One Hundred and Twenty-Eighth Legislature
First Regular Session

Advance Journal and Calendar

35th Legislative Day

In Senate Chamber, Tuesday, May 2, 2017.

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

Prayer by Pastor Jim Culbertson, Morrill Baptist Church.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Senator Dana L. Dow of Lincoln County.

Reading of the Journal of Thursday, April 27, 2017.

Doctor of the day, Dieter Kreckel, M.D. of Rumford.

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Michael D. Thibodeau  
Senate President

Heather J.R. Priest  
Secretary of the Senate

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PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

Non-Concurrent Matter

(1-1) HOUSE REPORTS - from the Committee on STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT on Bill "An Act To Establish Maine Buy Local Month"

H.P. 293  L.D. 402

Majority - Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-31) (7 members)

Minority - Ought Not to Pass (5 members)

In Senate, April 25, 2017, the Minority OUGHT NOT TO PASS Report READ and ACCEPTED in NON-CONCURRENCE.

Comes from the House, that Body having INSISTED on its former action whereby the Majority OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED Report was READ and ACCEPTED and the Bill PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-31).

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House Papers

(1-2) Bill "An Act To Address Hunger, Support Maine Farms and Reduce Waste" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 1054  L.D. 1534

Comes from the House, REFERRED to the Committee on ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES and ordered printed.

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(1-3) Bill "An Act To Establish the Let's Grow Maine Program"

H.P. 1066  L.D. 1548

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

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

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Joint Orders

Expressions of Legislative Sentiment recognizing:

(1-4) the Messalonskee High School Girls Varsity Basketball Team, of Oakland, which won the 2016-17 Class A State Championship. The team finished the season with a 22-0 record. Members of the team include players McKenna Brodeur, Lydia Dexter, Sophia Holmes, Makayla Wilson, Alyssa Turner, Alyssa Genness, Emily Parent, Katie Seekins, Brianne Benecke, Jordan Devine, Danielle Hall, Sarah Lowell and Gabrielle Wener; managers Emily Warren and Hannah DelGiudice; assistant coach Pam McQuan; and head coach Keith Derosby. We extend to all the members of the team our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 144

(1-5) the Messalonskee High School Boys Varsity Basketball Team, of Oakland, which won the 2016-17 Class A North Championship. Members of the team include players James Kouletsis, Trevor McCray, Griffin Tuttle, Nathan Violette, Christian Alley, Dawson Charles, Parker Poulin, Nick Pouliot, Chase Warren, Cole Wood, Cameron Goff and Tucker Charles; managers Andrew Pouliot, Lauren Patrie and Cassidy McNaughton; assistant coaches Jay Dangler, Ryan Sucy, Michael Clark and Trevor Woods; and head coach Peter McLaughlin. We extend to all the members of the team our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 145

(1-6) Harry M. "Sonny" Beal, Jr., of Columbia, who is retiring after 32 years of service as a corrections officer at the Downeast Correctional Facility. We extend to Mr. Beal our appreciation for his long service and our congratulations on his retirement;

HLS 288

(1-7) Barry Goulette, of Guilford, who has closed his family's store, Goulette's IGA, and retired. The Goulette name has been associated with store ownership in the area since 1897, when the family moved to Sangerville from St-Joseph-de-Beauce, Quebec, Canada and opened a candy store. Since 1953, the Goulette family's store in Guilford has been a community landmark. We extend to Mr. Goulette our congratulations on his retirement and to him and his family our appreciation for their many years of service to their community;

HLS 289

(1-8) Christopher Michael Rayner, of Scarborough, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 47, 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 290

Come from the House, READ and PASSED.
Joint Resolution

The following Joint Resolution:

H.P. 1064

JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MAY 2017 AS JEWISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

WHEREAS, May is Jewish American Heritage Month, established by the United States Congress to recognize the more than 360-year history of Jewish contributions to American culture; and

WHEREAS, Jewish Americans, in the face of unspeakable discrimination and adversity, have fought tirelessly to realize the promise of the nation’s founding and their achievements have enriched the country, stirred our conscience and challenged us to extend the miracles of freedom and security; and

WHEREAS, Jewish Americans have worked to strengthen the promise of religious freedom because their ancestors were tested from the moment they came together and professed their faith, and Jewish Americans continue to teach us empathy and compassion, inspired by their parents and grandparents, who know how it felt to be a stranger, and to stand up for a more perfect union for all; and

WHEREAS, Jewish communities continue to confront hostility and bigotry, including in America; and

WHEREAS, our nation shares an obligation to condemn and combat anti-Semitism and hatred wherever it exists and we remain committed to standing against the ugly tide of anti-Semitism in all its forms, including the denial or trivialization of the Holocaust; and

WHEREAS, during Jewish American Heritage Month, we celebrate the hard-fought progress won through struggle and sacrifice and we rededicate ourselves to building a world where diversity is cherished and faith is protected; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Twenty-eighth Legislature now assembled in the First Regular Session, on behalf of the people we represent, recognize May 2017 as Jewish American Heritage Month and take this opportunity to urge the citizens of the State to observe Jewish American Heritage Month with appropriate programs, ceremonies and activities.

Comes from the House, READ and ADOPTED.
The Following Communication:

S.C. 344

STATE OF MAINE
128TH LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

April 19, 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 10, MRSA, Chapter 1-A, Section 11, I am pleased to appoint the following individuals to the Citizen Trade Policy Commission effective the date of this letter:

Joel Kase, DO, MPH of Lewiston
Ryan Harnden of Belfast

Please let me know if you have any questions regarding these appointments.

Sincerely,

S/Michael D. Thibodeau
President of the Senate
April 28, 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 Anna M. Perna of Holden for appointment to the School Board of the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf.

Pursuant to Title 20-A, MRSA §7406, this appointment is contingent on the Maine Senate confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs. Sincerely,

S/Paul R. LePage
Governor
May 1, 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 Judge Ronald A. Daigle of Fort Kent for reappointment to Active Retired Status of the Maine District Court.

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

Sincerely,

S/Paul R. LePage
Governor
May 1, 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 Liberty R. Ladd of Falmouth for appointment to the State Board of Education.

Pursuant to Title 20-A, MRSA §401, this appointment is contingent on the Maine Senate confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs. Sincerely,

S/Paul R. LePage  
Governor
April 26, 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. Campbell of Orrington, to report the following bill Leave to Withdraw:

L.D. 417 An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Invest in Facilities and Equipment To Support the Growth of Additive Manufacturing

Sincerely,

S/Sen. James M. Hamper
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Drew M. Gattine
House Chair
April 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 Sen. Woodsome of York, to report the following bill Leave to Withdraw:

L.D. 1352 An Act To Advance Locally Owned Solar Energy Systems

Sincerely,

S/Sen. David Woodsome
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Seth A. Berry
House Chair
May 1, 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 Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 662 Resolve, Directing the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry To Work with All-terrain Vehicle Clubs To Develop All-terrain Vehicle Trails in Northern Maine

L.D. 857 An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Slaughter and Inspection of Livestock

L.D. 993 An Act To Protect Pollinators from Neonicotinoid Pesticides

This is notification of the Committee’s action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Paul T. Davis
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Michelle Ann Dunphy
House Chair
April 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 Criminal Justice and Public Safety has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 248  An Act Regarding Law Enforcement Training for Former Military Police Officers

L.D. 475  An Act To Require That a Person Who Has Been Treated by a Law Enforcement Officer with Naloxone Be Informed about Drug Addiction Treatment

L.D. 859  An Act To Ensure Thorough Investigation into Allegations of Sexual Assault

L.D. 986  An Act To Improve School Safety

This is notification of the Committee’s action.

Sincerely,

Senate Chair  House Chair
(2-9) The Following Communication:

S.C. 358

STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

May 1, 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. 674 An Act To Provide Public Charter Schools with Access to State Funds for Capital Expenses
- L.D. 747 An Act To Amend Minimum Age Eligibility for School Enrollment
- L.D. 751 An Act To Establish Districtwide Standardized Assessment Policies
- L.D. 1051 An Act To Prevent Sudden Cardiac Arrest
- L.D. 1233 An Act To Provide Veterans and Gold Star Families Free Admission to the Maine State Museum

This is notification of the Committee’s action.

Sincerely,

Senate Chair House Chair
April 26, 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. 1157    An Act To Create a Limited Microgrid Project To Stimulate Economic Development in Northern Maine

L.D. 1299    An Act To Amend the Charter of the Town of Madison's Department of Electric Works

This is notification of the Committee’s action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. David Woodsome
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Seth A. Berry
House Chair
May 1, 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. 684  An Act To Increase Vegetative Buffers in the Shoreland Zone
L.D. 1094 An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Review of Subdivisions
L.D. 1178 An Act To Better Understand and Control Invasive Aquatic Plants and Nuisance Species
L.D. 1194 Resolve, Establishing the Commission To Study and Assess Maine's Regulatory Environment

This is notification of the Committee’s action.

Sincerely,

Senate Chair  House Chair
April 26, 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 Health and Human Services has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

- L.D. 36 An Act To Create a 9-month Time Limit on General Assistance Benefits for Certain Persons
- L.D. 1053 Resolve, Concerning the Format of Birth Certificates of Deceased Persons
- L.D. 1066 An Act To Promote Life with Dignity
- L.D. 1119 An Act To Ensure Safe Drinking Water in Public Buildings

This is notification of the Committee’s action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Eric L. Brakey
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Patricia Hymanson
House Chair
May 1, 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 Health and Human Services has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 477 An Act To Prevent Long-term Welfare Dependency

L.D. 606 An Act To Ensure Access to All Prescription Drugs Containing Cannabidiol Approved by the Federal Food and Drug Administration

L.D. 932 Resolve, To Establish the Commission To Study the Siting and Building of a Drug Treatment Facility in Northern Maine (EMERGENCY)

L.D. 1075 An Act To Eliminate Drug Use among Welfare Recipients

This is notification of the Committee’s action.

Sincerely,

Senate Chair House Chair
April 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 Inland Fisheries and Wildlife has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 732 An Act To Protect Young Bucks in Northern, Eastern and Western Maine

L.D. 1002 An Act To Add .17 Caliber Hornady Magnum Rimfire Rifle Cartridges to the Cartridges Acceptable for Deer Hunting

L.D. 1038 An Act To Allow Junior Hunters To Take an Antlered or Antlerless Deer in Any Wildlife Management District on Youth Deer Hunting Day

L.D. 1041 An Act Regarding the Safe Discharge of Firearms during Deer Hunting Season

L.D. 1065 An Act To Dedicate All Money Raised from the Moose Lottery and Permits to Research and Management of Moose

This is notification of the Committee’s action.

Sincerely,

Senate Chair  House Chair
May 1, 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. 113 An Act To Stabilize Lobster Bait Prices
- L.D. 233 An Act To Establish a Statewide Scallop Harvesting Limit and Extend the Scallop Season
- L.D. 373 An Act To Create Pathways To Enter Alternative Marine Industries
- L.D. 1067 An Act To Limit the Size of Scallop Drags
- L.D. 1380 An Act To Implement an Owner-Operator Requirement in the Scallops and Sea Urchin Fisheries

This is notification of the Committee’s action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Joyce A. Maker
Senate Chair

House Chair
(2-16) The Following Communication:

S.C. 360

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

April 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 State and Local Government has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 1153 An Act To Establish a Village Corporation
L.D. 1193 An Act To Ensure the Cost-efficiency of Contracting out Services by the State
L.D. 1309 Resolve, To Establish the Commission To Study Business Ownership by Racial and Ethnic Populations and the Wealth Gap in the State (EMERGENCY)

This is notification of the Committee’s action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Paul T. Davis
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Danny Martin
House Chair

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STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-EIGHT LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS

May 1, 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. 5 RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Exclude Wildlife Issues from Citizen Initiatives

L.D. 212 RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Require That Signatures on a Direct Initiative of Legislation Come from Each State Senatorial District

L.D. 715 RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Amend the Citizen Initiative Process

L.D. 819 Resolve, To Establish the Commission To Study the Adequacy of Housing Safety Laws

L.D. 883 An Act To Establish a Minimum Payment for Signatures Gathered by Maine Citizens for Referendums

L.D. 906 An Act Regarding the Collection of Signatures for a Direct Initiative

L.D. 937 An Act To Require the Fiscal Impact of a Direct Initiative of Legislation To Be Included on the Ballot

L.D. 979 An Act Regarding Early Voting in Person

L.D. 995 An Act To Allow a Resident Veteran's Child Who Is Enrolled in an Out-of-state College or University To Take a Course in Maine at a State Postsecondary Education Institution for Free
L.D. 1012  An Act To Improve the Availability of Agency Liquor Stores in Underserved Areas and To Expand the Sale of Spirits in New Channels

L.D. 1035  An Act To Require an Opinion of the Supreme Judicial Court on Direct Initiatives of Legislation

L.D. 1046  An Act To Require Maine Clean Election Act Candidates To Purchase Services from Maine-based Companies

L.D. 1103  An Act To Require Correction of False Information Distributed in a Campaign

L.D. 1125  An Act To Establish a Recall Procedure for Elected Officials

L.D. 1255  An Act Authorizing an Instant Lottery Game with Proceeds To Benefit Early Childhood Education

L.D. 1271  An Act Regarding the Certification Process for Direct Initiatives and People’s Veto Referenda

L.D. 1339  An Act To Amend the Procedure To Determine the Wording of Ballot Questions for Citizen Initiatives

L.D. 1368  An Act To Amend Funding Distributions under the Maine Clean Election Act

L.D. 1397  An Act To Amend the Maine Clean Election Act and Related Laws

This is notification of the Committee’s action.

Sincerely,

Senate Chair House Chair
TO: Senator Michael Thibodeau, President of the Senate
Representative Sara Gideon, Speaker of the House
and Democratic and Republican Leaders

FROM: S/Beth L. Ashcroft, Director

DATE: April 28, 2017

RE: Maine State Lottery

Attached please find the final report from the Office of Program Evaluation and Government Accountability on the Maine State Lottery. The report is also available on our website at http://legislature.maine.gov/opega/opega-reports/9149. The public comment period on this Report has been scheduled for Friday, May 12, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 220 Cross Building.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact me.

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State of Maine
One Hundred and Twenty-Eighth Legislature
Task Force to Address the Opioid Crisis in the State
Augusta, Maine

April 28, 2017

The Honorable Michael D. Thibodeau, President
Maine State Senate

The Honorable Sara Gideon, Speaker
Maine House of Representatives
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Thibodeau and Speaker Gideon:

Pursuant to Joint Order SP 210, the Task Force to Address the Opioid Crisis in the State is pleased to submit its interim report. Copies of the full report have been distributed to committees or individuals as directed by law and copies have been placed on file with the Law and Legislative Reference Library. Others may access the full report on-line through the website of the Office of Policy and Legal Analysis at http://legislature.maine.gov/opla.

Sincerely,

Senate Chair      House Chair
(2-20) The Following Communication: S.C. 349

STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
AUGUSTA, MAINE

28 April 2017

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

Dear Honorable Members of the 128th Legislature:

Under the authority vested in me by Article IV, Part Third, Section 2 of the Constitution of the State of Maine, I am hereby vetoing LD 135, “An Act To Authorize the Department of Health and Human Services To Disclose Information to the Personal Representative of the Estate of an Incapacitated or Dependent Adult Who Dies While under Public Guardianship or Public Conservatorship.”

Current law allows the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to release information in its records regarding adult protective activities to certain individuals who have a direct interest in or reason for having the information, such as a physician who suspects abuse or a member of a panel convened by DHHS or the Attorney General to investigate elder abuse.

This bill would add personal representatives of the estate of a deceased individual who was under public guardianship or conservatorship to that list without any cause or justification for such a representative to obtain this confidential information. Granting DHHS this unnecessary discretion could result in the sharing of information about elder-abuse investigations with the very subjects of those investigations.

Under current law, DHHS may already share the information in question with a court’s approval. Passing a new law because past litigants may not have liked a court’s decision would be reactionary and result in potentially bad decisions in the future.

For these reasons, I return LD 135 unsigned and vetoed. I strongly urge the Legislature to sustain it.

Sincerely,

S/Paul R. LePage
Governor

(2-21) The accompanying Bill "An Act To Require the Department of Health and Human Services To Disclose Information to the Personal Representative of the Estate of an Incapacitated or Dependent Adult Who Dies While under Public Guardianship or Public Conservatorship"

S.P. 54  L.D. 135
The Following Communication:

S.C. 350

STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
AUGUSTA, MAINE

28 April 2017

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

Dear Honorable Members of the 128th Legislature:

Under the authority vested in me by Article IV, Part Third, Section 2 of the Constitution of the State of Maine, I am hereby vetoing LD 444, “An Act To Increase the Maximum Registered Gross Weight Allowed for Vehicles with Disabled Veterans or Special Veterans Registration Plates.

This bill increases the maximum gross weight allowed for vehicles with disabled veterans or special veterans registration plates from 10,000 pounds to 26,000 pounds. I understand the purpose of the bill and appreciate it is an attempt to help our veterans. But I have concerns about creating carve-outs in statute for one group of special license plates and not others.

There are other plates that would still have this 10,000-pound vehicle limit, such as the “We Support Our Troops” plate and the “Breast cancer support services” plate. All of these special plates are important and should have consistent requirements in law.

For this reason, I return LD 444 unsigned and vetoed. I strongly urge the Legislature to sustain it.

Sincerely,

S/Paul R. LePage
Governor

(2-23) The accompanying Bill "An Act To Increase the Maximum Registered Gross Weight Allowed for Vehicles with Disabled Veterans or Special Veterans Registration Plates"

S.P. 146  L.D. 444
(3-1) Bill "An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Capitalize a Career and Technical Revolving Equipment and Renovation Fund"

Presented by Senator LANGLEY of Hancock.
Submitted by the Department of Education pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Committee on APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS suggested and ordered printed.

(3-2) Resolve, To Establish the Maine Health Advisory Committee (EMERGENCY)

Presented by Senator GRATWICK of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Representative TUCKER of Brunswick and Senators: DAVIS of Piscataquis, DOW of Lincoln, LIBBY of Androscoggin, SAVIELLO of Franklin, Representatives: CAMPBELL of Orrington, GRANT of Gardiner, MARTIN of Eagle Lake.
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

Committee on HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES suggested and ordered printed.

(3-3) Bill "An Act To Conform State Law to Federal Law While Promoting Safe Working Environments for Minors"

Presented by Senator LANGLEY of Hancock.
Cosponsored by Representative FREDETTE of Newport and Senator: VOLK of Cumberland, Representatives: AUSTIN of Gray, ESPLING of New Gloucester, FARRIN of Norridgewock, GERRISH of Lebanon, PARRY of Arundel, STETKIS of Canaan, VACHON of Scarborough.
Submitted by the Department of Labor pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Committee on LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT suggested and ordered printed.
(3-4) Bill "An Act To Amend the Archives and Records Management Law"

S.P. 549  L.D. 1567

Presented by Senator KATZ of Kennebec.
Cosponsored by Representative PIERCE of Dresden and Senators: DESCHAMBAULT of York, DIAMOND of Cumberland, Representatives: GRIGNON of Athens, HARRINGTON of Sanford, MARTIN of Sinclair, MASTRACCIO of Sanford, ORDWAY of Standish, RYKERSON of Kittery.
Submitted by the Secretary of State pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

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

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**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

**House**

**Change of Committee**

(5-1) The Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Bill "An Act for Providers across Multiple Sectors To Inquire of Clients and Customers about Former Military Service"

H.P. 204  L.D. 271

Reported that the same be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **REFERRED** to the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS**.

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(5-2) The Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Resolve, To Increase the Permissible Size of Bed and Breakfasts

H.P. 526  L.D. 746

Reported that the same be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **REFERRED** to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY**.

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(5-3) The Committee on JUDICIARY on Resolve, To Require the State's Mitigation Plan under the Volkswagen Mitigation Trust Agreement To Include the Use of Maine-generated Nonfossil Fuel Sources

H.P. 704  L.D. 1003

Reported that the same be REFERRED to the Committee on ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES.

Comes from the House with the Report READ and ACCEPTED and the Resolve REFERRED to the Committee on ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES.

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(5-4) The Committee on LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT on Bill "An Act To Provide Alternative Repayment Methods to Employees Overcompensated through an Employer Error"

H.P. 935  L.D. 1345

Reported that the same be REFERRED to the Committee on STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

Comes from the House with the Report READ and ACCEPTED and the Bill REFERRED to the Committee on STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

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Ought to Pass As Amended

(5-5) The Committee on JUDICIARY on Bill "An Act To Protect the Confidentiality of Local Government Employees' Private Information"

H.P. 104  L.D. 146

Reported that the same Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-85).

Comes from the House with the Report READ and ACCEPTED and the Bill PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-85).
(5-6) The Majority of the Committee on EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS on Bill "An Act To Return the Normal Cost of Teacher Retirement to the State" H.P. 417  L.D. 601

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-73).**

Signed:

Senator:  
MILLETT of Cumberland

Representatives:  
KORNFIELD of Bangor  
DAUGHERTY of Brunswick  
FARNsworth of Portland  
FULLER of Lewiston  
McCREA of Fort Fairfield  
PIERCE of Falmouth

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

Signed:

Senators:  
LANGLEY of Hancock  
MAKER of Washington

Representatives:  
GINZLER of Bridgton  
SAMPSON of Alfred  
STEWART of Presque Isle  
TURNER of Burlington

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-73).**

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Divided Report

(5-7) The Majority of the Committee on EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS on Bill "An Act To Simplify the In-service Days Requirement in Education" (EMERGENCY)
H.P. 691  L.D. 978

Reported that the same Ought Not to Pass.

Signed:

Senators:
   LANGLEY of Hancock
   MILLETT of Cumberland

Representatives:
   DAUGTHRY of Brunswick
   FARNSWORTH of Portland
   FULLER of Lewiston
   GINZLER of Bridgton
   McCREA of Fort Fairfield
   PIERCE of Falmouth
   SAMPSON of Alfred
   STEWART of Presque Isle
   TURNER of Burlington

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same Ought To Pass.

Signed:

Senator:
   MAKER of Washington

Comes from the House with the Majority OUGHT NOT TO PASS Report READ and ACCEPTED.
(5-8) The Majority of the Committee on JUDICIARY on Bill "An Act To Amend the Maine Parentage Act"

H.P. 105  L.D. 147

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

Signed:

Senators:
   KEIM of Oxford
   HILL of York
   WHITTEMORE of Somerset

Representatives:
   MOONEN of Portland
   BABBIDGE of Kennebunk
   BAILEY of Saco
   BRADSTREET of Vassalboro
   CARDONE of Bangor
   GUERIN of Glenburn
   McCREIGHT of Harpswell
   RECKITT of South Portland
   SHERMAN of Hodgdon

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass**.

Signed:

Representative:
   JOHANSEN of Monticello

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

(5-9) The Majority of the Committee on JUDICIARY on Bill "An Act To Prohibit Prescriptive Property Rights Claims of Property Owned by Nonprofit Organizations"

H.P. 426  L.D. 610

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

Signed:

Senators:
KEIM of Oxford
HILL of York
WHITTEMORE of Somerset

Representatives:
MOONEN of Portland
BABBIDGE of Kennebunk
BAILEY of Saco
CARDONE of Bangor
GUERIN of Glenburn
McCREIGHT of Harpswell
RECKITT of South Portland
SHERMAN of Hodgdon

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass**.

Signed:

Representatives:
BRADSTREET of Vassalboro
JOHANSEN of Monticello

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.
(5-10) The Majority of the Committee on LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT on Bill "An Act To Improve Insurance Coverage for First Responders Answering a Call to Duty"

H.P. 54  L.D. 67

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-43).**

Signed:

Senator:

BELLOWS of Kennebec

Representatives:

FECTEAU of Biddeford
BATES of Westbrook
DOORE of Augusta
HANDY of Lewiston
MASTRACCIO of Sanford
SYLVESTER of Portland

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

Signed:

Senators:

VOLK of Cumberland
LANGLEY of Hancock

Representatives:

AUSTIN of Gray
LOCKMAN of Amherst
STETKIS of Canaan
VACHON of Scarborough

Comes from the House with the Minority **OUGHNT NOT TO PASS** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED.**
Divided Report

(5-11) The Majority of the Committee on STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT on Bill "An Act To Opt Out of Federal Daylight Saving Time and To Ask the United States Secretary of Transportation To Place the State in the Atlantic Time Zone"

H.P. 159  L.D. 203

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-76).**

Signed:

Senators:
   DAVIS of Piscataquis
   DESCHAMBAULT of York
   KEIM of Oxford

Representatives:
   MARTIN of Sinclair
   BEEBE-CENTER of Rockland
   BRYANT of Windham
   HARRINGTON of Sanford
   HOGAN of Old Orchard Beach
   MADIGAN of Rumford
   SPEAR of South Thomaston

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "B" (H-77).**

Signed:

Representatives:
   GRIGNON of Athens
   ORDWAY of Standish
   PICKETT of Dixfield

Comes from the House with the Minority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "B" (H-77) Report READ and ACCEPTED and the Bill PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "B" (H-77).**
Divided Report

(5-12) The Majority of the Committee on STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT on Resolve, Authorizing the Mount Hunger Area of the Town of Gray To Proceed with the Secession Process

H.P. 434  L.D. 618

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

Signed:

Senators:
DAVIS of Piscataquis
DESHAMBAULT of York
KEIM of Oxford

Representatives:
MARTIN of Sinclair
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 To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-70)**.

Signed:

Representatives:
BEEBE-CENTER of Rockland
SPEAR of South Thomaston

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

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(5-13) The Majority of the Committee on STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT on Resolve, Authorizing the Area of the West Side of Little Sebago Lake of the Town of Gray To Proceed with the Secession Process  

H.P. 435  L.D. 619

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

Signed:

Senators:
- DAVIS of Piscataquis
- DESCHAMBAULT of York
- KEIM of Oxford

Representatives:
- MARTIN of Sinclair
- 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 To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-71).**

Signed:

Representatives:
- BEEBE-CENTER of Rockland
- SPEAR of South Thomaston

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

(5-14) The Majority of the Committee on STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT on Bill "An Act To Establish Indigenous People's Day"
H.P. 642  L.D. 914

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

Signed:

Senators:
DAVIS of Piscataquis
DESCHAMBAULT of York
KEIM of Oxford

Representatives:
MARTIN of Sinclair
GRIGNON of Athens
HARRINGTON of Sanford
HOGAN of Old Orchard Beach
MADIGAN of Rumford
PICKETT of Dixfield

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-66)**.

Signed:

Representatives:
BEEBE-CENTER of Rockland
BRYANT of Windham
ORDWAY of Standish
SPEAR of South Thomaston

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

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(5-15) The Majority of the Committee on STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT on Bill "An Act To Modify the Lincoln County Budget Advisory Committee"
H.P. 685  L.D. 972

Reported that the same Ought Not to Pass.

Signed:

Senators:
   DESCHAMBAULT of York  
   KEIM of Oxford

Representatives:
   MARTIN of Sinclair  
   BEEBE-CENTER of Rockland  
   BRYANT of Windham  
   HOGAN of Old Orchard Beach  
   MADIGAN of Rumford  
   SPEAR of South Thomaston

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-78).

Signed:

Senator:
   DAVIS of Piscataquis

Representatives:
   GRIGNON of Athens  
   HARRINGTON of Sanford  
   ORDWAY of Standish  
   PICKETT of Dixfield

Comes from the House with the Majority OUGHT NOT TO PASS Report READ and ACCEPTED.
(5-16) The Majority of the Committee on STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT on Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Granting of a Variance from the Dimensional Standards of a Zoning Ordinance"

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

Signed:

Senators:
- DAVIS of Piscataquis
- DESCHAMBAULT of York
- KEIM of Oxford

Representatives:
- MARTIN of Sinclair
- BEEBE-CENTER of Rockland
- BRYANT of Windham
- HOGAN of Old Orchard Beach
- MADIGAN of Rumford
- SPEAR of South Thomaston

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass**.

Signed:

Representatives:
- GRIGNON of Athens
- HARRINGTON of Sanford
- ORDWAY of Standish
- PICKETT of Dixfield

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

(5-17) The Majority of the Committee on VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS on Bill "An Act Regarding Terminology in Campaign Finance Law"

H.P. 285  L.D. 394

Reported that the same Ought Not to Pass.

Signed:

Senator:
    CARPENTER of Aroostook

Representatives:
    LUCHINI of Ellsworth
    CASÁS of Rockport
    HICKMAN of Winthrop
    LONGSTAFF of Waterville
    MONAGHAN of Cape Elizabeth
    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-79).

Signed:

Senators:
    MASON of Androscoggin
    COLLINS of York

Representatives:
    DILLINGHAM of Oxford
    FARRIN of Norridgewock
    HANINGTON of Lincoln
    WHITE of Washburn

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

(5-18) Six Members of the Committee on LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT on Bill "An Act To Promote Keeping Workers in Maine"

H.P. 350  L.D. 487

Reported in Report "A" that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-49)**

Signed:

Senator:
BELLOWS of Kennebec

Representatives:
FECTEAU of Biddeford
BATES of Westbrook
HANDY of Lewiston
MASTRACCIO of Sanford
SYLVESTER of Portland

Six Members of the same Committee on the same subject reported in Report "B" that the same **Ought Not to Pass.**

Signed:

Senators:
VOLK of Cumberland
LANGLEY of Hancock

Representatives:
AUSTIN of Gray
LOCKMAN of Amherst
STETKIS of Canaan
VACHON of Scarborough

Comes from the House with Report "A" **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED READ and ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-49).**
(5-19) Senator ROSEN for the Committee on CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY on Bill "An Act To Allow for Consistent Application of Credit for Driver's License Suspensions Imposed by the Court"

S.P. 232  L.D. 670

Reported that the same Ought to Pass.

(5-20) Senator ROSEN for the Committee on CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY on Bill "An Act To Allow for Accurate Credit for a License Suspension for Operating under the Influence"

S.P. 233  L.D. 671

Reported that the same Ought to Pass.

Ought to Pass As Amended

(5-21) Senator ROSEN for the Committee on CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY on Bill "An Act To Prohibit the Discharge of a Firearm within 300 Feet of a State-owned Boat Launching Ramp"

S.P. 109  L.D. 343

Reported that the same Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-52).
(5-22) Senator WOODSOME for the Committee on ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY on Bill "An Act To Improve Transparency in the Electric Supply Market"
S.P. 248  L.D. 803

Reported that the same Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-49).

Divided Report

(5-23) The Majority of the Committee on AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY on Bill "An Act To Prohibit Foraging on Private Land without Permission"
S.P. 47  L.D. 128

Reported that the same Ought Not to Pass.

Signed:

Senators:
DAVIS of Piscataquis
DILL of Penobscot

Representatives:
DUNPHY of Old Town
ACKLEY of Monmouth
BLACK of Wilton
CHAPMAN of Brooksville
HIGGINS of Dover-Foxcroft
KINNEY of Knox
MARTIN of Sinclair
McELWEE of Caribou
O'NEIL of Saco
SKOLFIELD of Weld

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-48).

Signed:

Senator:
SAVIELLO of Franklin
(5-24) The Majority of the Committee on CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY on Bill "An Act To Deter the Dealing of Dangerous Drugs" S.P. 22  L.D. 42

Reported that the same Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-50).

Signed:

Senators:
  ROSEN of Hancock
  CYRWAY of Kennebec
  DIAMOND of Cumberland

Representatives:
  COREY of Windham
  GERRISH of Lebanon
  HERRICK of Paris
  MAREAN of Hollis
  NADEAU of Winslow

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

Signed:

Representatives:
  WARREN of Hallowell
  GROHMAN of Biddeford
  LONGSTAFF of Waterville
  RECKITT of South Portland
  TALBOT ROSS of Portland
(5-25) The Majority of the Committee on CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY on Bill "An Act To Provide a Source of Funding for Drug Abuse Resistance Education"
S.P. 42  L.D. 94

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

Signed:

Senators:
    ROSEN of Hancock
    DIAMOND of Cumberland

Representatives:
    WARREN of Hallowell
    COREY of Windham
    GERRISH of Lebanon
    GROHMAN of Biddeford
    HERRICK of Paris
    LONGSTAFF of Waterville
    MAREAN of Hollis
    RECKITT of South Portland

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-51)**.

Signed:

Senator:
    CYRWAY of Kennebec

Representative:
    NADEAU of Winslow
Divided Report

(5-26) The Majority of the Committee on CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY on Bill "An Act To Strengthen Protections against Civil Asset Forfeiture"

S.P. 288  L.D. 888

Reported that the same Ought Not to Pass.

Signed:

Senators:
ROSEN of Hancock
CYRWAY of Kennebec
DIAMOND of Cumberland

Representatives:
COREY of Windham
GERRISH of Lebanon
HERRICK of Paris
LONGSTAFF of Waterville
MAREAN of Hollis
NADEAU of Winslow
RECKITT of South Portland
TALBOT ROSS of Portland

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-53).

Signed:

Representatives:
WARREN of Hallowell
GROHMAN of Biddeford
(5-27) The Majority of the Committee on ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY on Bill "An Act To Amend the Charter of the Rumford Water District" (EMERGENCY) S.P. 38  L.D. 90

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-54).**

Signed:

Representatives:
  BERRY of Bowdoinham
  COOPER of Yarmouth
  DeCHANT of Bath
  HARVELL of Farmington
  RILEY of Jay
  RYKERSON of Kittery
  SANBORN of Portland

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

Signed:

Senators:
  WOODSOME of York
  CUSHING of Penobscot
  DION of Cumberland

Representatives:
  HANLEY of Pittston
  O'CONNOR of Berwick
  WADSWORTH of Hiram
(5-28) The Majority of the Committee on INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE on Bill "An Act To Allocate at Least 10 Percent of Antlerless Deer Permits Available in Each Wildlife Management District to Hunters 70 Years of Age and Older" S.P. 170  L.D. 509

Reported that the same Ought Not to Pass.

Signed:

Senators:
  CYRWAY of Kennebec
  CARPENTER of Aroostook
  WOODSOME of York

Representatives:
  DUCHESNE of Hudson
  HARLOW of Portland
  LYFORD of Eddington
  MASON of Lisbon
  NADEAU of Winslow
  REED of Carmel
  STEARNS of Guilford
  THERIAULT of China
  WOOD of Greene

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-55).

Signed:

Representative:
  ALLEY of Beals
SECOND READERS

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

House

(6-1) Bill "An Act To Expand the Types of Nonprofit Organizations to Which Surplus Property May Be Sold by the State"
   H.P. 462  L.D. 648

(6-2) Bill "An Act To Allow the Waldo County Budget Committee To Appoint Replacement Members" (EMERGENCY)
   H.P. 686  L.D. 973

(6-3) Bill "An Act To Modernize Ballot Notices for City Elections"
   H.P. 741  L.D. 1058

(6-4) Bill "An Act To Enhance the Administration of the State's Group Health Plan" (EMERGENCY)
   H.P. 835  L.D. 1198

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House As Amended

(6-5) Bill "An Act To Protect Landlords from Lawsuits for Damage or Harm Caused by Assistance Animals"
   H.P. 154  L.D. 198
   (C "A" H-74)

(6-6) Bill "An Act To Improve Safety in the Disposal of Expired Marine Flares"
   H.P. 185  L.D. 252
   (C "A" H-62)

(6-7) Bill "An Act To Ensure Fair Compensation for Licensed Insurance Agents"
   H.P. 267  L.D. 361
   (C "A" H-69)

(6-8) Bill "An Act To Extend the Allowed Time for the Interchange of Government Employees"
   H.P. 354  L.D. 491
   (C "A" H-65)
(6-9) Bill "An Act To Help Municipalities Prepare for Sea Level Rise"
   H.P. 384  L.D. 540
   (C "A" H-28)

(6-10) Bill "An Act To Offer Hunters 65 Years of Age or Older Who Have Accumulated at Least 30 Points a Guaranteed Moose Permit" (EMERGENCY)
   H.P. 395  L.D. 553
   (C "A" H-68)

(6-11) Bill "An Act To Remove Restrictions on the Membership of Regional Water Councils"
   H.P. 477  L.D. 686
   (C "A" H-75)

(6-12) Bill "An Act Regarding Advertisements by Maine Clean Election Act Candidates"
   H.P. 571  L.D. 791
   (C "A" H-30)

(6-13) Bill "An Act To Make Changes to the Maine Liquor Liability Act"
   H.P. 601  L.D. 852
   (C "A" H-80)

(6-14) Bill "An Act To Allow Learner's Permits To Be Issued by Driver Education Schools"
   H.P. 626  L.D. 877
   (C "A" H-38)

(6-15) Resolve, To Establish the Study Committee To Develop a Disposition Plan for Future Surplus State Property in York County (EMERGENCY)
   H.P. 723  L.D. 1021
   (C "A" H-67)

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Senate

(6-16) Bill "An Act To Extend the Germination Testing Period for Cool-weather Lawn and Turf Seed from 9 to 15 Months"
   H.P. 605  L.D. 856

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(6-17) Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Burial or Cremation of Certain Persons"
S.P. 179  L.D. 518
(C "A" S-45)

(6-18) Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Funding for Landfill Closure Costs"
S.P. 191  L.D. 576
(C "A" S-47)

(6-19) Bill "An Act To Provide for the 2017 and 2018 Allocations of the State Ceiling on
Private Activity Bonds" (EMERGENCY)
S.P. 343  L.D. 1037
(C "A" S-44)

ENACTORS

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

Acts

(7-1) An Act To Prohibit Insurance Carriers from Charging Enrollees for Prescription Drugs in
Amounts That Exceed the Drugs' Costs
S.P. 10  L.D. 6
(S "A" S-40 to C "A" S-22)

(7-2) An Act To Reimburse Nursing Homes for the Loss of Coinsurance and Deductibles for
Skilled Nursing Beds under Rules Adopted by the Department of Health and Human Services
H.P. 21  L.D. 20
(C "A" H-39)

(7-3) An Act To Reduce Waste by Promoting the Use of Reusable Bags and Recyclable Food
Service Containers
H.P. 44  L.D. 57
(C "A" H-18)

(7-4) An Act To Ensure Resiliency of the Maine Electrical Grid
H.P. 373  L.D. 529
(C "A" H-45)
(7-5) An Act To Amend Maine's Fish and Wildlife Licensing Laws
H.P. 394  L.D. 552

(7-6) An Act To Update the Licensure Renewal Provision of the Board of Licensure in Medicine
S.P. 208  L.D. 593

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 Sybil Riemensnider, of South Portland
SLS 127

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

Pending - PASSAGE

2.

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
3.

Tabled and Later Assigned

HOUSE REPORTS - from the Committee on VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS on Bill "An Act To Improve Requirements for Reporting to the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices"

H.P. 507  L.D. 716

Majority - Ought Not to Pass (7 members)

Minority - Ought to Pass (6 members)

Tabled - April 19, 2017, by Senator MASON of Androscoggin

Pending - motion by same Senator to ACCEPT the Minority OUGHT TO PASS Report in NON-CONCURRENCE

(In House, Majority OUGHT NOT TO PASS Report READ and ACCEPTED.)

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4.

Tabled and Later Assigned

HOUSE REPORTS - from the Committee on EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS on Bill "An Act To Increase the State Share of the Cost of Health Insurance for Retired Teachers" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 370  L.D. 526

Report "A" - Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-41) (7 members)

Report "B" - Ought Not to Pass (4 members)

Report "C" - Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "B" (H-42) (2 members)

Tabled - April 20, 2017, by Senator LANGLEY of Hancock

Pending - motion by same Senator to ACCEPT Report "C" OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "B" (H-42) in NON-CONCURRENCE

(In House, Report "A", OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-41), READ and ACCEPTED and the Bill PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-41).)

5.

Tabled and Later Assigned

Bill "An Act To Continue the Doctors for Maine's Future Scholarship Program"

S.P. 164  L.D. 503

(C "A" S-31)

Tabled - April 20, 2017, by Senator KATZ of Kennebec

Pending - PASSAGE TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-31)
6.

Tabled and Later Assigned

HOUSE REPORT - from the Committee on INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE on Bill "An Act To Improve Enforcement of Snowmobile Noise Levels"

H.P. 346  L.D. 483

Report - Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-48)

Tabled - April 25, 2017, by Senator MASON of Androscoggin

Pending - PASSAGE TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-48)

(In House, Report READ and ACCEPTED and Bill PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-48).)

7.

Tabled and Later Assigned

Bill "An Act To Prohibit Retired State Employees and Teachers from Returning to Work While Collecting Retirement Benefits"

H.P. 1033  L.D. 1509


Pending - REFERENCE

(In House, REFERRED to the Committee on APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS and ordered printed.)
8. Tabled and Later Assigned

JOINT ORDER - Expression of Legislative Sentiment Recognizing Peter McLaughlin, of Belgrade

SLS 217

Tabled - April 27, 2017, by Senator SAVIELLO of Franklin

Pending - PASSAGE

9. Tabled and Later Assigned

HOUSE REPORTS - from the Committee on VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS on Bill
"An Act To Authorize Funding for Transitional Housing for Women Veterans and Their Families"

H.P. 572  L.D. 792

Majority - Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-58) (10 members)

Minority - Ought Not to Pass (3 members)

Tabled - April 27, 2017, by Senator MASON of Androscoggin

Pending - ACCEPTANCE OF EITHER REPORT

(In House, Majority OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED Report READ and ACCEPTED and the Bill PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-58).)
10.

Tabled and Later Assigned

SENATE REPORT - from the Committee on JUDICIARY on Bill "An Act To Provide Consistency among Medical Professionals with Regard to Jury Duty Exemption"

S.P. 26  L.D. 46

Report - Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-46)

Tabled - April 27, 2017, by Senator KEIM of Oxford

Pending - ACCEPTANCE OF REPORT

11.

Tabled and Later Assigned

SENATE REPORTS - from the Committee on LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT on Bill "An Act To Protect Worker Wages and Benefits"

S.P. 35  L.D. 86

Majority - Ought to Pass (7 members)

Minority - Ought Not to Pass (6 members)

Tabled - April 27, 2017, by Senator VOLK of Cumberland

Pending - ACCEPTANCE OF EITHER REPORT
12.

Tabled and Later Assigned

SENATE REPORTS - from the Committee on LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT on Bill "An Act To Improve the Ability of Maine Companies To Manufacture and Market Bioplastics"

S.P. 218  L.D. 656

Majority - Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-43) (7 members)

Minority - Ought Not to Pass (6 members)

Tabled - April 27, 2017, by Senator MASON of Androscoggin

Pending - motion by same Senator to RECONSIDER

(In Senate, April 27, 2017, on motion by Senator VOLK of Cumberland, Minority OUGHT NOT TO PASS Report FAILED.)

SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS TABLE

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