One Hundred and Twenty-Eighth Legislature
First Regular Session

Advance Journal and Calendar

17th Legislative Day

In Senate Chamber, Thursday, March 2, 2017.

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

Prayer by Father Peter Day, Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church in Lewiston.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Senator Nathan L. Libby of Androscoggin County.


Doctor of the day, Craig Curtis, M.D. of Dedham.

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Michael D. Thibodeau
Senate President

Heather J.R. Priest
Secretary of the Senate

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

S.P. 270

Ordered, the House concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourn, they do so until Tuesday, March 7, 2017 at 10:00 in the morning.

Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, on motion by Senator CUSHING of Penobscot, the following Senate Order:

S.O. 15

Ordered, that a message be sent to the House of Representatives proposing a Convention of the two branches of the Legislature be held at 10:45 this morning, in the Hall of the House for the purpose of welcoming the Honorable James Page, Chancellor of the University of Maine System, the Honorable Derek Langhauser, President of the Maine Community College System and the Honorable Dr. William J. Brennan, President of the Maine Maritime Academy and request that they make such communication as please them.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

Non-Concurrent Matter

(1-1) Bill "An Act Regarding Final Enactment of the State Budget" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 366  L.D. 522

In Senate, February 16, 2017, on motion by Senator DAVIS of Piscataquis, REFERRED to the Committee on STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT in NON-CONCURRENCE.

Comes from the House, that Body having INSISTED on its former action whereby the Bill was REFERRED to the Committee on APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS and ordered printed.
(1-2) Resolve, To Establish the Commission To Study the Availability of Information Regarding Related Incidents in Domestic Violence Cases (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 455  L.D. 641

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

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

(1-3) Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Post-conviction Review in Order To Facilitate the Fair Hearing of All Evidence in Each Case Involving a Claim of Innocence"

H.P. 468  L.D. 677

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

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

(1-4) Bill "An Act To Make Maine's Public Boat Launching Ramps Accessible by Persons with Physical Disabilities"

H.P. 513  L.D. 729

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

Joint Orders

Expressions of Legislative Sentiment recognizing:

(1-5) Hunter Keaton, of Caribou, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 184, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. This is the highest award in Boy Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. For his Eagle Scout project, Hunter constructed a visitors pavilion for the Aroostook National Wildlife Refuge. We extend our congratulations to him on this achievement;

HLS 85
Dustin DeMerchant, of Caribou, for his various achievements in the sport of wrestling. The former Caribou High School wrestling team captain finished 2nd in the 220-pound weight class at the Penobscot Valley High School preseason tournament, 3rd in the 195-pound weight class at the Foxcroft Academy tournament, 2nd in the 195-pound weight class at the Dexter High School tournament, 2nd in the 195-pound weight class at the Caribou High School tournament and 2nd in the 195-pound weight class at the 2015 Mid-Maine Wrestling Tournament and was the champion at the Penobscot Valley High School tournament. Mr. DeMerchant was also a 4-time All-Aroostook Wrestler, was selected to the Penobscot Valley All-Conference team twice, was a 2-time Maine State qualifier and had a lifetime record at Caribou High School of more than 55 varsity victories. We extend to Mr. DeMerchant our congratulations and best wishes; HLS 86

Megan Welch, of Sanford, who was named Communications Officer of the Year by the Maine Association of Police for her commitment, professionalism, ability and dedication to the safety of officers and citizens. We extend to Ms. Welch our congratulations and best wishes; HLS 89

Walmart, of Oxford, which has received the Business of the Year Award from the Oxford Hills Chamber of Commerce. We extend to everyone at Walmart our congratulations and best wishes; HLS 91

Elizabeth Hayes Carpenter, of Hallowell, who is celebrating her 90th Birthday on February 24, 2017. We extend to Mrs. Carpenter our congratulations on her birthday and offer her our best wishes; HLS 94

Come from the House, READ and PASSED.

Joint Resolutions

Joint Resolutions in Memoriam:

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

Brandon James Thibeau, of Cumberland. Mr. Thibeau, a firefighter with the Cumberland and North Yarmouth fire departments, was selected by the Cumberland Fire Department membership as the 2016 Cumberland Firefighter of the Year. Mr. Thibeau will be long remembered and sadly missed by his fiancee, Lindsay Nunley, and by his family, friends and colleagues; HLS 84
WHEREAS, the Legislature has learned with deep regret of the death of:

(1-11) Frances Wilma Bray, of Orland. Ms. Bray was a member of the East Bucksport United Methodist Church and the Bucksport Senior Citizens and was a charter member of the Snowshoe Quilters of Patten. Ms. Bray will be long remembered and sadly missed by her family and friends;

HLS 87

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

(1-12) Joanne Amy Grindle, of East Orland. Mrs. Grindle worked at Fortin and Jewett in Bucksport and later at Blue Hill Hospital before retiring. Mrs. Grindle will be long remembered and sadly missed by her family and friends;

HLS 88

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

(1-13) Claudette I. "Polly" Annance, of Mechanic Falls. Mrs. Annance worked in shoe shops, operated a day care and, with her husband, John, owned Polly’s Variety in Oxford from 1983 to 1997. She was a member of Oxford Chapter No. 168 Order of the Eastern Star, Pastime Club, Twenty-One Social Club, Lewiston Senior Citizens and Franco-American War Veterans. Mrs. Annance will be long remembered and sadly missed by her family and friends;

HLS 90

Come from the House READ and ADOPTED.
February 28, 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 Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry has had under consideration the nomination of William W. McFarland of South China, for reappointment to the State Harness Racing Commission.

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:

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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 William W. McFarland of South China, for reappointment to the State Harness Racing Commission be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Paul T. Davis  
Senate Chair  

S/Michelle Ann Dunphy  
House Chair
The Following Communication:

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

February 28, 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 Arnold S. Clark, Esq. of Calais, for reappointment to the Maine Human Rights Commission.

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 Keim of Oxford, Hill of York
Representatives 10 Moonen of Portland, Babidge 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. Whittemore of Somerset

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 Arnold S. Clark, Esq. of Calais, for reappointment to the Maine Human Rights Commission be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Lisa Keim
Senate Chair

S/Matthew W. Moonen
House Chair
The Following Communication:

S.C. 159

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

February 16, 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 Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development has had under consideration the nomination of David J. Daigler of Portland, for appointment to the Finance Authority of Maine.

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 Bellows of Kennebec
Representatives 6 Fecteau of Biddeford, Austin of Gray, Handy of Lewiston, Mastraccio of Sanford, Stetkis of Canaan, Vachon of Scarborough
NAYS 0

Seven 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 David J. Daigler of Portland, for appointment to the Finance Authority of Maine be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Amy F. Volk S/Ryan M. Fecteau
Senate Chair House Chair
February 16, 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 Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development has had under consideration the nomination of Timothy P. Nightingale of Rockport, for appointment to the Finance Authority of Maine.

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  Bellows of Kennebec

Representatives  6  Fecteau of Biddeford, Austin of Gray, Handy of Lewiston, Mastraccio of Sanford, Stetkis of Canaan, Vachon of Scarborough

NAYS  0


Seven 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 Timothy P. Nightingale of Rockport, for appointment to the Finance Authority of Maine be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Amy F. Volk  S/Ryan M. Fecteau
Senate Chair  House Chair
February 16, 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 Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development has had under consideration the nomination of Christopher A. Pierce of Cumberland Foreside, for reappointment to the Finance Authority of Maine.

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  Bellows of Kennebec
Representatives  6  Fecteau of Biddeford, Austin of Gray, Handy of Lewiston, Mastraccio of Sanford, Stetkis of Canaan, Vachon of Scarborough

NAYS  0


Seven 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 Christopher A. Pierce of Cumberland Foreside, for reappointment to the Finance Authority of Maine be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Amy F. Volk  S/Ryan M. Fecteau
Senate Chair  House Chair
February 16, 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 Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development has had under consideration the nomination of Honorable Douglas K. Damon of Bangor, for reappointment to the Loring Development Authority of Maine.

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:

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Nine 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 Douglas K. Damon of Bangor, for reappointment to the Loring Development Authority of Maine be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Amy F. Volk
Senate Chair

S/Ryan M. Fecteau
House Chair
February 16, 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 Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development has had under consideration the nomination of Daniel R. LaPointe of Van Buren, for reappointment to the Loring Development Authority of Maine.

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:

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Eight 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 Daniel R. LaPointe of Van Buren, for reappointment to the Loring Development Authority of Maine be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Amy F. Volk
Senate Chair

S/Ryan M. Fecteau
House Chair
February 28, 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 Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development has had under consideration the nomination of John Moncure of Harpswell, for reappointment to the Midcoast Regional Redevelopment Authority.

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  Volk of Cumberland, Bellows of Kennebec

Representatives 10  Fecteau of Biddeford, Austin of Gray, Bates of Westbrook, Doore of Augusta, Handy of Lewiston, Lockman of Amherst, Mastraccio of Sanford, Stetkis of Canaan, Sylvester of Portland, Vachon of Scarborough

**NAYS**  0

**ABSENT**  1  Sen. Langley of Hancock

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 John Moncure of Harpswell, for reappointment to the Midcoast Regional Redevelopment Authority be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Amy F. Volk
Senate Chair

S/Ryan M. Fecteau
House Chair
THE FOLLOWING COMMUNICATION:

S.C. 167

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

February 28, 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 Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development has had under consideration the nomination of John G. Peters of Harpswell, for reappointment to the Midcoast Regional Redevelopment Authority.

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 Volk of Cumberland, Bellows of Kennebec
Representatives 10 Fecteau of Biddeford, Austin of Gray, Bates of Westbrook, Doore of Augusta, Handy of Lewiston, Lockman of Amherst, Mastraccio of Sanford, Stetkis of Canaan, Sylvester of Portland, Vachon of Scarborough

NAYS 0

ABSENT 1 Sen. Langley of Hancock

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 John G. Peters of Harpswell, for reappointment to the Midcoast Regional Redevelopment Authority be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Amy F. Volk S/Ryan M. Fecteau
Senate Chair House Chair

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March 1, 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 State and Local Government has had under consideration the nomination of Daniel V. Deveau of Augusta, for reappointment as the Maine-Canada Trade Ombudsman.

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 Davis of Piscataquis
Representatives 9 Martin of Sinclair, Beebe-Center of Rockland, Bryant of Windham, Grignon of Athens, Harrington of Sanford, Hogan of Old Orchard Beach, Ordway of Standish, Pickett of Dixfield, Spear of South Thomaston

NAYS 0


Ten 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 Daniel V. Deveau of Augusta, for reappointment as the Maine-Canada Trade Ombudsman be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Paul T. Davis, Sr.  S/Danny Martin
Senate Chair  House Chair
(2-11) The Following Communication:

S.C. 156

STATE OF MAINE
128TH LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

February 28, 2017

The Honorable Heather J.R. Priest
Secretary of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Secretary Priest:

Pursuant to my authority under Senate Rule 201.3, I have appointed Senator James M. Hamper of Oxford to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services. With this appointment Senator Hamper will be replacing Senator Roger J. Katz of Kennebec. Senator Katz’s legislative workload is too cumbersome to dedicate the necessary attention that the committee on Health and Human Services requires.

Sincerely,

S/Michael D. Thibodeau
President of the Senate
February 23, 2017

Honorable Heather J. R. Priest
Secretary of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Secretary Priest,

Pursuant to my authority under Title 38, MRSA, Ch. 3, Subchapter 2-B §568-B, I am pleased to appoint Captain Prentice Strong to seat 15 on the Clean-up and Response Fund Review Board, effective February 23, 2017.

If you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,

S/Sara Gideon
Speaker of the House
STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-EIGHT LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY

February 24, 2017

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

Dear President Thibodeau and Speaker Gideon:

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 bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass”:

L.D. 58    An Act To Limit Radio Frequency Interference from Certain Grow Light Ballasts

This is notification of the Committee’s action.

Sincerely,

Senate Chair                  House Chair
February 22, 2017

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

Dear President Thibodeau and Speaker Gideon:

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 bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

- L.D. 60 An Act To Allow Senior Hunters To Shoot Antlerless Deer
- L.D. 187 Resolve, To Establish a Commission To Simplify Maine's Fishing Rules
- L.D. 190 An Act To Allow Spearfishing for Northern Pike in Sebago Lake

This is notification of the Committee’s action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Scott W. Cyrway  
Senate Chair

House Chair
SENATE PAPERS

(3-1) Bill "An Act Regarding Court Orders for Completion of a Batterers' Intervention Program in Domestic Violence Cases"

S.P. 259  L.D. 814

Presented by Senator ROSEN of Hancock.
Cosponsored by Representative WARREN of Hallowell and Senators: CYRWAY of Kennebec, KATZ of Kennebec, Representatives: GERRISH of Lebanon, NADEAU of Winslow, PICCHIOTTI of Fairfield, RECKITT of South Portland.

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

(3-2) Bill "An Act To Address Student Hunger with a 'Breakfast after the Bell' Program"

S.P. 254  L.D. 809

Presented by Senator MAKER of Washington.
Cosponsored by Representative KORNFIELD of Bangor and Senators: KATZ of Kennebec, LANGLEY of Hancock, WOODSOME of York, Representatives: ALLEY of Beals, PERRY of Calais, PIERCE of Falmouth, SIMMONS of Waldoboro, STEWART of Presque Isle.

(3-3) Bill "An Act To Promote Academic Achievement through Hunger Relief for Maine Children"

S.P. 261  L.D. 816

Presented by Senator BREEN of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative PIERCE of Falmouth and Senators: CHIPMAN of Cumberland, KATZ of Kennebec, LANGLEY of Hancock, MAKER of Washington, MILLETT of Cumberland, Representatives: GINZLER of Bridgt, MADIGAN of Waterville.

(3-4) Bill "An Act To Improve the Quality of Teachers"

S.P. 263  L.D. 818

Presented by Senator MILLETT of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative COLLINGS of Portland, Representative McCREA of Fort Fairfield and Senators: BREEN of Cumberland, CARPENTER of Aroostook, DIAMOND of Cumberland, HILL of York, VITELLI of Sagadahoc, Representatives: FARNSWORTH of Portland, FULLER of Lewiston, KORNFIELD of Bangor.
(3-5) Bill "An Act To Prioritize the Renovation of Existing Underutilized Schools in Conjunction with the Closing of Nearby Schools Due to Declining Enrollment"

S.P. 272  L.D. 826

Presented by Senator CARPENTER of Aroostook.
Cosponsored by Representative STEWART of Presque Isle.

Committee on EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS suggested and ordered printed.

(3-6) Bill "An Act To Improve Transparency in the Electricity Supply Market"

S.P. 248  L.D. 803

Presented by Senator LIBBY of Androscoggin.
Cosponsored by Representative HIGGINS of Dover-Foxcroft.

(3-7) Bill "An Act To Ensure Fairness among Large Consumers of Natural Gas"

S.P. 267  L.D. 822

Presented by Senator DION of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative HARVELL of Farmington and Senator: BREEN of Cumberland.

(3-8) Bill "An Act To Ensure Direct Dialing of 911 from Multiline Telephone Systems"

S.P. 271  L.D. 825

Presented by Senator WOODSOME of York.
Cosponsored by Representative BERRY of Bowdoinham.
Submitted by the Public Utilities Commission pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

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

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(3-9) Bill "An Act To Streamline the Municipal Review Process When Dividing a Structure into 3 or More Dwelling Units and To Amend the Process for Recording Subdivision Variances"

S.P. 250  L.D. 805

Presented by Senator LIBBY of Androscoggin.
Cosponsored by Representative CAMPBELL of Orrington and Senators: CARSON of Cumberland, GRATWICK of Penobscot, VOLK of Cumberland, Representative: JORGENSEN of Portland.

(3-10) Bill "An Act To Protect Maine's Clean Water and Taxpayers from Mining Pollution"

S.P. 265  L.D. 820

Presented by Senator CARSON of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative FOLEY of Wells and Senators: CARPENTER of Aroostook, SAVIELLO of Franklin, Representatives: COREY of Windham, HARLOW of Portland, HARVELL of Farmington, MAREAN of Hollis, PARRY of Arundel, PIERCE of Dresden.

Committee on ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES suggested and ordered printed.

(3-11) Bill "An Act To Establish Long-term Memory Care Facilities and To Provide Adequate Staffing and Reimbursement"

S.P. 249  L.D. 804

Presented by Senator LIBBY of Androscoggin.
Cosponsored by Representative HYMANSON of York and Senator: BRAKEY of Androscoggin.

(3-12) Bill "An Act To Restore Community Support Services for Adults with Mental Illness"

S.P. 253  L.D. 808

Presented by Senator BELLOWS of Kennebec.
Cosponsored by Representative GATTINE of Westbrook and Senators: CHIPMAN of Cumberland, CYRWAY of Kennebec, KATZ of Kennebec, SAVIELLO of Franklin, Representatives: BICKFORD of Auburn, CHACE of Durham, McCREIGHT of Harpswell, VACHON of Scarborough.
(3-13) Resolve, To Establish a Pilot Project To Save Lives and Support People with Substance Use Disorder in Washington County

S.P. 257  L.D. 812

Presented by Senator MAKER of Washington.
Cosponsored by Representative TUELL of East Machias and Senators: CYRWAY of Kennebec, LANGLEY of Hancock, Representatives: ALLEY of Beals, DANA of the Passamaquoddy Tribe, McCREA of Fort Fairfield, PERRY of Calais, SIMMONS of Waldoboro, STEWART of Presque Isle.

Committee on HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES suggested and ordered printed.

(3-14) Bill "An Act To Promote Early Detection of Breast Cancer"

S.P. 262  L.D. 817

Presented by Senator BREEN of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative PIERCE of Falmouth and Senators: CARSON of Cumberland, GRATWICK of Penobscot, KATZ of Kennebec, MILLETT of Cumberland, ROSEN of Hancock, SAVIELLO of Franklin, Representatives: DENNO of Cumberland, MADIGAN of Waterville.

Committee on INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES suggested and ordered printed.

(3-15) Bill "An Act Regarding Guardianships"

S.P. 252  L.D. 807

Presented by Senator KEIM of Oxford.
Cosponsored by Representative MOONEN of Portland.

(3-16) Bill "An Act To Allow a Council of Governments To Provide Municipal Services to Small Towns under the Maine Tort Claims Act"

S.P. 260  L.D. 815

Presented by Senator WHITTEMORE of Somerset.
Cosponsored by Representative FOLEY of Wells and Senators: COLLINS of York, DOW of Lincoln, KATZ of Kennebec, LANGLEY of Hancock, MAKER of Washington, Representatives: PICCHIOTTI of Fairfield, STETKIS of Canaan, STROM of Pittsfield.
(3-17) Bill "An Act To Enact the Revised Uniform Unclaimed Property Act"
S.P. 266  L.D. 821

Presented by Senator DION of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative TALBOT ROSS of Portland.

Committee on JUDICIARY suggested and ordered printed.

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(3-18) Bill "An Act To Allow Funeral Homes To Own and Operate Crematories"
S.P. 255  L.D. 810

Presented by Senator MAKER of Washington.
Cosponsored by Representative STEWART of Presque Isle and Senators: BRAKEY of Androscoggin, CYRWAY of Kennebec, LANGLEY of Hancock, Representatives: ALLEY of Beals, McCREA of Fort Fairfield, PERRY of Calais, SIMMONS of Waldoboro, TUELL of East Machias.

(3-19) Bill "An Act Regarding Continuing Education for Persons Engaged in the Practice of Funeral Service"
S.P. 256  L.D. 811

Presented by Senator MAKER of Washington.
Cosponsored by Representative STEWART of Presque Isle and Senators: BRAKEY of Androscoggin, CYRWAY of Kennebec, LANGLEY of Hancock, Representatives: ALLEY of Beals, McCREA of Fort Fairfield, PERRY of Calais, SIMMONS of Waldoboro, TUELL of East Machias.

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

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(3-20) Bill "An Act To Promote Transparency with Respect to Surveillance Technology"

Presented by Senator BELLOWS of Kennebec.
Cosponsored by Representative MOOEN of Portland and Senators: BRAKEY of Androscoggin, KATZ of Kennebec, LANGLEY of Hancock, Representatives: BABBIDGE of Kennebunk, CEBRA of Naples, GUERIN of Glenburn, HARVELL of Farmington, JOHANSEN of Monticello.

Committee on STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT suggested and ordered printed.

(3-21) Bill "An Act To Provide Tax Fairness and To Lower Medical Expenses for Patients under the Maine Medical Use of Marijuana Act"

Presented by Senator LIBBY of Androscoggin.
Cosponsored by Representative BICKFORD of Auburn and Senator: CHENETTE of York.

Committee on TAXATION suggested and ordered printed.

(3-22) Bill "An Act To Curb Drug-impaired Driving"

Presented by Senator DION of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative PIERCE of Falmouth and Senators: DESCHAMBAULT of York, DIAMOND of Cumberland.

Committee on TRANSPORTATION suggested and ordered printed.
(3-23) Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Political Party Representation of Election Clerks"

S.P. 258  L.D. 813

Presented by Senator GRATWICK of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Representative DENNO of Cumberland and Senators: CARPENTER of Aroostook, CHIPMAN of Cumberland, LIBBY of Androscoggin, VITELLI of Sagadahoc, Representatives: FARNSWORTH of Portland, FULLER of Lewiston, HANDY of Lewiston.

(3-24) Resolve, To Establish the Commission To Study the Adequacy of Housing Safety Laws

S.P. 264  L.D. 819

Presented by Senator LIBBY of Androscoggin.
Cosponsored by Representative GOLDEN of Lewiston and Senators: CARPENTER of Aroostook, CHIPMAN of Cumberland, Representatives: BROOKS of Lewiston, COLLINGS of Portland, FREY of Bangor, HANDY of Lewiston, MOONEN of Portland, SCHNECK of Bangor.

Committee on VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS suggested and ordered printed.

ORDERS

Joint Orders

Expressions of Legislative Sentiment recognizing:

(4-1) Luke Bartol, of Manchester, who has received a Spirit of America Foundation Award. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the foundation presents awards to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We send our congratulations to Mr. Bartol on his receiving this award;

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

(4-2) Judy Williams, of Chelsea, who has received a Spirit of America Foundation Award. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the foundation presents awards to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We send our congratulations to Ms. Williams on her receiving this award;

SLS 76

Sponsored by Senator BELLOWS of Kennebec.
Cosponsored by Representative: SANDERSON of Chelsea.
(4-3) Pat Couture, of Manchester, who has received a Spirit of America Foundation Award. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the foundation presents awards to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We send our congratulations to Mr. Couture on his receiving this award; 

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

(4-4) Gary and Ann Keilty, of Readfield, who have received a Spirit of America Foundation Award. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the foundation presents awards to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We send our congratulations to Gary and Ann Keilty on their receiving this award; 

Sponsored by Senator BELLOWS of Kennebec.
Cosponsored by Representative: HICKMAN of Winthrop.

(4-5) Mickey and Crystal Jones, of Wiscasset, who are celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary. We congratulate them on this special occasion and send them our best wishes; 

Sponsored by Senator DOW of Lincoln.
Cosponsored by Representative: HANLEY of Pittston.

(4-6) the Scarborough High School Girls Indoor Track Team, of Scarborough, which won the Class A State Indoor Track Championship, the team's 8th championship. We extend to all the members of the team our congratulations and best wishes; 

Sponsored by Senator VOLK of Cumberland.

(4-7) the Scarborough High School Boys Indoor Track Team, of Scarborough, which won the Class A State Indoor Track Championship, the team's 7th championship in 9 years. We extend to all the members of the team our congratulations and best wishes; 

Sponsored by Senator VOLK of Cumberland.
Gary Fifield, of Gorham, who has been inducted into the Maine Basketball Hall of Fame as part of the Class of 2017. Mr. Fifield coached women's basketball teams at the University of Southern Maine to 660 victories. He led the Huskies to 21 Little East Championships, 26 National Collegiate Athletic Association tournaments, 16 Sweet Sixteens, 10 Elite Eights, 5 Final Fours and 3 National Championship games. He was the 2005 Division III National Coach of the Year and is in numerous halls of fame. We extend to Mr. Fifield our congratulations on his induction and offer him our best wishes;

Sponsored by Senator VOLK of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representatives: McLEAN of Gorham, TERRY of Gorham.

Fay Adams, of New Vineyard, on her retirement after serving over 40 years in municipal government. Ms. Adams served 20 years as a selectperson and 22 years as a town clerk. We extend to Ms. Adams our congratulations and best wishes;

Sponsored by Senator SAVIELLO of Franklin.
Cosponsored by Representative: BLACK of Wilton.

Robert Fitzsimmons, of Bridgton, who is celebrating his 90th Birthday on April 23, 2017. We extend to Mr. Fitzsimmons our congratulations and best wishes;

Sponsored by Senator SAVIELLO of Franklin.

Tyra Michaud, of Frenchville, who received an award for entrepreneurship at the 10th Annual Girls Rock! Awards sponsored by Hardy Girls, Healthy Women. Tyra completed a 7-year apprenticeship in dog grooming and purchased a building and opened her own business. We extend to her our congratulations and best wishes;

Sponsored by Senator JACKSON of Aroostook.
Cosponsored by Representatives: MARTIN of Eagle Lake, MARTIN of Sinclair.

Benjamin Breadmore, of Holden, who has received the Catherine Lebowitz Award for Public Service from the Bangor Region Chamber of Commerce. We extend to Mr. Breadmore our congratulations and best wishes;

Sponsored by Senator CUSHING of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Senator: ROSEN of Hancock, Representative: LYFORD of Eddington.
(4-13) Penobscot Theatre Company, of Bangor, which has received the Nonprofit of the Year Award from the Bangor Region Chamber of Commerce. We extend to Penobscot Theatre Company our congratulations and best wishes;  
SLS 103
Sponsored by Senator CUSHING of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Senator: GRATWICK of Penobscot, Representatives: CARDONE of Bangor, FREY of Bangor, KORNFIELD of Bangor, SCHNECK of Bangor.

(4-14) Maine Troop Greeters, of Bangor, which has received the M. Jane Irving Community Service Award from the Bangor Region Chamber of Commerce. We extend to Maine Troop Greeters our congratulations and best wishes;  
SLS 104
Sponsored by Senator CUSHING of Penobscot.

(4-15) Ronnie Finson, of St. Albans, on his retirement as Road Commissioner for the Town of St. Albans after 32 years of service. Mr. Finson gave up many birthdays and Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners to make the town safe. We extend to him our congratulations and best wishes;  
SLS 105
Sponsored by Senator DAVIS of Piscataquis.
Cosponsored by Representative: STETKIS of Canaan.

(4-16) Avery McKenzie, of Saco, a student at Thornton Academy, who placed second in the State in the Classical Association of New England's Annual Writing Contest. We extend to Avery our congratulations and best wishes;  
SLS 106
Sponsored by Senator CHENETTE of York.
Cosponsored by Representatives: BAILEY of Saco, MAREAN of Hollis, O'NEIL of Saco.

(4-17) Hannah Faucher, of Saco, a student at Thornton Academy, who placed first in the State in the Classical Association of New England's Annual Writing Contest. We extend to Hannah our congratulations and best wishes;  
SLS 107
Sponsored by Senator CHENETTE of York.
Cosponsored by Representatives: BAILEY of Saco, MAREAN of Hollis, O'NEIL of Saco.
Joint Resolutions

(4-18) On motion by Senator GRATWICK of Penobscot (Cosponsored by Representative DENNO of Cumberland and Senators: CARPENTER of Aroostook, CARSON of Cumberland, DILL of Penobscot, LIBBY of Androscoggin, Representatives: FARNSWORTH of Portland, FULLER of Lewiston, GATTINE of Westbrook, HANDY of Lewiston), the following Joint Resolution:

S.P. 247

STATE OF MAINE
128TH MAINE LEGISLATURE

JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MARCH 5-11, 2017 AS MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS AWARENESS WEEK

WHEREAS, multiple sclerosis, or MS, is a neurological disease of the central nervous system affecting 2,300,000 people worldwide; and

WHEREAS, the Greater New England Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society reports that more than 3,000 people are living with MS in the State and that the disease generally strikes people in the prime of life, between 20 and 50 years of age, and the cause and course of the often debilitating symptoms of MS remain unknown and no cure currently exists; and

WHEREAS, the National Multiple Sclerosis Society has been committed for more than 70 years to a world free of MS, heightening public knowledge about and insight into the disease; and

WHEREAS, since 1946 the National Multiple Sclerosis Society has been a driving force of MS research, relentlessly pursuing prevention, treatments and a cure, and has invested more than $900,000,000 in groundbreaking research; and

WHEREAS, funds raised through the National Multiple Sclerosis Society provide $42,100,000 in funding for 380 research projects at the best medical centers, universities and other institutions throughout the United States and abroad, leading to many breakthroughs in the treatment of MS; and

WHEREAS, stopping MS in its tracks, restoring what has been lost and ending MS forever is the mission of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society and one that all Americans and citizens of the State should support; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Twenty-eighth Legislature now assembled in the First Regular Session, take this occasion to recognize the importance of finding the cause and cure of MS, to express our appreciation for the dedication that the Greater New England Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society has shown toward creating a world free of MS and to declare March 5-11, 2017 as Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week in the State; and be it further

RESOLVED: That suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the Greater New England Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.
Joint Resolution in Memoriam:

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

(4-19)  Horace "Bud" Fogg, Senior, of Gorham, a highly decorated veteran who survived fierce European battles during World War II. Born in Windham and raised in Gorham, Mr. Fogg was drafted into the United States Army at age 18, obtained the rank of sergeant and served with the 83rd Infantry Division in Europe. He was awarded 3 Bronze Stars, the Purple Heart, a Good Conduct medal and multiple campaign awards. After his military service, Mr. Fogg worked for S.D. Warren Company in Westbrook for 38 years. He was a member of several veterans organizations and served as commander of American Legion Smith-Wagner Post 60 in Gorham. Mr. Fogg will be sadly missed by his loving family and many friends;

SLS 102

Sponsored by Senator VOLK of Cumberland.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Senate

Ought to Pass

(5-1)  Senator BRAKEY for the Committee on HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES on Bill "An Act Regarding Changing the Designation of a Parent on the Birth Certificate of an Adult"
S.P. 32  L.D. 83

Reported that the same Ought to Pass.

SECOND READERS

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

Senate As Amended

S.P. 88  L.D. 302
(C "A" S-2)
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

JOINT ORDER - Expression of Legislative Sentiment Recognizing the Hermon High School Girls Cheerleading Team, of Hermon

SLS 49

Tabled - February 7, 2017, by Senator CUSHING of Penobscot

Pending - PASSAGE

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4.

Tabled and Later Assigned

Bill "An Act To Require That a Person Who Has Been Treated by a Law Enforcement Officer with Naloxone Be Informed about Drug Addiction Treatment"

H.P. 338  L.D. 475

Tabled - February 16, 2017, by Senator MASON of Androscoggin

Pending - REFERENCE

(In House, REFERRED to the Committee on HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES and ordered printed.)

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5.

Tabled and Later Assigned

Bill "An Act To Protect Maine's Lakes by Prohibiting the Discharge of Waste from Watercraft"

H.P. 420  L.D. 604

Tabled - February 16, 2017, by Senator CYRWAY of Kennebec

Pending - REFERENCE

(Committee on INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE suggested and ordered printed.)

(In House, REFERRED to the Committee on ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES.)
6. **Tabled and Later Assigned**  
Bill "An Act To Recognize Local Control Regarding Food and Water Systems"  
S.P. 242  L.D. 725  
Tabled - February 28, 2017, by Senator **DAVIS** of Piscataquis  
Pending - **REFERENCE**  
(Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** suggested and ordered printed.)

7. **Tabled and Later Assigned**  
Bill "An Act To Facilitate the Return of Unclaimed Property"  
S.P. 230  L.D. 668  
Tabled - February 28, 2017, by Senator **KEIM** of Oxford  
Pending - **REFERENCE**  
(Committee on **JUDICIARY** suggested and ordered printed.)

8. **Tabled and Later Assigned**  
**JOINT ORDER** - Expression of Legislative Sentiment Recognizing John Calloway, of Avon  
SLS 89  
Tabled - February 28, 2017, by Senator **SAVIELLO** of Franklin  
Pending - **PASSAGE**