One Hundred and Twenty-Eighth Legislature
Second Regular Session

Advance Journal and Calendar

9th Legislative Day

In Senate Chamber, Thursday, February 1, 2018.

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

Prayer by Reverend Lara Campbell, First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church in Kennebunk.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Senator Paul T. Davis, Sr. of Piscataquis County.

Reading of the Journal of Tuesday, January 30, 2018.

Doctor of the day, Walter L. Blackburn, D.O. of Gorham
and
Aaron Tebbs, M.D. of Cumberland.

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Michael D. Thibodeau
Senate President

Heather J.R. Priest
Secretary of the Senate

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

S.P. 679

Ordered, the House concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourn, they do so until Tuesday, February 6, 2018 at 10:00 in the morning.

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PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

Joint Orders

Expressions of Legislative Sentiment recognizing:

(1-1) Technical Sergeant Douglas G. Connolly, of Hermon, Non-Commissioned Officer in Charge of the Combat Arms Training and Maintenance section for the 101st Air Refueling Wing, 101st Security Forces Squadron in Bangor, who has been named Outstanding Airman of the Year. We extend to Technical Sergeant Connolly our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 864

(1-2) Mayo Regional Hospital, of Dover-Foxcroft, which is celebrating its 40th Anniversary. The hospital, a 25-bed critical-access hospital providing emergency services and managing 5 primary care offices, employs 390 full-time employees. We extend to everyone at Mayo Regional Hospital our congratulations on this anniversary;

HLS 865

(1-3) Ronald B. Rivard, of Shapleigh, to whom the Town of Shapleigh has dedicated its 2018 Town Report for his exemplary service as the town's Superintendent of Cemeteries. Among his many accomplishments, Mr. Rivard has determined the locations of cemeteries containing the graves of our nation's veterans, obtained from the Federal Government granite markers engraved with the appropriate names and dates for the graves, enlisted the aid of property owners to help maintain the cemeteries on their properties and kept meticulous records of these efforts. We extend to Mr. Rivard our appreciation for his service and offer him our best wishes;

HLS 866

(1-4) Richard Deans, of Hebron, for his 32 years of service as a member of the Hebron Board of Selectmen. We extend to Mr. Deans our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 867
William Jackson, of Waterville, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 417, 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 868

Peggy Bard, of Wallagrass, who is retiring as Administrative Specialist at the University of Maine at Fort Kent. Ms. Bard was hired in the Registrar's Office on September 16, 1974 and moved to the Vice President of Academic Affairs Office in November 1979. We extend to Ms. Bard our congratulations on her retirement and offer her our best wishes;

HLS 869

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:

(1-7) Elwin R. Thorpe, of Casco. Mr. Thorpe worked as a carpenter for many years throughout Cumberland County. He served his community as a volunteer firefighter for over 50 years, including as captain and training officer, and worked as a driver for the Rescue Department. He also served as Code Enforcement Officer for Casco and for the towns surrounding Casco. He was an active member of the Vineyard Church in Maine as well as the Church at the Springs in Florida. Mr. Thorpe will be long remembered and sadly missed by his wife of 54 years, Geraldine, and by his family and friends;

HLS 870

Comes from the House READ and ADOPTED.
COMMUNICATIONS

(2-1) The Following Communication:

S.C. 818

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

January 30, 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 Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development has had under consideration the nomination of Miles R. Williams of Caribou, for reappointment to the Loring Development Authority of Maine.

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

YEAS Senators 2 Volk of Cumberland, Bellows of Kennebec
Representatives 7 Fecteau of Biddeford, Austin of Gray, Doore of Augusta, Mastraccio of Sanford, Stetkis of Canaan, Sylvester of Portland, Vachon of Scarborough

NAYS 0


Nine members of the Committee having voted in the affirmative and zero in the negative, it was the vote of the Committee that the nomination of Miles R. Williams of Caribou, for reappointment to the Loring Development Authority of Maine be confirmed.

Signed,

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

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The Following Communication:

S.C. 819

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

January 30, 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 Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development has had under consideration the nomination of Steven H. Levesque of Farmingdale, for reappointment to the Loring Development Authority of Maine.

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

YEAS Senators 2 Volk of Cumberland, Bellows of Kennebec
Representatives 6 Fecteau of Biddeford, Austin of Gray, Doore of Augusta, Mastraccio of Sanford, Sylvester of Portland, Vachon of Scarborough

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 Steven H. Levesque of Farmingdale, for reappointment to the Loring Development Authority of Maine be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Amy F. Volk S/Ryan M. Fecteau
Senate Chair House Chair
The Following Communication:

S.C. 820

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

January 30, 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 Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development has had under consideration the nomination of Dana A. Saucier, Sr. of Eagle Lake, for reappointment to the Loring Development Authority of Maine.

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

YEAS  Senators  2  Volk of Cumberland, Bellows of Kennebec

Representatives  6  Fecteau of Biddeford, Austin of Gray, Doore of Augusta, Mastraccio of Sanford, Stetkis of Canaan, Vachon of Scarborough

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 Dana A. Saucier, Sr. of Eagle Lake, for reappointment to the Loring Development Authority of Maine be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Amy F. Volk  S/Ryan M. Fecteau
Senate Chair  House Chair
S.C. 814

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

January 29, 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 State and Local Government has had under consideration the nomination of David R. Ciullo of Springvale, for reappointment to the State Civil Service Appeals 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 2 Davis of Piscataquis, Deschambault of York
Representatives 7 Martin of Sinclair, Beebe-Center of Rockland, Bryant of Windham, Harrington of Sanford, Hogan of Old Orchard Beach, Madigan of Rumford, Pickett of Dixfield

NAYS 0


Nine members of the Committee having voted in the affirmative and zero in the negative, it was the vote of the Committee that the nomination of David R. Ciullo of Springvale, for reappointment to the State Civil Service Appeals Board be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Paul T. Davis
Senate Chair

S/Danny Martin
House Chair
January 29, 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 State and Local Government has had under consideration the nomination of Susan H. Wasserott of Woolwich, for appointment to the State Civil Service Appeals 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 2  Davis of Piscataquis, Deschambault of York
Representatives 7  Martin of Sinclair, Beebe-Center of Rockland, Bryant of Windham, Harrington of Sanford, Hogan of Old Orchard Beach, Madigan of Rumford, Pickett of Dixfield

NAYS 0


Nine members of the Committee having voted in the affirmative and zero in the negative, it was the vote of the Committee that the nomination of Susan H. Wasserott of Woolwich, for appointment to the State Civil Service Appeals Board be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Paul T. Davis  S/Danny Martin
Senate Chair  House Chair
January 29, 2018

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

Dear Secretary Priest:

Pursuant to my authority under Title 5, Chapter 5, MRSA §90-T, I have re-appointed Stephen Rich of Glenburn to the Maine Regulatory Fairness Board.

Please contact my office if you have any questions regarding this re-appointment.

Sincerely,

S/Sara Gideon
Speaker of the House
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. 1574  Resolve, To Require Greater Clearing of Vegetation along Portions of Route 161 in the Town of Allagash

This is notification of the Committee’s action.

Sincerely,

Senate Chair  House Chair
STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-EIGHT LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

January 24, 2018

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. 470  An Act To Strengthen Maine's Hospitals and Increase Access to Health Care
  L.D. 898  An Act To Address Mandatory Overtime for Hospital Professionals
  L.D. 1214 An Act To Create Fairness in Home-based Care Fees for Service
  L.D. 1495 An Act To Break the Generational Cycle of Domestic Violence

This is notification of the Committee’s action.

Sincerely,

Senate Chair                House Chair
STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-EIGHT LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

January 26, 2018

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. 272   An Act Requiring Meningococcal Meningitis Vaccinations for
             Teenagers

   L.D. 1273  Resolve, To Redispense Donated Prescription Drugs

   L.D. 1612  An Act To Support Maine Families through Universal Family Care

This is notification of the Committee’s action.

Sincerely,

Senate Chair                        House Chair

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

January 29, 2018

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. 473 An Act To Quantitatively Evaluate State Contracts
L.D. 823 An Act To Promote Transparency with Respect to Surveillance Technology
L.D. 890 An Act To Include a Representative of the Aroostook Band of Micmacs in the House of Representatives
L.D. 1068 An Act To Require That State-funded Buildings Be Constructed with Wood Products

This is notification of the Committee’s action.

Sincerely,

Senate Chair           House Chair

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

January 23, 2018

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 Taxation has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 1565 An Act To Ensure the Effectiveness of Tax Increment Financing

This is notification of the Committee’s action.

Sincerely,

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

January 30, 2018

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. 1688 An Act To Require That Railroads Grant Easements to Owners of Land That is Otherwise Inaccessible

This is notification of the Committee’s action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Ronald F. Collins
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Andrew J. McLean
House Chair
January 26, 2018

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

Re: An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Office of Program Evaluation and Government Accountability and the Government Oversight Committee Regarding Quasi-Independent State Entities

Dear President Thibodeau,

Enclosed are the reports required under 5 M.R.S.A. §12023, due February 1, 2018. The reports include: a list of all procurements in 2017 exceeding $10,000 for which competitive procurement was waived; a list of contributions made in 2017 that exceed $1,000. Section 12023(2c) requires a description of changes to the written policies and procedures required by Section 12022. There were no changes to the policies and procedures required by this section in 2017, therefore, there is nothing to report.

In 2017, the Maine Turnpike Authority made $85 million in payments to approximately 679 vendors. The vast majority of these payments, approximately $74 million, were for competitively bid products or services or were legally or legislatively required. The Authority sole-sourced approximately $9.6 million in 2017. Most of these products or services were either proprietary in nature or were procured under long-term contracts. As these long-term contracts expire, the Authority will seek competitive bids.

Respectfully,

S/Peter Mills
Executive Director
January 29, 2018

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

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

Dear Speaker Gideon and President Thibodeau:

Pursuant to 5 M.R.S.A., Section 12023, please consider this the letter of transmittal for the required report from the Maine State Housing Authority due by February 1, 2018.

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

Thank you.

Sincerely,

S/Peter Merrill  
Interim Director
The Following Communication:

S.C. 806

MAINE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION
#51 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE

January 29, 2018

The Honorable Sara Gideon
Speaker of the House of Representatives
2 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333-0002

The Honorable Michael D. Thibodeau
President of the Maine Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333-0003

Dear Speaker Gideon and President Thibodeau:

Pursuant to 5 M.R.S. §12023, please consider this the letter of transmittal for the required report from the Maine Human Rights Commission due by February 1, 2018.

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

Sincerely,

S/Amy M. Sneirson
Executive Director
(2-16) The Following Communication:

S.C. 807

NORTHERN NEW ENGLAND
PASSENGER RAIL AUTHORITY
75 WEST COMMERCIAL STREET
PORTLAND, MAINE

January 29, 2018

RE: Statutory Citation P.L. 2011 c. 616: An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Office of Program Evaluation and Government Accountability and the Government Oversight Committee Regarding Quasi-Independent State Entities

Dear President Thibodeau:

Please find enclosed the Northern New England Passenger Rail Authority's annual report as required under section 12023 (2) "Ongoing Reports" of the Statutory Citation referenced above for NNEPRA's Fiscal Year 2017.

Required Reports:

2A. A list of all procurements exceeding $10,000 in the preceding year (NNEPRA Fiscal Year 2017) for which competitive procurement was waived under the policies adopted pursuant to section 12022, subsection 3 - Attached.

2B. A list of all persons to which the entity made contributions greater than $1,000 in the preceding year (NNEPRA Fiscal Year 2017) and the total amount contributed to each - Attached.

2C. There were no changes made to the written policies and procedures required by Section 12022 or to the procedures used by the governing body to monitor compliance with those policies and procedures.

Sincerely,

S/Mr. John Melrose
Chairman
Northern New England Passenger Rail Authority

S/ Ms. Patricia Quinn
Executive Director
Northern New England Passenger Rail Authority

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SENATE PAPERS

(3-1) Bill "An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Improve Multimodal Facilities, Highways and Bridges"

S.P. 682  L.D. 1815

Presented by Senator HAMPER of Oxford. (GOVERNOR'S BILL)

Committee on APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS suggested and ordered printed.

(3-2) Bill "An Act To Amend the Charter of the Lisbon Water Department"

S.P. 681  L.D. 1814

Presented by Senator MASON of Androscoggin.
Cosponsored by Representative MASON of Lisbon and Representative: TIMBERLAKE of Turner.
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

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

(3-3) Bill "An Act Regarding the Penalties for Hunting Deer over Bait"

S.P. 684  L.D. 1816

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

Committee on INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE suggested and ordered printed.
ORDERS

Joint Orders

Expressions of Legislative Sentiment recognizing:

(4-1) David Winchester, of Bucksport, a Detective Sergeant of the Bucksport Police Department, who has received an Award for Bravery from the Maine Chiefs of Police Association for his rescuing 2 people from a house fire. We extend to Detective Sergeant Winchester our congratulations and best wishes;

Sponsored by Senator ROSEN of Hancock.
Cosponsored by Representative: CAMPBELL of Orrington.

(4-2) James Kences, of York, who has been named the Greater York Region Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year for his contributions to the town. We extend to Mr. Kences our congratulations and best wishes;

Sponsored by Senator HILL of York.

(4-3) James Corbin, of Ogunquit, who has received the 2017 Outstanding Citizen Award from the Ogunquit Chamber of Commerce for the positive effect his efforts have had on the town. We extend to Mr. Corbin our congratulations and best wishes;

Sponsored by Senator HILL of York.
Cosponsored by Representative: HYMANSON of York.
Joint Resolutions

(4-4) On motion by Senator CHENETTE of York (Cosponsored by Representative STEWART of Presque Isle), the following Joint Resolution:

S.P. 680

STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD

TWO THOUSAND AND EIGHTEEN

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JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING FEBRUARY AS 2-1-1 MONTH

WHEREAS, 2-1-1 Maine is a comprehensive statewide directory of more than 8,000 health and human services available in the State; and

WHEREAS, in order to promote the 2-1-1 Maine health and human services and emergency preparedness helpline, which provides Maine citizens free and confidential referrals to needed resources, we recognize February 2018 as 2-1-1 Month; and

WHEREAS, 2-1-1 Maine helps to identify existing gaps in health and human services; and

WHEREAS, throughout the State, 2-1-1 Maine provides around-the-clock service through efficient and effective responses to questions arising from the growing complexities and needs in health, financial and human services; and

WHEREAS, 2-1-1 Maine provides emergency operations during times of natural and other disasters, including providing accurate and timely information for preparations and longer-term referrals for follow-up services, as evidenced by its role in supporting the Maine Emergency Management Agency during the agency's responses to the 2016 drought and the October 2017 wind storm; and

WHEREAS, during this past year, 2-1-1 Maine has directed nearly 6,500 Maine citizens to heating and utility assistance services, which may have prevented people from contacting the wrong agency for a federal Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program benefit, prevented utility shutoffs and saved people from spending winter nights without fuel; and

WHEREAS, since 2006, 2-1-1 Maine call specialists have assisted with more than 700,000 requests to locate health and human services information; and

WHEREAS, 2-1-1 Maine handles a number of specialized services, including the opiate helpline and the gambling helpline, and is also a resource for finding information about such needs as tax preparation and mental health services; 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 February 2018 as 2-1-1 Month.
(4-5) On motion by Senator MIRAMANT of Knox (Cosponsored by Representative SPEAR of South Thomaston and Senators: CHIPMAN of Cumberland, DOW of Lincoln, JACKSON of Aroostook, Representatives: BEEBE-CENTER of Rockland, CASÁS of Rockport, HERBIG of Belfast, SIMMONS of Waldoboro, SUTTON of Warren), the following Joint Resolution:

S.P. 683

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
TWO THOUSAND AND EIGHTEEN

JOINT RESOLUTION SUPPORTING MAINE CEMENT
MANUFACTURING AND OPPOSING SUBSIDIZED FOREIGN CEMENT
IMPORTS

WHEREAS, the Dragon Products Company cement plant in Thomaston is the only cement manufacturer in Maine and in all of New England; and

WHEREAS, Dragon Products Company directly employs over 100 citizens of the State in the process of manufacturing cement from limestone and Dragon Products Company's manufacturing operations directly or indirectly support over 500 Maine jobs; and

WHEREAS, the Canadian Province of Quebec has subsidized the construction of McInnis Cement's new 2,000,000-ton per year capacity cement manufacturing plant in Port-Daniel-Gascons, Quebec; and

WHEREAS, both McInnis Cement executives and Quebec officials have stated publicly that there is no Canadian market for the new plant's cement production and that over 90% of the new plant's production will be exported to the United States to compete directly with Dragon Products Company and other domestic cement manufacturers; and

WHEREAS, McInnis Cement has completed construction of a deep-water cement import terminal in Providence, Rhode Island to serve the Boston, Massachusetts and southern New England cement markets and is building a 2nd deep-water cement import terminal in the Bronx, New York City to serve the New York and New Jersey cement markets; and

WHEREAS, McInnis Cement started manufacturing cement in July 2017 and shipped its first vessel of subsidized Canadian cement to its Providence terminal in August 2017; and

WHEREAS, the subsidized Canadian cement being exported by McInnis Cement to the United States poses a threat to the continued operations of the Dragon Products Company cement plant in Thomaston and the hundreds of Maine jobs directly or indirectly supported by the plant; 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:

1. Condemn any violation of international trade laws and treaties between the United States and Canada;

2. Express our full support for the efforts that may be undertaken by domestic cement manufacturers to bring countervailing duty and antidumping petitions against McInnis Cement before the United States Department of Commerce and the United States International Trade Commission;

3. Support international trade litigation against McInnis Cement through all appropriate means to preserve Maine cement manufacturing jobs and to enforce the international rule of law against subsidizing exports and dumping products into the United States; and

4. Support the efforts of Maine businesses and local governments to purchase, to the maximum extent possible, Maine-manufactured and other domestically manufactured cement for use in all public and private construction projects across the State.
Joint Resolution in Memoriam:

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

(4-6) Ruth A. Peterson, of Long Island, who was actively involved in her community. Mrs. Peterson worked as a veterinary technical assistant for more than 25 years in both Florida and Maine, mostly with Cumberland Animal Clinic. She was on the founding committee to establish the Town of Long Island in 1993 and served in many positions in town government, including as selectman for 6 years, on the town's planning board and on the town's cemetery committee for 20 years. She was an advocate for the town's social services and coordinated support for many of the town's residents. She was also involved with the town's historical society and was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Ladies' Auxiliary, serving for 6 years as its president. Mrs. Peterson will be long remembered and sadly missed by her family and friends and all those whose lives she touched;

SLS 679

Sponsored by Senator BREEN of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative: COOPER of Yarmouth.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

House

Change of Committee

(5-1) The Committee on EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS on Bill "An Act To Clarify Educational Placement and Notification in Regard to Parental Rights and Responsibilities"

H.P. 1175  L.D. 1695

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

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

Pursuant to Public Law

(5-2) The Committee on JUDICIARY on Resolve, Directing an Independent, Nonpartisan, Objective Evaluation of the Provision of Indigent Legal Services (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 1257  L.D. 1812

Reported that the same be REFERRED to the Committee on JUDICIARY, pursuant to Public Law, chapter 284, Pt. UUUU, section 17.

Comes from the House with the Report READ and ACCEPTED and the Resolve REFERRED to the Committee on JUDICIARY.
Pursuant to Statute

(5-3) The Committee on ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES on Bill "An Act To Implement Recommendations Resulting from a State Government Evaluation Act Review of the Board of Environmental Protection by the Joint Standing Committee on Environment and Natural Resources"

H.P. 1253  L.D. 1807

Reported that the same be REFERRED to the Committee on ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES, pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 3, section 955, subsection 4.

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

Pursuant to Statute

(5-4) The Committee on ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES on Bill "An Act To Implement Recommendations Resulting from a State Government Evaluation Act Review of the Department of Environmental Protection by the Joint Standing Committee on Environment and Natural Resources"

H.P. 1254  L.D. 1808

Reported that the same be REFERRED to the Committee on ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES, pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 3, section 955, subsection 4.

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

Ought to Pass As Amended

(5-5) The Committee on ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES on Bill "An Act To Update Maine's Water Quality Standards"

H.P. 895  L.D. 1298

Reported that the same Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-574).

Comes from the House with the Report READ and ACCEPTED and the Bill PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-574).
(5-6) Senator COLLINS for the Committee on TRANSPORTATION on Bill "An Act To Create the Bar Harbor Port Authority" (EMERGENCY)  
S.P. 478  L.D. 1400  
Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-347).**

(5-7) Senator COLLINS for the Committee on TRANSPORTATION on Bill "An Act To Create The Barbara Bush Children's Hospital Registration Plate"  
S.P. 621  L.D. 1685  
Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-348).**

**SECOND READERS**

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

**Senate As Amended**

(6-1) Bill "An Act To Further Delay the Implementation of Certain Provisions of the Marijuana Legalization Act" (EMERGENCY)  
S.P. 660  L.D. 1775  
(C "A" S-346)
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 Big Cheese Pizza, in Presque Isle

HLS 854

Tabled - January 30, 2018, by Senator MASON of Androscoggin

Pending - PASSAGE in concurrence

(In House, PASSED.)

2.

Tabled and Later Assigned

JOINT ORDER - To Amend the Joint Rules To Require Annual Harassment Training

S.P. 677

Tabled - January 30, 2018, by Senator LIBBY of Androscoggin

Pending - PASSAGE

3.

Tabled and Later Assigned

JOINT ORDER - Capital Area Staffing Solutions, Inc., of Augusta

SLS673

Tabled - January 30, 2018, by Senator KATZ of Kennebec

Pending - PASSAGE
4. Tabled and Later Assigned

JOINT ORDER - Expression of Legislative Sentiment Recognizing Norman Elvin, of Palermo
SLS 674

Tabled - January 30, 2018, by Senator KATZ of Kennebec
Pending - PASSAGE

5. Tabled and Later Assigned

JOINT ORDER - Expression of Legislative Sentiment Recognizing Lajoie Brothers, Inc., of Augusta
SLS 675

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Pending - PASSAGE

SPECIAL STUDY TABLE

1. Emergency

Resolve, To Establish the Study Committee To Develop a Disposition Plan for Future Surplus State Property in York County
H.P. 723  L.D. 1021
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Tabled - May 9, 2017, by Senator CUSHING of Penobscot
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