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SUPPLEMENT NO. 3

COMMUNICATIONS

(2-1) The Following Communication:

H.C. 290

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
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June 27, 2017

The 128th Legislature of the State of Maine
State House
Augusta, Maine

Dear Honorable Members of the 128th Legislature:

Under the authority vested in me by Article IV, Part Third, Section 2 of the Constitution of the State of Maine, I am hereby vetoing LD 463, "An Act To Improve the Funding of County Jails."

Since 2008, when the Democrats crafted one of the worst laws in the history of our state, the funding for our county jails has been a mess. That law capped county and local spending on jails with the understanding the State would pick up the tab on all spending above that fixed number. The counties therefore had absolutely no incentive to rein in costs of county jails. Ever since this law passed, counties have been on a spending spree at the expense of the state taxpayer.

It has been clear for years now the jail funding system is in desperate need of repair. I have consistently said that whoever operates the jails needs to bear the responsibility for paying for the jails. This bill does not contain that proposed solution.

For this reason, I return LD 463 unsigned and vetoed. I strongly urge the Legislature to sustain it.

Sincerely,

S/Paul R. LePage
Governor

(2-2) The accompanying Bill "An Act To Improve the Funding of County Jails"

H.P. 329 L.D. 463

Comes from the House with the **VETO OVERRIDDEN** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**, notwithstanding the objections of the Governor.
