

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE
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In Senate Chamber
Wednesday
April 1, 2015

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

Prayer by Reverend Susan Crane, Henderson Memorial Baptist
Church in Farmington.

REVEREND CRANE: Let us pray. Blessed are You, O Lord,
who makes all things possible. We thank You for the bounty
which feeds both rich and poor. We thank You for neighbors who
care enough to share whatever they can to help other neighbors
in need of basic necessities. We thank You for the beauty
surrounding us in this beautiful state. We thank You for teachers
and medical personnel, for business people and hard workers in
every field of endeavor. We are grateful to be called to the
sacred task of serving as Senators, seeking to govern for the
good of all. Lord, we thank You for the privilege it is to live in a
nation with so many freedoms. We realize that as our state
becomes home to many races and nationalities long-standing
religions and cultures must learn how to accept what is new and
different while still practicing old, more familiar traditions. How
easy it is, Lord, to disparage those who do not see the world as
we do. O God, give us hearts willing to understand the other and
wisdom to keep our minds open to the new thing You are always
in the process of doing among us. Keep us mindful, O Lord, of
the most vulnerable who need our help simply to survive, but help
us also to build up the potential for our state to develop an even
healthier economy until every county has work opportunities,
sufficient resources for all children to have a quality education,
and every senior to live in wellness. Amid the clamor of
constituent voices asking for special considerations, give to these
Senators, O Lord, wisdom that comes from Your still, small voice.
Help them to weigh in the balance the needs of the few on the
one hand with solutions that will benefit the most Mainers on the
other hand. We are only human, Lord, and the concerns before
us are so complex. We can only do what is right with wisdom
from on high. Lead us, Lord, in the way of peace that will make it
possible for all Mainers to live well and thrive. Give us grace, we
pray, to listen to each other with true respect and find the best
possible way forward through the day's deliberations. Amen.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Senator Andre E. Cushing of
Penobscot County.

Reading of the Journal of Tuesday, March 31, 2015.

Doctor of the day, Alan Hymanson, MD of York.

Off Record Remarks

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

Non-Concurrent Matter

SENATE REPORTS - from the Committee on **LABOR,
COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**
on Resolve, Directing the Department of Professional and
Financial Regulation To Conduct a Sunrise Review of the
Proposal To License Certain Mechanical Trades
S.P. 54 L.D. 121

Majority - **Ought to Pass** (7 members)

Minority - **Ought Not to Pass** (6 members)

In Senate, March 25, 2015, on motion by Senator **VOLK** of
Cumberland, the Minority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **READ**
and **ACCEPTED**.

Comes from the House, the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS** Report
READ and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **PASSED TO BE**
ENGROSSED, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

On motion by Senator **VOLK** of Cumberland, the Senate
INSISTED.

Sent down for concurrence.

House Papers

Bill "An Act To Prevent the Infestation of Firewood by Invasive
Species"
H.P. 789 L.D. 1151

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 Concerning Electronic Monitoring and Increased Bail
for Certain Crimes Involving Violence"
H.P. 793 L.D. 1155

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

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

Bill "An Act To Ensure Equitable Support of Education for Maine Students in School Administrative District No. 6 and School Administrative District No. 44"

H.P. 743 L.D. 1082

Bill "An Act To Increase the Affordability of College Tuition and Attract Professionals to Maine"

H.P. 779 L.D. 1141

Bill "An Act To Restore Local Control of Education to Towns"

H.P. 791 L.D. 1153

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 the Integrity of the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program"

H.P. 782 L.D. 1144

Resolve, Directing the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention To Report on Progress toward Meeting Healthy Maine 2020 Goals Pertaining to Reproductive Health

H.P. 787 L.D. 1149

Bill "An Act To Ensure Safe Drinking Water for Maine Families"

H.P. 796 L.D. 1162

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 Improve Maine's Involuntary Commitment Processes"

H.P. 783 L.D. 1145

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

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

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

Bill "An Act Regarding Maximum Allowable Cost Pricing Lists Used by Pharmacy Benefit Managers"

H.P. 788 L.D. 1150

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 Clarify the Mortgage Foreclosure Sale Process"

H.P. 785 L.D. 1147

Bill "An Act To Amend the Garnishment Laws of the State"

H.P. 797 L.D. 1163

Bill "An Act To Protect Certain Information under the Maine Human Rights Act"

H.P. 802 L.D. 1171

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 Further Define Duties for Persons Who Hold Powers of Attorney or Act as Agents for Residents of Long-term Care Facilities"

H.P. 718 L.D. 1049

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

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

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 Provide for the Establishment of Benefit Corporations"

H.P. 792 L.D. 1154

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

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

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

Bill "An Act Regarding the Board of Dental Examiners"
(EMERGENCY)
H.P. 794 L.D. 1156

Bill "An Act To Protect Preemployment Credit Privacy"
H.P. 795 L.D. 1157

Bill "An Act To Enact the Toxic Chemicals in the Workplace Act"
H.P. 799 L.D. 1165

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 Promote Tourism and Foster Economic Development"
H.P. 798 L.D. 1164

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

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

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

Bill "An Act To Promote Protection of Intertidal Rockweed Habitat"
H.P. 781 L.D. 1143

Comes 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 Protect Taxpayers by Regulating Personal Services Contracts"
H.P. 800 L.D. 1166

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

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

Bill "An Act To Implement a Local Ballot Referendum for Municipalities To Disallow Tax-exempt Status to Large Land Trusts"
H.P. 786 L.D. 1148

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

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

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

Bill "An Act Regarding the Taxation of Out-of-state Pensions"
H.P. 780 L.D. 1142

Bill "An Act To Increase Investment in Maine"
H.P. 784 L.D. 1146

Comes 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.

**Pursuant to Statute
Department of Health and Human Services**

The **Department of Health and Human Services**, pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 8072 asked leave to report that the accompanying Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 11: Rules Governing the Controlled Substances Prescription Monitoring Program, a Late-filed Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Health and Human Services

H.P. 801 L.D. 1170

Be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

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

On motion by Senator **BRAKEY** of Androscoggin, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218, in concurrence.

**Pursuant to Statute
Department of Transportation**

The **Department of Transportation**, pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 8072 asked leave to report that the accompanying Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Rules for Permitting Overlimit Commercial Motor Vehicles of Specified Configurations To Travel Designated Routes, a Late-filed Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Transportation (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 803 L.D. 1172

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

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

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

On motion by Senator **COLLINS** of York, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218, in concurrence.

Joint Resolution

The following Joint Resolution:

H.P. 757

**JOINT RESOLUTION
IN HONOR OF WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH
AND IN RECOGNITION OF THE CONTRIBUTIONS
THAT WOMEN MAKE TO MAINE AND TO THE UNITED
STATES**

WHEREAS, American women of every race, class and ethnic background have made historic contributions to the growth and strength of our nation in countless recorded and unrecorded ways, especially in the areas of political and social change; and

WHEREAS, the United States boasts a rich history of women whose vast and courageous achievements speak to the sense of excellence and potential shared by all Americans; and

WHEREAS, our country would not have attained its greatness without the strength, bravery, insight and persistence of the women who have come before us; and

WHEREAS, American women have played, and continue to play, critical economic, cultural, political and social roles in every sphere of the life of the nation by constituting a significant portion of the labor force working inside and outside of the home and in professions from educator to astronaut, yet make up a very small percentage of the executives in charge of Fortune 500 companies each year; and

WHEREAS, women have played a major role in the defense of our nation, both on and off the battlefield; and

WHEREAS, American women have been leaders, not only in securing their own rights of suffrage and equal opportunity but also in the abolitionist movement, the industrial labor movement, the civil rights movement and other movements that create a more fair and just society for all; and

WHEREAS, women not only have played critical economic, cultural and social roles in our society but also have permanently changed the face of American government and politics; and

WHEREAS, Maine has a rich and vibrant history of women in leadership, including Senator Margaret Chase Smith, perhaps best known for her contribution to the well-being of the United States and its people with her consistent stand for the condemnation of bigotry and injustice wherever she found them; and

WHEREAS, Senator Margaret Chase Smith was the first woman from Maine to serve in the United States Congress, the first woman in the nation elected to both houses of the United States Congress and the first woman to be placed in nomination for the presidency at a major party's convention; and

WHEREAS, Maine currently has some of the strongest women leaders in the nation, including Senator Susan Collins, the first woman to run for Maine Governor from a major party, and the recently retired Senator Olympia J. Snowe, the first woman to serve in both chambers of a state legislature and both chambers of the United States Congress; and

WHEREAS, the Maine Legislature has a distinguished record of women elected to leadership positions, including the Honorable Beverly Daggett, the first female President of the Senate, the Honorable Betheda Edmonds, the first woman to serve 2 terms as President of the Senate and the Honorable Elizabeth Mitchell, the first woman in the United States to have been chosen in a state legislature as both Speaker of the House and President of the Senate; and

WHEREAS, among the many women who have served in the Maine Legislature are the Honorable Hannah Pingree, the youngest woman to hold the position of Speaker of the House, and the many women who have served as Senate floor leaders, including the Honorable Jane A. Amero, the Honorable Pamela Cahill, the Honorable Nancy Randall Clark, the Honorable Chellie Pingree, the Honorable Sharon Treat, the Honorable Mary Small and the Honorable Carol Weston, and who have served as House floor leaders, including the Honorable Lucia M. Cormier, the Honorable Emily Cain, the Honorable Carol A. Kontos and the Honorable Mary Clark Webster; and

WHEREAS, women who have served as assistant leaders in the Maine Legislature include the Honorable Minnette Cummings, the Honorable Barbara A. Gill, the Honorable Beverly Bustin-Hatheway, the Honorable Anne Rand, the Honorable Lisa Marraché, the Honorable Debra Plowman, the Honorable Elizabeth D. Moffatt, the Honorable Mary Najarian and the Honorable Anne Haskell; and

WHEREAS, women currently serving in positions of leadership include the Honorable Dawn Hill as Assistant Senate

Minority Leader, the Honorable Sara Gideon as Assistant House Majority Leader and the Honorable Eleanor Espling as Assistant House Minority Leader; and

WHEREAS, within our state judicial system, Chief Justice Leigh I. Saufley is the first woman to serve as Maine's Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable Janet T. Mills is the first woman to have served as Maine's Attorney General, as well as being a former District Attorney and Legislator; the Honorable Dale McCormick is the first woman to serve as Treasurer of State, as well as being a former Legislator; the Honorable Gail Chase is the first woman to serve as State Auditor, as well as being a former Legislator; Pola Buckley is the current State Auditor; and the Honorable Teresea Hayes is the Treasurer of State as well as being a former Legislator and Assistant House Minority Leader; and

WHEREAS, we must take every action possible to promote women in leadership so that we can achieve fair representation in our State Government, including recognizing Maine women's contributions to our state history; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of the contributions of women, the United States Congress has passed a resolution each year since 1987 designating the month of March as "Women's History Month"; 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 recognize March 2015 as Women's History Month in Maine; and be it further

RESOLVED: That We encourage the residents of this State to observe Women's History Month by participating in programs, ceremonies and activities to foster an awareness of and appreciation for the contributions made by women that have benefited and improved society.

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

READ.

On motion by Senator **MASON** of Androscoggin, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending **ADOPTION**, in concurrence.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: S.C. 168

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

March 30, 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 Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry has voted unanimously to report the following bills out "Ought Not to Pass":

- L.D. 229 An Act To Exempt Small Raw Milk Producers from Licensing Requirements
- L.D. 533 An Act To Ensure Humane Conditions for Egg-laying Poultry
- L.D. 653 An Act To Increase Consumption of Maine Foods in All State Institutions

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Peter E. Edgecomb
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Craig V. Hickman
House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 169

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

March 25, 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 Education and Cultural Affairs has voted unanimously to report the following bills out "Ought Not to Pass":

- L.D. 128 An Act To Allow a School Administrative Unit To Implement a Firearm Safety Education Program for Elementary School Students
- L.D. 318 An Act To Appropriate Funds to Kennebec Valley Community College for its Programs in Allied Health (EMERGENCY)

L.D. 338 An Act To Reduce Remedial Course Requirements at Maine Community Colleges

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Brian D. Langley Senate Chair S/Rep. Victoria P. Kornfield House Chair

READ and with accompanying papers ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 170

STATE OF MAINE ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY

March 30, 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 Energy, Utilities and Technology has voted unanimously to report the following bills out "Ought Not to Pass":

- L.D. 295 An Act To Promote Tidal Energy Projects L.D. 797 An Act To Ensure Reliable Power Supply to Homes and Businesses

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. David Woodsome Senate Chair S/Rep. Mark N. Dion House Chair

READ and with accompanying papers ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 171

STATE OF MAINE ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE COMMITTEE ON INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES

March 25, 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 Insurance and Financial Services has voted unanimously to report the following bill out "Ought Not to Pass":

- L.D. 621 An Act To Improve Access to Insurance Coverage for Persons for Whom English Is a Second Language

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Rodney L. Whittemore Senate Chair S/Rep. Henry E. Beck House Chair

READ and with accompanying papers ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 172

STATE OF MAINE ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE COMMITTEE ON MARINE RESOURCES

March 30, 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 Marine Resources has voted unanimously to report the following bills out "Ought Not to Pass":

- L.D. 490 An Act To Extend the Legal Hours for Harvesting Lobsters L.D. 491 An Act To Lower from 70 to 65 the Age at Which a Person May Obtain a Lobster and Crab Fishing License for a Reduced Fee L.D. 563 An Act Regarding the Purchase of Trap Tags in the Lobster Fishery

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Linda L. Baker
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Walter A. Kumiega
House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 173

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

March 31, 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 bills out "Ought Not to Pass":

- L.D. 509 An Act To Facilitate the Timely Return of Requested Absentee Ballots
- L.D. 510 An Act To Increase the Number of Container Options for Breweries

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Scott W. Cyrway
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Louis J. Luchini
House Chair

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

Off Record Remarks

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

Senate at Ease.

Senate called to order by the President.

SENATE PAPERS

Bill "An Act To Allow Municipalities To Contract with and Dispose of Waste, including Residue, in State-owned Solid Waste Disposal Facilities, as Allowed under a Facility License, To Ensure Compliance with the Solid Waste Management Hierarchy" S.P. 421 L.D. 1194

Presented by Senator CUSHING of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Senators: GRATWICK of Penobscot, LANGLEY of Hancock, SAVIELLO of Franklin, Representatives: DAVITT of Hampden, GILLWAY of Searsport, REED of Carmel, TUCKER of Brunswick.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Encourage Good Nutrition and Healthy Choices in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program" S.P. 420 L.D. 1193

Presented by Senator JOHNSON of Lincoln.
Cosponsored by Representative GATTINE of Westbrook and Senators: BREEN of Cumberland, DIAMOND of Cumberland, DUTREMBLE of York, HASKELL of Cumberland, KATZ of Kennebec, LIBBY of Androscoggin, MIRAMANT of Knox, VALENTINO of York.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Remove the Municipal Mandate To Enforce the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code" S.P. 418 L.D. 1191

Presented by President THIBODEAU of Waldo.
Cosponsored by Senators: CUSHING of Penobscot, DAVIS of Piscataquis, VOLK of Cumberland, Representatives: TURNER of Burlington, WARD of Dedham.

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Workers' Compensation" S.P. 422 L.D. 1195

Presented by Senator CUSHING of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Representative WARD of Dedham and Senators: MASON of Androscoggin, President THIBODEAU of Waldo, VOLK of Cumberland, WHITTEMORE of Somerset, WOODSOME of York, Representatives: GUERIN of Glenburn, LOCKMAN of Amherst, O'CONNOR of Berwick.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Amend the Androscoggin County Charter"
S.P. 417 L.D. 1190

Presented by Senator LIBBY of Androscoggin.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act Regarding Campaign Finance Reform"
S.P. 419 L.D. 1192

Presented by President THIBODEAU of Waldo.
Cosponsored by Senators: COLLINS of York, CYRWAY of Kennebec, Representatives: DILLINGHAM of Oxford, HANINGTON of Lincoln, TURNER of Burlington.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Senate

Ought to Pass

Senator CYRWAY for the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act To Require Political Action Committees To Report the Receipt of Paid Services Received from State Agencies"
S.P. 113 L.D. 298

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

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

READ ONCE.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

SECOND READERS

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

House

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Service of Process in Eviction Actions"

H.P. 65 L.D. 71

Bill "An Act To Restore the Right To Possess Certain Knives That Are Used by Many Citizens as Tools"

H.P. 182 L.D. 264

Bill "An Act Relating to the Sale of Hypodermic Apparatuses"
H.P. 255 L.D. 389

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

House As Amended

Bill "An Act To Make False Claims of Military Service a Crime"
H.P. 37 L.D. 43
(C "A" H-21)

Bill "An Act To Reduce the Annual High-stakes Beano Fee from \$50,000 to \$12,500" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 188 L.D. 270
(C "A" H-23)

Bill "An Act To Repeal the Sunset of the Green Power Offer"
H.P. 234 L.D. 340
(C "A" H-22)

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

Senate

Bill "An Act To Create a Blue Alert Program in Maine"
S.P. 143 L.D. 375

Bill "An Act To Clarify Municipal Capacity for Site Location of Development and Encourage Local Development"
S.P. 171 L.D. 442

Bill "An Act To Make a Technical Correction to the Law Establishing the State Trauma Prevention and Control Advisory Committee within the Field of Public Safety"
S.P. 217 L.D. 624

READ A SECOND TIME and PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED.

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 Making Supplemental Allocations from the Highway Fund and Other Funds for the Expenditures of State Government Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2015

H.P. 204 L.D. 286
(C "A" H-19)

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.

Ordered sent down forthwith.

Emergency Resolve

Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 895: Underground Facility Damage Prevention Requirements, a Major Substantive Rule of the Public Utilities Commission

H.P. 143 L.D. 200
(C "A" H-17)

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 **FINALLY PASSED** and, having been signed by the President, was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for his approval.

Ordered sent down forthwith.

Act

An Act To Change the Name of the Public Utilities Commission's Consumer Assistance Division

S.P. 175 L.D. 446

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

Ordered sent down forthwith.

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 (3/24/15) matter:

Bill "An Act To Prevent Passage of Alewives through the Grand Falls Dam on the St. Croix River"

H.P. 549 L.D. 800

Tabled - March 24, 2015, by Senator **BAKER** of Sagadahoc

Pending - **REFERENCE**

(In House, March 19, 2015, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **MARINE RESOURCES** and ordered printed.)

On motion by Senator **DAVIS** of Piscataquis, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE**, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later Assigned (3/25/15) matter:

Bill "An Act To Enhance Equity and Efficiency for Off-track Betting Facilities"

H.P. 572 L.D. 838

Tabled - March 25, 2015, by Senator **CYRWAY** of Kennebec

Pending - **FURTHER CONSIDERATION**

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

(In House, March 12, 2015, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY**.)

(In Senate, March 17, 2015, on motion by Senator **CYRWAY** of Kennebec, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS**, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.)

(In House, March 24, 2015, that Body **INSISTED**.)

On motion by Senator **CYRWAY** of Kennebec, the Senate **INSISTED** and **ASKED FOR A COMMITTEE OF CONFERENCE**.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later Assigned (3/25/15) matter:

Bill "An Act To Preserve Agricultural Fairs" (EMERGENCY)
H.P. 707 L.D. 1024

Tabled - March 25, 2015, by Senator **CYRWAY** of Kennebec

Pending - **REFERENCE**

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

(In House, March 24, 2015, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY**.)

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

Sent down for concurrence.

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later Assigned (3/26/15) matter:

HOUSE REPORT - from the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** on Bill "An Act To Amend the Law Regarding Juvenile Provisional Licenses To Foster Military Service"
H.P. 190 L.D. 272

Report - **REFER** to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY**

Tabled - March 26, 2015, by Senator **COLLINS** of York

Pending - **FURTHER CONSIDERATION**

(In House, March 19, 2015, Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and Bill **REFERRED** to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY**.)

(In Senate, March 24, 2015, Report **READ** and **REJECTED**. On motion by Senator **COLLINS** of York, Bill and accompanying papers **COMMITTED** to the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION**, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.)

(In House, March 25, 2015, that Body **INSISTED**.)

On motion by Senator **COLLINS** of York, the Senate **INSISTED** and **ASKED FOR A COMMITTEE OF CONFERENCE**.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later Assigned (3/26/15) matter:

Bill "An Act Regarding the Municipalities to Which the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code Applies"
H.P. 754 L.D. 1093

Tabled - March 26, 2015, by Senator **MASON** of Androscoggin

Pending - **REFERENCE**

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

(In House, March 25, 2015, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**.)

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

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later Assigned (3/26/15) matter:

Bill "An Act To Repeal the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code"
S.P. 392 L.D. 1120

Tabled - March 26, 2015, by Senator **VOLK** of Cumberland

Pending - **REFERENCE**

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

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

Sent down for concurrence.

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later Assigned (3/31/15) matter:

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Permit 25 Acres or Less To Be Withdrawn from Taxation as Timberland and Woodland without Penalty
S.P. 416 L.D. 1169

Tabled - March 31, 2015, by Senator **McCORMICK** of Kennebec

Pending - **REFERENCE**

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

On motion by Senator **EDGEComb** of Aroostook, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY**.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later Assigned (3/31/15) matter:

Bill "An Act To Ensure Maine Companies Have Access to Skilled Labor"

H.P. 81 L.D. 109
(C "A" H-20)

Tabled - March 31, 2015, by Senator **MASON** of Androscoggin

Pending - **PASSAGE TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-20)**, in concurrence

(In House, March 25, 2015, **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-20)**.)

On motion by Senator **ALFOND** of Cumberland, supported by a Division of one-fifth of the members present and voting, a Roll Call was ordered.

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

Senator **ALFOND:** Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, I rise today in support of L.D. 109, An Act to Ensure Maine Companies Have Access to Skilled Labor. Many new Mainers come to Maine with impressive credentials. In their home countries they're doctors, lawyers, accountants, and engineers, but here in Maine they often struggle to find decent paying jobs or, worse, they are unemployed. At the same time Maine employers are struggling to find skilled workers, often looking for people with the same credentials as these new Mainers. In the 126th Legislature the members of the Joint Select Committee, many of them that are sitting in this Chamber, and later the entire Legislature recognized that this is unacceptable and they created the Welcome Center, also called the New Mainer's Resource Center, to help highly trained foreign-born professionals, new Mainers, integrate into Maine's workforce quickly and successfully. I'm proud to report that in a short period of time the New Mainer's Resource Center has been operating it has had great success. They have helped hundreds of highly skilled new Mainers get the help they need, often English language skills, so that they can integrate more quickly into the workforce. The New Mainer's Resource Center has formed a true private/public partnership with over half their funding now coming from private sources. This is a program that deserves our support and I urge you and the Body to support this bill today. Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator **LANGLEY:** Thank you, Mr. President. I, too, would like to rise in support of this legislation that came in front of the Education Committee. It was pretty heartwarming to listen to some of the testimony from folks who had arrived here from other countries. We had math professors, engineers, professional managers. The piece of the testimony, to me, was that in response to a question I asked a young lady was, "How did you happen to land here in Maine?" The response was, "I did, I landed here in Maine." Really the back story of that, to me, indicated that there are a lot of places in this world that you really want to get away from for whatever reason, whether it be oppression, whether it be you name it, you can think of all the reasons. They ended up here and they were being articulated into our fabric and they were contributing and they were all smiles to be here. It was a good day in our committee. Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator **MILLETT:** Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, when Representative Espling brought this bill before the Education Committee I didn't know much about the New Mainer's Resource Center. We were then privileged to hear testimony from an impressive group of new Mainers who spoke eloquently and from their hearts about the ways the Center helps them break down the barriers to employment, including resume writing, interviewing, and translation of college degrees and certifications. The evidence is clear from the testimony and the report submitted to the Commissioner of Education that the Center has been successful in assisting foreign trained professionals with employment opportunities. The Committee heard testimony in support from Coastal Enterprise Institute, the Roman Catholic Diocese, and the Department of Education. There was no testimony in opposition. The Committee voted unanimously the bill Ought to Pass. I hope you will join us in supporting this measure. Thank you.

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

Senator **VOLK:** Thank you, Mr. President. I hadn't intended to speak on this bill, but I just want to rise in support. This has long been an interest of mine. A church that we no longer attend in Portland had a very high number of asylees, mainly from Rwanda, Congo, and Burundi. The church that I attend now actually has a much larger number of people but we also have a significant population of people. I can just attest that these are some of the hardest working, most intelligent people that you'll ever meet. They truly are here because they want to work and they will do anything. Their children come over here when they are granted asylum. Many times they remain in Africa while they're waiting, while these asylum cases are pending, and the Boston immigration court, unfortunately, is extremely slow, extremely backlogged. I actually would love to see our federal delegation get involved there in trying to do something about that because the numbers are actually slowing coming here because they know how long it's going to take for them to reach asylum. Nevertheless, when the kids do come over they assimilate into our schools. They join clubs. They learn English like that. Many times they graduate with honors from our schools and they go on to higher education at a very, very high rate when they can afford

it. Many of these students end up at SMCC. So I absolutely support this legislation and this funding and this is a source. All we hear about is how we have a workforce that is aging. This is a source of young people that are willing to come here, to work hard, and to be professionals and to do whatever it takes to achieve the American Dream. I just really am very passionate about how I feel about this issue and it deserves our support.

THE PRESIDENT: The pending question before the Senate is Passage to be Engrossed as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-20), in concurrence. A Roll Call has been ordered. Is the Senate ready for the question?

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#21)

YEAS: Senators: ALFOND, BAKER, BRAKEY, BREEN, BURNS, COLLINS, CUSHING, CYRWAY, DAVIS, DIAMOND, DILL, DUTREMBLE, EDGECOMB, GERZOFISKY, GRATWICK, HAMPER, HASKELL, HILL, JOHNSON, KATZ, LANGLEY, LIBBY, MASON, MCCORMICK, MILLETT, MIRAMANT, PATRICK, ROSEN, SAVIELLO, VALENTINO, VOLK, WHITTEMORE, WILLETTE, WOODSOME, THE PRESIDENT - MICHAEL D. THIBODEAU

NAYS: Senators: None

35 Senators having voted in the affirmative and no Senator having voted in the negative, the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-20)**, in concurrence.

Senate at Ease.

Senate called to order by the President.

All matters thus acted upon were ordered sent down forthwith for 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 Implement the Recommendations of the Maple Syrup Task Force"

H.P. 811 L.D. 1178

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 Provide Funds to the Town of Millinocket Due to the Loss in Valuation of the Katahdin Paper Company"
H.P. 817 L.D. 1184

Comes 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 Prohibit the Selling of Humans"
H.P. 812 L.D. 1179

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

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

Bill "An Act To Improve School Administrative Efficiency and Expand Capacity for Professional Growth for Educators with Regional Collaborative Programs and Services"
H.P. 805 L.D. 1173

Bill "An Act To Require Education in Public Preschool Programs and Elementary Schools Regarding Child Sexual Abuse"
H.P. 813 L.D. 1180

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 Establish the Municipal Gigabit Broadband Network Access Fund"

H.P. 818 L.D. 1185

Comes 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 Prohibit the Sale and Possession of Powdered Alcohol in the State"

H.P. 808 L.D. 1176

Bill "An Act To Strengthen the Craft Distillery Industry in Maine"
H.P. 816 L.D. 1183

Bill "An Act To Limit Liability for Certain Successor Corporations under Specific Circumstances"

H.P. 814 L.D. 1181

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

Bill "An Act To Promote Professional Training and Security in Maine Courts" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 819 L.D. 1186

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

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

Senate at Ease.

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

Senate called to order by the President.

Bill "An Act To Exempt Certain Agricultural Buildings from the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code"

H.P. 815 L.D. 1182

Bill "An Act To Make Certain Local Primaries Nonpartisan"
H.P. 822 L.D. 1189

Bill "An Act To Specify the Record-keeping Requirements for Social Workers"

H.P. 820 L.D. 1187

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

Bill "An Act To Implement a Rental Assistance Program for Low-income Households and Individuals"

H.P. 821 L.D. 1188

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

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

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

On motion by Senator **VOLK** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LABOR, COMMERCE, 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 Paper

Resolve, To Study the Feasibility and Cost of Providing Passenger Rail Service to the City of Bangor

H.P. 806 L.D. 1174

Bill "An Act To Amend the Definition of 'Property Fiscal Capacity' in the School Funding Law To Address Inequities Affecting Municipalities Experiencing Significant Reductions in Value"

H.P. 790 L.D. 1152

Bill "An Act To Amend Maine's Motor Vehicle Statutes"
H.P. 807 L.D. 1175

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

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

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

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

Off Record Remarks

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

On motion by Senator **MASON** of Androscoggin, **ADJOURNED** to Thursday, April 2, 2015, at 10:00 in the morning.