One Hundred and Twenty-Eighth Legislature  
First Regular Session  

Advance Journal and Calendar  

23rd Legislative Day  

In Senate Chamber, Thursday, March 23, 2017.  

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

Prayer by Rabbi Darah Lerner, Congregation Beth El in Bangor.  

Pledge of Allegiance led by Senator Eric L. Brakey of Androscoggin County.  

Reading of the Journal of Tuesday, March 21, 2017.  

Doctor of the day, Elisabeth Mock, M.D. of Holden.  

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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. 373

Ordered, the House concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourn, they do so until Tuesday, March 28, 2017 at 10:00 in the morning.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

Non-Concurrent Matter

(1-1) Bill "An Act To Promote Transparency with Respect to Surveillance Technology"

S.P. 268  L.D. 823

In Senate, March 16, 2017, on motion by Senator DAVIS of Piscataquis, REFERRED to the Committee on STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT and ordered printed.

Comes from the House, REFERRED to the Committee on JUDICIARY in NON-CONCURRENCE.

House Papers

(1-2) Bill "An Act To Require That Certain Applicant Information for Certain Local Government and School Administrative Positions Be Public upon Application"

H.P. 762  L.D. 1084

Committee on JUDICIARY suggested and ordered printed.

Comes from the House, REFERRED to the Committee on STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT.
(1-3) Bill "An Act To Clarify That Involuntary Transfers of Teachers and Municipal Public Employees Are Subject to Collective Bargaining"

H.P. 767  L.D. 1093

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

Comes from the House, REFERRED to the Committee on EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS.

Joint Orders

Expressions of Legislative Sentiment recognizing:

(1-4) Avery Goulding, of Auburn, a sophomore at Edward Little High School, who bowled a sanctioned 300 game. At 15 years old, Avery is the youngest female bowler in the history of the State to bowl a perfect game. We extend to Avery our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 128

(1-5) George Dean, of Plymouth, former Fire Chief of the Plymouth Fire Department, to whom the Town of Plymouth has dedicated its Town Report. We extend to Chief Dean our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 150

(1-6) Fran Doucette, of Gorham, who helped found the Gorham Food Pantry in 1997 and is retiring as director. We extend to Ms. Doucette our appreciation for her service;

HLS 152

(1-7) the Monmouth Academy Girls Basketball Team, of Monmouth, which won the Class C State Championship. Members of the team include players Tia Day, Emma Vierling, Emily Grandahl, Hannah Anderson, Abbey Allen, Maddie Amero, Julia Johnson, Abby Ferland, Kaeti Butterfield, Destiny Clough, Kayla Brooks, Audrey Fletcher and Libby Clemente; assistant coaches Ray Convery, Ed Spencer and Dennis Grover; and head coach Scott Wing. We extend to all the members of the team our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 153
(1-8) Bath Middle School, in Bath, which has received the 2016 Maine Environmental Education Association School of the Year award for the school's efforts over all 3 grade levels in expeditionary learning, including the school's work with Kennebec Estuary Land Trust, The Ecology School and Chewonki. The students have worked in the community to chart sea level rise on the Bath waterfront, study the invasive green crab and begin a new lunch composting program. We extend to everyone at Bath Middle School our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 154

(1-9) John Clark, of Linneus, on his retirement as General Manager of the Houlton Water Company after more than 32 years of service. Mr. Clark guided the company through the transformation of the electric industry, oversaw the construction of a new million-gallon water reservoir, initiated the search and development of the new water supply in Hodgdon and oversaw numerous large construction projects. A careful steward of the State's resources, he ensured the water discharged into the Meduxnekeag River from the company's waste treatment facility exceeded the requirements set by the Maine Department of Environmental Protection, and today the river is a world-class brown trout fishery. We extend to Mr. Clark our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 155

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

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**Joint Resolution**

Joint Resolution in Memoriam:

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

(1-10) the Honorable Walter Wheeler, Sr., of Kittery, a veteran of the United States Navy and a state legislator. Mr. Wheeler served in the Navy during World War II in the Asiatic Pacific, American Area and European and African theaters of operation, and he took part in the D-Day invasion. After the war, he worked at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard as a machinist. He served as a member of the House of Representatives from the 121st Legislature to the 124th Legislature, where he was an accessible and strong supporter of his constituents and an advocate for outdoorsmen. In the Legislature, he served on the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety. Mr. Wheeler will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family and friends and his colleagues at the State House and in State Government;

HLS 127

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

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COMMUNICATIONS

(2-1) The Following Communication:

S.C. 226

STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION & FORESTRY

March 21, 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 Durward L. Humphrey of Benedicta, for appointment to the Maine Land Use Planning 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 3 Davis of Piscataquis, Dill of Penobscot, Saviello of Franklin
Representatives 9 Dunphy of Old Town, Ackley of Monmouth, Black of Wilton, Chapman of Brooksville, Higgins of Dover-Foxcroft, Martin of Sinclair, McElwee of Caribou, O'Neil of Saco, Skolfield of Weld

NAYS 0

ABSENT 1 Rep. Kinney of Knox

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 Durward L. Humphrey of Benedicta, for appointment to the Maine Land Use Planning Commission be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Paul T. Davis, Sr. S/Michelle Ann Dunphy
Senate Chair House Chair

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March 22, 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 James R. May of Mapleton for appointment to the Maine Land Use Planning Commission.

Pursuant to Title 12, MRSA §683-A, this appointment 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
STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

March 22, 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 Curtis C. Bohlen, Ph.D. of Pownal for reappointment to the Board of Pesticides Control.

Pursuant to Title 22, MRSA §1471-B, 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

(2-4) The Following Communication:

S.C. 229

STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

March 22, 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 Deven M. Morrill of Westbrook for reappointment to the Board of Pesticides Control.

Pursuant to Title 22, MRSA §1471-B, 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
STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

March 21, 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 Thomas A. Davis of Winslow for appointment as a Commissioner of the Maine State Housing Authority.

Pursuant to Title 30-A, MRSA §4723.2, this appointment 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

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STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

March 21, 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 Laurence W. Gross of Portland for appointment as a Commissioner of the Maine State Housing Authority.

Pursuant to Title 30-A, MRSA §4723.2, this appointment 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
Thursday, March 23, 2017

(2-7) The Following Communication:  

S.C. 232

STATE OF MAINE  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

March 21, 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 Donna L. Talarico of North Yarmouth for reappointment as a Commissioner of the Maine State Housing Authority.

Pursuant to Title 30-A, MRSA §4723.2, 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

(2-8) The Following Communication:  

S.C. 233

STATE OF MAINE  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

March 21, 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 James I. Whitten of Augusta for appointment as a Commissioner of the Maine State Housing Authority.

Pursuant to Title 30-A, MRSA §4723.2, this appointment 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
STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY EIGHTH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

March 20, 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. Stewart of Presque Isle, to report the following bill Leave to Withdraw:

L.D. 907  An Act Requiring Investments by the Maine Public Employees Retirement System To Be Well-diversified

Sincerely,

S/Sen. James M.
Hamper Senate Chair

S/Rep. Drew M.
Gattine House Chair
STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY EIGHTH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

March 17, 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 Sen. Saviello of Franklin, to report the following bill Leave to Withdraw:

L.D. 226 An Act To Protect and Improve the Health of Maine Citizens and the Economy of Maine (EMERGENCY)

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Eric L. Brakey
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Patricia Hymanson
House Chair
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 Education and Cultural Affairs has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 50  An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Teacher Certification
L.D. 95  An Act To Provide a Method for a Student To Be Excused from Standardized Testing
L.D. 181 An Act To Improve Teacher Preparation Programs
L.D. 527 An Act To Prohibit Corporal Punishment in Schools
L.D. 528 An Act To Create a Maine Race, Ethnicity and Cultural Studies Educational Component

This is notification of the Committee’s action.

Sincerely,

Senate Chair                House Chair
STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY

March 20, 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. 474 An Act To Allow a Public Safety Answering Point To Be Reimbursed for Training Costs

This is notification of the Committee’s action.

Sincerely,

Senate Chair                    House Chair
March 15, 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 Environment and Natural Resources has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 577  An Act Regarding Zero-emissions Vehicles

This is notification of the Committee’s action.

Sincerely,

Senate Chair                 House Chair

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(2-14) The Following Communication:  

STATE OF MAINE  
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE  
COMMITTEE ON INLAND FISHERIES & WILDLIFE  

March 15, 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. 277 An Act Regarding the Use of Helmets by Minors Riding in an All-terrain Vehicle with an Adult  

This is notification of the Committee’s action.  

Sincerely,  

S/Sen. Scott W. Cyrway  
Senate Chair  

House Chair
March 20, 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 Insurance and Financial Services has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 360  An Act To Allow Consumers To Shop for Credit without Damaging Their Credit Scores

This is notification of the Committee’s action.

Sincerely,

Senate Chair  House Chair
(2-16) The Following Communication: 

S.C. 235

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

March 17, 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 Marine Resources has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 149 An Act To Provide Additional Management for Limited-entry Lobster Zones
L.D. 199 An Act To Implement Decibel Limits for Mechanical Rockweed Harvesters
L.D. 287 Resolve, Prohibiting the Commissioner of Marine Resources from Adopting or Enforcing Certain Rules Limiting the Quantity of Smelts a Person May Take from the Coastal Waters of the State until after Completion of a Study
L.D. 392 An Act Regarding Legal Lobster Haul Times outside of the 3-mile Line
L.D. 539 An Act To Allow Municipalities To Establish Shellfish Conservation Areas
L.D. 616 An Act To Ensure Consistent Access to Limited-entry Lobster Zones

This is notification of the Committee’s action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Joyce A. Maker
Senate Chair

House Chair
STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

March 20, 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 Transportation has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

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This is notification of the Committee’s action.

Sincerely,

Senate Chair                House Chair
March 17, 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 Veterans and Legal Affairs has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 657 An Act To Reduce the In-stock Spirits Requirements for Liquor Agents in Towns with Certain Populations

This is notification of the Committee’s action.

Sincerely,

Senate Chair  House Chair

SENATE PAPERS

(3-1) Bill "An Act To Deregulate the In-state Extraction and Sale of Raw Honey"

S.P. 388  L.D. 1167

Presented by Senator VOLK of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative HICKMAN of Winthrop and Senators: DAVIS of Piscataquis, LANGLEY of Hancock, Representatives: DUNPHY of Old Town, McLEAN of Gorham, TERRY of Gorham, WARD of Dedham.

Committee on AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY suggested and ordered printed.
(3-2) Bill "An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Provide Funding for a Program of Student Debt Cancellation and Refinancing"

Presented by Senator LIBBY of Androscoggin.
Cosponsored by Representative DAUGHERTY of Brunswick and Senators: BELLOWS of Kennebec, BREEN of Cumberland, CHENETTE of York, JACKSON of Aroostook, MILLETT of Cumberland, SAVIELLO of Franklin.

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

(3-3) RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Establish a Victims' Bill of Rights

Presented by President THIBODEAU of Waldo.
Cosponsored by Representative HERBIG of Belfast and Senators: CUSHING of Penobscot, JACKSON of Aroostook, MASON of Androscoggin, Representatives: FREDETTE of Newport, Speaker GIDEON of Freeport, GOLDEN of Lewiston, RILEY of Jay.

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

(3-4) Bill "An Act To Address Administrative Shortages in Maine Schools by Amending the Law Regarding the Salaries of Retired Public School Administrators Who Return to Service"

Presented by Senator LANGLEY of Hancock.
Cosponsored by Representative KORNFIELD of Bangor and Representatives: PIERCE of Falmouth, TUELL of East Machias.

(3-5) Bill "An Act To Remove the Limit on the Number of Public Charter Schools That May Be Approved"

Presented by Senator MASON of Androscoggin.
Cosponsored by Representative POULIOT of Augusta and Senator: MIRAMANT of Knox.
Submitted by the Department of Education pursuant to Joint Rule 204.
(3-6) Resolve, To Require a Study of Wages and Working Conditions for Child Development Educators and Staff

S.P. 381  L.D. 1160

Presented by Senator MILLETT of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative FARNSWORTH of Portland and Senators: BREEN of Cumberland, CARPENTER of Aroostook, CARSON of Cumberland, MAKER of Washington, VITELLI of Sagadahoc, Representatives: BERRY of Bowdoinham, HUBBELL of Bar Harbor.

Committee on EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS suggested and ordered printed.

(3-7) Bill "An Act To Promote the Development of Solar Energy in Maine"

S.P. 374  L.D. 1124

Presented by Senator BREEN of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative ACKLEY of Monmouth, Representative PIERCE of Falmouth and Senators: CARSON of Cumberland, DION of Cumberland, MILLETT of Cumberland, Representative: DENNO of Cumberland.

(3-8) Bill "An Act To Create a Limited Microgrid Project To Stimulate Economic Development in Northern Maine"

S.P. 378  L.D. 1157

Presented by Senator JACKSON of Aroostook.

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

(3-9) Bill "An Act To Reduce the Incidence of Obesity and Chronic Disease in Maine"

S.P. 383  L.D. 1162

Presented by Senator LIBBY of Androscoggin.
Cosponsored by Representative HAMANN of South Portland and Senators: CHIPMAN of Cumberland, GRATWICK of Penobscot, KATZ of Kennebec, Representative: HARLOW of Portland.

Committee on HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES suggested and ordered printed.
(3-10) Bill "An Act To Amend the Insurance Laws Governing the Provision of Rebates"
S.P. 382  L.D. 1161

Presented by Senator DOW of Lincoln.
Cosponsored by Representative COLLINGS of Portland.

(3-11) Bill "An Act To Facilitate Small Loans in Maine"
S.P. 385  L.D. 1164

Presented by Senator CUSHING of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Senator: WHITTEMORE of Somerset, Representative: WALLACE of Dexter.

Committee on INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES suggested and ordered printed.

(3-12) Bill "An Act To Improve the Lives of Working Families"
S.P. 376  L.D. 1155

Presented by Senator JACKSON of Aroostook.

(3-13) Bill "An Act To Support Healthy Workplaces and Healthy Families by Providing Paid Sick Leave to Certain Employees"
S.P. 380  L.D. 1159

Presented by Senator MILLETT of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative FECTEAU of Biddeford and Senators: BELLOWS of Kennebec, CHENETTE of York, JACKSON of Aroostook, LIBBY of Androscoggin, Representatives: BERRY of Bowdoinham, HUBBELL of Bar Harbor, MASTRACCIO of Sanford.

(3-14) Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Regarding Licensure for Professional Engineers"
S.P. 386  L.D. 1165

Presented by Senator VOLK of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative FECTEAU of Biddeford and Senators: BELLOWS of Kennebec, LANGLEY of Hancock, Representatives: AUSTIN of Gray, LOCKMAN of Amherst, MASTRACCIO of Sanford, STETKIS of Canaan, SYLVESTER of Portland, VACHON of Scarborough.
Submitted by the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation pursuant to Joint Rule 204.
(3-15) Bill "An Act Regarding Anesthesia Care in Rural Maine"
S.P. 387  L.D. 1166

Presented by Senator CUSHING of Penobscot.  
Cosponsored by Representative FECTEAU of Biddeford and Senators: LANGLEY of Hancock, VOLK of Cumberland, Representatives: AUSTIN of Gray, BATES of Westbrook, HICKMAN of Winthrop, MASTRACCIO of Sanford, POULIOT of Augusta, STETKIS of Canaan.

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

(3-16) Bill "An Act To Establish a Recall Procedure for Elected Officials"
S.P. 375  L.D. 1125

Presented by Senator CHENETTE of York.  
Cosponsored by Representative COOPER of Yarmouth.

Committee on VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS suggested and ordered printed.

ORDERS

Joint Orders

Expressions of Legislative Sentiment recognizing:

(4-1) Brendan Bruns, of Belfast, a wrestler for the Belfast High School Wrestling Team, who won the 113-pound title at the Class B State Championship. We extend to Brendan our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 134

Sponsored by President THIBODEAU of Waldo.  
Cosponsored by Representative: HERBIG of Belfast.

(4-2) Searsport District High School, of Searsport, which won the Maine Drama Festival Class B 2017 Regional Competition. The school won with The Cost of a Drive, written by senior MacKenzie Philbrick, who codirected with drama director Chris Goosman. We extend to everyone involved with the production our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 135

Sponsored by President THIBODEAU of Waldo.  
Cosponsored by Representative: GILLWAY of Searsport.
(4-3) Noah Robbins, of Searsmont, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 35, 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, Noah built an equipment shed for the Ames Elementary School. We extend our congratulations to Noah on this achievement;

Sponsored by President THIBODEAU of Waldo.
Cosponsored by Representative: ZEIGLER of Montville.

(4-4) James Mersereau, of Machias, a student and basketball player at Machias Memorial High School, who recently scored his 1,000th career point. We extend to James our congratulations and best wishes;

Sponsored by Senator MAKER of Washington.
Cosponsored by Representative: TUELL of East Machias.

(4-5) the Machias Memorial High School Boys Basketball Team, of Machias, which won the Class D State Championship. Members of the team include players Alex Wentzell, Russell Hanscom, John Massaad, Camon Johnson, Jordan Grant, Alessandro Marotta, Jacob Godfrey, James Mersereau, Noah Albert, Mark Anthony, Cody Eaton, Evan Dray, Mark Mersereau, Tyler Wentzell and Jakob Holland; managers Megan Preston and Jacob Sinford; volunteers Carlton Bragg and Logan Wood; assistant coach Dustin Getchell; and head coach James Getchell. We extend to all the members of the team our congratulations and best wishes;

Sponsored by Senator MAKER of Washington.
Cosponsored by Representative: TUELL of East Machias.

(4-6) Jacob Clark, of Brewer, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 76, 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, Jacob guided a team to place 28 interpretive trail signs at Hirundo Wildlife Refuge and replace the pamphlets available at the trailhead. We extend our congratulations to Jacob on this achievement;

Sponsored by Senator ROSEN of Hancock.
Cosponsored by Senator: DILL of Penobscot, Representatives: CRAIG of Brewer, LYFORD of Eddington.
(4-7) Alex Taylor-Lash, of Orland, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 102, 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, Alex rebuilt and rerouted a segment of hiking trail in the Witherle Woods Preserve in Castine that had eroded and was in significant disrepair. We extend our congratulations to him on this achievement;

Sponsored by Senator ROSEN of Hancock.
Cosponsored by Representative: WARD of Dedham.

(4-8) Erik Taylor-Lash, of Orland, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 102, 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, Erik built 12 rustic cedar benches for the Great Pond Mountain Conservation Trust Wildlands in Orland, which were placed near the entrances and at places with scenic views. We extend our congratulations to him on this achievement;

Sponsored by Senator ROSEN of Hancock.
Cosponsored by Representative: WARD of Dedham.

(4-9) the George Stevens Academy Boys Basketball Team, of Blue Hill, which won the Class C State Championship. Members of the team include players Jarrod Chase, Beckett Slayton, Steven Wang, Taylor Schildroth, Max Mattson, Joe Norwood, Stefan Simmons, Tyler McKenney, Ben Cole, Percy Zentz, Reece Dannenberg, Eric Mote and Caden Mattson; student assistants Ethan Snow and Parker Snow; assistant coaches Matt Mattson and Cameron MacDonald; and coach Dwayne Carter. We extend to all the members of the team our congratulations and best wishes;

Sponsored by Senator LANGLEY of Hancock.
Cosponsored by Representative: CHAPMAN of Brooksville.

(4-10) the George Stevens Academy Boys Basketball Team, of Blue Hill, which won the Class C North Championship. We extend to all the members of the team our congratulations and best wishes;

Sponsored by Senator LANGLEY of Hancock.
Cosponsored by Senator: ROSEN of Hancock, Representatives: CHAPMAN of Brooksville, WARD of Dedham.

(4-11) Megan Peach, of Garland, a senior at Dexter Regional High School and a member of the girls basketball team, who recently scored her 1,000th career point. We extend to Megan our congratulations and best wishes;

Sponsored by Senator DAVIS of Piscataquis.
Cosponsored by Representative: WALLACE of Dexter.
The Dexter Regional High School Varsity Girls Basketball Team, of Dexter, which won the Class C North Championship. Members of the team include players Cidney Pratt, Rebecca Batron, Addyson Herrick, Danielle Cummings, Kaitlyn Webber, Ashley Reynolds, Kaylee Deering, Kilee Lewis, Tory Asbury, Megan Peach, Abby Webber, Abbie Paige and Kayli Cunningham; managers Kaylee Harris and Rachel Sickles; assistant coaches Frank Reynolds, Mark Melvin and Haggie Pratt; and head coach Jody Grant. We extend to all the members of the team our congratulations and best wishes;

Sponsored by Senator DAVIS of Piscataquis.
Cosponsored by Representatives: STETKIS of Canaan, WALLACE of Dexter.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

House

Ought to Pass

The Committee on CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY on Bill "An Act Regarding Service of Criminal Process on Electronic Communication Service Providers and Remote Computing Service Providers" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 246  L.D. 332

Reported that the same Ought to Pass.

Comes from the House the Bill and accompanying papers were COMMITTED to the Committee on CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY.

Ought to Pass As Amended

The Committee on VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS on Bill "An Act Regarding Dancing on the Premises of Certain Liquor Licensees"

H.P. 31  L.D. 30

Reported that the same Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-11).

Comes from the House with the Report READ and ACCEPTED and the Bill PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-11).
Divided Report

(5-3) The Majority of the Committee on TRANSPORTATION on Bill "An Act To Improve Officer Safety at Roadside Incidents"

H.P. 128  L.D. 172

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

Signed:

Senators:
- COLLINS of York
- MIRAMANT of Knox
- ROSEN of Hancock

Representatives:
- McLEAN of Gorham
- AUSTIN of Skowhegan
- BRYANT of Windham
- CEBRA of Naples
- GRANT of Gardiner
- PARRY of Arundel
- PERKINS of Oakland
- SCHNECK of Bangor
- SHEATS of Auburn

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-9)**.

Signed:

Representative:
- GILLWAY of Searsport

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUUGHT TO PASS** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**.

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Senate

Ought to Pass As Amended

(5-4) Senator VOLK for the Committee on LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT on Bill "An Act To Provide Funding for Costs Associated with Requiring the Licensing of Midwives"

S.P. 49  L.D. 130

Reported that the same Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-9).

(5-5) Senator COLLINS for the Committee on TRANSPORTATION on 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

Reported that the same Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-8).

SECOND READERS

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

House

(6-1) Bill "An Act To Clarify the Tax Laws for Title to Real Estate by Releasing Inheritance Tax Liens"

H.P. 59  L.D. 72

(6-2) Resolve, To Name the Bridge over the Penobscot River in the Towns of Enfield and Howland King's Bridge (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 227  L.D. 294
(6-3) Bill "An Act To Remove the Legislative Council from the Capitol Area Development Approval Process"

House As Amended

(6-4) Bill "An Act To Incorporate Protections for Living Donors into Maine Law"

(6-5) Bill "An Act To Authorize Podiatrists To Perform Certain Routine Procedures"

(6-6) Bill "An Act To Enable the Maine Employers' Mutual Insurance Company To Better Serve Maine Employers by Eliminating the High-risk Program"

ENACTORS

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

Emergency Measure

(7-1) An Act To Grant Plantations the Power To Control Consumer Fireworks
Acts

(7-2) An Act To Provide a Career and Technical Education Training Option for Plumbers
   S.P. 16  L.D. 37
   (C "A" S-3)

(7-3) An Act Regarding Changing the Designation of a Parent on the Birth Certificate of an Adult
   S.P. 32  L.D. 83

(7-4) An Act To Make Changes to the Potato Marketing Improvement Fund
   H.P. 92   L.D. 124

(7-5) An Act To Remove the Treasurer of State from the Maine Vaccine Board
   H.P. 119   L.D. 161

(7-6) An Act To Add the Air Medal as an Option for a Special Commemorative Decal on Special Veterans Registration Plates
   H.P. 127   L.D. 171

(7-7) An Act To Update Accessibility Requirements on Highways
   S.P. 80   L.D. 236

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Resolve

(7-8) Resolve, To Designate a Bridge in East Machias as the Norman E. Bagley Memorial Bridge
   H.P. 163   L.D. 207

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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

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

2.

Tabled and Later Assigned

Bill "An Act To Curb Drug-impaired Driving"

S.P. 269  L.D. 824

Tabled - March 2, 2017, by Senator COLLINS of York

Pending - REFERENCE

(Committee on TRANSPORTATION suggested and ordered printed.)
3.

Tabled and Later Assigned

Bill "An Act To Allow a Percentage of Funds from the Medical Use of Marijuana Fund To Fund Health Care Research"

H.P. 542 L.D. 762

Tabled - March 2, 2017, by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin

Pending - REFERENCE

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

4.

Tabled and Later Assigned

Bill "An Act To Amend the Maine Medical Use of Marijuana Act"

S.P. 84 L.D. 238

Tabled - March 7, 2017, by Senator KATZ of Kennebec

Pending - FURTHER CONSIDERATION

(In Senate, January 31, 2017, on motion by Senator KATZ of Kennebec, REFERRED to the Joint Select Committee on MARIJUANA LEGALIZATION IMPLEMENTATION and ordered printed.)

(In House, REFERRED to the Committee on HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES in NON-CONCURRENCE.)
5. Tabled and Later Assigned

Bill "An Act To Enact the Uniform Emergency Volunteer Health Practitioners Act"

S.P. 314  L.D. 958

Tabled - March 9, 2017, by Senator LIBBY of Androscoggin

Pending - motion by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin to REFER to the Committee on HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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

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6. Tabled and Later Assigned

Bill "An Act To Use Taxes on Nonmedical Marijuana and Increase the Tax on Cigarettes To Partially Offset the 3% Income Tax Surcharge"

H.P. 499  L.D. 708

Tabled - March 14, 2017, by Senator KATZ of Kennebec

Pending - REFERENCE

(Committee on TAXATION suggested and ordered printed.)

(In House, REFERRED to the Joint Select Committee on MARIJUANA LEGALIZATION IMPLEMENTATION.)

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7. Tabled and Later Assigned

JOINT ORDER - Expression of Legislative Sentiment Recognizing Abe and Heather Furth, of Orono

SLS 118

Tabled - March 14, 2017, by Senator DILL of Penobscot

Pending - PASSAGE

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8.

Tabled and Later Assigned

Bill "An Act To Separate the Authorities under the Licenses for Property and Casualty Insurance Adjusters and Workers' Compensation Insurance Adjusters"

S.P. 323  L.D. 984

Tabled - March 21, 2017, by Senator WHITTEMORE of Somerset

Pending - FURTHER CONSIDERATION

(In Senate, March 14, 2017, REFERRED to the Committee on INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES and ordered printed.)

(In House, REFERRED to the Committee on LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT in NON-CONCURRENCE.)

9.

Tabled and Later Assigned

Bill "An Act To Protect a Homeowner's Equity of Redemption in a Foreclosure Action"

S.P. 280  L.D. 880

Tabled - March 21, 2017, by Senator WHITTEMORE of Somerset

Pending - FURTHER CONSIDERATION

(In Senate, March 14, 2017, REFERRED to the Committee on INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES and ordered printed.)

(In House, REFERRED to the Committee on JUDICIARY in NON-CONCURRENCE.)
10. Tabled and Later Assigned

Bill "An Act To Protect Homeowners from Workers' Compensation Claims"
H.P. 739  L.D. 1056

Tabled - March 21, 2017, by Senator WHITTEMORE of Somerset

Pending - REFERENCE

(Committee on INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES suggested and ordered printed.)

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

11. Tabled and Later Assigned

Bill "An Act To Enhance Access to Affordable Health Care"
I.B. 2  L.D. 1039

Tabled - March 21, 2017, by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin

Pending - REFERENCE

(In House, REFERRED to the Committee on HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES.)
12.

Tabled and Later Assigned

Resolve, To Establish the Commission To Study the Phase-out of Subminimum Wage

S.P. 371  L.D. 1117

Tabled - March 21, 2017, by Senator VOLK of Cumberland

Pending - REFERENCE

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

13.

Tabled and Later Assigned

JOINT ORDER - Expression of Legislative Sentiment Recognizing Sybil Riemensnider, of South Portland

SLS 127

Tabled - March 21, 2017, by Senator MASON of Androscoggin

Pending - PASSAGE

14.

Tabled and Later Assigned

JOINT ORDER - Expression of Legislative Sentiment Recognizing the Greater Portland Transit District METRO

SLS 129

Tabled - March 21, 2017, by Senator CHIPMAN of Cumberland

Pending - PASSAGE