

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

In Senate Chamber
Tuesday
March 20, 2007

Senate called to order by President Beth Edmonds of Cumberland County.

Prayer by Reverend Susan O. Gilpin of Prides Corner United Church of Christ in Westbrook.

REVEREND GILPIN: In 1995 a sociologist named Robert Putnam published a book called Bowling Alone. He documented that people no longer bowl in bowling leagues in the great numbers in which they used to. They bowl alone. People don't join the Masons in the numbers that they used to, or the PTA, or the church. The bonds that knit our communities together have withered. Everybody in this room is here because we know that we don't sink or swim alone. Ultimately, we don't bowl alone. We bowl together. I want to ask God's blessing on the important work that you do for our state. Let us pray.

Eternal God, we thank You for all those organizations which knit us together and we thank You for our state Senate and the men and women here who devote their time and energy to strengthening the bonds of our society and improving our state government. Bless them as they deliberate here within these walls and outside of these walls. At the end of the day, give us a stronger commonwealth than we had when we walked in. Amen.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Senator John L. Martin of Aroostook County.

Reading of the Journal of Thursday, March 15, 2007.

Doctor of the day, Skip MacDonald, MD of Dover-Foxcroft.

Off Record Remarks

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

Joint Orders

The following Joint Order:

H.P. 1018

WHEREAS, the State of Maine possesses unique opportunities for innovative growth; and

WHEREAS, those opportunities raise issues that are normally placed before several different joint standing committees of the Legislature; and

WHEREAS, to capitalize on those opportunities, a focused, integrated and long-term approach is necessary to build sustainable prosperity for our State; now, therefore, be it

ORDERED, the Senate concurring, that the Joint Select Committee on Prosperity is established as follows:

1. Establishment. The Joint Select Committee on Prosperity, referred to in this order as "the committee," is established.

2. Membership. The committee consists of 15 members of the Legislature: 4 Senators appointed by the President of the Senate and 11 members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House. The President shall appoint 2 members from the party holding the largest number of seats and 2 from the party holding the second-largest number of seats. The Speaker shall appoint 5 members from the party holding the largest number of seats, 5 from the party holding the second-largest number of seats and 1 who is unenrolled in any party. The first-named Senate and House members serve as co-chairs.

3. Duties. The committee shall develop a comprehensive plan to achieve sustainable prosperity in the State. In order to reach that goal, the committee shall:

A. Review recent reports aimed at addressing the long-term growth of the State's economy and the preservation of our quality of life, including, but not limited to:

"Charting Maine's Future: An Action Plan for Promoting Sustainable Prosperity and Quality Places," by the Brookings Institution;

The final report of the Joint Select Committee on Research, Economic Development and the Innovation Economy; and

The report of the Governor's Council on Jobs, Innovation and the Economy;

"Economic Development Programs in Maine - EDPs Still Lack Elements Critical for Performance Evaluation and Public Accountability," from the Office of Program Evaluation and Government Accountability; and

"Maine Comprehensive Research and Development Evaluation 2006," February 6, 2007, prepared pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 13108;

B. Seek comments and recommendations from selected joint standing committees on elements of the plan that fall within their jurisdictions, including, but not limited to:

From the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry on investments in public lands necessary to preserve the State's quality of place;

From the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs on cuts to State Government enacted since the recession of 2001, potential future cuts and spending limitations at various levels of government;

From the Joint Standing Committee on Business, Research and Economic Development on the proper level of investment in the innovation economy and the format and amount of that investment;

From the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government on investments in municipal infrastructure necessary to preserve the State's quality of place;

From the Joint Standing Committee on Taxation on the tax structure necessary to support sustainable growth in the State's economy;

From the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation on the transportation infrastructure necessary to support sustainable growth in the State's economy, including highways, railroads and port facilities;

From the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs Committee on investments in higher education; and

From the Joint Standing Committee on Government Oversight Committee on locating efficiencies and savings in State Government; and

C. Develop recommendations for future legislative action to expand the State's economy over the long term and to identify and address threats to the State's quality of life.

4. Meetings. In conducting its duties, the committee may meet with any individuals, departments, organizations or institutions it considers appropriate.

5. Appointments. All appointments must be made no later than 7 days following the effective date of this order.

6. Staff assistance. The Office of Policy and Legal Analysis and the Office of Fiscal and Program Review shall provide staffing and clerical assistance to the committee and may, within existing resources, obtain technical assistance from appropriate sources.

7. Compensation. Members of the committee are entitled to receive the legislative per diem as defined in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 3, section 2 and reimbursement for travel for attendance at meetings of the committee held during the legislative interim.

8. Report. The committee shall submit its initial findings and recommendations, along with any necessary implementing legislation, to the First Regular Session of the 123rd Legislature by May 14, 2007 and shall submit its final findings and recommendations, along with any necessary implementing

legislation, to the Second Regular Session of the 123rd Legislature by January 2, 2008.

9. Termination. The committee terminates January 4, 2008.

Comes from the House, **READ** and **PASSED AS AMENDED BY HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" (H-22)**.

READ.

On motion by Senator **MITCHELL** of Kennebec, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending **PASSAGE**, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: S.C. 127

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

March 15, 2007

The Honorable Beth Edmonds
President of the Senate of Maine
123rd 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 123rd Maine Legislature, the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs has had under consideration the nomination of Wayne A. Newell of Princeton, for appointment to the University of Maine System, Board of Trustees.

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	1	Bowman of York
	Representatives	8	Norton of Bangor, Edgecomb of Caribou, Farrington of Gorham, Finch of Fairfield, Makas of Lewiston, McFadden of Dennysville, Strang Burgess of Cumberland, Sutherland of Chapman

NAYS 0

ABSENT 4
Rep. Harlow of Portland, Sen. Mills of Somerset, Sen. Mitchell of Kennebec, Rep. Muse of Fryeburg

Nine 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 Wayne A. Newell of Princeton, for appointment to the University of Maine System, Board of Trustees be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Peter B. Bowman
Senate Chair

S/Jacqueline Norton
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 128

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

March 15, 2007

The Honorable Beth Edmonds
President of the Senate of Maine
123rd 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 123rd Maine Legislature, the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs has had under consideration the nomination of William D. Johnson of Saco, for reappointment to the University of Maine System, Board of Trustees.

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	2	Bowman of York, Mills of Somerset
	Representatives	7	Norton of Bangor, Edgecomb of Caribou, Farrington of Gorham, Finch of Fairfield, McFadden of Dennysville, Strang Burgess of Cumberland, Sutherland of Chapman

NAYS 0

ABSENT 4 Rep. Harlow of Portland, Rep. Makas of Lewiston, Sen. Mitchell of Kennebec, Rep. Muse of Fryeburg

Nine 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 William D. Johnson of Saco, for reappointment to the University of Maine System, Board of Trustees be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Peter B. Bowman
Senate Chair

S/Jacqueline Norton
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 129

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE**

March 15, 2007

The Honorable Beth Edmonds
President of the Senate of Maine
123rd 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 123rd Maine Legislature, the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife has had under consideration the nomination of Frank M. Dunbar of Bucksport, for appointment to the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Advisory Council.

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	2	Bryant of Oxford, Gooley of Franklin
------	----------	---	--------------------------------------

Representatives 9 Jackson of Allagash, Eberle of South Portland, Finch of Fairfield, Lundeen of Mars Hill, McLeod of Lee, Richardson of Greenville, Richardson of Carmel, Saviello of Wilton, Wheeler of Kittery

NAYS 0

ABSENT 2 Rep. Bryant of Windham, Sen. Perry of Penobscot

YEAS Senators 2 Bryant of Oxford, Gooley of Franklin

Representatives 9 Jackson of Allagash, Eberle of South Portland, Finch of Fairfield, Lundeen of Mars Hill, McLeod of Lee, Richardson of Greenville, Richardson of Carmel, Saviello of Wilton, Wheeler of Kittery

NAYS 0

ABSENT 2 Rep. Bryant of Windham, Sen. Perry of Penobscot

Eleven 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 Frank M. Dunbar of Bucksport, for appointment to the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Advisory Council be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Bruce Bryant
Senate Chair

S/Troy D. Jackson
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 130

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE**

March 15, 2007

The Honorable Beth Edmonds
President of the Senate of Maine
123rd 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 123rd Maine Legislature, the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife has had under consideration the nomination of Albion D. Goodwin of Pembroke, for appointment to the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Advisory Council.

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:

Eleven 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 Albion D. Goodwin of Pembroke, for appointment to the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Advisory Council be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Bruce Bryant
Senate Chair

S/Troy D. Jackson
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 132

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY**

March 19, 2007

The Honorable Beth Edmonds
President of the Senate of Maine
123rd 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 123rd Maine Legislature, the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry has had under consideration the nomination of John M. Jemison, Jr. of Orono, for reappointment to the Board of Pesticides Control.

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	1	Nutting of Androscoggin
	Representatives	8	Pieh of Bremen, Carter of Bethel, Cray of Palmyra, Edgecomb of Caribou, Gifford of Lincoln, Lundeen of Mars Hill, Marean of Hollis, Pratt of Eddington
NAYS		0	
ABSENT		4	Rep. Pineau of Jay, Rep. Piotti of Unity, Sen. Rotundo of Androscoggin, Sen. Sherman of Aroostook

Nine 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 John M. Jemison, Jr. of Orono, for reappointment to the Board of Pesticides Control be confirmed.

Signed,

S/John M. Nutting
Senate Chair

S/Wendy Pieh
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 133

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND
FORESTRY**

March 19, 2007

The Honorable Beth Edmonds
President of the Senate of Maine
123rd 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 123rd Maine Legislature, the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry has had under

consideration the nomination of Carol A. Eckert of Windsor, for reappointment to the Board of Pesticides Control.

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	2	Nutting of Androscoggin, Sherman of Aroostook
	Representatives	8	Pieh of Bremen, Carter of Bethel, Cray of Palmyra, Edgecomb of Caribou, Gifford of Lincoln, Lundeen of Mars Hill, Marean of Hollis, Pratt of Eddington
NAYS		0	
ABSENT		3	Rep. Pineau of Jay, Rep. Piotti of Unity, Sen. Rotundo of Androscoggin

Ten 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 Carol A. Eckert of Windsor, for reappointment to the Board of Pesticides Control be confirmed.

Signed,

S/John M. Nutting
Senate Chair

S/Wendy Pieh
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 131

**123RD LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
3 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0003**

March 14, 2007

Honorable Joy O'Brien
Secretary of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Secretary O'Brien:

Pursuant to my authority under Public Laws 2001, Chapter 439, Part PPPP, I am pleased to appoint the following Senators to the Legislative Youth Advisory Council:

Senator Joseph C. Perry of Penobscot, replacing Senator Elizabeth Mitchell
Senator Paula I. Benoit of Sagadahoc, replacing Senator Carol Weston

Please contact my office if you have any questions regarding these appointments.

Sincerely,

S/Beth Edmonds
President of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 121

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE**

March 13, 2007

Honorable Beth Edmonds, President of the Senate
Honorable Glenn Cummings, Speaker of the House
123rd Maine Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Edmonds and Speaker Cummings:

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

- L.D. 618 An Act To Increase the Amount Retained by Agents Who Issue Hunting and Fishing Licenses (BY REQUEST)
- L.D. 698 An Act To Increase the Seal Fee for Registration of a Harvested Animal (BY REQUEST)

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

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Bruce Bryant
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Troy D. Jackson
House Chair

READ and with accompanying papers ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 122

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

March 13, 2007

Honorable Beth Edmonds, President of the Senate
Honorable Glenn Cummings, Speaker of the House
123rd Maine Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Edmonds and Speaker Cummings:

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

- L.D. 491 An Act To Set Limits on Political Action Committee Contributions
- L.D. 557 An Act To Increase the Penalty for Late Filings by Lobbyists (BY REQUEST)
- L.D. 700 An Act To Limit Expenditures by Political Action Committees

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

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Lisa T. Marrache
Senate Chair

S/Rep. John L. Patrick
House Chair

READ and with accompanying papers ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 123

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

March 13, 2007

Honorable Beth Edmonds, President of the Senate
Honorable Glenn Cummings, Speaker of the House
123rd Maine Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Edmonds and Speaker Cummings:

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 bills out "Ought Not to Pass":

- L.D. 399 An Act To Require Impact Statements from Potential Purchasers of Public Utilities and Those Who Apply To Extract Natural Resources
- L.D. 542 Resolve, To Direct the Department of Environmental Protection To Locate and Remediate a Gasoline Spill Contaminating a Private Well (BY REQUEST)

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

Sincerely,

S/Sen. John L. Martin
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Theodore S. Koffman
House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 124

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

March 13, 2007

Honorable Beth Edmonds, President of the Senate
Honorable Glenn Cummings, Speaker of the House
123rd Maine Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Edmonds and Speaker Cummings:

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. 344 An Act To Modify the Membership of the Franklin County Budget Advisory Committee

- L.D. 638 An Act To Require Joint Planning and Development Board Review for Proposed Developments That Abut Municipal Boundaries

- L.D. 664 RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Require That Members of the House and Senate Be Assigned Seats That Correlate with Each Member's District for the Purpose of Enhancing Communications and Reducing the Perception of Partisan Gridlock

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

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Elizabeth M. Schneider
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Christopher R. Barstow
House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 125

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

March 13, 2007

Honorable Beth Edmonds, President of the Senate
Honorable Glenn Cummings, Speaker of the House
123rd Maine Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Edmonds and Speaker Cummings:

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. 95 An Act To Require Notification when a Vehicle Is Towed
- L.D. 447 Resolve, To Improve the Registration Process for Commercial Motor Vehicles

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

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Dennis S. Damon
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Boyd P. Marley
House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 126

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON UTILITIES AND ENERGY**

March 13, 2007

Honorable Beth Edmonds, President of the Senate
Honorable Glenn Cummings, Speaker of the House
123rd Maine Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Edmonds and Speaker Cummings:

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 bills out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 242 An Act To Establish a "Do Not Fax" List

L.D. 498 An Act To Limit the Charges for a Lost Cell Phone

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

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Philip L. Bartlett II
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Lawrence Bliss
House Chair

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

SENATE PAPERS

Bill "An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Fund Water and Wastewater Infrastructure"
S.P. 536 L.D. 1513

Sponsored by Senator RAYE of Washington.
Cosponsored by Representative KOFFMAN of Bar Harbor and Senators: BARTLETT of Cumberland, MARTIN of Aroostook, ROSEN of Hancock, SMITH of Piscataquis, Representatives: EMERY of Cutler, FAIRCLOTH of Bangor, FLOOD of Winthrop, HAMPER of Oxford.

Bill "An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for Biorefineries"
S.P. 543 L.D. 1520

Sponsored by Senator BRYANT of Oxford.
Cosponsored by Representative BRYANT of Windham and Representatives: HOTHAM of Dixfield, PATRICK of Rumford.

Bill "An Act To Enhance Family Development Accounts"
S.P. 549 L.D. 1526

Sponsored by Senator STRIMLING of Cumberland.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Address Issues Related to Chiropractic Licensure"
S.P. 514 L.D. 1466

Sponsored by Senator SCHNEIDER of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Representative SILSBY of Augusta and Senator: MARRACHÉ of Kennebec, Representatives: BEAUDETTE of Biddeford, BEAULIEU of Auburn, CLEARY of Houlton, MacDONALD of Boothbay, PRESCOTT of Topsham, RECTOR of Thomaston, SAMSON of Auburn.

Bill "An Act To Permit Certain Health Care Practices"
S.P. 539 L.D. 1516

Sponsored by Senator COURTNEY of York.
Cosponsored by Representatives: BOLAND of Sanford, MIRAMANT of Camden.

Bill "An Act To Amend the Staffing and Reporting Requirements for the Citizen Trade Policy Commission"
S.P. 542 L.D. 1519

Sponsored by Senator ROTUNDO of Androscoggin.
Cosponsored by Representative PATRICK of Rumford and Senator: RAYE of Washington, Representatives: PRATT of Eddington, TREAT of Farmingdale.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Reduce the Amount of Good Time That May Be Awarded to Certain Offenders"

S.P. 517 L.D. 1490

Sponsored by Senator DIAMOND of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative SILSBY of Augusta and Senator: McCORMICK of Kennebec, Representative: PLUMMER of Windham.

Bill "An Act To Create Child Safe Zones and To Increase the Use of Electronic Monitoring of High-risk Sex Offenders"

S.P. 518 L.D. 1491

Sponsored by Senator DIAMOND of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative GERZOFKY of Brunswick and Senator: McCORMICK of Kennebec, Representatives: HANLEY of Gardiner, SILSBY of Augusta.

Bill "An Act To Change the Statute of Limitations for Gross Sexual Assault by a Juvenile"

S.P. 535 L.D. 1512

Sponsored by Senator BARTLETT of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Senators: DIAMOND of Cumberland, McCORMICK of Kennebec.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Resolve, To Establish a Pilot Program for a Trimester Schedule at the University of Maine at Presque Isle (EMERGENCY)

S.P. 513 L.D. 1465

Sponsored by Senator SHERMAN of Aroostook.
Cosponsored by Senators: HASTINGS of Oxford, ROSEN of Hancock, Representatives: CRAY of Palmyra, JOY of Crystal.

Bill "An Act To Reform Maine's School Funding"

S.P. 529 L.D. 1506

Sponsored by Senator NUTTING of Androscoggin.

Bill "An Act To Promote Compassion in Schoolchildren"

S.P. 548 L.D. 1525

Sponsored by Senator PERRY of Penobscot.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Prevent Elder Prescription Drug Abuse"

S.P. 511 L.D. 1463

Sponsored by Senator BROMLEY of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative PERRY of Calais and Representatives: CAMPBELL of Newfield, GROSE of Woolwich.

Resolve, To Protect Nursing Facilities

S.P. 532 L.D. 1509

Sponsored by Senator SCHNEIDER of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Senators: MARRACHÉ of Kennebec, PERRY of Penobscot, RAYE of Washington, Representative: PERCY of Phippsburg.

Bill "An Act Requiring Heavy Metal-free Immunizing Agents"

S.P. 546 L.D. 1523

Sponsored by Senator COURTNEY of York.

Bill "An Act To Set Maximum Allowable Television Viewing Hours for State-licensed Child Care Facilities"

S.P. 550 L.D. 1527

Sponsored by Senator TURNER of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative WEBSTER of Freeport.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Restrict the Time during Which an Airmobile May Be Operated"

S.P. 523 L.D. 1496

Sponsored by Senator BENOIT of Sagadahoc.
Cosponsored by President EDMONDS of Cumberland and Senator: SHERMAN of Aroostook.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Enhance Fairness in Arbitration"

S.P. 516 L.D. 1489

Sponsored by Senator BOWMAN of York.

Bill "An Act To Require Health Insurance Coverage for Hearing Aids"

S.P. 537 L.D. 1514

Sponsored by Senator SULLIVAN of York.
Cosponsored by Representative PERRY of Calais and Senator: MARRACHÉ of Kennebec, Representatives: LEWIN of Eliot, MILLER of Somerville, PINGREE of North Haven, TREAT of Farmingdale, WALCOTT of Lewiston.

Bill "An Act To Allow Maine Consumers To Purchase Health Insurance from Out-of-State Insurers"

S.P. 540 L.D. 1517

Sponsored by Senator SMITH of Piscataquis.
Cosponsored by Representatives: MCKANE of Newcastle, SAVAGE of Falmouth, Representative VAUGHAN of Durham and Senators: PLOWMAN of Penobscot, SCHNEIDER of Penobscot, SNOWE-MELLO of Androscoggin, WESTON of Waldo, Representatives: AYOTTE of Caswell, CROCKETT of Augusta, MOORE of Standish, RICHARDSON of Warren.

Bill "An Act To Provide Education Concerning and Insurance Coverage for Lyme Disease"

S.P. 544 L.D. 1521

Sponsored by Senator BRYANT of Oxford.
Cosponsored by Representative BRYANT of Windham and Senators: DIAMOND of Cumberland, MARRACHÉ of Kennebec, Representative: HOTHAM of Dixfield.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Adopt the Revised Uniform Anatomical Gift Act"

S.P. 528 L.D. 1505

Sponsored by Senator HOBBS of York.
Cosponsored by Senator MARRACHÉ of Kennebec.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Resolve, To Create Improved Employment Opportunities for People with Disabilities

S.P. 515 L.D. 1467

Sponsored by Senator STRIMLING of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Senator: SULLIVAN of York, Representatives: CLARK of Millinocket, DRISCOLL of Westbrook, DUPREY of Hampden, JACKSON of Allagash, MILLETT of Waterford, TUTTLE of Sanford.

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Prohibit Incurring Any New Unfunded Liabilities for Retiree Health Benefits and To Require a 20-year Amortization of Public Retiree Benefits

S.P. 519 L.D. 1492

Sponsored by Senator MILLS of Somerset.

Bill "An Act To Authorize the Employer To Adjust Workers' Compensation Benefits When the Employee Returns To Work for Another Employer"

S.P. 520 L.D. 1493

Sponsored by Senator MILLS of Somerset.

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Dispose of Unfunded Liabilities in State Retiree Health Care Plans

S.P. 534 L.D. 1511

Sponsored by Senator TURNER of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative MILLETT of Waterford and Senators: MILLS of Somerset, ROTUNDO of Androscoggin, WESTON of Waldo, Representatives: CAIN of Orono, FISCHER of Presque Isle, MILLS of Farmington, ROBINSON of Raymond.

Bill "An Act To Provide Retirement Equity to Forest Ranger Supervisory Personnel Whose Retirement Plans Were Changed after Initial Date of Hire"

S.P. 554 L.D. 1583

Sponsored by Senator BARTLETT of Cumberland.

Bill "An Act To Assist the Independent Medical Examiner Program for Workers' Compensation"

S.P. 556 L.D. 1585

Sponsored by Senator MARRACHÉ of Kennebec.
Cosponsored by Representative PERRY of Calais and Senator: PERRY of Penobscot, Representatives: FISCHER of Presque Isle, MILLS of Farmington.

Resolve, Directing the Department of Labor To Examine Policy and Programmatic Alternatives for the Establishment of a Wage Loss Insurance System To Provide Wage Security in the Event of Loss of Earnings

S.P. 557 L.D. 1586

Sponsored by Senator MARRACHÉ of Kennebec.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Improve Local Control over Bars"

S.P. 524 L.D. 1497

Sponsored by Senator STRIMLING of Cumberland.

Bill "An Act To Prohibit Out-of-state Corporations from Contributing to State and County Elections"
S.P. 525 L.D. 1498

Sponsored by Senator BOWMAN of York.

Bill "An Act To Improve the Maine Clean Election Act"
S.P. 526 L.D. 1499

Sponsored by Senator DIAMOND of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative GERZOFKY of Brunswick.

Bill "An Act Regarding Political Activities of Corporations"
S.P. 530 L.D. 1507

Sponsored by Senator STRIMLING of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative BRAUTIGAM of Falmouth and Senators: President EDMONDS of Cumberland, NUTTING of Androscoggin, Representatives: BRYANT of Windham, DUNN of Bangor, FAIRCLOTH of Bangor, HINCK of Portland, HOLMAN of Fayette, SIMPSON of Auburn.

Bill "An Act To Modify the Citizen Initiative Process"
S.P. 545 L.D. 1522

Sponsored by Senator TURNER of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative FISCHER of Presque Isle and Senators: MILLS of Somerset, ROTUNDO of Androscoggin, Representatives: CAIN of Orono, GILES of Belfast, MILLETT of Waterford, MILLS of Farmington, ROBINSON of Raymond.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Protect Native Diadromous Fish during Their Migration"

S.P. 551 L.D. 1528

Sponsored by Senator DAMON of Hancock.
Cosponsored by Representative WATSON of Bath and Senators: MITCHELL of Kennebec, ROTUNDO of Androscoggin, Representatives: BERRY of Bowdoinham, CRAVEN of Lewiston, PERCY of Phippsburg, SIMPSON of Auburn, WAGNER of Lewiston, WALCOTT of Lewiston.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Allow the Department of Environmental Protection To Charge Interest for Late Payment of Fees"
S.P. 527 L.D. 1500

Sponsored by Senator MARTIN of Aroostook.
Cosponsored by Representative ANNIS of Dover-Foxcroft and Senator: MILLS of Somerset, Representatives: DUCHESNE of Hudson, MIRAMANT of Camden.
Submitted by the Department of Environmental Protection pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Bill "An Act To Protect the Scenic Value of the Kennebec River"
S.P. 531 L.D. 1508

Sponsored by Senator MITCHELL of Kennebec.
Cosponsored by Representative SILSBY of Augusta and Senator: MARRACHÉ of Kennebec, Representatives: CANAVAN of Waterville, CROCKETT of Augusta, HANLEY of Gardiner.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Clarify the Department of Audit's Municipal Internal Control Observation Program"

S.P. 510 L.D. 1462

Sponsored by Senator WESTON of Waldo.
Cosponsored by Senator: BENOIT of Sagadahoc, Representatives: JOY of Crystal, THIBODEAU of Winterport.

Bill "An Act To Expand the Duties of the State Planning Office To Provide Additional Services to Municipalities"

S.P. 512 L.D. 1464

Sponsored by Senator COURTNEY of York.
Cosponsored by Representative SMITH of Monmouth and Representatives: BEAUDETTE of Biddeford, BEAULIEU of Auburn, CLEARLY of Houlton, MacDONALD of Boothbay, PRESCOTT of Topsham, SAMSON of Auburn.

Bill "An Act To Require That Notaries Public Keep Records of Notarial Acts"

S.P. 538 L.D. 1515

Sponsored by Senator HOBBS of York.
Cosponsored by Senator: PERRY of Penobscot, Representatives: ADAMS of Portland, BRAUTIGAM of Falmouth, MILLS of Farmington, SIMPSON of Auburn.
Submitted by the Secretary of State pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Reduce the Size of the Legislature to 140 Members
S.P. 553 L.D. 1530

Sponsored by Senator DOW of Lincoln.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Allow Maine Residents To More Fully Depreciate Their Motor Vehicles"

S.P. 508 L.D. 1460

Sponsored by Senator NUTTING of Androscoggin.
Cosponsored by Representative SMITH of Monmouth.

Bill "An Act To Allow a Tax Credit for Tuition Paid to Private Schools"

S.P. 509 L.D. 1461

Sponsored by Senator SHERMAN of Aroostook.
Cosponsored by Senators: COURTNEY of York, PLOWMAN of Penobscot, SNOWE-MELLO of Androscoggin, Representatives: CLEARY of Houlton, GIFFORD of Lincoln, JOY of Crystal.

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Reform Property Taxes by Limiting Increases

S.P. 521 L.D. 1494

Sponsored by Senator SNOWE-MELLO of Androscoggin.
Cosponsored by Senator COURTNEY of York, Representative LANSLEY of Sabattus and Representatives: CEBRA of Naples, HOTHAM of Dixfield, ROBINSON of Raymond.

Bill "An Act To Provide an Income Tax Deduction for Health Insurance Premiums"

S.P. 533 L.D. 1510

Sponsored by Senator SULLIVAN of York.
Cosponsored by Representative FISHER of Brewer and Senators: DAMON of Hancock, MARTIN of Aroostook, MITCHELL of Kennebec, PERRY of Penobscot, Representatives: EDGECOMB of Caribou, FINCH of Fairfield, MUSE of Fryeburg, PIOTTI of Unity.

Bill "An Act To Establish a Renewable Energy Tax Credit"

S.P. 541 L.D. 1518

Sponsored by Senator BARTLETT of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative BRAUTIGAM of Falmouth and Senators: BRYANT of Oxford, DAMON of Hancock, HOBBS of York, PERRY of Penobscot, STRIMLING of Cumberland, Representative: EBERLE of South Portland.

Bill "An Act To Create a Scholarship Grant Organization Tax Credit"

S.P. 552 L.D. 1529

Sponsored by Senator SHERMAN of Aroostook.
Cosponsored by Representative CLEARY of Houlton and Representative: GIFFORD of Lincoln.

Bill "An Act To Authorize Arbitration of Property Tax Valuation Disputes"

S.P. 555 L.D. 1584

Sponsored by Senator SMITH of Piscataquis.
Cosponsored by Senator: HASTINGS of Oxford, Representative: CAIN of Orono.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Reduce Additional State Fees for Consumer-owned Electric Utility Customers"

S.P. 522 L.D. 1495

Sponsored by Senator SNOWE-MELLO of Androscoggin.
Cosponsored by Senators: SMITH of Piscataquis, WESTON of Waldo, Representative: TARDY of Newport.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

**Pursuant to Statutes
Judicial Compensation Commission**

President EDMONDS for the **Judicial Compensation Commission**, pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 4, section 1701 asked leave to report that the accompanying Bill "An Act To Increase Judicial Salaries" (EMERGENCY)

S.P. 547 L.D. 1524

Be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

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

On motion by Senator **HOBBS** of York, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Sent down for concurrence.

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

ORDERS OF THE DAY

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

NOMINATION - of Wayne A. Newell of Princeton, for appointment to the University of Maine System, Board of Trustees

Tabled - March 20, 2007, by Senator **BOWMAN** of York

Pending - **CONSIDERATION**

(In Senate, March 20, 2007, Communication (S.C. 127) from the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS, READ** and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**)

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall the recommendation of the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** be overridden?"

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Chapter 6, Section 151, and with Joint Rule 506 of the 123rd Legislature, the vote was taken by the Yeas and Nays.

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#30)

YEAS: Senators: None

NAYS: Senators: BARTLETT, BENOIT, BOWMAN, BRANNIGAN, BRYANT, COURTNEY, DAMON, DIAMOND, DOW, GOOLEY, HASTINGS, HOBBS, MARRACHE, MARTIN, MCCORMICK, MILLS, MITCHELL, NASS, NUTTING, PERRY, PLOWMAN, RAYE, ROSEN, ROTUNDO, SAVAGE, SCHNEIDER, SHERMAN, SMITH, SNOWE-MELLO, STRIMLING, SULLIVAN, TURNER, WESTON, THE PRESIDENT - BETH G. EDMONDS

ABSENT: Senator: BROMLEY

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 **Wayne A. Newell** of Princeton, for appointment to the University of Maine System, Board of Trustees was **CONFIRMED**.

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

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

NOMINATION - of William D. Johnson of Saco, for reappointment to the University of Maine System, Board of Trustees

Tabled - March 20, 2007, by Senator **BOWMAN** of York

Pending - **CONSIDERATION**

(In Senate, March 20, 2007, Communication (S.C. 128) from the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS, READ** and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**)

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall the recommendation of the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** be overridden?"

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Chapter 6, Section 151, and with Joint Rule 506 of the 123rd Legislature, the vote was taken by the Yeas and Nays.

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#31)

YEAS: Senators: None

NAYS: Senators: BARTLETT, BENOIT, BOWMAN, BRANNIGAN, BRYANT, COURTNEY, DAMON, DIAMOND, DOW, GOOLEY, HASTINGS, HOBBS, MARRACHE, MARTIN, MCCORMICK, MILLS, MITCHELL, NASS, NUTTING, PERRY, PLOWMAN, RAYE, ROSEN, ROTUNDO, SAVAGE, SCHNEIDER, SHERMAN, SMITH, SNOWE-MELLO, STRIMLING, SULLIVAN, TURNER, WESTON, THE PRESIDENT - BETH G. EDMONDS

ABSENT: Senator: BROMLEY

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 **William D. Johnson** of Saco, for reappointment to the University of Maine System, Board of Trustees was **CONFIRMED**.

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

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

NOMINATION - of Frank M. Dunbar of Bucksport, for appointment to the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Advisory Council

Tabled - March 20, 2007, by Senator **BRYANT** of Oxford

Pending - **CONSIDERATION**

(In Senate, March 20, 2007, Communication (S.C. 129) from the Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE, 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 123rd Legislature, the vote was taken by the Yeas and Nays.

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#32)

YEAS: Senators: None

NAYS: Senators: BARTLETT, BENOIT, BOWMAN, BRANNIGAN, BRYANT, COURTNEY, DAMON, DIAMOND, DOW, GOOLEY, HASTINGS, HOBBS, MARRACHE, MARTIN, MCCORMICK, MILLS, MITCHELL, NASS, NUTTING, PERRY, PLOWMAN, RAYE, ROSEN, ROTUNDO, SAVAGE, SCHNEIDER, SHERMAN, SMITH, SNOWE-MELLO, STRIMLING, SULLIVAN, TURNER, WESTON, THE PRESIDENT - BETH G. EDMONDS

ABSENT: Senator: BROMLEY

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 **Frank M. Dunbar** of Bucksport, for appointment to the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Advisory Council was **CONFIRMED**.

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

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

NOMINATION - of Albion D. Goodwin of Pembroke, for appointment to the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Advisory Council

Tabled - March 20, 2007, by Senator **BRYANT** of Oxford

Pending - **CONSIDERATION**

(In Senate, March 20, 2007, Communication (S.C. 130) from the Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE**, **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 123rd Legislature, the vote was taken by the Yeas and Nays.

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#33)

YEAS: Senators: None

NAYS: Senators: BARTLETT, BENOIT, BOWMAN, BRANNIGAN, BRYANT, COURTNEY, DAMON, DIAMOND, DOW, GOOLEY, HASTINGS, HOBBS, MARRACHE, MARTIN, MCCORMICK, MILLS, MITCHELL, NASS, NUTTING, PERRY, PLOWMAN, RAYE, ROSEN, ROTUNDO, SAVAGE, SCHNEIDER, SHERMAN, SMITH, SNOWE-MELLO, STRIMLING, SULLIVAN, TURNER, WESTON, THE PRESIDENT - BETH G. EDMONDS

ABSENT: Senator: BROMLEY

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 **Albion D. Goodwin** of Pembroke, for appointment to the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Advisory Council was **CONFIRMED**.

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

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

NOMINATION - of John M. Jemison, Jr. of Orono, for reappointment to the Board of Pesticides Control

Tabled - March 20, 2007, by Senator **NUTTING** of Androscoggin

Pending - **CONSIDERATION**

(In Senate, March 20, 2007, Communication (S.C. 132) from the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY**, **READ** and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**.)

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall the recommendation of the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** be overridden?"

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Chapter 6, Section 151, and with Joint Rule 506 of the 123rd Legislature, the vote was taken by the Yeas and Nays.

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#34)

YEAS: Senators: None

NAYS: Senators: BARTLETT, BENOIT, BOWMAN, BRANNIGAN, BRYANT, COURTNEY, DAMON, DIAMOND, DOW, GOOLEY, HASTINGS, HOBBS, MARRACHE, MARTIN, MCCORMICK, MILLS, MITCHELL, NASS, NUTTING, PERRY, PLOWMAN, RAYE, ROSEN, ROTUNDO, SAVAGE, SCHNEIDER, SHERMAN, SMITH, SNOWE-MELLO, STRIMLING, SULLIVAN, TURNER, WESTON, THE PRESIDENT - BETH G. EDMONDS

ABSENT: Senator: BROMLEY

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 **John M. Jemison, Jr.** of Orono, for reappointment to the Board of Pesticides Control was **CONFIRMED**.

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

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

NOMINATION - of Carol A. Eckert of Windsor, for reappointment to the Board of Pesticides Control

Tabled - March 20, 2007, by Senator **NUTTING** of Androscoggin

Pending - **CONSIDERATION**

(In Senate, March 20, 2007, Communication (S.C. 133) from the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY**, **READ** and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**.)

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall the recommendation of the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** be overridden?"

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Chapter 6, Section 151, and with Joint Rule 506 of the 123rd Legislature, the vote was taken by the Yeas and Nays.

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#35)

YEAS: Senators: None

NAYS: Senators: BARTLETT, BENOIT, BOWMAN, BRANNIGAN, BRYANT, COURTNEY, DAMON, DIAMOND, DOW, GOOLEY, HASTINGS, HOBBS, MARRACHE, MARTIN, MCCORMICK, MILLS, MITCHELL, NASS, NUTTING, PERRY, PLOWMAN, RAYE, ROSEN, ROTUNDO, SAVAGE, SCHNEIDER, SHERMAN, SMITH, SNOWE-MELLO, STRIMLING, SULLIVAN, TURNER, WESTON, THE PRESIDENT - BETH G. EDMONDS

ABSENT: Senator: BROMLEY

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 **Carol A. Eckert** of Windsor, for reappointment to the Board of Pesticides Control was **CONFIRMED**.

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

House

Change of Committee

The Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** on Resolve, To Investigate Cellular Telephone Use and Driver Safety

H.P. 443 L.D. 576

Reported that the same be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION**.

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

REFERRED to the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION**, in concurrence.

Ought to Pass As Amended

The Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** on Bill "An Act To Study the Feasibility of Locating a New Bridge in the St. David Area" H.P. 394 L.D. 511

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

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-17)**.

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

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-17) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

Senate

Ought to Pass As Amended

Senator SCHNEIDER for the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** on Bill "An Act To Establish November as Lung Cancer Awareness Month"

S.P. 80 L.D. 243

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-13)**.

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

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-13) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

Senator SCHNEIDER for the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** on Bill "An Act To Establish May as Missing Persons Month" (EMERGENCY)

S.P. 86 L.D. 249

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

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

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-14) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

Senator DAMON for the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** on Resolve, To Direct the Department of Transportation To Rename State Bridge Number 5278 the Ryan Quirion Guthrie Bridge

S.P. 161 L.D. 474

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

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

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-15) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

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

SECOND READERS

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

House

Bill "An Act To Provide for Minimum Wage and Overtime Coverage for Certain Domestic Workers"

H.P. 195 L.D. 224

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

House As Amended

Bill "An Act To Designate the Arctic Charr as a State Heritage Fish"

H.P. 147 L.D. 165
(C "A" H-14)

Bill "An Act To Promote Mandatory Assignments and Training for Assistant Game Wardens"

H.P. 208 L.D. 274
(C "A" H-15)

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

Senate

Bill "An Act To Make Failure To Wear a Seat Belt a Primary Offense"

S.P. 22 L.D. 24

READ A SECOND TIME and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Senate As Amended

Bill "An Act To Encourage the Use of Solar Energy"
S.P. 42 L.D. 134
(C "A" S-11)

Resolve, To Ensure More Comprehensive Investigation and
Prosecution of Computer Crimes (EMERGENCY)
S.P. 105 L.D. 322
(C "A" S-10)

Bill "An Act To Create the Endangered or Threatened Marine
Species Fund"
S.P. 245 L.D. 796
(C "A" S-12)

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

Sent down for concurrence.

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

ENACTORS

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

Emergency Measure

An Act To Transfer the Administration of the Renewable
Resource Fund from the State Planning Office to the Public
Utilities Commission

H.P. 37 L.D. 36
(C "A" H-10)

This being an Emergency Measure and having received the
affirmative vote of 34 Members of the Senate, with no Senators
having voted in the negative, and 34 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.

Emergency Measure

An Act To Ensure Proper Funding of the Public Utilities
Commission

H.P. 223 L.D. 267
(C "A" H-11)

This being an Emergency Measure and having received the
affirmative vote of 34 Members of the Senate, with no Senators
having voted in the negative, and 34 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.

Acts

An Act To Provide Reinstatement of Group Life Insurance for
Public Employees Returning from Unpaid Military Leave
H.P. 136 L.D. 154
(C "A" H-9)

An Act To Allow the Municipal Clerk To Inspect Municipal Election
Ballots
H.P. 173 L.D. 202
(C "A" H-8)

PASSED TO BE ENACTED and having been signed by the
President were presented by the Secretary to the Governor for his
approval.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later
(3/8/07) Assigned matter:

Bill "An Act To Regulate Fire Alarm Contractors"
S.P. 420 L.D. 1172

Tabled - March 8, 2007, by Senator **DIAMOND** of Cumberland

Pending - **REFERENCE**

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

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

Sent down for concurrence.

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later
(3/13/07) Assigned matter:

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Municipal Elections"
S.P. 476 L.D. 1362

Tabled - March 13, 2007, by Senator **MARRACHÉ** of Kennebec

Pending - **REFERENCE**

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

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

Sent down for concurrence.

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

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: S.P. 558

**STATE OF MAINE
123RD MAINE LEGISLATURE**

March 20, 2007

Sen. Nancy B. Sullivan
Senate Chair, Joint Standing Committee on Insurance and Financial Services
Rep. John R. Brautigam
House Chair, Joint Standing Committee on Insurance and Financial Services
123rd Legislature
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Senator Sullivan and Representative Brautigam:

Please be advised that Governor John E. Baldacci has withdrawn his nomination of Dana Connors for appointment to the Board of Directors of Dirigo Health, pursuant to Title 3 M.R.S.A. §154.

This nomination is currently pending before the Joint Standing Committee on Insurance and Financial Services.

Sincerely,

S/Beth Edmonds
President of the Senate

S/Glenn Cummings
Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

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:

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

House Paper

Bill "An Act To Adjust the Milk Handling Fee"
H.P. 1030 L.D. 1468

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

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

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

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

House Paper

Bill "An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for the Land for Maine's Future Program"
H.P. 1056 L.D. 1531

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

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

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

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

House Papers

Bill "An Act To Enhance Accountability in Future Tax Increment Financing"
H.P. 1031 L.D. 1469

Bill "An Act To Clarify the Laws Regarding Physicians"
H.P. 1032 L.D. 1470

Bill "An Act To Ensure That Publicly Funded Programs Do Not Jeopardize Existing Industry"
H.P. 1033 L.D. 1471

Bill "An Act To Provide for the Regulation of Denturists by the Board of Complementary Health Care Providers"
H.P. 1034 L.D. 1472

Bill "An Act To Authorize the Maine Board of Pharmacy To Establish a Pharmacist Health Program" (EMERGENCY)
H.P. 1100 L.D. 1575

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

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

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

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

House Papers

Bill "An Act To Provide Outreach and Training on Dementia-related Protocols for Law Enforcement Officers"
H.P. 1019 L.D. 1449

Bill "An Act Regarding the Violation of Bail"
H.P. 1058 L.D. 1533

Bill "An Act To Examine the Types of Sex Offenses That Require an Offender To Register with the State"
H.P. 1059 L.D. 1534

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

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

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

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

House Papers

Bill "An Act To Provide State Support for State-approved School Construction Projects in Certain Municipalities"
H.P. 1035 L.D. 1473

Resolve, To Encourage Financial Education of Children from Kindergarten to Grade 12
H.P. 1089 L.D. 1564

Resolve, To Expand Access to Early Childhood Education to All Children 4 Years of Age and Older
H.P. 1090 L.D. 1565

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

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

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

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

House Papers

Bill "An Act To Protect a Borrower's Right To Use the Borrower's Chosen Accounting Service"
H.P. 1022 L.D. 1452

Bill "An Act To Increase the Minimum Medical Payments Coverage in Automobile Insurance"
H.P. 1036 L.D. 1474

Bill "An Act Relating to Bad Check Enforcement Programs Operated by Private Entities"
H.P. 1038 L.D. 1476

Bill "An Act To Clarify and Update the Laws Related to Property and Casualty Insurance"
H.P. 1052 L.D. 1502

Bill "An Act To Clarify and Update the Laws Related to Health Insurance"
H.P. 1053 L.D. 1503

Bill "An Act To Implement a Single-Payor Health Care System"
H.P. 1064 L.D. 1539

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

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

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

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

House Papers

Resolve, Regarding the Privacy of Social Security Numbers
H.P. 1023 L.D. 1453

Bill "An Act To Guarantee Free Speech in Privately Owned Public Gathering Places"
H.P. 1065 L.D. 1540

Bill "An Act To Improve Child Support Services"
H.P. 1066 L.D. 1541

Bill "An Act To Limit the Liability of Organized Clubs"
H.P. 1067 L.D. 1542

Bill "An Act To Establish the Leaseholders' Bill of Rights"
H.P. 1101 L.D. 1576

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

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

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

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

House Papers

Bill "An Act To Care for Working Families"
H.P. 1024 L.D. 1454

Bill "An Act Concerning the Duties of Employers in the Case of Mass Employee Termination"
H.P. 1025 L.D. 1455

Bill "An Act To Clarify the Use of Tips in Payment of Service Employees"
H.P. 1068 L.D. 1543

Bill "An Act To Enact the Home Care Consumer and Worker Protection Act"
H.P. 1069 L.D. 1544

Bill "An Act To Protect Workers from Political or Religious Intimidation"
H.P. 1070 L.D. 1545

Bill "An Act To Require Employees Injured at Work To Report Those Injuries within 24 Hours"
H.P. 1071 L.D. 1546

Bill "An Act To Allow Certain Veterans Who Did Not Previously Qualify To Buy Maine State Retirement System Time at a Subsidized Rate"
H.P. 1094 L.D. 1569

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

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

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

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

House Papers

Bill "An Act To Prohibit a Maine Clean Election Act Candidate from Recruiting a Primary Opponent"
H.P. 1072 L.D. 1547

Bill "An Act Concerning Nonprofit Political Action Committees"
H.P. 1073 L.D. 1548

Bill "An Act Concerning Voter Registration"
H.P. 1074 L.D. 1549

Bill "An Act To Address the Pervasive Effect of Substance Abuse in Maine"
H.P. 1102 L.D. 1577

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

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

Bill "An Act To Amend the Term Limitation Laws for State Legislators"
H.P. 1075 L.D. 1550

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

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

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

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

House Papers

Bill "An Act Concerning the Natural Resources Protection Laws and Related Provisions" (EMERGENCY)
H.P. 1039 L.D. 1477

Bill "An Act To Establish a Seasonal Ban on the Operation of Outdoor Wood Boilers" (EMERGENCY)
H.P. 1076 L.D. 1551

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.

Bill "An Act To Exempt a Portion of Rental Income from Taxation"
H.P. 1045 L.D. 1483

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

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

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

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

House Papers

Resolve, Establishing a Blue Ribbon Commission To Study the Operations of State Government

H.P. 1026 L.D. 1456

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Provide for the Reduction in the Size of the Legislature
H.P. 1077 L.D. 1552

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

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

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

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

House Papers

Bill "An Act To Fund Community Health Centers"
H.P. 1046 L.D. 1484

Bill "An Act Relating to Automotive Core Parts"
H.P. 1047 L.D. 1485

Bill "An Act To Clarify the Property Tax Exemption for Family Burial Grounds"
H.P. 1048 L.D. 1486

Bill "An Act To Make Minor Substantive Changes to the Tax Laws"
H.P. 1054 L.D. 1504

Bill "An Act To Assist Snowmobile Clubs with Local Property Taxes"
H.P. 1079 L.D. 1554

Bill "An Act To Remove the Tax-exempt Status on Land Purchased by Nonprofit Groups for Conservation"
H.P. 1080 L.D. 1555

Bill "An Act To Recouple Maine Estate Tax with Federal Estate Tax"
H.P. 1081 L.D. 1556

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Cap the Property Tax on the Primary Residence of a Person 65 Years of Age or Older
H.P. 1082 L.D. 1557

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

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

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

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

House Papers

Bill "An Act To Preserve Home Ownership in the State by Reducing the Property Tax Burden"
H.P. 1027 L.D. 1457

Bill "An Act To Reduce the Income Tax Burden on Maine Residents"
H.P. 1028 L.D. 1458

Bill "An Act Concerning Spending Caps"
H.P. 1029 L.D. 1459

Bill "An Act To Reduce County Tax on Certain Municipalities"
H.P. 1040 L.D. 1478

Bill "An Act To Clarify Responsibility for the Collection of Rental Taxes"
H.P. 1041 L.D. 1479

Bill "An Act To Provide Tax Relief to Middle-income Residents through the Maine Residents Property Tax Program"
H.P. 1043 L.D. 1481

Bill "An Act To Assist Recipients of Tax-exempt Income"
H.P. 1044 L.D. 1482

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

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

House Papers

Bill "An Act To Improve the Process for Adjustment for Sudden and Severe Disruption of Valuation"

H.P. 1083 L.D. 1558

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Freeze Property Tax Bills for Certain Residents 65 Years of Age or Older

H.P. 1084 L.D. 1559

Bill "An Act To Rebalance Maine's Tax Code"

H.P. 1085 L.D. 1560

Bill "An Act To Clarify the Tax Credit for Pollution-reducing Boilers"

H.P. 1096 L.D. 1571

Bill "An Act To Encourage Municipal Cooperation"

H.P. 1103 L.D. 1578

Bill "An Act To Increase Fairness in Municipal Spending Caps"

H.P. 1104 L.D. 1579

Bill "An Act To Allow Tree Growth Land Transfer to Family Members"

H.P. 1105 L.D. 1580

Bill "An Act To Promote Economic Recovery in Maine"

H.P. 1106 L.D. 1581

Bill "An Act Reduce Maine's Tax Burden over a 10-year Period"

H.P. 1107 L.D. 1582

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

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

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

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

House Paper

Bill "An Act To Encourage and Facilitate Regional Utility Districts"

H.P. 1098 L.D. 1573

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

REFERRED to the Committee on **UTILITIES AND ENERGY** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

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

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

Pursuant to Public Law

Joint Standing Committee on Natural Resources

The **Joint Standing Committee on Natural Resources**, pursuant to Public Law 2003, chapter 629 asked leave to report that the accompanying Bill "An Act To Reduce Contamination in the Home from the Release of Brominated Flame Retardants" H.P. 1050 L.D. 1488

Be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **NATURAL RESOURCES** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **REFERRED** to the Committee on **NATURAL RESOURCES** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

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

On motion by Senator **MARTIN** of Aroostook, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **NATURAL RESOURCES** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218, in concurrence.

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 Equity in Hospital Charges"

H.P. 1020 L.D. 1450

Bill "An Act To Promote the Health and Safety of Maine Consumers"

H.P. 1021 L.D. 1451

Bill "An Act To Set Standards for Interviewing Children Who Are Subjects of a Child Protective Intervention"

H.P. 1051 L.D. 1501

Resolve, To Establish the Work Group To Review and Recommend Improvements for the Certificate of Need Program H.P. 1060 L.D. 1535

Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services To Reform Maine's Noncategorical Medicaid Program H.P. 1061 L.D. 1536

Resolve, To Improve Access to MaineCare Home Health Services

H.P. 1062 L.D. 1537

Bill "An Act To Allow the State Timely Opportunity To Participate in Settlement Negotiations for MaineCare Benefits"

H.P. 1091 L.D. 1566

Resolve, To Demonstrate Cost Savings by Preventing the Onset of Severe Mental Illness in Youth (EMERGENCY)
H.P. 1092 L.D. 1567

Resolve, To Address Drug Abuse and Addiction
H.P. 1099 L.D. 1574

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

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

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 Relating to Automotive Reflective and Tinted Glass"
H.P. 1049 L.D. 1487

Resolve, To Name 3 Bridges in Honor of Medal of Honor Recipients
H.P. 1088 L.D. 1563

Bill "An Act To Encourage Community-oriented Campaigns for Appropriate Sign Laws"
H.P. 1097 L.D. 1572

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

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

Bill "An Act To Eliminate the Placement of Campaign Signs on Public Property"
H.P. 1086 L.D. 1561

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

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

Bill "An Act To Restrict the Placement of Political Signs by Requiring Permission"
H.P. 1087 L.D. 1562

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

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

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

Senate at Ease.

Senate called to order by the President.

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

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

Joint Resolution

The following Joint Resolution:
H.P. 1108

JOINT RESOLUTION IN HONOR OF THE MAINE FARMER AND MAINE AGRICULTURE

WHEREAS, recent statistics show that Maine's 7,100 farms, most of which are small, family farms, provide full-time and part-time employment to more than 65,000 workers, approximately 10% of the State's workforce; and

WHEREAS, Maine's agricultural enterprises and associated industries provide more than \$500,000,000 through the sale of agricultural products and contribute more than \$2,000,000,000 annually to the State's economy; and

WHEREAS, Maine farmers are the stewards of 1,370,000 acres of land and a vital resource in maintaining the food security of Maine people, and an overwhelming majority of Maine people believe that buying local Maine agricultural products helps the State; and

WHEREAS, Maine is first in New England in the production of food, first in the world in the production of wild blueberries, the world leader in the production of brown eggs, second in the Nation in the production of maple syrup, sixth in the Nation in the production of fall potatoes, second in New England in milk and livestock production and the only state anywhere involved in the production of fiddleheads; and

WHEREAS, agriculture shaped Maine's past, maintains much of Maine's scenic open space, provides recreational opportunities, makes a significant contribution to the nature and character of Maine's many rural communities and provides for a strong future; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Twenty-third 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, Food and Rural Resources 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.

Senator **MARTIN** of Aroostook was granted unanimous consent to address the Senate off the Record.

Senator **ROTUNDO** of Androscoggin was granted unanimous consent to address the Senate off the Record.

Senator **NUTTING** of Androscoggin was granted unanimous consent to address the Senate off the Record.

Senator **DAMON** of Hancock was granted unanimous consent to address the Senate off the Record.

Off Record Remarks

On motion by Senator **MITCHELL** of Kennebec, **ADJOURNED**, to Wednesday, March 21, 2007, at 10:00 in the morning.