



**One Hundred and Twenty-Eighth Legislature
First Regular Session**

Advance Journal and Calendar

12th Legislative Day

In Senate Chamber, Tuesday, February 7, 2017.

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

Prayer by Pastor Jordan Shaw, Trinity United Methodist Church in Farmington.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Senator Justin M. Chenette of York County.

Reading of the Journal of Thursday, February 2, 2017.

Doctor of the day, John P. Herzog, D.O .

Michael D. Thibodeau
Senate President

Heather J.R. Priest
Secretary of the Senate

<http://legislature.maine.gov/senate>

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

S.O. 13

Ordered, that a message be sent to the House of Representatives proposing a Convention of the two branches of the Legislature be held at 6:45 this evening, in the Hall of the House for the purpose of extending to Governor Paul R. LePage, an invitation to attend and make such communication as pleases him.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

House Paper

(1-1) Bill "An Act Making Unified Appropriations and Allocations for the Expenditures of State Government, General Fund and Other Funds and Changing Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2018 and June 30, 2019" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 281 L.D. 390

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

Joint Orders

Expressions of Legislative Sentiment recognizing:

(1-2) the memory of the late Gilbert O. and Sandra E. Pettengill, of Monmouth, on the dedication of the Pettengill Building, the new clubhouse of the Cochnewagan Trailblazers. Mr. and Mrs. Pettengill were active members and great supporters of the club. We extend to their family and friends our best wishes on this occasion;

HLS 50

(1-3) Phyllis Richardson, of Turner, who has received the Boston Post Cane, an honor given to the oldest citizen of a municipality. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mrs. Richardson on this occasion;

HLS 52

(1-4) Pamela Wells, of Old Town, who has been named Small Woodlot Owner of the Year by the Small Woodland Owners Association of Maine. We extend to Ms. Wells our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 53

Come from the House, **READ** and **PASSED**.

Joint Resolution

Joint Resolution in Memoriam:

WHEREAS, the Legislature has learned with deep regret of the death of:

(1-5) Leverett R. "Tink" Mitchell, of Bath. Mr. Mitchell was born in Bath and graduated from Morse High School. He served 2 tours with the United States Navy in the Vietnam War and received the Bronze Star. Following 8 years of employment at Bath Iron Works, he joined the Bath Fire Department, retiring as Chief after 27 years. He also operated his own roofing business for many years. Mr. Mitchell was very active in his community. In 2002, he was elected to serve on the Bath City Council, to which he was reelected in 2005 and 2016. He will be sadly missed by his loving family and many friends;

HLS 51

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

COMMUNICATIONS

(2-1) The Following Communication:

S.C. 117

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

February 2, 2017

The Honorable Michael D. Thibodeau
President of the Senate of Maine
128th Maine State Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333-0003

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Section 157, and with Joint Rule 505 of the Maine Legislature, the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary has had under consideration the nomination of Honorable Beth Dobson of Falmouth, for reappointment as a District Court Judge.

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	Hill of York, Whittemore of Somerset
	Representatives	10	Moonen of Portland, Babbidge of Kennebunk, Bailey of Saco, Bradstreet of Vassalboro, Cardone of Bangor, Galgay Reckitt of South Portland, Guerin of Glenburn, Johansen of Monticello, McCreight of Harpswell, Sherman of Hodgdon
NAYS		0	
ABSENT		1	Sen. Keim of Oxford

Twelve members of the Committee having voted in the affirmative and zero in the negative, it was the vote of the Committee that the nomination of Honorable Beth Dobson of Falmouth, for reappointment as a District Court Judge be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Lisa Keim
Senate Chair

S/Matthew W. Moonen
House Chair



(2-2) The Following Communication:

S.C. 118

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

February 2, 2017

The Honorable Michael D. Thibodeau
President of the Senate of Maine
128th Maine State Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333-0003

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Section 157, and with Joint Rule 505 of the Maine Legislature, the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary has had under consideration the nomination of Honorable Daniel F. Driscoll of Biddeford, for reappointment as a District Court Judge.

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	Hill of York, Whittemore of Somerset
	Representatives	10	Moonen of Portland, Babbidge of Kennebunk, Bailey of Saco, Bradstreet of Vassalboro, Cardone of Bangor, Galgay Reckitt of South Portland, Guerin of Glenburn, Johansen of Monticello, McCreight of Harpswell, Sherman of Hodgdon
NAYS		0	
ABSENT		1	Sen. Keim of Oxford

Twelve members of the Committee having voted in the affirmative and zero in the negative, it was the vote of the Committee that the nomination of Honorable Daniel F. Driscoll of Biddeford, for reappointment as a District Court Judge be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Rodney L. Whittemore
Senate Member

S/Matthew W. Moonen
House Chair



(2-3) The Following Communication:

S.C. 119

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

February 2, 2017

The Honorable Michael D. Thibodeau
President of the Senate of Maine
128th Maine State Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333-0003

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Section 157, and with Joint Rule 505 of the Maine Legislature, the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary has had under consideration the nomination of Michael A. Duddy, Esq. of Cape Elizabeth, for appointment as a District Court Judge.

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	Hill of York, Whittemore of Somerset
	Representatives	10	Moonen of Portland, Babbidge of Kennebunk, Bailey of Saco, Bradstreet of Vassalboro, Cardone of Bangor, Galgay Reckitt of South Portland, Guerin of Glenburn, Johansen of Monticello, McCreight of Harpswell, Sherman of Hodgdon
NAYS		0	
ABSENT		1	Sen. Keim of Oxford

Twelve members of the Committee having voted in the affirmative and zero in the negative, it was the vote of the Committee that the nomination of Michael A. Duddy, Esq. of Cape Elizabeth, for appointment as a District Court Judge be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Rodney L. Whittemore
Senate Member

S/Matthew W. Moonen
House Chair

(2-4) The Following Communication:

S.C. 114

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

February 3, 2017

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

Dear President Thibodeau:

This is to inform you that I am today nominating William W. McFarland of South China for reappointment to the State Harness Racing Commission.

Pursuant to Title 8, MRSA §261-A, this reappointment is contingent on the Maine Senate confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry.

Sincerely,

S/Paul R. LePage
Governor

(2-5) The Following Communication:

S.C. 115

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

February 3, 2017

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

Dear President Thibodeau:

This is to inform you that I am today nominating John Moncure, Esq. of Harpswell for reappointment to the Midcoast Regional Redevelopment Authority.

Pursuant to Title 5, MRSA §13083-I, this reappointment is contingent on the Maine Senate confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development.

Sincerely,

S/Paul R. LePage
Governor

(2-6) The Following Communication:

S.C. 116

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

February 3, 2017

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

Dear President Thibodeau:

This is to inform you that I am today nominating John G. Peters of Harpswell for reappointment to the Midcoast Regional Redevelopment Authority.

Pursuant to Title 5, MRSA §13083-I, this reappointment is contingent on the Maine Senate confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development.

Sincerely,

S/Paul R. LePage
Governor

(2-7) The Following Communication:

S.C. 113

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY EIGHTH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON MARINE RESOURCES**

February 1, 2017

Honorable Michael D. Thibodeau, Senate President
Honorable Sara Gideon, Speaker of the House
128th Maine State Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Thibodeau and Speaker Gideon,

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that we have approved the request by the bill sponsor Rep. Simmons of Waldoboro, to report the following bill Leave to Withdraw:

L.D. 202 An Act To Abolish Municipal Shellfish Ordinances

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Joyce A. Maker
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Walter A. Kumiega, III
House Chair

(2-8) The Following Communication:

S.C. 110

**MAINE PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES
UNIVERSITY OF MAINE SYSTEM
ORONO, ME**

27 January 2017

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

Dear President Thibodeau:

Pursuant to 5 M.R.S.A., Section 12023, please consider this the letter of transmittal for the required report from the University of Maine System due by February 1, 2017.

As provided in law and corresponding University policy and practice, there are legitimate reasons for waiving competitive procurement as part of standard procurement policy and all of the purchases in this report are consistent with that. For example, within the report that follows, a majority of the expenses for which waivers were granted involve purchases as required or provided in a grant awarded to the University or a library acquisition, as distinct from the University's purchases of general operating supplies and services.

Please contact me if you have any questions or need additional information.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

S/James H. Page, Chancellor
University of Maine System

(2-9) The Following Communication:

S.C. 111

**STATE OF MAINE
CHILD DEVELOPMENT SERVICES
AUGUSTA, ME**

January 31, 2017

Honorable Sara Gideon
Speaker of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

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

Dear Speaker Gideon and President Thibodeau:

Pursuant to 5 M.R.S.A., Section 12023, please consider this the letter of transmittal for the required report from Child Development Services due by February 1, 2017.

- A. A list of all procurements exceeding \$10,000 during the 2015-2016 fiscal year as required under Section 2A.
- B. A list of all contributions greater than \$1,000 during the 2015-2016 fiscal year as required under Section 2B.
- C. There were no new or updated Finance policies for the 2015-2016 fiscal year.

Please contact me if you have any questions or need additional information.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

S/Janice E. Breton
Acting Director
Child Development Services

(2-10) The Following Communication:

S.C. 112

**STATE OF MAINE
CONNECTME AUTHORITY
AUGUSTA, ME**

February 1, 2017

Honorable Sara Gideon
Speaker of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

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

Dear Speaker Gideon and President Thibodeau:

Pursuant to 5 MRSA, §12023, please consider this the letter of transmittal for the required report from the ConnectME Authority due by February 1, 2017.

Please contact me if you have any questions or need additional information.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

S/Lisa Leahy
Associate Executive Director

SENATE PAPERS

(3-1) Bill "An Act To Create the Maine Forest Resources Council"

S.P. 141 L.D. 414

Presented by Senator SAVIELLO of Franklin.

Cosponsored by Representative CAMPBELL of Orrington and Senators: DAVIS of Piscataquis, LANGLEY of Hancock, Representatives: DUCHESNE of Hudson, HARLOW of Portland.

Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** suggested and ordered printed.

(3-2) Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Pertaining to the Maine Public Employees Retirement System"

S.P. 136 L.D. 409

Presented by Senator HAMPER of Oxford.

Submitted by the Maine Public Employees Retirement System pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

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

(3-3) Bill "An Act To Allow Municipally Funded Hospitals To Prohibit the Presence of Firearms on Their Property" (EMERGENCY)

S.P. 145 L.D. 443

Presented by Senator DAVIS of Piscataquis.

Cosponsored by Representative HIGGINS of Dover-Foxcroft and Senator: JACKSON of Aroostook, Representative: McELWEE of Caribou.

(3-4) Bill "An Act Regarding Imposition of an Automatic Life Sentence in the Case of Domestic Abuse Resulting in Murder"

S.P. 151 L.D. 449

Presented by Senator JACKSON of Aroostook.

Cosponsored by Representative MARTIN of Eagle Lake.

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

(3-5) Bill "An Act To Require the Completion of Courses of Study in Home Economics and Industrial Arts Education Prior to Graduation from High School"

S.P. 139 L.D. 412

Presented by Senator SAVIELLO of Franklin.

Cosponsored by Senator WOODSOME of York and Senator: LANGLEY of Hancock.

Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** suggested and ordered printed.

(3-6) Bill "An Act To Make Changes to the So-called Dig Safe Law"

S.P. 132 L.D. 405

Presented by Senator WOODSOME of York.

Cosponsored by Representative BERRY of Bowdoinham.

Submitted by the Public Utilities Commission pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

(3-7) Bill "An Act To Amend the Law Regarding Joint Use of Certain Utility and Telecommunications Infrastructure"

S.P. 133 L.D. 406

Presented by Senator WOODSOME of York.

Cosponsored by Representative BERRY of Bowdoinham and Senator: President THIBODEAU of Waldo.

Submitted by the Public Utilities Commission pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** suggested and ordered printed.

(3-8) Bill "An Act To Prevent Oil Spills in Casco Bay"

S.P. 152 L.D. 450

Presented by Senator CHIPMAN of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Senators: BREEN of Cumberland, DION of Cumberland, GRATWICK of Penobscot, MILLETT of Cumberland, SAVIELLO of Franklin, Representatives: CAMPBELL of Orrington, SYLVESTER of Portland, TUCKER of Brunswick.

(3-9) Bill "An Act To Remove the Reformulated Gasoline Requirement"

S.P. 154 L.D. 452

Presented by Senator HAMPER of Oxford.

Cosponsored by Representative WADSWORTH of Hiram and Senator: COLLINS of York.

Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** suggested and ordered printed.

(3-10) Bill "An Act To Add Addiction to or Dependency on Opiates or Prescription Drugs to the List of Qualifying Conditions for Medical Marijuana"

S.P. 138 L.D. 411

Presented by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin.

Cosponsored by Senators: BELLOWS of Kennebec, CHIPMAN of Cumberland, DION of Cumberland, KATZ of Kennebec, MIRAMANT of Knox, SAVIELLO of Franklin, Representatives: HAMANN of South Portland, HICKMAN of Winthrop.

(3-11) Bill "An Act To Coordinate Services and Support Workforce Development for Substance Use Disorder Prevention and Peer Recovery Services"

S.P. 149 L.D. 447

Presented by Senator MAKER of Washington.

Cosponsored by Representative BEEBE-CENTER of Rockland and Senators: CYRWAY of Kennebec, VITELLI of Sagadahoc, Representatives: ESPLING of New Gloucester, MALABY of Hancock, O'NEIL of Saco, STEWART of Presque Isle, TIPPING of Orono, TUELL of East Machias.

(3-12) Bill "An Act To Fund Research on Cancer in Firefighters"

S.P. 150 L.D. 448

Presented by Senator JACKSON of Aroostook.

(3-13) Bill "An Act To Continue MaineCare Coverage for Parents during the Rehabilitation and Reunification Process"

S.P. 153 L.D. 451

Presented by Senator CHIPMAN of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Senator: VITELLI of Sagadahoc, Representatives: CHACE of Durham, HEAD of Bethel, HYMANSON of York, MADIGAN of Waterville, MALABY of Hancock, PARKER of South Berwick, PERRY of Calais.

(3-14) Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services To Facilitate the Scheduling of Transportation for Persons with Disabilities

S.P. 158 L.D. 464

Presented by Senator VOLK of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Representative MALABY of Hancock and Senators: BRAKEY of Androscoggin, CHIPMAN of Cumberland, Representatives: DENNO of Cumberland, HAMANN of South Portland, HYMANSON of York, PERRY of Calais, VACHON of Scarborough.

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

(3-15) Bill "An Act To Encourage Maine Consumers To Comparison-shop for Certain Health Care Procedures and To Lower Health Care Costs"

S.P. 147 L.D. 445

Presented by Senator WHITTEMORE of Somerset.

Cosponsored by Representative PICCHIOTTI of Fairfield and Senators: BRAKEY of Androscoggin, COLLINS of York, CUSHING of Penobscot, KATZ of Kennebec, President THIBODEAU of Waldo, Representatives: FARRIN of Norridgewock, FOLEY of Wells, WALLACE of Dexter.

(3-16) Resolve, Regarding Insurance Coverage for Alternative Therapies for Addiction and Recovery

S.P. 155 L.D. 453

Presented by Senator GRATWICK of Penobscot.

Cosponsored by Representative BROOKS of Lewiston and Senators: CARSON of Cumberland, CHIPMAN of Cumberland, LIBBY of Androscoggin, Representatives: HAMANN of South Portland, JORGENSEN of Portland, RYKERSON of Kittery.

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

(3-17) Bill "An Act To Except from the Freedom of Access Act Certain Information in the Possession of the Maine Public Employees Retirement System"

S.P. 137 L.D. 410

Presented by Senator HAMPER of Oxford.

Submitted by the Maine Public Employees Retirement System pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

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

(3-18) Bill "An Act To Require Certification under the United States Environmental Protection Agency's Lead Renovation, Repair and Painting Rule"

S.P. 143 L.D. 441

Presented by Senator LIBBY of Androscoggin.

Cosponsored by Representative PIERCE of Dresden and Senators: KATZ of Kennebec, VOLK of Cumberland, Representatives: BROOKS of Lewiston, FULLER of Lewiston, GOLDEN of Lewiston, HANDY of Lewiston.

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

(3-19) Bill "An Act To Create a Family Caregiver Income Tax Credit"

S.P. 144 L.D. 442

Presented by Senator DAVIS of Piscataquis.

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

(3-20) Bill "An Act To Increase the Maximum Registered Gross Weight Allowed for Vehicles with Disabled Veterans or Special Veterans Registration Plates"

S.P. 146 L.D. 444

Presented by President THIBODEAU of Waldo.

Cosponsored by Representative GILLWAY of Searsport and Senators: COLLINS of York, DIAMOND of Cumberland, MASON of Androscoggin, ROSEN of Hancock, Representatives: FARRIN of Norridgewock, GOLDEN of Lewiston, HANINGTON of Lincoln, WHITE of Washburn.

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

(3-21) Bill "An Act To Simplify the Laws Regarding Games of Chance"

S.P. 134 L.D. 407

Presented by Senator COLLINS of York.

Cosponsored by Representative HANINGTON of Lincoln and Senators: CARPENTER of Aroostook, MASON of Androscoggin, Representatives: ALLEY of Beals, FARRIN of Norridgewock, LONGSTAFF of Waterville, LUCHINI of Ellsworth, TURNER of Burlington, WHITE of Washburn.

(3-22) Bill "An Act To Prohibit Taxpayer-funded Campaign Expenditures from Being Used on Post-election Parties"

S.P. 135 L.D. 408

Presented by Senator COLLINS of York.

Cosponsored by Representative FARRIN of Norridgewock and Senators: CARPENTER of Aroostook, MASON of Androscoggin, Representatives: DILLINGHAM of Oxford, HANINGTON of Lincoln, LONGSTAFF of Waterville, LUCHINI of Ellsworth, SCHNECK of Bangor, TURNER of Burlington.

(3-23) Bill "An Act To Limit the Influence of Lobbyists by Expanding the Prohibition on Accepting Political Contributions"

S.P. 140 L.D. 413

Presented by Senator CHENETTE of York.

Cosponsored by Representative DILLINGHAM of Oxford and Senator: CHIPMAN of Cumberland, Representatives: BERRY of Bowdoinham, HICKMAN of Winthrop.

(3-24) Bill "An Act To Modify the Amount of Product Samples of Malt Liquor, Wine or Spirits That May Be Provided to Retail Licensees"

S.P. 142 L.D. 415

Presented by Senator MASON of Androscoggin.

Cosponsored by Representative LUCHINI of Ellsworth and Senators: CARPENTER of Aroostook, COLLINS of York, Representative: FARRIN of Norridgewock.

(3-25) Bill "An Act To Allow Campgrounds To Obtain Licenses To Operate Beano or Bingo Games"

S.P. 148 L.D. 446

Presented by Senator COLLINS of York.

Cosponsored by Representative LUCHINI of Ellsworth and Senators: CHENETTE of York, CUSHING of Penobscot, CYRWAY of Kennebec, DIAMOND of Cumberland, WOODSOME of York, Representatives: HANINGTON of Lincoln, HOGAN of Old Orchard Beach, STANLEY of Medway.

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

**Pursuant to Statutes
Maine Turnpike Authority**

(3-26) Senator COLLINS for the **Maine Turnpike Authority**, pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 23, section 1961, subsection 6 asks leave to report that the accompanying Bill "An Act To Make Allocations from Maine Turnpike Authority Funds for the Maine Turnpike Authority for the Calendar Year Ending December 31, 2018"

S.P. 157 L.D. 460

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

ORDERS

Joint Orders

Expressions of Legislative Sentiment recognizing:

(4-1) the Hermon High School Girls Cheerleading Team, of Hermon, which has won the Class B North Championship. We extend to all the members of the team our congratulations and best wishes on this achievement;

SLS 49

Sponsored by Senator GRATWICK of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Representative: REED of Carmel.

(4-2) Windham High School, in Windham, which received the National Athletic Trainers' Association Safe Sports School award for its athletic department. We extend to Windham High School our congratulations on this occasion;

SLS 51

Sponsored by Senator DIAMOND of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representatives: AUSTIN of Gray, BRYANT of Windham, COREY of Windham, FAY of Raymond.

(4-3) Jobs for Maine's Graduates, of Augusta, which received the Community Service Award for 2017 from the Kennebec Valley Chamber of Commerce. We extend to President and Chief Executive Officer Craig Larrabee and the staff of Jobs for Maine's Graduates our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 52

Sponsored by Senator KATZ of Kennebec.
Cosponsored by Representatives: BRADSTREET of Vassalboro, DOORE of Augusta, POULIOT of Augusta.

(4-4) Mark Johnston, of Manchester, who received the Peter G. Thompson Lifetime Achievement Award from the Kennebec Valley Chamber of Commerce. We extend to Mr. Johnston our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 53

Sponsored by Senator KATZ of Kennebec.

Cosponsored by Senator: BELLOWS of Kennebec, Representative: WARREN of Hallowell.

(4-5) Chris Voynik, of Manchester, who received the 2017 Cynergy Young Professional Award from the Kennebec Valley Chamber of Commerce. We extend to Mr. Voynik our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 54

Sponsored by Senator KATZ of Kennebec.

Cosponsored by Senator: BELLOWS of Kennebec, Representative: WARREN of Hallowell.

(4-6) Snow Pond Center for the Arts, of Sidney, which received the President's Choice Award from the Kennebec Valley Chamber of Commerce. We extend to Executive Director John Wiggin and the staff of Snow Pond Center for the Arts our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 55

Sponsored by Senator KATZ of Kennebec.

Cosponsored by Representative: PERKINS of Oakland.

Joint Resolutions

(4-7) On motion by Senator **CHIPMAN** of Cumberland (Cosponsored by Representative **HARLOW** of Portland and Senator: **DION** of Cumberland, Representatives: **COLLINGS** of Portland, **FARNSWORTH** of Portland, **JORGENSEN** of Portland, **MOONEN** of Portland, **SANBORN** of Portland, **SYLVESTER** of Portland, **TALBOT ROSS** of Portland), the following Joint Resolution:

S.P. 156

STATE OF MAINE

—
IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD

TWO THOUSAND AND SEVENTEEN

—
**JOINT RESOLUTION CELEBRATING PORTLAND
PUBLIC LIBRARY ON THE OCCASION OF ITS 150TH
ANNIVERSARY**

WHEREAS, Portland Public Library is a vital civic and cultural center for the City of Portland and for the State, fostering learning and engagement for all; and

WHEREAS, Portland Public Library is committed to "Building a City of Readers" for all the joy, learning and wisdom that reading provides; and

WHEREAS, Portland Public Library improves the creative, economic, educational and technological health of the region through its collections, programs, outreach and partnerships throughout the community; and

WHEREAS, Portland Public Library is the most visited cultural institution in the State and provides open access and support to 675,000 visitors annually, who make use of its services and its collection of more than 300,000 books, audiobooks, recordings, movies, archives and digital resources; and

WHEREAS, Portland Public Library serves as the Area Reference and Research Center for the Maine State Library, offering free library services to residents of York County, Cumberland County and assigned areas in Oxford County as well as providing services and support for the libraries in these communities; and

WHEREAS, Portland Public Library is a leader in collaborative library service initiatives statewide, particularly Maine InfoNet and its shared systems, and in national initiatives that connect patrons in the State to the collections of the world's great libraries; and

WHEREAS, Portland Public Library is a key partner within the City of Portland and statewide in the preservation of local history and promotion of the community's cultural vitality; and

WHEREAS, incorporated on January 22, 1867, following the Portland fire of 1866, Portland Public Library was described shortly thereafter by Mayor Charles J. Chapman as "so veritable a home of true democracy ... an atmosphere of philosophy, knowledge, and fancy"; and

WHEREAS, Portland Public Library was founded on the principles of civil and civic engagement and of free access for persons from all walks of life, which continue to today; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Twenty-eighth Legislature now assembled in the First Regular Session, honor Portland Public Library on the occasion of its 150th anniversary and recognize the library for its sustained and transformative impact on the City of Portland and communities throughout the State; and be it further

RESOLVED: That suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to Portland Public Library.

Joint Resolutions in Memoriam:

WHEREAS, the Legislature has learned with deep regret of the death of:

(4-8) the Honorable Paulette G. Beaudoin, of Biddeford, who represented House District No. 135 from the 123rd Legislature to the 126th Legislature. Representative Beaudoin was born in Biddeford and graduated from St. Joseph High School in 1951. In her legislative career, she was most proud of her work on prescription drugs for the elderly and on ensuring the Maine State Police were effectively equipped. She also worked on legislation to ban texting while driving. She was a member of the Red Hats and the Daughters of Isabella. Representative Beaudoin will be long remembered and sadly missed by her family and friends, by her colleagues at the Legislature and in State Government and by all those whose lives she touched;

SLS 47

Sponsored by Senator DESCHAMBAULT of York.

Cosponsored by Senators: BELLOWS of Kennebec, BRAKEY of Androscoggin, BREEN of Cumberland, CARPENTER of Aroostook, CARSON of Cumberland, CHENETTE of York, CHIPMAN of Cumberland, COLLINS of York, CUSHING of Penobscot, CYRWAY of Kennebec, DAVIS of Piscataquis, DIAMOND of Cumberland, DILL of Penobscot, DION of Cumberland, DOW of Lincoln, GRATWICK of Penobscot, HAMPER of Oxford, HILL of York, JACKSON of Aroostook, KATZ of Kennebec, KEIM of Oxford, LANGLEY of Hancock, LIBBY of Androscoggin, MAKER of Washington, MASON of Androscoggin, MILLETT of Cumberland, MIRAMANT of Knox, ROSEN of Hancock, SAVIELLO of Franklin, President THIBODEAU of Waldo, VITELLI of Sagadahoc, VOLK of Cumberland, WHITTEMORE of Somerset, WOODSOME of York, Representatives: ACKLEY of Monmouth, ALLEY of Beals, AUSTIN of Skowhegan, AUSTIN of Gray, BABBIDGE of Kennebunk, BAILEY of Saco, BATES of Westbrook, BATTLE of South Portland, BEAR of the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians, BEEBE-CENTER of Rockland, BERRY of Bowdoinham, BICKFORD of Auburn, BLACK of Wilton, BLUME of York, BRADSTREET of Vassalboro, BROOKS of Lewiston, BRYANT of Windham, CAMPBELL of Orrington, CARDONE of Bangor, CASÁS of Rockport, CEBRA of Naples, CHACE of Durham, CHAPMAN of Brooksville, COLLINGS of Portland, COOPER of Yarmouth, COREY of Windham, CRAIG of Brewer, DANA of the Passamaquoddy Tribe, DAUGHTRY of Brunswick, DeCHANT of Bath, DENNO of Cumberland, DEVIN of Newcastle, DILLINGHAM of Oxford, DOORE of Augusta, DUCHESNE of Hudson, DUNPHY of Old Town, ESPLING of New Gloucester, FARNSWORTH of Portland, FARRIN of Norridgewock, FAY of Raymond, FECTEAU of Biddeford, FOLEY of Wells, FREDETTE of Newport, FREY of Bangor, FULLER of Lewiston,

GATTINE of Westbrook, GERRISH of Lebanon, Speaker GIDEON of Freeport, GILLWAY of Searsport, GINZLER of Bridgton, GOLDEN of Lewiston, GRANT of Gardiner, GRIGNON of Athens, GROHMAN of Biddeford, GUERIN of Glenburn, HAGGAN of Hampden, HAMANN of South Portland, HANDY of Lewiston, HANINGTON of Lincoln, HANLEY of Pittston, HARLOW of Portland, HARRINGTON of Sanford, HARVELL of Farmington, HAWKE of Boothbay Harbor, HEAD of Bethel, HERBIG of Belfast, HERRICK of Paris, HICKMAN of Winthrop, HIGGINS of Dover-Foxcroft, HILLIARD of Belgrade, HOGAN of Old Orchard Beach, HUBBELL of Bar Harbor, HYMANSON of York, JOHANSEN of Monticello, JORGENSEN of Portland, KINNEY of Limington, KINNEY of Knox, KORNFIELD of Bangor, KUMIEGA of Deer Isle, LAWRENCE of South Berwick, LOCKMAN of Amherst, LONGSTAFF of Waterville, LUCHINI of Ellsworth, LYFORD of Eddington, MADIGAN of Waterville, MADIGAN of Rumford, MALABY of Hancock, MAREAN of Hollis, MARTIN of Eagle Lake, MARTIN of Sinclair, MASON of Lisbon, MASTRACCIO of Sanford, McCREA of Fort Fairfield, McCREIGHT of Harpswell, McELWEE of Caribou, McLEAN of Gorham, MELARAGNO of Auburn, MONAGHAN of Cape Elizabeth, MOONEN of Portland, NADEAU of Winslow, O'CONNOR of Berwick, O'NEIL of Saco, ORDWAY of Standish, PARKER of South Berwick, PARRY of Arundel, PERKINS of Oakland, PERRY of Calais, PICCHIOTTI of Fairfield, PICKETT of Dixfield, PIERCE of Dresden, PIERCE of Falmouth, POULIOT of Augusta, PRESCOTT of Waterboro, RECKITT of South Portland, REED of Carmel, RILEY of Jay, RYKERSON of Kittery, SAMPSON of Alfred, SANBORN of Portland, SANDERSON of Chelsea, SCHNECK of Bangor, SEAVEY of Kennebunkport, SHEATS of Auburn, SHERMAN of Hodgdon, SIMMONS of Waldoboro, SIROCKI of Scarborough, SKOLFIELD of Weld, SPEAR of South Thomaston, STANLEY of Medway, STEARNS of Guilford, STETKIS of Canaan, STEWART of Presque Isle, STROM of Pittsfield, SUTTON of Warren, SYLVESTER of Portland, TALBOT ROSS of Portland, TEPLER of Topsham, TERRY of Gorham, THERIAULT of China, TIMBERLAKE of Turner, TIPPING of Orono, TUCKER of Brunswick, TUELL of East Machias, TURNER of Burlington, VACHON of Scarborough, WADSWORTH of Hiram, WALLACE of Dexter, WARD of Dedham, WARREN of Hallowell, WHITE of Washburn, WINSOR of Norway, WOOD of Greene, ZEIGLER of Montville.

WHEREAS, the Legislature has learned with deep regret of the death of:

(4-9) Loren Blue Keim, of Dixfield. Mr. Keim graduated from Dirigo High School with honors in 2013 and was attending the University of Maine. He worked as an intern for United States Senator Susan Collins and diligently campaigned for his mother, State Senator Lisa Keim. He attended Calvary Hill Baptist Church and was involved with Jr. Church, and he recently had been attending The Rock Church of Orono, where he assisted with Sunday school classes. Mr. Keim brought joy, fun and happiness to people of all ages and had a talent for bringing people together. He will be sadly missed and long remembered by his family, including his parents, Senator Lisa Keim and Blue Keim, and his sisters, Summer and Sierra Keim, by his friends and by all those whose lives he touched;

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Sponsored by President THIBODEAU of Waldo.

Cosponsored by Senators: BELLOWS of Kennebec, BRAKEY of Androscoggin, BREEN of Cumberland, CARPENTER of Aroostook, CARSON of Cumberland, CHENETTE of York, CHIPMAN of Cumberland, COLLINS of York, CUSHING of Penobscot, CYRWAY of Kennebec, DAVIS of Piscataquis, DESCHAMBAULT of York, DIAMOND of Cumberland,

DILL of Penobscot, DION of Cumberland, DOW of Lincoln, GRATWICK of Penobscot, HAMPER of Oxford, HILL of York, JACKSON of Aroostook, KATZ of Kennebec, LANGLEY of Hancock, LIBBY of Androscoggin, MAKER of Washington, MASON of Androscoggin, MILLETT of Cumberland, MIRAMANT of Knox, ROSEN of Hancock, SAVIELLO of Franklin, VITELLI of Sagadahoc, VOLK of Cumberland, WHITTEMORE of Somerset, WOODSOME of York, Representatives: ACKLEY of Monmouth, ALLEY of Beals, AUSTIN of Skowhegan, AUSTIN of Gray, BABBIDGE of Kennebunk, BAILEY of Saco, BATES of Westbrook, BATTLE of South Portland, BEAR of the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians, BEEBE-CENTER of Rockland, BERRY of Bowdoinham, BICKFORD of Auburn, BLACK of Wilton, BLUME of York, BRADSTREET of Vassalboro, BROOKS of Lewiston, BRYANT of Windham, CAMPBELL of Orrington, CARDONE of Bangor, CASÁS of Rockport, CEBRA of Naples, CHACE of Durham, CHAPMAN of Brooksville, COLLINGS of Portland, COOPER of Yarmouth, COREY of Windham, CRAIG of Brewer, DANA of the Passamaquoddy Tribe, DAUGHTRY of Brunswick, DeCHANT of Bath, DENNO of Cumberland, DEVIN of Newcastle, DILLINGHAM of Oxford, DOORE of Augusta, DUCHESNE of Hudson, DUNPHY of Old Town, ESPLING of New Gloucester, FARNSWORTH of Portland, FARRIN of Norridgewock, FAY of Raymond, FECTEAU of Biddeford, FOLEY of Wells, FREDETTE of Newport, FREY of Bangor, FULLER of Lewiston, GATTINE of Westbrook, GERRISH of Lebanon, Speaker GIDEON of Freeport, GILLWAY of Searsport, GINZLER of Bridgton, GOLDEN of Lewiston, GRANT of Gardiner, GRIGNON of Athens, GROHMAN of Biddeford, GUERIN of Glenburn, HAGGAN of Hampden, HAMANN of South Portland, HANDY of Lewiston, HANINGTON of Lincoln, HANLEY of Pittston, HARLOW of Portland, HARRINGTON of Sanford, HARVELL of Farmington, HAWKE of Boothbay Harbor, HEAD of Bethel, HERBIG of Belfast, HERRICK of Paris, HICKMAN of Winthrop, HIGGINS of Dover-Foxcroft, HILLIARD of Belgrade, HOGAN of Old Orchard Beach, HUBBELL of Bar Harbor, HYMANSON of York, JOHANSEN of Monticello, JORGENSEN of Portland, KINNEY of Limington, KINNEY of Knox, KORNFIELD of Bangor, KUMIEGA of Deer Isle, LAWRENCE of South Berwick, LOCKMAN of Amherst, LONGSTAFF of Waterville, LUCHINI of Ellsworth, LYFORD of Eddington, MADIGAN of Waterville, MADIGAN of Rumford, MALABY of Hancock, MAREAN of Hollis, MARTIN of Eagle Lake, MARTIN of Sinclair, MASON of Lisbon, MASTRACCIO of Sanford, McCREA of Fort Fairfield, McCREIGHT of Harpswell, McELWEE of Caribou, McLEAN of Gorham, MELARAGNO of Auburn, MONAGHAN of Cape Elizabeth, MOONEN of Portland, NADEAU of Winslow, O'CONNOR of Berwick, O'NEIL of Saco, ORDWAY of Standish, PARKER of South Berwick, PARRY of Arundel, PERKINS of Oakland, PERRY of Calais, PICCHIOTTI of Fairfield, PICKETT of Dixfield, PIERCE of Dresden, PIERCE of Falmouth, POULIOT of Augusta, PRESCOTT of Waterboro, RECKITT of South Portland, REED of Carmel, RILEY of Jay, RYKERSON of Kittery, SAMPSON of Alfred, SANBORN of Portland, SANDERSON of Chelsea, SCHNECK of Bangor, SEAVEY of Kennebunkport, SHEATS of Auburn, SHERMAN of Hodgdon, SIMMONS of Waldoboro, SIROCKI of Scarborough, SKOLFIELD of Weld, SPEAR of South Thomaston, STANLEY of Medway, STEARNS of Guilford, STETKIS of Canaan, STEWART of Presque Isle, STROM of Pittsfield, SUTTON of Warren, SYLVESTER of Portland, TALBOT ROSS of Portland, TEPLER of Topsham, TERRY of Gorham, THERIAULT of China, TIMBERLAKE of Turner, TIPPING of Orono, TUCKER of Brunswick, TUELL of East Machias, TURNER of Burlington, VACHON of Scarborough, WADSWORTH of Hiram, WALLACE of Dexter, WARD of Dedham, WARREN of Hallowell, WHITE of Washburn, WINSOR of Norway, WOOD of Greene, ZEIGLER of Montville.

WHEREAS, the Legislature has learned with deep regret of the death of:

(4-10) Phil Bernaiche, of Houlton. Mr. Bernaiche will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family and friends;

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Sponsored by Senator CARPENTER of Aroostook.
Cosponsored by Representative: SHERMAN of Hodgdon.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

House

Pursuant to Statute

(5-1) The Committee on **GOVERNMENT OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE** on Bill "An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Government Oversight Committee To Develop a Long-range Strategic Plan for Economic Improvement in the State"

H.P. 273 L.D. 367

Reported that the same be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**, pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 3, section 997, subsection 2.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Unfinished Business

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

1.

Tabled and Later Assigned

Bill "An Act To Change the Name of Captain Ambrose Bear Stream"

S.P. 89 L.D. 303

Tabled - January 31, 2017, by Senator **MASON** of Androscoggin

Pending - motion by Senator **DAVIS** of Piscataquis to **REFER** to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

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

2.

Tabled and Later Assigned

Bill "An Act To Fund and Enhance the Maine Diversion Alert Program" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 182 L.D. 249

Tabled - January 31, 2017, by Senator **MASON** of Androscoggin

Pending - **REFERENCE**

(In House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** and ordered printed.)

3.

Tabled and Later Assigned

Bill "An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Working Group To Study Background Checks for Child Care Facilities and Providers"

H.P. 207 L.D. 274

Tabled - January 31, 2017, by Senator **MASON** of Androscoggin

Pending - **REFERENCE**

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

(In House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY**.)

4.

Tabled and Later Assigned

Bill "An Act To Prohibit Any Questions Regarding Criminal History on State Employment Applications"

H.P. 221 L.D. 288

Tabled - January 31, 2017, by Senator **DAVIS** of Piscataquis

Pending - **REFERENCE**

(In House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** and ordered printed.)
