

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE
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Off Record Remarks

In Senate Chamber
Thursday
March 12, 2015

Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, on motion by Senator **MASON** of Androscoggin, the following Joint Order:
S.P. 317

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

Ordered, the House concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourn, they do so until Tuesday, March 17, 2015 at 10:00 in the morning.

Prayer by Rabbi Jared Saks, Congregation Bet Ha'am in South Portland.

READ and PASSED.

Ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

RABBU SAKS: In the cycle of Jewish holidays we find ourselves at this moment on the journey between Purim, which celebrates the victory of the Jewish people over their foe Haman, the viceroy of the Persian King Ahasuerus, and Passover, which celebrates the Jewish people's liberation from Egyptian bondage recounted in the Book of Exodus. The protagonist of the Purim story is none other than Esther, after whom the book that contains the story is named. The name Esther alludes to the Hebrew phrase hester panim, which implies a hiding of one's face. Esther hides her Jewish identity from her husband, the King, until the right time approaches for her to reveal her true self and save her people.

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Senate

Ought to Pass Pursuant to Joint Order

Passover, on the other hand, is a holiday of divine providence, with God's mighty hand and outstretched arm redeeming the Jewish people from bondage in Egypt. A traditional Passover Haggadah does not even mention Moses, lest we think that it was Moses who was responsible for the Exodus and not God.

Senator VOLK for the Committee on **LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** on Bill "An Act To Allow Licensed Independent Practice Dental Hygienists To Expose and Process Radiographs under Protocols Developed by the Board of Dental Examiners" (EMERGENCY)
S.P. 319 L.D. 918

We look around our world today and can wonder why the miracles of the story of Passover are no longer part of our reality, why we don't see God's outstretched and mighty hand bringing freedom to the captive and tending to the needs of our most vulnerable, but the journey from Purim to Passover reminds us that sometimes the miracle is in our hands. Sometimes the power to bring about change, to bring about freedom and redemption, to care for those most in need of care, compassion, and mercy, lies in our hands. May the Holy One of Blessing instill within each of us courage and power, like that of Esther, to bring about redemption and freedom in our world. Kein y'hi ratzon. May it be Your will. Amen.

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass**, pursuant to Joint Order, S.P. 306.

Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED.**

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ TWICE** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED.**

Sent down for concurrence.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Senator Paul T. Davis, Sr. of Piscataquis County.

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

Reading of the Journal of Wednesday, March 11, 2015.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

Non-Concurrent Matter

Doctors of the day, Jack Forbush, DO of Hampden and Lisa Ryan, DO of Naples.

Bill "An Act To Establish a Voluntary Preforeclosure Mediation Program"

S.P. 265 L.D. 735

In Senate, March 5, 2015, on motion by Senator **WHITTEMORE** of Somerset, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** and ordered printed.

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** and ordered printed, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

On motion by Senator **MASON** of Androscoggin, the Senate **RECEDED** and **CONCURRED**.

House Papers

Bill "An Act To Enhance Forest Ranger Safety"
H.P. 437 L.D. 656

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

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY**.

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

Off Record Remarks

Bill "An Act To Establish Maine's School Beverage Standards"
H.P. 586 L.D. 852

Bill "An Act To Allow Secondary Schools To Grant Certificates of Academic Proficiency"

H.P. 587 L.D. 853

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

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

Bill "An Act To Authorize a Revenue Bond for a Student Loan Reduction Plan"

H.P. 533 L.D. 784

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

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

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

Bill "An Act To Increase Access to Health Security by Expanding Federally Funded Health Care for Maine People"
H.P. 588 L.D. 854

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

On motion by Senator **BRAKEY** of Androscoggin, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Allow Grocery Stores under 10,000 Square Feet To Be Open on Sundays"

H.P. 589 L.D. 855

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

On motion by Senator **VOLK** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Joint Resolutions

The following Joint Resolution:

H.P. 583

JOINT RESOLUTION IN HONOR OF THE MULTIFACETED AGRICULTURE OF MAINE

WHEREAS, recent statistics show that farming in Maine has grown, and Maine continues to lead the New England states with 8,174 farms; the value of Maine's crops and livestock grew 24% over the past 5 years; and

WHEREAS, Maine's agricultural enterprises provide more than \$764 million through the sale of farm products and contribute more than \$2 billion annually to the State's economy, and Maine agricultural products are increasingly available locally in farmers' markets, schools and institutions; and

WHEREAS, Maine farmers are the stewards of 1.45 million acres of land, a vital resource in maintaining Maine's rural economy; and

WHEREAS, Maine is a world leader in the production of wild blueberries and brown eggs, third in the Nation in the production of maple syrup, eighth in the Nation in the production of fall potatoes, first in New England in the production of food, first in New England in the value of aquaculture sales, second in New England in milk and livestock production, and is the fastest-growing artisanal cheese-producing state in the country and is the

only state involved in the commercial production of fiddleheads;
and

WHEREAS, agriculture has always been a part of Maine's prosperity, comprising much of Maine's scenic open space, providing recreational opportunities and contributing to the character of Maine's rural communities; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Twenty-seventh Legislature now assembled in the First Regular Session, pause in our deliberations to honor Maine farmers and innovators who have contributed so much to the betterment of our State, to pledge our support and encouragement and to urge the youth of Maine to pursue the growing opportunities for careers in today's technologically advanced agriculture industry; and be it further

RESOLVED: That a suitable copy of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the Commissioner of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, as a token of the esteem in which those in this vital field are held.

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

READ and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

The following Joint Resolution:

H.P. 584

**JOINT RESOLUTION
RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF
SOILS TO MAINE'S FUTURE PROSPERITY**

WHEREAS, soils are a natural resource that supports major economic sectors of our State, including agriculture, forestry and recreation; and

WHEREAS, healthy soils filter, store and release fresh water, and soil management is closely linked to the water quality in our groundwater, lakes, ponds, rivers and oceans; and

WHEREAS, wetland soils mitigate the effects of major storms and protect our coastal and riverine ecosystems; and

WHEREAS, soil is a living ecosystem that provides keys to scientific advances that directly affect human health, such as the development of new medicines, including recent advances in antibiotic technology developed from Maine soil; and

WHEREAS, good soil management can prevent damaging erosion, loss of organic matter, soil compaction and degradation of soil structure, thereby sustaining the essential ecosystem functions performed by soils; and

WHEREAS, soils are renewable only on the scale of geologic time yet support the renewable resources upon which Maine's future depends; and

WHEREAS, the 119th Maine Legislature designated the Chesuncook soil series as our official state soil to promote public awareness and education regarding soil resources; and

WHEREAS, 2015 has been declared by the United Nations General Assembly the International Year of Soils, celebrated by the Soil Science Society of America and many other organizations; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Twenty-seventh Legislature now assembled in the First Regular Session, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity during the International Year of Soils to recognize the essential role of all of Maine's soils in supporting a thriving Maine economy and healthy environment and ensuring a sustainable and productive future for the people of Maine.

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

READ.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Aroostook, Senator Edgecomb.

Senator **EDGEComb**: Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, Item 1-13, a Joint Resolution Recognizing the Importance of Soils to Maine's Future Prosperity, it was heartwarming for me to read this Joint Resolution and there's important information that I think you'll find extremely interesting when we can have a Resolution to support soils in the state of Maine and you might see why this was done. Also if I were here in the 119th Legislature, as it mentions in the Resolution, I most likely would have campaigned for Caribou Silt Loam to be the State Soil because that is the most important soil for potato production in Aroostook County, although we have other soils that qualify as good areas. Caribou Silt Loam also grows excellent onions. Also at this time I may have had some kickback from a former leader of this Body, just a couple of years ago Senator Seth Goodall, I learned when I served with him on the Natural Resources Committee, also was an agronomist, he studied agronomy and had a BS in agronomy like I did. Mine was from the University of Maine, I'm not sure what school he graduated from. He may have had a different idea on which soil should be officially named the Maine Soil. I only want to leave you with one thing today that's not in the Resolution. Please, please do not call that medium that you see, that you plant your garden seeds in and grow food, please don't call it dirt. It's soil. Thank you.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Franklin, Senator Saviello.

Senator **SAVIELLO**: Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, I would be remiss if I did not stand up to talk about my career. First, I'm sure many of you know I have a Master's Degree also in agronomy, a Ph.D. in forest resources with special emphasis on forest soils. In my academic career I never took a political science class. That probably comes as no surprise. My nickname while I went through school was Doctor Dirt. Let me be clear, as the good Senator just said, soil is not dirt. Dirt is out-of-place soil. Soil's an amendment, an important factor, influencing the production of our various ecosystems.

Soils are vital for civilizations to survive. There are actually books written on that. Soil, itself, is very complex. It would be very wrong to think of it just as a physical collection of mineral materials. It contains air, water, organic matter, and various types of living organisms. It is influenced by the organisms, the climate, the topography, the parent material, and time. I, as a soil major, a soil science major, know that it is a major component of the earth's surface. Several writers have written and documented that the kind of civilization, through history, run parallel with the destruction of soils. These civilizations have fallen because they failed to prevent the degradation of soils on which they were founded. The modern world would suffer the same fate. Today, when you think about soil, it's not dirt, it's a vibrant, living material to depend on. It's the key to our lives. Let me share with you this little poem.

Don't spoil our soil, be loyal to our soil.
We only got so much.
Organically sown and kept in green,
Our plants will grow, so don't be mean.
When you spoil our soil germs replace the worms,
Trees and bees won't be pleased, so try to keep it very clean.
It is time to lend a hand, to our soil salute.
Recycle, compost, organic land, make sure you don't pollute.
Don't forget our saying, Don't spoil the soil.
Thank you very much, Mr. President.

ADOPTED, in concurrence.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: S.C. 120

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

March 9, 2015

Honorable Michael D. Thibodeau, President of the Senate
Honorable Mark W. Eves, Speaker of the House
127th Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Thibodeau and Speaker Eves:

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

L.D. 160 An Act To Provide Reasonable Compensation to Jurors

L.D. 259 An Act To Increase Compensation for Jurors

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

Sincerely,

S/Sen. David C. Burns
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Barry J. Hobbins
House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 121

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

March 9, 2015

Honorable Michael D. Thibodeau, President of the Senate
Honorable Mark W. Eves, Speaker of the House
127th Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Thibodeau and Speaker Eves:

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

L.D. 61 An Act To Require Tattoo Practitioners To Be at Least 18 Years of Age

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

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Amy F. Volk
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Erin D. Herbig
House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 122

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

March 9, 2015

Honorable Michael D. Thibodeau, President of the Senate
Honorable Mark W. Eves, Speaker of the House
127th Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Thibodeau and Speaker Eves:

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

L.D. 26 An Act To Simplify the Process for Fuel Tax Rebates (EMERGENCY)

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

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Earle L. McCormick S/Rep. Adam A. Goode
Senate Chair House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 123

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

March 9, 2015

Honorable Michael D. Thibodeau, President of the Senate
Honorable Mark W. Eves, Speaker of the House
127th Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Thibodeau and Speaker Eves:

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. 112 An Act To Eliminate the Requirement That Adults Wear Seat Belts

L.D. 246 An Act To Prohibit the Handling of a Mobile Telephone While Operating a Motor Vehicle

L.D. 345 An Act To Require Motorists To Move to a Nonadjacent Lane or Slow Down for Certain Stationary Vehicles

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

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Ronald F. Collins S/Rep. Andrew J. McLean
Senate Chair House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 124

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

March 6, 2015

Honorable Michael D. Thibodeau, President of the Senate
Honorable Mark W. Eves, Speaker of the House
127th Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Thibodeau and Speaker Eves:

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

L.D. 383 An Act Requiring Corporations To Have Approval from a Majority of Their Shareholders before Making Political Contributions Valued at Greater Than \$5,000

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

(Representative Bear of the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians - of the House - opposed)

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Scott W. Cyrway S/Rep. Louis J. Luchini
Senate Chair House Chair

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

Senate at Ease.

Senate called to order by the President.

Senator **COLLINS** of York was granted unanimous consent to address the Senate on the Record.

Senator **COLLINS**: Thank you, Mr. President. Six years ago the girls of the Wells High School Basketball Team discovered they had a terrible thing in common: several of them had relatives who suffered from breast cancer. The team wanted to find a way to support their loved ones and began a fundraising effort for the Breast Cancer Center of York Hospital in order to bring in an advance 3-D breast MRI machine to the hospital. With their coach, Don Abbott, who supported the girl's efforts, they

embarked on a fundraising journey that has inspired and taught the entire community. Each year girls from fifth grade to seniors in high school leave early on a Saturday morning in January and shoot foul shots, 50 shoots each, for pledges from sponsors for each shot made. In their first year alone, believe it or not, they raised \$13,000. Not being satisfied with this effort, the girls, their coaches, and dedicated group of parents reached out in their community and started different fundraising events involving the Wells Rotary Club, a golf tournament, raffle and bake sales, and t-shirt sales. This past January the girls held their sixth annual Shooting for a Cure, that's the name of the group of girls, an event that raised an amazing \$35,000 for the Women's Health and Breast Care Center of York Hospital. Their total six year contribution to this very worthy program has topped \$176,000. As the State Senator from Wells, I'm very proud of these young ladies and the parents and coaching staff. I thank them on behalf of those lives they have touched in the community of Wells and, of course, the great State of Maine. We salute them all. I might also add that just recently they were honored by the Maine Principal's Association with the 2014-2015 Sportsmanship Award for Class B. Congratulations, Lady Warriors, I really appreciate your hard work.

THE PRESIDENT: Would the folks that are here today from Wells High School please rise and accept the greetings of the Maine State Senate.

SENATE PAPERS

Bill "An Act To Ensure Efficiency and Safety in the Bureau of Forestry"

S.P. 311 L.D. 866

Presented by Senator BURNS of Washington.
Cosponsored by Representative NADEAU of Winslow and Senators: DAVIS of Piscataquis, SAVIELLO of Franklin, Representatives: BEAVERS of South Berwick, LONG of Sherman, MAKER of Calais, MALABY of Hancock, TIMMONS of Cumberland, TURNER of Burlington.

Bill "An Act To Amend the Maine Spruce Budworm Management Laws"

S.P. 315 L.D. 870

Presented by Senator DILL of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Representative NOON of Sanford and Senator: SAVIELLO of Franklin, Representatives: BLACK of Wilton, MAREAN of Hollis.
Submitted by the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

On motion by Senator **EDGECOMB** of Aroostook, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Remove Limitations on Reciprocity for Concealed Handguns Permits"

S.P. 313 L.D. 868

Presented by Senator DAVIS of Piscataquis.
Cosponsored by Representative MASTRACCIO of Sanford and Senators: BRAKEY of Androscoggin, CYRWAY of Kennebec, DUTREMBLE of York, LIBBY of Androscoggin, WHITTEMORE of Somerset, Representatives: GILBERT of Jay, MARTIN of Sinclair, SHAW of Standish.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Update Professional Liability Insurance Reporting to the Bureau of Insurance"

S.P. 308 L.D. 863

Presented by Senator WHITTEMORE of Somerset.
Cosponsored by Representative FARRIN of Norridgewock and Senators: BURNS of Washington, CUSHING of Penobscot, KATZ of Kennebec, LANGLEY of Hancock, ROSEN of Hancock, WOODSOME of York, Representatives: DUNPHY of Embden, PICCHIOTTI of Fairfield.

Bill "An Act To Protect Vision Care Patients and Providers"

S.P. 310 L.D. 865

Presented by Senator WHITTEMORE of Somerset.
Cosponsored by Representative FREDETTE of Newport and Senators: GRATWICK of Penobscot, HAMPER of Oxford, KATZ of Kennebec, Representatives: BECK of Waterville, DUNPHY of Embden, McCABE of Skowhegan, PICCHIOTTI of Fairfield, WALLACE of Dexter.

On motion by Senator **WHITTEMORE** of Somerset, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Require Parenting Plans To Be Timely Filed"

S.P. 309 L.D. 864

Presented by Senator HASKELL of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative MOONEN of Portland and Senator: DIAMOND of Cumberland.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Allow Dealers of Antique Autos To Be Open and Operate on Sundays"

S.P. 314 L.D. 869

Presented by Senator DUTREMBLE of York.
Cosponsored by Representative HICKMAN of Winthrop and Senators: BRAKEY of Androscoggin, DAVIS of Piscataquis, DILL of Penobscot, PATRICK of Oxford, SAVIELLO of Franklin, Representatives: PARRY of Arundel, SHAW of Standish.

On motion by Senator **MASON** of Androscoggin, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Clarify Who May Authorize Repairs in a Burying Ground"

S.P. 307 L.D. 862

Presented by Senator CUSHING of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Representative MARTIN of Sinclair and Senators: BURNS of Washington, DAVIS of Piscataquis, HAMPER of Oxford, SAVIELLO of Franklin, WILLETTE of Aroostook, Representatives: BABBIDGE of Kennebunk, BRYANT of Windham, DEVIN of Newcastle.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Provide Tax Fairness and To Lower Medical Expenses for Patients under the Maine Medical Use of Marijuana Act"

S.P. 312 L.D. 867

Presented by Senator LIBBY of Androscoggin.
Cosponsored by Representative MALABY of Hancock and Senators: BRAKEY of Androscoggin, GERZOFISKY of Cumberland, GRATWICK of Penobscot, HASKELL of Cumberland, SAVIELLO of Franklin, WILLETTE of Aroostook, Representatives: SANDERSON of Chelsea, WARD of Dedham.

Bill "An Act To Provide for Cooperation between Municipalities with Tax Increment Financing Districts"

S.P. 316 L.D. 871

Presented by Senator LIBBY of Androscoggin.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

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

Senate at Ease.

Senate called to order by the President.

ORDERS

Joint Order

An Expression of Legislative Sentiment recognizing:

Brianna Holdren, of Portland, who was named the 2014 Maine Youth of the Year at the state competition of Boys & Girls Clubs in Maine. Brianna was a member of Boys & Girls Clubs of Southern Maine's Portland Clubhouse for more than 10 years and is currently finishing her freshman year at St. Joseph's College, where she is pursuing a degree in nursing and playing on the women's basketball team. We extend to Brianna our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 228

Sponsored by Senator ALFOND of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Senator: HASKELL of Cumberland,
Representatives: CHIPMAN of Portland, DION of Portland, FARNSWORTH of Portland, HARLOW of Portland, JORGENSEN of Portland, MOONEN of Portland, PIERCE of Falmouth, RUSSELL of Portland, STUCKEY of Portland.

READ.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Alfond.

Senator **ALFOND:** Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, today I rise to congratulate Brianna Holdren for her incredible award of the 2014 Maine Youth of the Year at the state competition of the Boys & Girls Clubs in Maine. The Youth of the Year award is the Boys & Girls Club's premier award for Club members. It is given to those promoting service to the Club, community and family, academic success, strong moral character, life goals, and poise and public speaking ability. Recipients are found to be people of good character and those who demonstrate personal growth and leadership qualities. I met Brianna last summer at the Portland Rotary Club's monthly meeting. Brianna was accepting the State Youth of the Year Award. Brianna got up before 60 people without any notes and shared how the Boys & Girls Club turned her life around. She talked about the great people, the programs, and the structure at the Boys & Girls Club that helped her make better decisions. Brianna was a member of the Boys & Girls Club of Southern Maine's Portland clubhouse for more than ten years. Brianna is not only the first in her family to graduate from high school, I might say, Mr. President, a proud Portland High Bulldog, but she is also the first person in her family ever to go to college. She is currently a freshman at St. Joseph's College, studying nursing,

while she's also playing on the women's basketball team. Senators, I could not be prouder to honor Brianna today. Truly she is a role model for so many Maine youth. It's also important to stress that Brianna did not achieve this alone. It took the caring community of the Boys & Girls Club of Southern Maine in Portland to make this happen. Today, here from the Boys & Girls Club of Southern Maine are Peter Hayes, Jen Pierce, and Bob Clark. I want to thank the whole team. You've made us very proud. Thank you, Mr. President.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Haskell.

Senator **HASKELL:** Thank you very much, Mr. President. I would just like to add my congratulations to Brianna on this wonderful opportunity for her in her life and just to say that I had the pleasure last year of hearing her in her essay contest against many of her other friends and other students from across the state who were part of the Boys & Girls Club. She did a brilliant job. I was impressed and I was moved. This is an extraordinary young woman and I think that the fact that her name is up there on top now, we may see that name somewhere on the bottom list at some point in time because she's a mover and a shaker in this state. Thank you very much, Mr. President.

PASSED.

Sent down for concurrence.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair is pleased to recognize in the rear of the Chamber Brianna Holdren, Peter Hayes, Robert Clark, and Jen Pierce of the Boys & Girls Club. Would they please rise and accept the greetings of the Senate.

Joint Resolution

On motion by Senator **LANGLEY** of Hancock (Cosponsored by Senators: ALFOND of Cumberland, BAKER of Sagadahoc, BRAKEY of Androscoggin, BREEN of Cumberland, BURNS of Washington, COLLINS of York, CUSHING of Penobscot, CYRWAY of Kennebec, DAVIS of Piscataquis, DIAMOND of Cumberland, DILL of Penobscot, DUTREMBLE of York, EDGEComb of Aroostook, GERZOFsky of Cumberland, GRATWICK of Penobscot, HAMPER of Oxford, HASKELL of Cumberland, HILL of York, JOHNSON of Lincoln, KATZ of Kennebec, LIBBY of Androscoggin, MASON of Androscoggin, McCORMICK of Kennebec, MILLETT of Cumberland, MIRAMANT of Knox, PATRICK of Oxford, ROSEN of Hancock, SAVIELLO of Franklin, President THIBODEAU of Waldo, VALENTINO of York, VOLK of Cumberland, WHITTEMORE of Somerset, WILLETTE of Aroostook, WOODSOME of York, Representatives: ALLEY of Beals, AUSTIN of Gray, BABBIDGE of Kennebunk, BATES of Westbrook, BATTLE of South Portland, BEAR of the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians, BEAVERS of South Berwick, BECK of Waterville, BICKFORD of Auburn, BLACK of Wilton, BLUME of York, BROOKS of Lewiston, BRYANT of Windham, BUCKLAND of Farmington, BURSTEIN of Lincolnville, CAMPBELL of Newfield, CAMPBELL of Orrington, CHACE of Durham, CHAPMAN of Brooksville, CHENETTE of Saco, CHIPMAN of Portland, COOPER of Yarmouth, COREY of

Windham, CRAFTS of Lisbon, DANA of the Passamaquoddy Tribe, DAUGHTRY of Brunswick, DAVITT of Hampden, DeCHANT of Bath, DEVIN of Newcastle, DILLINGHAM of Oxford, DION of Portland, DOORE of Augusta, DUCHESNE of Hudson, DUNPHY of Embden, DUNPHY of Old Town, EDGEComb of Fort Fairfield, ESPLING of New Gloucester, EVANGELOS of Friendship, Speaker EVES of North Berwick, FARNSWORTH of Portland, FARRIN of Norridgewock, FECTEAU of Biddeford, FOLEY of Wells, FOWLE of Vassalboro, FREDETTE of Newport, FREY of Bangor, GATTINE of Westbrook, GERRISH of Lebanon, GIDEON of Freeport, GILBERT of Jay, GILLWAY of Searsport, GINZLER of Bridgton, GOLDEN of Lewiston, GOODE of Bangor, GRANT of Gardiner, GREENWOOD of Wales, GROHMAN of Biddeford, GUERIN of Glenburn, HAMANN of South Portland, HANINGTON of Lincoln, HANLEY of Pittston, HARLOW of Portland, HAWKE of Boothbay Harbor, HEAD of Bethel, HERBIG of Belfast, HERRICK of Paris, HICKMAN of Winthrop, HIGGINS of Dover-Foxcroft, HILLIARD of Belgrade, HOBART of Bowdoinham, HOBBS of Saco, HOGAN of Old Orchard Beach, HUBBELL of Bar Harbor, HYMANSON of York, JORGENSEN of Portland, KINNEY of Limington, KINNEY of Knox, KORNFIELD of Bangor, KRUGER of Thomaston, KUMIEGA of Deer Isle, LOCKMAN of Amherst, LONG of Sherman, LONGSTAFF of Waterville, LUCHINI of Ellsworth, LYFORD of Eddington, MAKER of Calais, MALABY of Hancock, MAREAN of Hollis, MARTIN of Eagle Lake, MARTIN of Sinclair, MASTRACCIO of Sanford, McCABE of Skowhegan, McCREIGHT of Harpswell, McELWEE of Caribou, McLEAN of Gorham, MELARAGNO of Auburn, MITCHELL of the Penobscot Nation, MONAGHAN of Cape Elizabeth, MOONEN of Portland, MORRISON of South Portland, NADEAU of Winslow, NOON of Sanford, NUTTING of Oakland, O'CONNOR of Berwick, PARRY of Arundel, PETERSON of Rumford, PICCHIOTTI of Fairfield, PICKETT of Dixfield, PIERCE of Dresden, PIERCE of Falmouth, POULIOT of Augusta, POWERS of Naples, PRESCOTT of Waterboro, REED of Carmel, ROTUNDO of Lewiston, RUSSELL of Portland, RYKERSON of Kittery, SANBORN of Gorham, SAUCIER of Presque Isle, SAWICKI of Auburn, SCHNECK of Bangor, SEAVEY of Kennebunkport, SHAW of Standish, SHERMAN of Hodgdon, SHORT of Pittsfield, SIROCKI of Scarborough, SKOLFIELD of Weld, STANLEY of Medway, STEARNS of Guilford, STETKIS of Canaan, STUCKEY of Portland, SUKEFORTH of Appleton, TEPLER of Topsham, THERIAULT of China, TIMBERLAKE of Turner, TIMMONS of Cumberland, TIPPING-SPITZ of Orono, TUCKER of Brunswick, TUELL of East Machias, TURNER of Burlington, VACHON of Scarborough, VEROW of Brewer, WADSWORTH of Hiram, WALLACE of Dexter, WARD of Dedham, WARREN of Hallowell, WELSH of Rockport, WHITE of Washburn, WINSOR of Norway, WOOD of Sabattus), the following Joint Resolution:

S.P. 318

**JOINT RESOLUTION
PROCLAIMING MARCH 12TH AS GIRL SCOUT DAY**

WHEREAS, March 12, 2015 marks the 103rd anniversary of Girl Scouts of the USA, founded by Juliette Gordon Low in 1912 in Savannah, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, throughout its long and distinguished history, Girl Scouting has inspired millions of girls and women with the highest ideals of character, conduct, compassion and patriotism; and

WHEREAS, in Girl Scouts, girls develop their leadership potential through activities that enable them to discover their values and skills, and the world around them, and to connect with others in a multicultural environment; and

WHEREAS, Girl Scouting, now in its 2nd century of service to girls, is continuing its legacy of creating gender-balanced leadership in the United States and the world by providing girls with the tools to become leaders dedicated to making this country and the world a better place; and

WHEREAS, through Girl Scouting, girls gain courage, confidence and leadership skills that inspire them to make their local communities and the world a better place; and

WHEREAS, Girl Scouts has made girls' financial literacy a high priority in its programs and activities for over 100 years and continues to develop financial empowerment programs for girls in kindergarten to grade 12 to guarantee future generations of independent female leaders; and

WHEREAS, Girl Scouts outdoor experiences are an integral part of the Girl Scout Leadership Experience. Outdoor activities are woven into the core leadership development program in such a way that girls feel comfortable trying new things and testing their limits, and gain confidence and acquire new skills in a safe and supportive all-girl environment; and

WHEREAS, Girl Scouts is committed to ensuring every girl has the opportunity to explore and build an interest in science, technology, engineering and mathematics, helping them to develop critical thinking skills, problem solving skills and collaborative skills, which are vital throughout life; and

WHEREAS, with more than 2.8 million current members nationwide and nearly 60 million alumnae, and with 60% of the women in the United States House of Representatives and 53% of women business owners being former Girl Scouts, Girl Scouts has ample living proof of this amazing movement; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Twenty-seventh Legislature now assembled in the First Regular Session, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to commend the commitment Girl Scouting has made to support the continued advancement of girls in their roles as leaders here in our State and to send our appreciation by urging the citizens of Maine to recognize March 12th as Girl Scout Day; and be it further

RESOLVED: That suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the Girl Scouts of Maine.

READ.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Hancock, Senator Langley.

Senator **LANGLEY:** Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, today has been an interesting day in

honoring the young women of Maine throughout basketball and youth groups and now, certainly, with Girl Scouts. I'm pleased to stand today and recognize March 12th as Girl Scout Day. Happy Birthday, I would say. We all know them for Girl Scout cookies and this time of year my neighbors have probably been eating too many of them, but the Girl Scouts are so much more. Now in their 103rd year, the Girl Scouts are a distinguished organization that's helped millions of girls and women achieve their goals. From kindergarten through adulthood, involvement in the various levels of Scouting allows girls the opportunity to learn about and explore new topics and opportunities. By joining the Girl Scouts, young women are entering an organization that teaches them to be independent and to have the courage and curiosity it takes to be successful on whatever path life takes you. From exploring the outdoors to service projects to strong friendships and strong role models, the alumni of Girl Scouts have a wealth of experiences and relationships to draw on. My own daughter was a Girl Scout and one of my most favorite memories is of Troop 514 coming up to my school where I taught culinary arts and teaching them how to make chocolate chip cookies. Today we are joined by dozens of Girl Scouts from around the state and they are here today to earn their Capitol Badge. You'll see them in the Chamber and up in the gallery. Thank you and happy 103rd Anniversary to the Girl Scouts of America. Thank you, Mr. President, men and women of the Senate.

On motion by Senator **LANGLEY** of Hancock, **ADOPTED.**

Sent down for concurrence.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

House

Ought to Pass

The Committee on **TAXATION** on Bill "An Act To Reduce Registration Fees and Excise Taxes for For-hire Vehicles with Adaptive Equipment Enabling Access by Persons with Disabilities"

H.P. 42 L.D. 48

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

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

Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

READ ONCE.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

The Committee on **TAXATION** on Bill "An Act To Reduce the Time within Which a Challenge to a Tax Lien Foreclosure May Be Filed"

H.P. 58 L.D. 64

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

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

Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

READ ONCE.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

SECOND READERS

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

House As Amended

Resolve, To Name the Route 11 Bridge over the Saco River in Standish and Limington the Veterans Memorial Bridge (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 4 L.D. 1
(H "A" H-5)

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

Off Record Remarks

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

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Unfinished Business

The following matters in the consideration of which the Senate was engaged at the time of Adjournment had preference in the Orders of the Day and continued with such preference until disposed of as provided by Senate Rule 516.

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later Assigned (2/12/15) matter:

JOINT ORDER - Expression of Legislative Sentiment
Recognizing Joseph E. Payne of Westbrook
SLS 125

Tabled - February 12, 2015, by Senator **ALFOND** of Cumberland

Pending - motion by same Senator to **PASS**

(In Senate, February 12, 2015, **READ**.)

The Joint Order was **READ**.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Alfond.

Senator **ALFOND:** Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, 24 years ago Joe Payne, raised on Peaks Island and the grandson of a fisherman, became the first Baykeeper for Casco Bay and the seventh waterkeeper in the nation. You might be asking yourself, "What is a Baykeeper?" A Baykeeper is a consummate advocate for the bay and its programs focus on reducing the pollution and improving the health of Casco Bay. During his two and one half decades at Friends of Casco Bay, Joe has worked closely with residents, advocated for compliance with environmental laws, and worked to protect the Bay's natural environment. He also created a volunteer water quality monitoring program, which allowed hundreds of clam flats to reopen after eliminating pollution. This program makes Casco Bay one of the most sampled bodies of water in the country. Joe has worked to keep more than 125,000 gallons of raw sewerage out of Casco Bay using a mobile pump-out service for recreational boats. Casco Bay runs through Joe's veins and, in recognition of his incredible work and years of service, Joe received an environmental merit lifetime achievement award from the United States EPA. Now, because of Joe's efforts, Casco Bay is one of Maine's natural resource gems, and we have Joe to thank for that that. While Joe will stay on as Casco Baykeeper Emeritus, it will difficult to replace his passion, drive, and vision he brought to his work. Those of us who enjoy Casco Bay owe Baykeeper Payne a debt of gratitude and I wish him well in his next endeavors. Thank you, Mr. President.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Haskell.

Senator **HASKELL:** Thank you very much, Mr. President. I'd just like to add my thanks and congratulations to Joe Payne as well. There are times when there are people who appear in your community who have an influence far beyond what their job description is or what their intent is. Joe's one of those people. There wasn't a meeting that went on about anything that went on that had to do with Casco Bay, whether it was a drop of water that flowed from the mountains in New Hampshire into Casco Bay, that Joe wasn't at. He was there. His face was there. His interest, his great amount of knowledge, was always there. There wasn't a time when people made a decision about what happened around that bay that Joe wasn't there to make sure that it was taken into consideration and that the right things were done. He brought us a wealth of knowledge. He will not be replaced. He may be replaced, but certainly not by anybody who's ever got the kind of passion the he did for the Casco Bay and we owe him a real debt of gratitude, and the whole state of Maine, for the work that he's done. Thank you, Mr. President.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Franklin, Senator Saviello.

Senator **SAVIELLO**: Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, I've gotten to know Joe over the last, I guess, 13 years as he appeared in front of the Environment and Natural Resources Committee. I always looked forward to his testimony; his spirit and his passion for what he represented. Even in retirement, I kind of fully suspect, he'll still be around to remind us to make good decisions to protect the environment and the Bay and the state of Maine. Joe, thank you for your service and I look forward to probably seeing you a couple more times after this. Thank you very much, Mr. President.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Lincoln, Senator Johnson.

Senator **JOHNSON**: Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and gentlemen, I think that the many, many accomplishments and years of service of Joe's have been well described by my predecessors. I wanted to add to that a brief note of his contributions on our work in the Ocean Acidification Commission over this past summer and fall. The information that we had because of his work was valuable in what we did, but, beyond that, I would have to describe his participation, aside from being accurate in his notes and his comments as to what we should learn from what was before us, I also want to point out, and I think the good Senator across the aisle mentioned this, his spirit in committee. He certainly brought what I would describe as the respect and the demeanor of a town elder to our work. When he spoke people listened and they listened well because he spoke wisely of what he knew and what we were working on. I appreciate not only the substance of his work but the spirit with which he brought that greatly. Thank you.

On motion by Senator **ALFOND** of Cumberland, **PASSED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair is pleased to recognize in the rear of the Chamber Joe Payne, Kim Payne, and Will Everett. Would they please rise and accept the greetings of the Maine State Senate.

Off Record Remarks

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later Assigned (3/10/15) matter:

Bill "An Act To Ensure That Hospitals Comply with the Laws Governing Transparency of Medical Billing"
S.P. 287 L.D. 813

Tabled - March 10, 2015, by Senator **BRAKEY** of Androscoggin

Pending - **REFERENCE**

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

On motion by Senator **WHITEMORE** of Somerset, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES**.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later Assigned (3/11/15) matter:

Bill "An Act To Protect Victims of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault or Stalking"

S.P. 305 L.D. 861

Tabled - March 11, 2015, by Senator **CYRWAY** of Kennebec

Pending - **REFERENCE**

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

On motion by Senator **BURNS** of Washington, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY**.

Sent down 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:

ENACTORS

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

Emergency Measure

An Act To Allow Licensed Independent Practice Dental Hygienists To Expose and Process Radiographs under Protocols Developed by the Board of Dental Examiners

S.P. 319 L.D. 918

This being an Emergency Measure and having received the affirmative vote of 35 Members of the Senate, with no Senators having voted in the negative, and 35 being more than two-thirds of the entire elected Membership of the Senate, was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED** and, having been signed by the President, was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for his approval.

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

Off Record Remarks

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

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

House Papers

Resolve, Establishing the Study Commission To Ensure Integrity in the Use of Service Animals (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 591 L.D. 872

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

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

Bill "An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for Housing for Homeless Veterans"

H.P. 592 L.D. 873

Bill "An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Improve Highways, Bridges, Ports, Railroads and Other Multimodal Facilities"

H.P. 594 L.D. 875

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

On motion by Senator **HAMPER** of Oxford, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Encourage Equity in School Funding by Limiting a Municipality's Contribution Based on Its Student Enrollment"

H.P. 595 L.D. 876

Resolve, To Study the Fort Norumbega Site in Bucksport

H.P. 596 L.D. 877

Bill "An Act To Support College Affordability in Maine"

H.P. 597 L.D. 878

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

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

Bill "An Act To Ensure High-quality Telecommunications Services for Maine Consumers and Businesses"

H.P. 598 L.D. 879

Bill "An Act To Permit Rate-adjustment Mechanisms for Water Utilities"

H.P. 599 L.D. 880

Bill "An Act To Allow the Public Utilities Commission To Contract for Liquefied Natural Gas Storage and Distribution"

H.P. 600 L.D. 881

Bill "An Act To Ensure That Telephone Utility Reorganizations Advance the Economic Development and Information Access Goals of the State"

H.P. 601 L.D. 882

Bill "An Act To Create the Cellular Telephone Labeling Act"

H.P. 602 L.D. 883

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

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

Bill "An Act To Amend Laws Concerning Water Quality Standards"

H.P. 603 L.D. 884

Bill "An Act Concerning the Review of Certain Projects under the Site Location of Development Laws"

H.P. 631 L.D. 911

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

On motion by Senator **SAVIELLO** of Franklin, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Promote Enhanced Eligibility Verification in Maine's Welfare System"

H.P. 604 L.D. 885

Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services To Increase Reimbursement Rates for Home-based and Community-based Services

H.P. 605 L.D. 886

Bill "An Act To Study Allocations of the Fund for a Healthy Maine"

H.P. 624 L.D. 905

Resolve, To Improve Access to Dental Care through a Pediatric Medical Benefit

H.P. 637 L.D. 917

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

On motion by Senator **BRAKEY** of Androscoggin, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Prohibit Hunting Bear Using Dogs and Trapping Bear"

H.P. 606 L.D. 887

Bill "An Act To Recognize and Provide for the Right To Hunt for Sustenance in Aroostook County for Maliseet and Micmac Tribal Members and Disabled Veterans"

H.P. 607 L.D. 888

Resolve, To Review Maine's Fish Stocking Rules

H.P. 625 L.D. 906

Bill "An Act To Reduce Milfoil Infestations" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 626 L.D. 907

Bill "An Act To Expand Public Opportunities for Wildlife Management Education"

H.P. 633 L.D. 913

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

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

Bill "An Act To Protect Maine's Small Businesses from High Interest Rates on Commercial and Business Loans"

H.P. 608 L.D. 889

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

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

Bill "An Act To Ensure a Continuing Home Court for Cases Involving Children"

H.P. 609 L.D. 890

Bill "An Act To Amend Certain Laws Affecting the Judicial Branch"

H.P. 611 L.D. 892

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

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

Bill "An Act To Help Municipalities Dispose of Certain Abandoned Property"

H.P. 610 L.D. 891

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

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

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to Article X of the Constitution of Maine Regarding the Publication of Maine Indian Treaty Obligations

H.P. 612 L.D. 893

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

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

Bill "An Act Relating to Automatic Contract Renewals"

H.P. 613 L.D. 894

Resolve, To Establish the Advisory Committee on Real Estate License Law (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 614 L.D. 895

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

On motion by Senator **VOLK** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Amend the Public Accountancy Laws"

H.P. 634 L.D. 914

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

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

Bill "An Act To Improve Lobster Licensing"
H.P. 615 L.D. 896

Bill "An Act To Promote Sustainability in the Scallop Fishing Industry"
H.P. 627 L.D. 908

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

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

Bill "An Act To Provide Transparency and Accountability of Taxpayer Funds"
H.P. 593 L.D. 874

Bill "An Act To Move a Township from House District 150 to House District 151"
H.P. 616 L.D. 897

Bill "An Act To Help Older Adults Age in Place through Comprehensive Planning"
H.P. 628 L.D. 909

Bill "An Act To Facilitate Long-range Planning in Certain Municipalities"
H.P. 635 L.D. 915

Bill "An Act To Establish a Private Support Organization for the Maine Commission for Community Service"
H.P. 636 L.D. 916

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

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

Bill "An Act To Allow the Establishment of Regional Municipal Utility Districts To Support Telecommunications, Broadband Communications and Energy Infrastructure"
H.P. 632 L.D. 912

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

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY**.

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

Bill "An Act To Reduce Student Loan Debt through an Expansion of the Educational Opportunity Tax Credit"
H.P. 617 L.D. 898

Bill "An Act To Ensure a Stable Percentage of Revenue Sharing for Municipalities"
H.P. 618 L.D. 899

Bill "An Act To Make Public Certain Tax Information Related to Municipal Valuation"
H.P. 619 L.D. 900

Bill "An Act To Fully Fund Municipal Revenue Sharing"
H.P. 629 L.D. 910

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

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

Resolve, To Establish the Commission To Study Parking for Persons with Physical Disabilities
H.P. 621 L.D. 902

Bill "An Act To Allow in Certain Circumstances Two-wheeled Vehicles To Proceed through Red Lights and Make Right Turns on Red in Contravention of Posted Prohibitions"
H.P. 622 L.D. 903

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

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

Bill "An Act To Increase Fairness in Campaign Financing"
H.P. 623 L.D. 904

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

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

Off Record Remarks

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

On motion by Senator **MIRAMANT** of Knox, **ADJOURNED**, pursuant to the Joint Order, to Tuesday, March 17, 2015, at 10:00 in the morning.