In Senate Chamber, Thursday, March 30, 2017.

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

Prayer by Reverend David Smith, First Congregational Church in Wilton.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Senator David R. Miramant of Knox County.


Doctor of the day, Robyn Ostrander, M.D. of Falmouth.
Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, on motion by Senator MASON of Androscoggin, the following Joint Order:

S.P. 419

Ordered, the House concurring, that when the House and Senate adjourn they do so until Tuesday, April 4, 2017, at 10:00 in the morning.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

Non-Concurrent Matter

(1-1) HOUSE REPORTS - from the Committee on STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT on Bill "An Act To Remove the Legislative Council from the Capitol Area Development Approval Process"

H.P. 26  L.D. 25

Majority - Ought Not to Pass (7 members)

Minority - Ought to Pass (5 members)

In Senate, March 23, 2017, on motion by Senator DAVIS of Piscataquis, the Minority OUGHT TO PASS Report READ and ACCEPTED and the Bill PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED in NON-CONCURRENCE.

Comes from the House, that Body having INSISTED on its former action whereby the Majority OUGHT NOT TO PASS Report was READ and ACCEPTED.
(1-2) SENATE REPORTS - from the Committee on EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS on Bill "An Act To Increase the Size of Grants under the Maine State Grant Program"
S.P. 11  L.D. 32

Majority - Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-7) (7 members)

Minority - Ought Not to Pass (6 members)

In Senate, March 21, 2017, on motion by Senator LANGLEY of Hancock, the Minority OUGHT NOT TO PASS Report READ and ACCEPTED.

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

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House Papers

(1-3) Bill "An Act Regarding Renewable Portfolio Standards"
H.P. 822  L.D. 1185

Comes from the House, REFERRED to the Committee on ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY and ordered printed.

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(1-4) Bill "An Act To Amend the Child Protective Services Statutes"
H.P. 824  L.D. 1187

Committee on HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES suggested and ordered printed.

Comes from the House, REFERRED to the Committee on JUDICIARY.
(1-5) Bill "An Act To Enhance the Administration of the State's Group Health Plan"
(EMERGENCY)
H.P. 835  L.D. 1198

Comes from the House, REFERRED to the Committee on INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES and ordered printed.

Joint Orders

Expressions of Legislative Sentiment recognizing:

(1-6) Glenn Vajda, of Windham, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 51, 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, Glenn renumbered mailboxes for the fire department, which relies on them during emergencies. For those houses without mailboxes, he posted blue reflective signs with their street numbers. We extend our congratulations to Glenn on this achievement;

HLS 165

(1-7) the Greely High School Boys Basketball Team, of Cumberland, which won the Class A State Championship. The team's record this past season was 22-0. We extend to all the members of the team our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 166

(1-8) Isaac James Michaud, of Wells, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 356, 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. We extend our congratulations to him on this achievement;

HLS 168

(1-9) the Friends of the Maine Wildlife Park, of Gray, which is celebrating its 25th Anniversary. The group has made substantial contributions to the park over the years, including raising hundreds of thousands of dollars for over 14 different wildlife exhibits. We extend to the Friends of the Maine Wildlife Park our congratulations on this anniversary;

HLS 169

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:

(1-10) John V. Sawyer, of Jonesport. Mr. Sawyer was a veteran of the United States Navy, having served as an operations officer on the USS Ruchamkin. After his service in the Navy, he worked as an ocean marine insurance underwriter and returned to Maine in 1970 to form the Worcester-Sawyer Agency. He served on the board of directors of Union Trust Company in Ellsworth for 32 years, with 17 years of service as chairman. Mr. Sawyer will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family, friends and colleagues;

HLS 167

Comes from the House READ and ADOPTED.

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The Following Communication:

S.C. 255

STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

March 29, 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 Geoffrey A. Rushlau, Esq. of Dresden for appointment as a District Court Judge.

Pursuant to Title 4 MRSA §157, this appointment is contingent on the Maine Senate confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary.

Sincerely,

S/Paul R. LePage
Governor
March 29, 2017

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

Dear Secretary Priest:

Pursuant to my authority under House Rule 201.1 (I) (a), I have temporarily appointed Representative Michelle Ann Dunphy of Old Town to the Joint Standing Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development for the duration of the absence of Representative Donna R. Doore of Augusta effective immediately.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions regarding this temporary appointment.

Sincerely,

S/Sara Gideon
Speaker of the House
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 201.3,1 appoint the following persons to serve in the following positions:

- Senator Garrett P. Mason, President Pro Tempore
- Peter Weston, Sergeant-at-Arms
- Eliza Woodcock, Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms

These appointments are in effect unless and until I subsequently designate otherwise. Please let me know if you have any questions regarding this appointment.

Sincerely,

S/ Michael D. Thibodeau  
President of the Senate
STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY EIGHTH
LEGISLATURE COMMITTEE ON STATE AND LOCAL
GOVERNMENT

March 24, 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. Martin of Sinclair, to report the following bill Leave to Withdraw:

L.D. 234 An Act To Clarify the Status of a Certain Section of the Pelletier Road in the Town of Frenchville as a Town Way

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Paul T. Davis,
Sr. Senate Chair

S/Rep. Danny
Martin House Chair
The Following Communication:

S.C. 247

STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

March 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 Criminal Justice and Public Safety has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s)
out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 443  An Act To Allow Municipally Funded Hospitals To Prohibit the
Presence of Firearms on Their Property (EMERGENCY)

L.D. 597  An Act To Make the Reimbursement Rate for Transfers of Inmates
from County Jails Equal to the Federal Reimbursement Rate

L.D. 598  An Act To Strengthen Maine Citizens' Right to Self Defense

This is notification of the Committee’s action.

Sincerely,

Senate Chair  House Chair

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March 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 Education and Cultural Affairs has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

- L.D. 333 An Act To Stabilize Maine's Educational Leadership and Vision
- L.D. 680 An Act To Allow the Employment or Service in a School of a Spouse of a School Board or Committee Member
- L.D. 682 An Act To Eliminate the Regional Adjustment for Public School Systems
- L.D. 736 An Act To Create Equity in Funding of Rural Schools

This is notification of the Committee’s action.

Sincerely,

Senate Chair  House Chair

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March 27, 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 Education and Cultural Affairs has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 462  An Act To Require a Capstone Project as a Condition of High School Graduation

This is notification of the Committee’s action.

Sincerely,

Senate Chair                        House Chair
March 27, 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. 240  An Act To Increase Transparency in Maine's Electricity Market
L.D. 259  An Act To Limit Rates Charged by Competitive Electricity Providers

This is notification of the Committee’s action.

Sincerely,

Senate Chair   House Chair
The Following Communication:

S.C. 250

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

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

L.D. 450  An Act To Prevent Oil Spills in Casco Bay
L.D. 452  An Act To Remove the Reformulated Gasoline Requirement
L.D. 683  An Act To Fund the Maine Solid Waste Diversion Grant Program and To Phase Out Certain Containers from the Bottle Redemption Laws

This is notification of the Committee’s action.

Sincerely,

Senate Chair  House Chair
March 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 Judiciary has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 644 An Act To Improve Citizen Access to Legal Representation
L.D. 698 An Act To Allow Persons 70 Years of Age and Older To Opt Out of Jury Duty

This is notification of the Committee’s action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Lisa Keim
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Matthew W. Moonen
House Chair
March 27, 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":

L.D. 371  An Act To Allow a Truck Carrying Perishable Products To Operate on a Posted Road without a Permit

L.D. 434  An Act To Allow Certain Vehicles To Make a Right Turn on a Red Light Even When Prohibited

L.D. 495  An Act To Protect Historic Places and Structures on the Federal Aid Highway System

L.D. 786  An Act To Require Center Line Markings on All State and State Aid Highways

This is notification of the Committee’s action.

Sincerely,

Senate Chair  House Chair
March 28, 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. 339  An Act To Reduce Restrictions on Wine Shipments

L.D. 544  An Act To Expand Wine and Beer Tastings at Retail Establishments

L.D. 713  Resolve, Authorizing Legislation To Streamline the Laws Governing the Licensing and Conduct of Beano and Games of Chance

L.D. 833  An Act To Streamline the Gaming Permit Process for Veterans' Organizations

L.D. 853  An Act To Allow Beano at Campgrounds

L.D. 879  An Act To Allow Any Person To Purchase Voter Registration Lists

This is notification of the Committee’s action.

Sincerely,

Senate Chair  House Chair
(3-1) Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Forensic Examination Kits"
S.P. 410  L.D. 1219

Presented by Senator ROSEN of Hancock.
Submitted by the Department of Public Safety pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

(3-2) Bill "An Act To Repeal the Former Interstate Compact for Juveniles"
S.P. 411  L.D. 1220

Presented by Senator ROSEN of Hancock.
Submitted by the Department of Corrections pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

(3-3) Bill "An Act To Clarify and Amend Certain Provisions of Law Regarding Victim Services"
S.P. 412  L.D. 1221

Presented by Senator ROSEN of Hancock.
Submitted by the Department of Corrections pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

(3-4) Bill "An Act To Facilitate the Continued Operation of the Department of Corrections Intensive Mental Health Unit" (EMERGENCY)
S.P. 414  L.D. 1223

Presented by Senator ROSEN of Hancock.
Cosponsored by Representative LONGSTAFF of Waterville and Representative: GERRISH of Lebanon.
Submitted by the Department of Corrections pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

(3-5) Bill "An Act To Protect Minors from Sex Trafficking"
S.P. 424  L.D. 1261

Presented by Senator DIAMOND of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative STEWART of Presque Isle and Senators: CYRWAY of Kennebec, DILL of Penobscot, Mason of Androscoggin, MILLETT of Cumberland.

(3-6) Bill "An Act To Transfer Operations and Ownership of County Jail Facilities to the State"
S.P. 429  L.D. 1266

Presented by Senator DIAMOND of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative SPEAR of South Thomaston and Representative: MADIGAN of Rumford.

Committee on CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY suggested and ordered printed.
(3-7) Bill "An Act To Allow for Greater Energy Competition in Maine by Amending the Law Governing Electric Generation or Generation-related Assets by Affiliates"
S.P. 415  L.D. 1224

Presented by Senator DION of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative O'CONNOR of Berwick and Senators: CUSHING of Penobscot, HILL of York, MASON of Androscoggin, Representative: RYKERSON of Kittery.

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

(3-8) Bill "An Act To Modernize the Voluntary Response Action Program Funding Process"
S.P. 421  L.D. 1258

Submitted by the Department of Environmental Protection pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

(3-9) Bill "An Act To Protect Monhegan Island by Limiting Wind Turbines"
S.P. 425  L.D. 1262

Presented by Senator DOW of Lincoln.

Committee on ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES suggested and ordered printed.

(3-10) Bill "An Act Regarding Pay Equality"
S.P. 422  L.D. 1259

Presented by Senator BREEN of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Senator KATZ of Kennebec, Representative TEPLER of Topsham and Senators: JACKSON of Aroostook, LIBBY of Androscoggin, MILLETT of Cumberland, VITELLI of Sagadahoc, WOODSOME of York, Representatives: McCREIGHT of Harpswell, MOONEN of Portland.
(3-11) Resolve, To Establish the Commission To Create a Plan for the Establishment of a Probate Court System with Full-time Judges

Presented by Senator KATZ of Kennebec.
Cosponsored by Senators: DION of Cumberland, HILL of York, MAKER of Washington, ROSEN of Hancock, Representatives: BAILEY of Saco, TEPLER of Topsham.

(3-12) Resolve, Regarding Court Facilities in York County

Presented by Senator WOODSOME of York.

(3-13) Bill "An Act To Protect Licensing Information of Medical Professionals"

Presented by Senator KATZ of Kennebec.
Cosponsored by Representative TUELL of East Machias and Senators: MAKER of Washington, ROSEN of Hancock.

Committee on JUDICIARY suggested and ordered printed.

(3-14) Bill "An Act To Address the Policies Relating to Substance Use in the Workplace"

Presented by Senator CUSHING of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Representative GUERIN of Glenburn and Senators: MASON of Androscoggin, VOLK of Cumberland, Representatives: BICKFORD of Auburn, COREY of Windham, TIMBERLAKE of Turner.
(3-15) Resolve, To Increase the Affordability of Safe Drinking Water for Maine Families
                          S.P. 426  L.D. 1263

Presented by Senator MAKER of Washington.
Cosponsored by Representative HERBIG of Belfast and Senators: CYRWAY of Kennebec,
DILL of Penobscot, KATZ of Kennebec, LANGLEY of Hancock, Representatives: GERRISH
of Lebanon, MARTIN of Sinclair, THERIAULT of China, TUELL of East Machias.

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

(3-16) Bill "An Act To Minimize Hardship by Prohibiting the State from Reducing the Wages
of a State Employee To Recoup Payments the State Made in Error"
                          S.P. 420  L.D. 1257

Presented by President THIBODEAU of Waldo.

Committee on STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT suggested and ordered printed.

(3-17) Bill "An Act To Restore to Five Percent the State-Municipal Revenue Sharing
Distribution and Create a Matching Fund for Local Road and Bridge Construction, Maintenance
and Reconstruction"
                          S.P. 418  L.D. 1227

Presented by Senator DIAMOND of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Senators: CYRWAY of Kennebec, DESCHAMBault of York, DION of
Cumberland, HILL of York, MILLETT of Cumberland, VITELLI of Sagadahoc.

(3-18) Bill "An Act To Allow the Creation of a Local Option Sales Tax by Referendum"
                          S.P. 428  L.D. 1265

Presented by Senator CHENETTE of York.
Cosponsored by Representative HOGAN of Old Orchard Beach and Representatives: BAILEY
of Saco, O'NEIL of Saco.

Committee on TAXATION suggested and ordered printed.
(3-19) Bill "An Act Regarding the Motor Vehicle Inspection Program Requirements for New Rental Vehicles First Registered in Maine"

Presented by Senator CUSHING of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Representatives: CEBRA of Naples, SCHNECK of Bangor.

S.P. 416  L.D. 1225

(3-20) Bill "An Act To Keep Maine's Transportation Infrastructure Safe by Providing More Sources of Revenue for the Highway Fund"

Presented by Senator COLLINS of York.
Submitted by the Department of Transportation pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

S.P. 417  L.D. 1226

Committee on TRANSPORTATION suggested and ordered printed.

ORDERS

Joint Orders

Expressions of Legislative Sentiment recognizing:

(4-1) The Cape Courier newspaper, of Cape Elizabeth, which is celebrating the 30th Anniversary of its founding. The first issue was dated March 5, 1988. We congratulate everyone at The Cape Courier on this occasion;

SLS 153
Sponsored by Senator MILLETT of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representatives: HAMANN of South Portland, MONAGHAN of Cape Elizabeth.

(4-2) the Cape Elizabeth High School Science Bowl Team, of Cape Elizabeth, which won the Maine Regional Science Bowl. The members of the team are Sam Price, Mac Huffard, Wesley Parker, Allie Moulton and Ryan Collins, and their coach is Dr. Shawn Guerrette. We extend to the team our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 154
Sponsored by Senator MILLETT of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representatives: HAMANN of South Portland, MONAGHAN of Cape Elizabeth.
(4-3) the Hall-Dale Grades 5 and 6 Girls Basketball Team, of Hallowell and Farmingdale, which won the Kennebec Valley Grades 5 and 6 Championship. Members of the team include players Amanda Trepanier, Emma Sirois, Hayden Madore, Ashlynn Donahue, Aubrey Gilbert, Grace Perry, Jenna Lee, Kadence Greenhalgh and Zoe Soule; and coaches Ryan Madore, Jamie Madore, Joey Gilbert and Alisa Bonefant. We extend to all the members of the team our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 155
Sponsored by Senator BELLOWS of Kennebec.
Cosponsored by Representatives: GRANT of Gardiner, WARREN of Hallowell.

(4-4) the Waterville Senior High School Boys Hockey Team, of Waterville, which won the Class B Championship. Members of the team include players Andrew Roderigue, Brock Jolicoeur, Zach Menoudarakos, Justin Wentworth, Matt Jolicoeur, Jackson Aldrich, Zach Smith, Michael Bolduc, Cooper Hart, John Evans, Anthony Pinnette, Cody Pellerin, Hunter Brown, Cam Vicnaire, Tyler Dunn, Chase Wheeler and Nathan Pinnette; assistant coach Troy Martin; and head coach Dennis Martin. We extend to all the members of the team our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 156
Sponsored by Senator CYRWAY of Kennebec.
Cosponsored by Representatives: LONGSTAFF of Waterville, MADIGAN of Waterville.

(4-5) the Fort Kent Community High School Boys Alpine Ski Team, of Fort Kent, which won the Class B State Championship. We extend to all the members of the team our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 157
Sponsored by Senator JACKSON of Aroostook.
Cosponsored by Representative: MARTIN of Eagle Lake.

(4-6) Sophie Saunders, of Fort Kent, a senior at Fort Kent Community High School, who has received a President's Volunteer Service Award. We extend to Sophie our congratulations on her receiving this prestigious recognition, and we offer her our best wishes;

SLS 158
Sponsored by Senator JACKSON of Aroostook.
Cosponsored by Representative: MARTIN of Eagle Lake.

(4-7) William Rodgers, of Old Orchard Beach, who helped to rescue a teenager from drowning after her snowmobile fell into open water on Little Ossipee Lake. We extend to Mr. Rodgers our appreciation for his lifesaving effort and offer him our best wishes;

SLS 159
Sponsored by Senator WOODSOME of York.
Cosponsored by Senator: CHENETTE of York, Representative: HOGAN of Old Orchard Beach.
(4-8) Brandon Jackson, of Waterboro, who helped to rescue a teenager from drowning after her snowmobile fell into open water on Little Ossipee Lake. We extend to Mr. Jackson our appreciation for his lifesaving effort and offer him our best wishes; 
Sponsored by Senator WOODSOME of York. 
Cosponsored by Representative: PRESCOTT of Waterboro.

(4-9) Wallace Events, of Ellsworth, which was given the Top Drawer Award by the Ellsworth Area Chamber of Commerce. We extend to everyone at Wallace Events our congratulations and best wishes; 
Sponsored by Senator LANGLEY of Hancock. 
Cosponsored by Representative: LUCHINI of Ellsworth.

(4-10) Clayton and Barbara Blood, of Searsport, who are celebrating their 65th Wedding Anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Blood were married on January 30, 1952. We extend to them our congratulations and best wishes; 
Sponsored by President THIBODEAU of Waldo. 
Cosponsored by Representative: GILLWAY of Searsport.

(4-11) Taylor Dion, of Alfred, who helped to rescue a teenager from drowning after her snowmobile fell into open water on Little Ossipee Lake. We extend to Mr. Dion our appreciation for his lifesaving effort and offer him our best wishes; 
Sponsored by Senator WOODSOME of York. 
Cosponsored by Senator: DESCHAMBAULT of York, Representative: SAMPSON of Alfred.

(4-12) Donald Clark, of Lamoine, who was named Citizen of the Year by the Ellsworth Area Chamber of Commerce. We extend to Mr. Clark our congratulations and best wishes; 
Sponsored by Senator LANGLEY of Hancock. 
Cosponsored by Representative: HUBBELL of Bar Harbor.
REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

House

Change of Committee

(5-1) The Committee on EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS on Bill "An Act To Enhance the Safety of Schoolchildren by Requiring the Posting of the School Zone Speed Limit"

H.P. 532  L.D. 752

Reported that the same be REFERRED to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION.

Comes from the House with the Report READ and ACCEPTED and the Bill REFERRED to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION.

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Pursuant to Statute

(5-2) The Committee on GOVERNMENT OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE on Bill "An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Government Oversight Committee To Improve the Efficiency and Effectiveness of Evaluations of the State's Investments in Economic Development"

H.P. 849  L.D. 1217

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.
(5-3) The Committee on TRANSPORTATION on Resolve, To Designate a Portion of Route 43 in Corinth, Exeter and Corinna the Donald Strout, Sr., Memorial Highway
H.P. 503  L.D. 712

Reported that the same Ought to Pass.

Comes from the House with the Report READ and ACCEPTED and the Resolve PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED.

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Ought to Pass As Amended

(5-4) The Committee on ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY on Bill "An Act To Amend the Charter of the Southwest Harbor Water and Sewer District"
H.P. 191  L.D. 258

Reported that the same Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-15).

Comes from the House with the Report READ and ACCEPTED and the Bill PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “A”.

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Divided Report

(5-5) The Majority of the Committee on APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS on Bill "An Act To Eliminate Retirement Benefits and Paid Health Insurance for Legislators Elected after 2017"

H.P. 18  L.D. 17

Reported that the same **Ought Not to Pass**.

Signed:

Senators:
  - HAMPER of Oxford
  - BREEN of Cumberland
  - KATZ of Kennebec

Representatives:
  - GATTINE of Westbrook
  - FREY of Bangor
  - HUBBELL of Bar Harbor
  - JORGENSEN of Portland
  - MARTIN of Eagle Lake
  - SEAVEY of Kennebunkport
  - TEPLER of Topsham
  - WINSOR of Norway

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-14)**.

Signed:

Representatives:
  - SIROCKI of Scarborough
  - TIMBERLAKE of Turner

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGH NOT TO PASS** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.
Divided Report

(5-6) The Majority of the Committee on STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT on Bill "An Act To Provide for Legislative Review of Federally Mandated Major Substantive Rules under the Maine Administrative Procedure Act"

H.P. 24  L.D. 23

Reported that the same Ought to Pass.

Signed:

Senators:
DAVIS of Piscataquis
DESCHAMBAULT of York
KEIM of Oxford

Representatives:
MARTIN of Sinclair
BEEBE-CENTER of Rockland
BRYANT of Windham
GRIGNON of Athens
HARRINGTON of Sanford
HOGAN of Old Orchard Beach
MADIGAN of Rumford
ORDWAY of Standish
PICKETT of Dixfield

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same Ought Not To Pass.

Signed:

Representative:
SPEAR of South Thomaston

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

(5-7) The Majority of the Committee on TRANSPORTATION on Bill "An Act To Add Vehicles Hauling Animal Bedding to Those Exempt from Posted Road Restrictions" (EMERGENCY) H.P. 164  L.D. 208

Reported that the same **Ought Not to Pass**.

Signed:

Senators:
  COLLINS of York
  MIRAMANT of Knox
  ROSEN of Hancock

Representatives:
  McLEAN of Gorham
  AUSTIN of Skowhegan
  BRYANT of Windham
  GRANT of Gardiner
  SCHNECK of Bangor

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-13)**.

Signed:

Representatives:
  CEBRA of Naples
  GILLWAY of Searsport
  PARRY of Arundel
  PERKINS of Oakland
  SHEATS of Auburn

Comes from the House with the Minority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**.
(5-8) Senator DOW for the Committee on **TAXATION** on Bill "An Act To Update References to the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986 Contained in the Maine Revised Statutes" (EMERGENCY)

S.P. 285  L.D. 885

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

**Ought to Pass As Amended**

(5-9) Senator MASON for the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act To Establish a Public Service Berthing Vessel License for the Sale of Liquor"

S.P. 34  L.D. 85

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-11).**
Divided Report

(5-10) The Majority of the Committee on INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES on Bill "An Act To Establish a State Bank"

Reported that the same **Ought Not to Pass**.

Signed:

Senators:
   WHITTEMORE of Somerset
   DOW of Lincoln
   CARSON of Cumberland

Representatives:
   LAWRENCE of South Berwick
   COLLINGS of Portland
   CRAIG of Brewer
   FOLEY of Wells
   MELARAGNO of Auburn
   PICCHIOTTI of Fairfield
   PRESCOTT of Waterboro
   SANBORN of Portland
   WALLACE of Dexter

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-12)**.

Signed:

Representative:
   BROOKS of Lewiston
SECOND READERS

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

House

(6-1) Bill "An Act To Repeal the Requirement That Municipalities License Roller-skating Rinks"
H.P. 23  L.D. 22

(6-2) Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 220: Removal of Provider of Last Resort Service Obligation, a Major Substantive Rule of the Public Utilities Commission (EMERGENCY)
H.P. 327  L.D. 461

Senate As Amended

(6-3) Bill "An Act To Authorize Auxiliary Licenses at Disc Golf Courses"
S.P. 90  L.D. 304
(C "A" S-10)

ENACTORS

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

Emergency Measure

(7-1) An Act To Establish Speed Limits at Loring Commerce Centre and Brunswick Landing
S.P. 45  L.D. 97
Emergency Resolve

(7-2) Resolve, To Name the Bridge over the Penobscot River in the Towns of Enfield and Howland King's Bridge

H.P. 227  L.D. 294

 Acts

(7-3) An Act To Incorporate Protections for Living Donors into Maine Law

H.P. 13  L.D. 12
(C "A" H-6)

(7-4) An Act To Clarify the Tax Laws for Title to Real Estate by Releasing Inheritance Tax Liens

H.P. 59  L.D. 72

(7-5) An Act To Prohibit Charging Maine Seniors Higher Automobile Insurance Premiums Based Solely on Their Age

S.P. 96  L.D. 308
(C "A" S-6)
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 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.)

2.

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

3.

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