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Advance Journal and Calendar

3rd Legislative Day

In Senate Chamber, Thursday, January 11, 2018.

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

Prayer by Reverend Larry Cook, Gardiner Church of the Nazarene.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Senator Scott W. Cyrway of Kennebec County.

Reading of the Journal of Tuesday, January 9, 2018.

Doctor of the day, Michael Barnes, M.D. of Cape Elizabeth.

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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. 664

Ordered, the House concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourn, they do so until Tuesday, January 16, 2018 at 10:00 in the morning.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

House Papers

(1-1) Resolve, Directing the Bureau of Parks and Lands To Transfer Land in the Town of Pittston

H.P. 1222  L.D. 1773

 Comes from the House, REFERRED to the Committee on AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY and ordered printed.

(1-2) Bill "An Act To Reduce Child Poverty by Leveraging Investments in Families for Tomorrow"

H.P. 1223  L.D. 1774

(1-3) Resolve, Regarding Medicaid Reimbursement for Rehabilitation Hospitals (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 1224  L.D. 1778

Come from the House, REFERRED to the Committee on HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES and ordered printed.

(1-4) Bill "An Act To Increase Safety, Ensure Efficient Operation and Improve Traffic Flow on the Maine Turnpike by Requiring All-electronic Toll Collection at New and Reconstructed Toll Facilities" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 1225  L.D. 1779

Comes from the House, REFERRED to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION and ordered printed.
Joint Resolution

Joint Resolution in Memoriam:

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

(1-5) Althea Louise Henderson, of Vassalboro. Mrs. Henderson worked at the Augusta Mental Health Institute for 27 years as an Occupational Therapist and continued to work after retirement as an activities coordinator at nursing homes. Mrs. Henderson will be long remembered and sadly missed by her family and friends;

HLS 838

Comes from the House READ and ADOPTED.
COMMUNICATIONS

(2-1) The Following Communication:

S.C. 737

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

January 9, 2018

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 Energy, Utilities and Technology has had under consideration the nomination of Albert E. Hodsdon III of Fairfield, for reappointment to the Efficiency Maine Trust Board.

After public hearing and discussion on this nomination, the Committee proceeded to vote on the motion to recommend to the Senate that this nomination be confirmed. The Committee Clerk called the roll with the following result:

YEAS
Senators 1 Woodsome of York
Representatives 7 Berry of Bowdoinham, Cooper of Yarmouth, Hanley of Pittston, O'Connor of Berwick, Riley of Jay, Sanborn of Portland, Wadsworth of Hiram

NAYS 0


Eight members of the Committee having voted in the affirmative and zero in the negative, it was the vote of the Committee that the nomination of Albert E. Hodsdon III of Fairfield, for reappointment to the Efficiency Maine Trust Board be confirmed.

Signed,

S/David Woodsome
Senate Chair

S/Seth A. Berry
House Chair
January 10, 2018

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

Dear Secretary Priest:

Pursuant to my authority under House Rule 201.1 (I) (a), I have rescinded the appointment of Representative Michael D. Perkins of Oakland as a member of the Joint Select Committee on Marijuana Legalization Implementation effective immediately.

Furthermore, pursuant to my authority under House Rule 201.1 (I) (a), I have appointed Representative Jeffery P. Hanley of Pittston as a member of the Joint Select Committee on Marijuana Legalization Implementation.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

S/Sara Gideon
Speaker of the House
(2-3) The Following Communication:

S.C. 736

MIDCOAST REGIONAL REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
BRUNSWICK, MAINE

January 5, 2018

Honorable Michael D. Thibodeau
President
Maine Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333

Honorable Sara Gideon
Speaker of the House
Maine House of Representatives
2 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Subject: Government Accountability Report (5 MRSA §12023)

Dear Mr. President and Ms. Speaker:

In compliance with the requirements of the Government Accountability and Oversight Law for quasi-independent State entities (5 MRSA §12023), please consider this letter of transmittal for the required report on behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Midcoast Regional Redeveloped Authority (MRRA) due by February 1, 2018.

Please contact me if you have any questions or need additional information

Thank you.
Sincerely,

S/Jeffrey K. Jordan
Deputy Director
(3-1) Bill "An Act To Provide for In-person Visitation of Incarcerated Persons"

S.P. 665  L.D. 1782

Presented by Senator LIBBY of Androscoggin.
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

Committee on STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT suggested and ordered printed.

ORDERS

Joint Orders

Expressions of Legislative Sentiment recognizing:

(4-1) Eric McDonnell, of Augusta, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 603, 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;

SLS 662

Sponsored by Senator KATZ of Kennebec.
Cosponsored by Representatives: BRADSTREET of Vassalboro, DOORE of Augusta, POULIOT of Augusta.

(4-2) Elaine Albert, of Lewiston, who is retiring as a public school bus driver for the City of Lewiston. Mrs. Albert began driving in 1982 and always provided a warm and safe environment for the students. We congratulate her on this occasion and send her our best wishes;

SLS 663

Sponsored by Senator LIBBY of Androscoggin.
Cosponsored by Representatives: BROOKS of Lewiston, FULLER of Lewiston, GOLDEN of Lewiston, HANDY of Lewiston.
Joint Resolution

(4-3) On motion by Senator VOLK of Cumberland (Cosponsored by Speaker GIDEON of Freeport), the following Joint Resolution:

S.P. 663

STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD

TWO THOUSAND AND EIGHTEEN

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JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE WEEK OF JANUARY 7, 2018

AS HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS WEEK

WHEREAS, human trafficking is criminal recruiting, harboring, transporting, providing or obtaining a person for compelled labor or commercial sexual exploitation through the use of force, fraud or coercion, including but not limited to involuntary servitude, sex trafficking, debt bondage, domestic servitude and forced child labor, and can, but does not necessarily, include the physical transportation of a victim from one location to another; and

WHEREAS, human trafficking violates basic human rights, denies victims their personal freedom and knows no geographical boundaries; and

WHEREAS, traffickers target men, women and children, both United States citizens and foreign nationals, isolate them from society and exploit them for personal and monetary gain; and

WHEREAS, human trafficking is recognized as the fastest-growing criminal enterprise in the world, and the International Labour Organization estimates annual profits of $150,000,000,000 from forced labor internationally; and

WHEREAS, the International Labour Organization estimated in 2012 that 26% of persons trafficked were children, and the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children estimated in 2014 that one out of every 6 endangered runaways in the United States reported to them was likely a child sex-trafficking victim; and

WHEREAS, victims of human trafficking suffer severe emotional, psychological and physical damage at the hands of their traffickers, who instill fear in their victims in order to keep them enslaved, resulting in complex post-traumatic stress disorder and increased rates of disease, drug addiction and other lifelong effects of trauma, and these experiences may require years of specialized health care and mental health services as part of a victim’s recovery; and

WHEREAS, human trafficking exists in the State, and many state, federal and local agencies and organizations are working to prevent human trafficking, to intervene when human trafficking is discovered and to provide restorative care to victims; and

WHEREAS, no one person, organization, agency or community can eliminate human trafficking, but we can work together to educate our entire population about how we can all prevent human trafficking and provide support to survivors of human trafficking and to their communities; and

WHEREAS, the State is committed to protecting the vulnerable and ending human trafficking through prevention, prosecution, education and awareness; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Twenty-eighth Legislature now assembled in the Second Regular Session, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to recognize the week of January 7, 2018 as Human Trafficking Awareness Week.
ORDERS OF THE DAY

SPECIAL STUDY TABLE

1.

Emergency

Resolve, To Establish the Study Committee To Develop a Disposition Plan for Future Surplus State Property in York County

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(C "A" H-67)

Tabled - May 9, 2017, by Senator CUSHING of Penobscot

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