205     RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Permit Funding of Public Transportation from Motor Vehicle and Motor Vehicle Fuel Revenues

We have also notified the sponsors and cosponsors of each bill listed of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Pamela H. Hatch  
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Ronald E. Usher  
House Chair

**READ** and with accompanying papers **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

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The Following Communication:

S.C. 60

**121<sup>ST</sup> LEGISLATURE**  
**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON UTILITIES AND ENERGY**

February 18, 2003

Honorable Beverly C. Daggett, President of the Senate  
Honorable Patrick Colwell, Speaker of the House  
121st Maine Legislature  
State House  
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Daggett and Speaker Colwell:

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that the Joint Standing Committee on Utilities and Energy has voted unanimously to report the following bill out "Ought Not to Pass":

- L.D. 29      An Act to Eliminate the Telephone Service Tax Dedicated to Libraries and Schools

We have also notified the sponsor and cosponsors of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Christopher Hall  
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Lawrence Bliss  
House Chair

**READ** and with accompanying papers **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

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**SENATE PAPERS**

Resolve, To Provide Emergency Relief for the Schools in East Millinocket (EMERGENCY)  
S.P. 346 L.D. 1002

Sponsored by Senator STANLEY of Penobscot.  
Cosponsored by Representative DUPREY of Medway and Representatives: CLARK of Millinocket,  
DAVIS of Falmouth, FISCHER of Presque Isle.  
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

On motion by Senator **CATHCART** of Penobscot, **REFERRED** to the Committee on  
**APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

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Bill "An Act To Protect the Future of the U.S. Naval Air Station at Brunswick"  
S.P. 309 L.D. 968

Sponsored by Senator MAYO of Sagadahoc.  
Cosponsored by Representative RICHARDSON of Brunswick and Senators: EDMONDS of  
Cumberland, TREAT of Kennebec, Representatives: GERZOFKY of Brunswick, GROSE of  
Woolwich, HUTTON of Bowdoinham, LESSARD of Topsham, PERCY of Phippsburg, WATSON  
of Bath.

Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** suggested and ordered  
printed.

On motion by Senator **CATHCART** of Penobscot, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **BUSINESS,  
RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**.

Sent down for concurrence.

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Resolve, To Renew the Veterans' Emergency Assistance Program  
S.P. 350 L.D. 1021

Sponsored by Senator DOUGLASS of Androscoggin.

Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** suggested and ordered  
printed.

On motion by Senator **CATHCART** of Penobscot, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LEGAL  
AND VETERANS AFFAIRS**.

Sent down for concurrence.

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Bill "An Act To Require Continuing Education for Professional Engineers"  
S.P. 320 L.D. 979

Sponsored by Senator NASS of York.  
Cosponsored by Representative BROWN of South Berwick and Representatives: CAMPBELL of  
Newfield, STONE of Berwick.

Bill "An Act To Improve the State's Returnable Bottle Law and Adjust Handling Fees"  
S.P. 326 L.D. 985

Sponsored by Senator MARTIN of Aroostook.

Cosponsored by Senator BROMLEY of Cumberland and Representatives: DUNLAP of Old Town, SULLIVAN of Biddeford.

Bill "An Act To Transfer Speech Pathologist Licensure Functions to the Department of Education"  
S.P. 330 L.D. 989

Sponsored by Senator ROTUNDO of Androscoggin.

Cosponsored by Representative MAKAS of Lewiston and Senators: DOUGLASS of Androscoggin, HATCH of Somerset, SAWYER of Penobscot, Representative: CRAVEN of Lewiston.

Bill "An Act To Promote Economic Growth by Retaining Engineers in Maine"  
S.P. 334 L.D. 993

Sponsored by Senator CATHCART of Penobscot.

Resolve, Directing the Department of Economic and Community Development To Inventory Maine Business Excellence

S.P. 338 L.D. 994

Sponsored by Senator BENNETT of Oxford.

Bill "An Act To Exempt a Person Who Performs Work on Certain Vessels from the Laws Governing Professional Engineers"

S.P. 339 L.D. 995

Sponsored by Senator LEMONT of York.

Cosponsored by Representative BROWN of South Berwick and Representatives: ANDREWS of York, GOODWIN of Pembroke, JOY of Crystal, PERRY of Bangor.

Bill "An Act To Clarify the Status of Regulated Water Utility Plumbing Permits"  
S.P. 348 L.D. 1004

Sponsored by Senator DAVIS of Piscataquis.

On motion by Senator **BROMLEY** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **BUSINESS, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

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Bill "An Act To Ensure Equity in Mortgage Volume Fees"

S.P. 310 L.D. 969

Sponsored by Senator BROMLEY of Cumberland.

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

On motion by Senator **BROMLEY** of Cumberland, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending **REFERENCE**.

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Bill "An Act To Allow a Judge To Assess a Fee on a Defendant To Reimburse a Municipality for a Drug Test"

S.P. 311 L.D. 970

Sponsored by Senator MARTIN of Aroostook.

Cosponsored by Representative BUNKER of Kossuth Township and Senator: EDMONDS of Cumberland, Representatives: KOFFMAN of Bar Harbor, MAKAS of Lewiston, PINEAU of Jay, SAVIELLO of Wilton, THOMPSON of China, TOBIN of Windham, TWOMEY of Biddeford.

Bill "An Act To Ensure Effective Prosecution of Certain Repeat Offenders"  
S.P. 317 L.D. 976

Sponsored by Senator SAVAGE of Knox.

Bill "An Act To Increase the Class of Crime of Unlawful Sexual Contact"  
S.P. 349 L.D. 1005

Sponsored by Senator LEMONT of York.

Cosponsored by Representatives: ANDREWS of York, BROWN of South Berwick, GOODWIN of Pembroke.

On motion by Senator **STRIMLING** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

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Bill "An Act To Establish Consistent Requirements for High School Course Credits and Diploma Eligibility"

S.P. 328 L.D. 987

Sponsored by Senator MITCHELL of Penobscot.

Cosponsored by Representative GAGNE-FRIEL of Buckfield and Senator: DOUGLASS of Androscoggin, Representatives: ANDREWS of York, CUMMINGS of Portland, FINCH of Fairfield, FISCHER of Presque Isle, MURPHY of Kennebunk.

On motion by Senator **DOUGLASS** of Androscoggin, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

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Bill "An Act To Ensure Comprehensive Cancer Control in Maine"

S.P. 314 L.D. 973

Sponsored by Senator MARTIN of Aroostook.

Cosponsored by Representative McLAUGHLIN of Cape Elizabeth and Senators: STANLEY of Penobscot, WESTON of Waldo, Representatives: DUPLESSIE of Westbrook, DUPREY of Medway, JACKSON of Fort Kent, LUNDEEN of Mars Hill, SMITH of Monmouth, TWOMEY of Biddeford.

Bill "An Act To Increase the Legal Age for the Purchase of Tobacco Products"

S.P. 323 L.D. 982

Sponsored by Senator HALL of Lincoln. (BY REQUEST)

On motion by Senator **BRENNAN** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

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Bill "An Act To Establish a Policy for Inland Fishing Rules"

S.P. 344 L.D. 1000

Sponsored by Senator CARPENTER of York.

Cosponsored by Representative DUNLAP of Old Town.

On motion by Senator **BRYANT** of Oxford, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

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Bill "An Act To Prohibit the Use of Workers' Compensation Trust Funds for Political Contributions"

S.P. 315 L.D. 974

Sponsored by Senator HATCH of Somerset.

Under suspension of the rules, cosponsored by Representative HATCH of Skowhegan and Senators: BROMLEY of Cumberland, CATHCART of Penobscot, President DAGGETT of Kennebec, DAMON of Hancock, DOUGLASS of Androscoggin, EDMONDS of Cumberland, GAGNON of Kennebec, HALL of Lincoln, MARTIN of Aroostook, PENDLETON of Cumberland, ROTUNDO of Androscoggin, STANLEY of Penobscot, STRIMLING of Cumberland, TREAT of Kennebec, Representatives: ADAMS of Portland, BULL of Freeport, BUNKER of Kossuth Township, CANAVAN of Waterville, COWGER of Hallowell, CUMMINGS of Portland, DUDLEY of Portland, DUPLESSIE of Westbrook, FAIRCLOTH of Bangor, GAGNE-FRIEL of Buckfield, GROSE of Woolwich, HUTTON of Bowdoinham, KETTERER of Madison, KOFFMAN of Bar Harbor, LAVERRIERE-BOUCHER of Biddeford, LERMAN of Augusta, LUNDEEN of Mars Hill, McGLOCKLIN of Embden, McKEE of Wayne, MILLS of Farmington, NORBERT of Portland, O'NEIL of Saco, PARADIS of Frenchville, PATRICK of Rumford, PINEAU of Jay, RICHARDSON of Brunswick, RINES of Wiscasset, SIMPSON of Auburn, SMITH of Monmouth, SMITH of Van Buren, THOMAS of Orono, THOMPSON of China, TWOMEY of Biddeford.

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

On motion by Senator **LAFOUNTAIN** of York, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending **REFERENCE**.

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Bill "An Act To Amend the Constitution of the Maine Episcopal Missionary Society"

S.P. 312 L.D. 971

Sponsored by Senator HALL of Lincoln.

Cosponsored by Representative RECTOR of Thomaston.

Bill "An Act To Enact the Uniform Interstate Family Support Act Amendments of 1996 and 2001"

S.P. 327 L.D. 986

Sponsored by Senator LaFOUNTAIN of York.

Cosponsored by Senators: DOUGLASS of Androscoggin, MAYO of Sagadahoc, PENDLETON of Cumberland, ROTUNDO of Androscoggin.

Bill "An Act To Ensure Fairness in Payment of Superior Court Witness Fees by Counties"

S.P. 343 L.D. 999

Sponsored by Senator SAVAGE of Knox.

On motion by Senator **PENDLETON** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

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Bill "An Act To Provide an Alternative Method of Payment under the Maine State Retirement System"

S.P. 331 L.D. 990

Sponsored by Senator MITCHELL of Penobscot.

Cosponsored by Representative DAVIS of Falmouth and Senators: BLAIS of Kennebec, EDMONDS of Cumberland, WESTON of Waldo, Representatives: ANDREWS of York, FINCH of Fairfield, FISCHER of Presque Isle, GAGNE-FRIEL of Buckfield, MURPHY of Kennebunk.

Bill "An Act To Clarify the Purchase of Military Time Served under the Maine State Retirement System"

S.P. 333 L.D. 992

Sponsored by Senator MITCHELL of Penobscot.

Cosponsored by Representative ANDREWS of York and Senator: YOUNGBLOOD of Penobscot, Representatives: CUMMINGS of Portland, GAGNE-FRIEL of Buckfield, MURPHY of Kennebunk.

On motion by Senator EDMONDS of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LABOR** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

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Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Qualification of Candidates"

S.P. 321 L.D. 980

Sponsored by Senator NASS of York.

Bill "An Act To Ensure Segregation of Spoiled Ballots"

S.P. 322 L.D. 981

Sponsored by Senator GAGNON of Kennebec.

Cosponsored by Representative CLARK of Millinocket and Senators: BRYANT of Oxford, DAVIS of Piscataquis, DOUGLASS of Androscoggin, HALL of Lincoln, MAYO of Sagadahoc, WESTON of Waldo.

On motion by Senator GAGNON of Kennebec, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LEGAL AND VETERANS AFFAIRS** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

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Bill "An Act To Modify the Criteria for Approval of Aquaculture Leases"

S.P. 345 L.D. 1001

Sponsored by Senator EDMONDS of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Representative SULLIVAN of Biddeford, Representative KOFFMAN of Bar Harbor and Representatives: ASH of Belfast, COWGER of Hallowell.

Bill "An Act To Protect the Public from Floodwater Contamination in Shellfish"

S.P. 347 L.D. 1003

Sponsored by Senator LEMONT of York.

Cosponsored by Representatives: ANDREWS of York, GOODWIN of Pembroke, JOY of Crystal, PERRY of Bangor.

On motion by Senator DAMON of Hancock, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **MARINE RESOURCES** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

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Bill "An Act To Provide a Preference for State Residents in the Awarding of Government Contracts"

S.P. 313 L.D. 972

Sponsored by Senator WOODCOCK of Franklin.

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Registers of Deeds"

S.P. 325 L.D. 984

Sponsored by Senator YOUNGBLOOD of Penobscot.

Cosponsored by Representative PEAVEY-HASKELL of Greenbush and Senators: CATHCART of Penobscot, President DAGGETT of Kennebec, DAVIS of Piscataquis, MITCHELL of Penobscot, PENDLETON of Cumberland, Representative: LEDWIN of Holden.

On motion by Senator **ROTUNDO** of Androscoggin, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

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Bill "An Act To Improve the Business Equipment Tax Reimbursement Program"

S.P. 316 L.D. 975

Sponsored by Senator STRIMLING of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Representative COWGER of Hallowell and Senator: TREAT of Kennebec, Representatives: DUDLEY of Portland, MAILHOT of Lewiston, McGOWAN of Pittsfield, MILLS of Cornville, PINGREE of North Haven, SIMPSON of Auburn, SUSLOVIC of Portland.

Bill "An Act To Adjust Qualifications for the So-called 'Circuit Breaker Program'"

S.P. 318 L.D. 977

Sponsored by Senator GAGNON of Kennebec.

Bill "An Act To Phase Out the Tax on Business Equipment"

S.P. 324 L.D. 983

Sponsored by Senator BLAIS of Kennebec.

Cosponsored by Representative BERUBE of Lisbon and Senator: SHOREY of Washington, Representative: VAUGHAN of Durham.

Bill "An Act Allowing Municipalities To Retain a Percentage of Any Increase in the Sales and Use Tax"

S.P. 340 L.D. 996

Sponsored by Senator LEMONT of York.

Cosponsored by Representative BROWN of South Berwick and Representatives: ANDREWS of York, PERRY of Bangor.

Bill "An Act Allowing Municipalities To Create Property Tax Circuit Breaker Programs"

S.P. 341 L.D. 997

Sponsored by Senator LEMONT of York.

Cosponsored by Representatives: ANDREWS of York, BROWN of South Berwick, GLYNN of South Portland, JOY of Crystal, MOORE of Standish, PERRY of Bangor.

On motion by Senator **STANLEY** of Penobscot, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TAXATION** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

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Bill "An Act To Equalize Fuel Taxes on Vehicles Used for Personal Travel"

S.P. 332 L.D. 991

Sponsored by Senator ROTUNDO of Androscoggin.



Cosponsored by Representative WALCOTT of Lewiston and Senators: DOUGLASS of Androscoggin, HATCH of Somerset, Representative: CRAVEN of Lewiston.

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

On motion by Senator **STANLEY** of Penobscot, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION**.

Sent down for concurrence.

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Bill "An Act To Establish a Rotarian License Plate"

S.P. 319 L.D. 978

Sponsored by Senator NASS of York.

Cosponsored by Representative HONEY of Boothbay and Representative: CAMPBELL of Newfield.

Bill "An Act To Increase Penalties for Passing a Stopped School Bus"

S.P. 329 L.D. 988

Sponsored by Senator ROTUNDO of Androscoggin.

Cosponsored by Representative CRAVEN of Lewiston and Senators: BROMLEY of Cumberland, DOUGLASS of Androscoggin, SAWYER of Penobscot, Representatives: MAKAS of Lewiston, O'BRIEN of Augusta, WALCOTT of Lewiston.

Bill "An Act Regarding Motor Vehicle Registration and Inspection Dates"

S.P. 342 L.D. 998

Sponsored by Senator LEMONT of York.

Cosponsored by Representatives: ANDREWS of York, BROWN of South Berwick, GLYNN of South Portland, JOY of Crystal, MOORE of Standish.

On motion by Senator **HATCH** of Somerset, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

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Bill "An Act To Amend the Charter of the Madawaska Water District"

S.P. 308 L.D. 967

Sponsored by Senator MARTIN of Aroostook.

Cosponsored by Representative PARADIS of Frenchville.

On motion by Senator **HALL** of Lincoln, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **UTILITIES AND ENERGY** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

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Off Record Remarks

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## ORDERS

### Joint Resolution

On motion by Senator **TREAT** under unanimous consent on behalf of President DAGGETT of Kennebec (Cosponsored by Speaker COLWELL of Gardiner and Senators: BLAIS of Kennebec,

DAVIS of Piscataquis, GAGNON of Kennebec, TREAT of Kennebec, WOODCOCK of Franklin, Representatives: BOWLES of Sanford, BRUNO of Raymond, DUPLESSIE of Westbrook), the following Joint Resolution:

S.P. 337

**JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE MAINE  
CHILDREN'S ALLIANCE**

WHEREAS, the mission of the Maine Children's Alliance, an organization of concerned citizens, is to be "a strong and powerful voice to improve the lives of all Maine's children, youth and families"; and

WHEREAS, Maine KIDS COUNT is a project of the Maine Children's Alliance and is a part of the national KIDS COUNT network, a state-by-state effort funded by the Annie E. Casey Foundation to track the status of children across the United States; and

WHEREAS, the principal activity of the Maine KIDS COUNT project is the publication of the annual Maine KIDS COUNT Data Book, which includes the most reliable and recent data to measure the social, economic, physical and educational well-being of children in Maine; and

WHEREAS, the 2003 Maine KIDS COUNT Data Book is the latest edition to be released, which highlights positive indicators, trends and areas of concern in an effort to enrich local and state discussions to secure better futures for all of Maine's children; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Twenty-first Legislature, now assembled in the First Regular Session, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to express our sincere appreciation to the Maine Children's Alliance and the work it has done for the betterment of Maine's children with the publication of the 2003 Maine KIDS COUNT Data Book; and be it further

RESOLVED: That suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the Maine Children's Alliance with our best wishes and appreciation.

**READ and ADOPTED.**

Sent down forthwith for concurrence.

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**SECOND READERS**

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

Bill "An Act to Change the Membership of the Board of Trustees of the Maine School of Science and Mathematics"

H.P. 15 L.D. 8

**READ A SECOND TIME and PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**, in concurrence.

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Off Record Remarks

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**ORDERS OF THE DAY**

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later Today Assigned matter:

Bill "An Act To Ensure Equity in Mortgage Volume Fees"

S.P. 310 L.D. 969

Tabled - February 25, 2003, by Senator **BROMLEY** of Cumberland

Pending - **REFERENCE**

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

On motion by Senator **LAFOUNTAIN** of York, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **BUSINESS, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

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Senate at Ease.

Senate called to order by the President.

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

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**RECESSED** until the sound of the bell.

After Recess

Senate called to order by the President.

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At this point, the Senate retired to the Hall of the House, where a Joint Convention was formed.

After Convention

In Senate Chamber

Senate called to order by the President

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

**PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE**

**House Papers**

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Bigelow Preserve To Allow for Cross-country Skiing"

H.P. 683 L.D. 926

Bill "An Act Regarding the Sale and Protection of Ferrets"

H.P. 685 L.D. 928

Bill "An Act To Establish a Maine-resident-only Reservation Period for State Park Campsites"

H.P. 709 L.D. 952

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

On motion by Senator **BRYANT** of Oxford, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

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Bill "An Act To Facilitate Communication between Prescribers and Dispensers of Prescription Medication"

H.P. 702 L.D. 945

Resolve, To Establish the Commission To Promote Jobs and Economic Development through Ecotourism (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 703 L.D. 946

Bill "An Act To Require the Display of Oil Prices on Home Heating Oil Delivery Trucks"

H.P. 715 L.D. 958

Bill "An Act To Require Confirmation of Appointments to the Board of Accountancy"

H.P. 727 L.D. 1006

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

On motion by Senator **TREAT** of Kennebec, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **BUSINESS, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

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Bill "An Act To Require the Net Proceeds from the Sale of a Foreclosed Property To Be Returned to the Former Owner"

H.P. 694 L.D. 937

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

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

On motion by Senator **TREAT** of Kennebec, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending **REFERENCE**.

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

**PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE**

**House Papers**

Bill "An Act To Clarify the Bind-over Provisions of the Maine Juvenile Code"

H.P. 679 L.D. 922

Bill "An Act To Strengthen the Criminal Laws by Expanding the Definition of Trafficking and Furnishing Prescription Narcotic Drugs To Include Illegal Possession of a Large Number of Pills"

H.P. 698 L.D. 941

Bill "An Act To Increase Penalties for Furnishing or Trafficking Scheduled Drugs That Cause Death or Serious Bodily Injury"

H.P. 701 L.D. 944

Bill "An Act To Eliminate the 6 Regional Emergency Medical Services Councils and To Transfer Authority and Funding to the Technical Colleges in Each Region"

H.P. 706 L.D. 949

Bill "An Act To Improve the Procedure for Locating Runaway Children"

H.P. 713 L.D. 956

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

On motion by Senator **STRIMLING** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

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Bill "An Act To Provide Certain Health Emergency Training to High School Seniors"  
H.P. 688 L.D. 931

Bill "An Act To Retain Teachers Holding Targeted Need Area Certificates"  
H.P. 714 L.D. 957

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

On motion by Senator **DOUGLASS** of Androscoggin, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

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

**PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE**

**House Papers**

Bill "An Act To Require the Chief Medical Examiner To Perform Tests When Public Safety or Health Care Personnel Are Exposed"

H.P. 716 L.D. 959

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

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

On motion by Senator **BRENNAN** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

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Bill "An Act To Address Maine's Direct Care Worker Shortage"

H.P. 734 L.D. 1013

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

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

On motion by Senator **BRENNAN** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LABOR** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

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Bill "An Act To Amend the Season for Laying Bait for Bear"

H.P. 689 L.D. 932

Bill "An Act To Exempt Children under 17 Years of Age from Certain Fishing Restrictions"

H.P. 710 L.D. 953

Bill "An Act To Allow the Alternate Use of Moose Permits when an Emergency Prevents Permittee Use"

H.P. 717 L.D. 960

Resolve, To Establish the Commission To Study the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife's Fish Stocking Procedures and Management and the Enforcement of Fishing Laws in Northwestern Aroostook County

H.P. 720 L.D. 963

Bill "An Act To Help Disabled, Elderly and Junior Hunters"

H.P. 721 L.D. 964

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

On motion by Senator **BRYANT** of Oxford, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

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Bill "An Act To Prohibit Arbitrary Interest Rate Hikes"

H.P. 687 L.D. 930

Bill "An Act To Require Insurance Policies To Provide Coverage for Medically Necessary Rehabilitation Services"

H.P. 693 L.D. 936

Bill "An Act To Promote Clarity and Uniformity in Health Insurance Contracts"

H.P. 728 L.D. 1007

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

On motion by Senator **LAFOUNTAIN** of York, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

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Bill "An Act Authorizing the Creation of Individual Medical Savings Accounts"

H.P. 707 L.D. 950

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

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

On motion by Senator **LAFOUNTAIN** of York, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TAXATION** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

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

**PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE**

**House Papers**

Bill "An Act To Enact the Uniform Trust Code"

H.P. 678 L.D. 921

Bill "An Act To Allow the Videotaping of the Testimony of Witnesses 13 Years of Age and under in Certain Cases"

H.P. 691 L.D. 934

Bill "An Act Clarifying Child Support Obligations"

H.P. 718 L.D. 961

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

On motion by Senator **PENDLETON** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Discourage Abuse and Fraud under the Workers' Compensation Laws"  
H.P. 700 L.D. 943

Bill "An Act To Require Disclosure of the Amount and Duration of Unemployment Benefits to Recipients"

H.P. 711 L.D. 954

Bill "An Act To Allow Recipients To Withdraw from Receiving Unemployment Benefits by Phone and at Any Time before Receiving Benefits"

H.P. 712 L.D. 955

Bill "An Act Concerning Retirement Benefits for State Employees"

H.P. 730 L.D. 1009

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

On motion by Senator **EDMONDS** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LABOR** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

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Bill "An Act To Specify the Size and Typeface of Disclaimers on Political Literature Not Authorized by a Candidate"

H.P. 686 L.D. 929

Bill "An Act To Abolish Term Limits for Legislators"

H.P. 692 L.D. 935

Bill "An Act To Clarify When Notice is Effective to Terminate a Tenancy at Will"

H.P. 729 L.D. 1008

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

On motion by Senator **GAGNON** of Kennebec, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LEGAL AND VETERANS AFFAIRS** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

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Bill "An Act To Repeal the Fee on Aquacultural Salmon Production"

H.P. 696 L.D. 939

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

On motion by Senator **TREAT** of Kennebec, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **MARINE RESOURCES** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

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Bill "An Act To Require an Impact Statement on Legislation Relating to the Department of Environmental Protection and the Executive Department, State Planning Office"

H.P. 684 L.D. 927

Bill "An Act To Ensure Clean Air in Communities Affected by Privately Owned Incinerator Facilities"

H.P. 705 L.D. 948

Bill "An Act To Establish Minimum Environmental Compliance Standards for Subsidized Employers"

H.P. 732 L.D. 1011

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

On motion by Senator **MARTIN** of Aroostook, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **NATURAL RESOURCES** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

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

**PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE**

**House Papers**

Bill "An Act To Create Guidelines To Promote Good Science in Rulemaking"  
H.P. 699 L.D. 942

Bill "An Act to Consolidate the Advocacies of the Various State Agencies into an Executive Department and Establish the Office of Inspector General"  
H.P. 719 L.D. 962

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

On motion by Senator **ROTUNDO** of Androscoggin, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

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RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Change the Assessment of Lands Used for Long-term Ownership  
H.P. 695 L.D. 938

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Cap the Property Taxes of Homes That Have Been in the Same Family for 4 Generations  
H.P. 697 L.D. 940

Bill "An Act To Establish the Maine Land Bank and Community Preservation Program"  
H.P. 708 L.D. 951

Bill "An Act To Encourage the Payment of Delinquent Taxes"  
H.P. 723 L.D. 966

Bill "An Act To Exempt Military Pensions from State Income Tax"  
H.P. 731 L.D. 1010

Resolve, To Create the Industrial Property Assessing Methods Group (EMERGENCY)  
H.P. 740 L.D. 1019

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

On motion by Senator **STANLEY** of Penobscot, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TAXATION** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

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Resolve, To Increase Safety in Stockton Springs  
H.P. 680 L.D. 923

Resolve, To Enhance Public Safety in Winterport  
H.P. 681 L.D. 924

Resolve, Directing the Department of Transportation To Repair Swan Lake Road in the Town of Frankfort



H.P. 682 L.D. 925

Bill "An Act To Accommodate the Unique Circumstances Affecting Regional Transportation Providers in the Administration of Car Seat Laws"

H.P. 736 L.D. 1015

Bill "An Act To Broaden the Scope of Driving to Endanger"

H.P. 738 L.D. 1017

Bill "An Act To Clarify and Update the Laws Concerning the Types of Transportation Vehicle Used To Transport Children"

H.P. 739 L.D. 1018

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

On motion by Senator **HATCH** of Somerset, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

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Bill "An Act To Create the Cable Television Franchise Board"

H.P. 704 L.D. 947

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

On motion by Senator **HALL** of Lincoln, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **UTILITIES AND ENERGY** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

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**THE PRESIDENT:** The Chair is pleased to announce that each Senator should have received a copy of the 2003 Maine Kids Count Data Book on their desk. The annual Kids Count Data Book is the only comprehensive report on the status of Maine's children and is a valuable tool for us, as lawmakers and the public, since reliable and timely data is essential to the kind of decision-making that we are involved in. We rely on Kids Count each year to inform us of the significant trends in Maine's children's health and well-being. I hope that you will take the time to look through the books and also attend the luncheon reception, which the Maine's Children's Alliance is holding in the Legislative Counsel Chamber until 1:00 p.m.

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Off Record Remarks

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On motion by Senator **TREAT** of Kennebec, **ADJOURNED** to Wednesday, February 26, 2003, at 9:00 in the morning.