In Senate Chamber, Thursday, February 15, 2018.

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

Prayer by Tom Waddell, The Maine Chapter of the Freedom from Religion Foundation in Litchfield.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Senator Dawn Hill of York County.

Reading of the Journal of Tuesday, February 13, 2018.

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

http://legislature.maine.gov/senate
Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, on motion by Senator MASON of Androscoggin, the following Joint Order:

S.P. 693

Ordered, the House concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourn, they do so until Tuesday, February 20, 2018 at 10:00 in in the morning.

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PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

Non- Concurrent Matter

(1-1) Resolve, Directing the Secretary of State To Study the Revised Uniform Law on Notarial Acts

H.P. 1171 L.D. 1691

In Senate, February 8, 2018, on motion by Senator KEIM of Oxford, 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 Report was READ and ACCEPTED and the Resolve PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED.

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House Papers

(1-2) Bill "An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Provide for Student Loan Debt Relief"

H.P. 1276 L.D. 1834

 Comes from the House, REFERRED to the Committee on APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS and ordered printed.
Expressions of Legislative Sentiment recognizing:

(1-5) Colin Roy, of Dresden Mills, Athletic Administrator at Hall-Dale High School, who has been awarded an NFHS Citation by the National Federation of State High School Associations in recognition of his contributions to interscholastic athletics at the local, state and national levels. We extend to Mr. Roy our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 888

(1-6) Jacob Godfrey, of Hermon, a student at Hermon High School and a member of the boys basketball team, who recently scored his 1,000th career point. We extend to Jacob our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 890

(1-7) the Town of Mexico, which is celebrating its Bicentennial. Earlier called Holmanstown after the first owner of the land, Colonel Jonathan Holman, the town was first settled by Isaac Gleason, Stephen Barnard, Sam Knapp, Thomas Eustis, Joseph Eustis, Benjamin Edmund and Zebediah Mitchell. The Commonwealth of Massachusetts established the Town of Mexico on February 13, 1818. One account holds that the town was named in honor of the country of Mexico as it fought for its independence from Spain. The town is situated in what has been described as the best farming valley in the State and has had a variety of industries and businesses through the years. We extend to the citizens of the Town of Mexico our congratulations on this anniversary;

HLS 891

(1-8) S. L. Wadsworth and Son, Inc., of Eastport, the nation's oldest ship chandlery, which is celebrating its 200th Anniversary of doing business. Founded in 1818 by Samuel B. Wadsworth, the ship chandlery survived fire and storms to be operated today by the 6th generation of the Wadsworth family. We extend to everyone at S. L. Wadsworth and Son, Inc., our congratulations on this anniversary;

HLS 892

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:

(1-9) Eda Phyllis Tripp, of Minot, a longtime public servant. Ms. Tripp served Minot as a selectman from 1999 to 2017 and was director of General Assistance. She oversaw the care boxes distributed at Thanksgiving and Christmas for 18 years. She served as chairman of the Board of Assessors, served on the Minot school board for 2 years and was election clerk for over 38 years, and she performed many other duties for the community. She was a surviving member of the 1846 Minot Center Congregational Church and worked to maintain the historic church. She was a founding member of the Minot Historical Society, serving as secretary for 8 years, and was a member of the Pine Tree State Holstein Association, serving as secretary and treasurer for 22 years. She was active in the Center Minot Grange #266, the Androscoggin Pomona Grange #1 and the West Minot Grange #42. Ms. Tripp will be long remembered and sadly missed by her family and friends and those whose lives she touched;

HLS 893

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

S.C. 844

STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
AUGUSTA, MAINE

February 13, 2018

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

Dear President Thibodeau:

This is to inform you that, pursuant to Title 3 M.R.S.A., §154, I am withdrawing my nomination of David M. MacMahon, Ph.D. of Poland for appointment as a member of the Board of Trustees, University of Maine System.

This nomination is currently pending before the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

S/Paul R. LePage
Governor
February 13, 2018

The Honorable Michael D. Thibodeau
President of the Senate
The Honorable Sara Gideon
Speaker of the House of Representatives
128th Legislature
State House
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear President Thibodeau and Speaker Gideon:

Please accept this letter as the report of the findings of the Joint Standing Committee on
Insurance and Financial Services from its review and evaluation of the State Employee Health
Commission under the State Government Evaluation Act, Title 3 Maine Revised Statutes,
chapter 35.

The committee finds that the State Employee Health Commission is operating within its statutory
authority.

Sincerely,

S/Senator Rodney L. Whittemore         S/Representative Mark W. Lawrence
Senate Chair                           House Chair
STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

February 12, 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 Appropriations and Financial Affairs has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 1509  An Act To Prohibit Retired State Employees and Teachers from Returning to Work While Collecting Retirement Benefits

This is notification of the Committee’s action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. James M. Hamper
Senate Chair

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

February 12, 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. 1715   An Act To Ensure Rural Patient Populations Receive Safe and Effective Health Care

This is notification of the Committee’s action.

Sincerely,

Senate Chair                             House Chair
ST. OF MAINE  
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-EIGHT LEGISLATURE  
COMMITTEE ON INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE  

February 12, 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 Inland Fisheries and Wildlife has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":  

L.D. 1667  
An Act To Prohibit the Entry of Anadromous Fish Species into Sheepscot Pond for 3 Years and To Study the Consequences of the Presence of Anadromous Fish in Sheepscot Pond  

This is notification of the Committee’s action.  

Sincerely,  

S/Sen. Scott W. Cyrway  
Senate Chair  

House Chair
February 12, 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 Judiciary has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 1541 An Act To Protect Certain Administrative Licensing Files

This is notification of the Committee’s action.

Sincerely,

Senate Chair House Chair
February 12, 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. 1283 An Act To Modernize the Mining Excise Tax
L.D. 1669 An Act Regarding Levies Placed on Accounts at Financial Institutions for Unpaid State Income Taxes

This is notification of the Committee’s action.

Sincerely,

Senate Chair                 House Chair
February 12, 2018

The Honorable Roger J. Katz, Senate Chair  
The Honorable Anne-Marie Mastraccio, House Chair  
And Members of the Government Oversight Committee  
82 State House Station  
Augusta, Maine 04333

The Honorable Michael D. Thibodeau, President of the Senate  
and Members of the 128th Maine Senate  
3 State House Station  
Augusta, Maine 04333

The Honorable Sara Gideon, Speaker of the House  
and Members of the 128th Maine House of Representatives  
2 State House Station  
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Government Oversight Committee Members, Senators and Representatives:

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A. § 995.4, I respectfully submit OPEGA’s Annual Report on Activities and Performance for 2017. OPEGA’s service to the Legislature as a non-partisan resource is meant to provide support in overseeing and improving the performance of State government. The OPEGA staff and I are committed to continuing to earn the trust and respect of Maine’s legislators and citizens as a trusted source of objective, credible information.

Sincerely,

S/Beth L. Ashcroft  
Director
The Following Communication:

S.C. 845

MAINE’S PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES
UNIVERSITY OF MAINE SYSTEM

1 February 2018

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

Dear President Thibodeau:

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

As provided in law and corresponding University policy and practice, there are legitimate reasons for waiving competitive procurement as part of standard procurement policy, and all purchases in this report are consistent with established policy and practice. For example, a majority of the expenses for which waivers were granted involve purchases as required or provided for in a grant awarded to the University or a library acquisition as distinct from the University’s purchases of general operating supplies and services.

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

Thank you.

Sincerely,

S/James H. Page, Chancellor
University of Maine System
February 13, 2018

The Honorable Heather J.R. Priest
Secretary of the Senate
128th Maine Legislature
Augusta, Maine  04333

Dear Secretary Priest:

The House voted today to insist on its former action whereby JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING APPLICATION TO THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES TO CALL A CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION UNDER ARTICLE V OF THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION TO PROPOSE AN AMENDMENT TO THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION TO RESTORE FREE AND FAIR ELECTIONS (S.P. 667) and accompanying papers were referred to the Committee on State and Local Government.

Sincerely,

S/Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House

SENATE PAPERS

(3-1) Bill "An Act To Authorize a Prerelease Facility in Washington County" (EMERGENCY)  
S.P. 694  L.D. 1841

Presented by Senator MAKER of Washington.
Cosponsored by Representative TUELL of East Machias and Senators: JACKSON of Aroostook, KATZ of Kennebec, LIBBY of Androscoggin, President THIBODEAU of Waldo, Representatives: ALLEY of Beals, Speaker GIDEON of Freeport, PERRY of Calais, TALBOT ROSS of Portland.
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

Committee on CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY suggested and ordered printed.
Bill "An Act To Revise the Municipal Consolidation Referendum Process"

S.P. 692  L.D. 1840

Presented by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin.
Cosponsored by Representative ESPLING of New Gloucester and Representatives: BICKFORD of Auburn, GOLDEN of Lewiston.
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) Sherry Dietrich, of Pownal, who has received a Spirit of America Foundation Award. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the foundation presents awards to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We send our congratulations to Ms. Dietrich on her receiving this award;
SLS 701
Sponsored by Senator CARSON of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representatives: CHACE of Durham, Speaker GIDEON of Freeport.

(4-2) Westcustogo Building and Design Committee, of North Yarmouth, which has received a Spirit of America Foundation Award. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the foundation presents awards to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We send our congratulations to Westcustogo Building and Design Committee on its receiving this award;
SLS 702
Sponsored by Senator CARSON of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative: CHACE of Durham.

(4-3) Scott Smith, of Mapleton, who has received a Spirit of America Foundation Award. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the foundation presents awards to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We send our congratulations to Mr. Smith on his receiving this award;
SLS 703
Sponsored by Senator CARPENTER of Aroostook.
Cosponsored by Senator: JACKSON of Aroostook, Representative: WHITE of Washburn.
(4-4) William Johnson, of Saco, who has received a Spirit of America Foundation Award. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the foundation presents awards to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We send our congratulations to Mr. Johnson on his receiving this award;

Sponsored by Senator CHENETTE of York.
Cosponsored by Representatives: BAILEY of Saco, MAREAN of Hollis, O'NEIL of Saco.

(4-5) Beverly Russell, of Old Orchard Beach, who has received a Spirit of America Foundation Award. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the foundation presents awards to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We send our congratulations to Ms. Russell on her receiving this award;

Sponsored by Senator CHENETTE of York.
Cosponsored by Representative: HOGAN of Old Orchard Beach.

(4-6) John Bird, of Old Orchard Beach, who has received a Spirit of America Foundation Award. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the foundation presents awards to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We send our congratulations to Mr. Bird on his receiving this award;

Sponsored by Senator CHENETTE of York.
Cosponsored by Representative: HOGAN of Old Orchard Beach.

(4-7) John Falla, of St. George, who has received a Spirit of America Foundation Award. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the foundation presents awards to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We send our congratulations to Mr. Falla on his receiving this award;

Sponsored by Senator MIRAMANT of Knox.
Cosponsored by Representative: SPEAR of South Thomaston.

(4-8) Dresden Fire and Rescue, of Dresden, which has received a Spirit of America Foundation Award. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the foundation presents awards to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We send our congratulations to Dresden Fire and Rescue on its receiving this award;

Sponsored by Senator VITELLI of Sagadahoc.
Cosponsored by Representative: PIERCE of Dresden.
(4-9) Keep Rockport Beautiful, of Rockport, which has received a Spirit of America Foundation Award. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the foundation presents awards to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We send our congratulations to Keep Rockport Beautiful on its receiving this award;

Sponsored by Senator MIRAMANT of Knox.
Cosponsored by Representative: CASÁS of Rockport.

(4-10) Donald Burke, of Appleton, who has received a Spirit of America Foundation Award. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the foundation presents awards to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We send our congratulations to Mr. Burke on his receiving this award;

Sponsored by Senator MIRAMANT of Knox.
Cosponsored by Representative: SUTTON of Warren.

(4-11) Jamie Dorr, of Bath, who has received a Spirit of America Foundation Award. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the foundation presents awards to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We send our congratulations to Ms. Dorr on her receiving this award;

Sponsored by Senator VITELLI of Sagadahoc.
Cosponsored by Representative: DeCHANT of Bath.

(4-12) Maria Varian, of Phippsburg, who has received a Spirit of America Foundation Award. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the foundation presents awards to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We send our congratulations to Ms. Varian on her receiving this award;

Sponsored by Senator VITELLI of Sagadahoc.
Cosponsored by Representative: PIERCE of Dresden.
(4-13) Paula Nelson, of West Bath, who has received a Spirit of America Foundation Award. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the foundation presents awards to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We send our congratulations to Ms. Nelson on her receiving this award;

Sponsored by Senator VITELLI of Sagadahoc.
Cosponsored by Representative: McCREIGHT of Harpswell.

(4-14) Bruce Van Note, of Topsham, who has received a Spirit of America Foundation Award. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the foundation presents awards to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We send our congratulations to Mr. Van Note on his receiving this award;

Sponsored by Senator VITELLI of Sagadahoc.
Cosponsored by Representative: TEPLER of Topsham.

(4-15) Andrew C. Woodsome, Jr., of Waterboro, for his service to his community. Mr. Woodsome served for over 12 years on the Waterboro Board of Selectmen and for over 15 years as a volunteer firefighter. For over 60 years, he employed and mentored many teenagers through his business, Woodsome's Blue Seal Feeds and Needs. In 2012, he acquired a nineteenth century blacksmith shop and donated it to the Waterboro Historical Society. We extend to Mr. Woodsome our appreciation for his service and offer him our best wishes;

Sponsored by Senator WOODSOME of York.
Cosponsored by Representative: PRESCOTT of Waterboro.

(4-16) the Central Aroostook High School Cheerleading Team, of Mars Hill, which won the Class D State Championship. We extend to all the members of the team our congratulations and best wishes;

Sponsored by Senator CARPENTER of Aroostook.
Cosponsored by Representative: WHITE of Washburn.
Joint Resolutions

Joint Resolutions in Memoriam:

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

(4-17) Arthur A. Comstock, of Bangor. Mr. Comstock served in the United States Army in Germany. He worked as Bank Manager for Northeast Bank in East Millinocket for 8 years before becoming President of the bank and working in Millinocket for 20 years and in Bangor before retiring. He later joined Camden National Bank, working in a part-time capacity. Very involved with the community, he served on many boards, including those of Eastern Maine Medical Center, Acadia Hospital, Eastern Area Agency on Aging, for which he served as vice-president, and the Katahdin Area Council Boy Scouts of America, for which he served as treasurer. Mr. Comstock will be long remembered and sadly missed by his wife of 63 years, Betty, and by his family and friends;

SLS 699

Sponsored by Senator GRATWICK of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Representatives: CARDONE of Bangor, FREY of Bangor, KORNFIELD of Bangor, SCHNECK of Bangor.

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

(4-18) Frank J. Farrington, of Bangor. Mr. Farrington served as a 2nd lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps. He started in the insurance industry at Union Mutual Life Insurance Company, later working for Union Central Life Insurance Company. In 1971, he established Farrington Financial Group and operated the business for over 40 years. He was a past president of the Maine Association of Life Underwriters, and he received the J. Putnam Stevens Award in 1981 from the National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors for his outstanding service to the industry. He was a past president of the Bangor YMCA Board and the Rotary Club of Bangor, served on the Bangor City Council, including a term as chair, and served on the Maine State Board of Education. He also was an Overseer of Bowdoin College, was a founding Director of United Bank and served as Chairman of the Board of Overseers of the Squirrel Island Village Corporation. He was a congregant, reader and past senior warden of St. John's Episcopal Church. Mr. Farrington will be long remembered and sadly missed by his wife of 55 years, Dare, and by his family and friends;

SLS 700

Sponsored by Senator GRATWICK of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Representatives: CARDONE of Bangor, FREY of Bangor, KORNFIELD of Bangor, SCHNECK of Bangor.
REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

House

Ought to Pass As Amended

(5-1) The Committee on VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS on Bill "An Act To Ensure Stability for Certain Holders of Liquor Licenses"

H.P. 1205  L.D. 1725

Reported that the same Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-585).

Comes from the House with the Report READ and ACCEPTED and the Bill PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-585).
Divided Report

(5-2) The Majority of the Committee on EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS on Bill "An Act To Provide Funding for the Maine Bicentennial Commission"
H.P. 1176  L.D. 1696

Reported that the same Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-586).

Signed:

Senators:
   LANGLEY of Hancock
   MAKER of Washington
   MILLETT of Cumberland

Representatives:
   KORNFIELD of Bangor
   DAUGHTRY 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:

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-586).
(5-3) The Majority of the Committee on HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES on Resolve, To Provide Meals to Homebound Individuals

H.P. 483  L.D. 692

Reported that the same Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-578).

Signed:

Senator:
CHIPMAN of Cumberland

Representatives:
HYMANSON of York
DENNO of Cumberland
MADIGAN of Waterville
MALABY of Hancock
McCREIGHT of Harpswell
PARKER of South Berwick
PERRY of Calais

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

Signed:

Senators:
BRAKEY of Androscoggin
HAMPER of Oxford

Representatives:
CHACE of Durham
HEAD of Bethel
SANDERSON of Chelsea

Comes from the House with the Majority OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED Report READ and ACCEPTED and the Resolve PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-578).
(5-4) Senator DAVIS for the Committee on AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY on Bill "An Act To Correct a Technical Error Pertaining to the Dairy Improvement Fund" (EMERGENCY)

S.P. 617  L.D. 1681

Reported that the same Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-356).

(5-5) Senator ROSEN for the Committee on CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY on Bill "An Act To Increase the Penalty for Visual Sexual Aggression against a Child"

S.P. 627  L.D. 1728

Reported that the same Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-355).

(5-6) Senator MASON for the Committee on VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS on Bill "An Act To Permit the Sale and Consumption of Alcohol in an Area That Is Not Contiguous to Licensed Premises"

S.P. 637  L.D. 1738

Reported that the same Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-354).
(5-7) The Majority of the Committee on AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY on Bill "An Act To Protect Persons Who Cultivate, Process, Buy and Sell Hemp" (EMERGENCY) 

S.P. 567  L.D. 1611

Reported that the same Ought Not to Pass.

Signed:

Senators:
  DAVIS of Piscataquis  
  DILL of Penobscot  
  SAVIELLO of Franklin

Representatives:
  DUNPHY of Old Town  
  ACKLEY of Monmouth  
  BLACK of Wilton  
  HIGGINS of Dover-Foxcroft  
  MARTIN of Sinclair  
  McELWEE of Caribou

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-357).

Signed:

Representative:
  CHAPMAN of Brooksville

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(5-8) The Majority of the Committee on AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY on Resolve, Authorizing the Lease of the Colonial Pemaquid State Historic Site S.P. 638  L.D. 1739

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

Signed:

Senator:
   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
   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-358).**

Signed:

Senator:
   DAVIS of Piscataquis

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Divided Report

(5-9) The Majority of the Committee on ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY on Bill "An Act Regarding Large-scale Community Solar Procurement"

S.P. 499  L.D. 1444

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-359).**

Signed:

Senators:
   WOODSOME of York
   DION of Cumberland

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 To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "B" (S-360).**

Signed:

Representatives:
   HANLEY of Pittston
   O'CONNOR of Berwick
   WADSWORTH of Hiram
Divided Report

(5-10) The Majority of the Committee on INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES on Resolve, Regarding Insurance Coverage for Alternative Therapies for Addiction and Recovery S.P. 155 L.D. 453

Reported that the same Ought Not to Pass.

Signed:

Senators:
   WHITTEMORE of Somerset
   DOW of Lincoln

Representatives:
   CRAIG of Brewer
   FOLEY of Wells
   PICCHIOTTI of Fairfield
   PRESCOTT of Waterboro
   WALLACE of Dexter

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-353).

Signed:

Senator:
   CARSON of Cumberland

Representatives:
   LAWRENCE of Eliot
   BROOKS of Lewiston
   COLLINGS of Portland
   MELARAGNO of Auburn
   SANBORN of Portland
SECOND READERS

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

House

(6-1) Bill "An Act To Clarify Definitions in the Laws Regarding the Licensing of Eating Establishments and Lodging Places"

H.P. 1163  L.D. 1675

House As Amended

(6-2) Bill "An Act To Update the Laws Governing the Department of Environmental Protection's Rule-making Authority Concerning Underground Oil Storage Facilities To Align with Federal Regulations" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 1229  L.D. 1784
(C "A" H-582)

Senate As Amended

(6-3) Bill "An Act To Make Allocations from Maine Turnpike Authority Funds for the Maine Turnpike Authority for the Calendar Year Ending December 31, 2019"

S.P. 662  L.D. 1777
(C "A" S-351)

ENACTORS

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

Acts

(7-1) An Act To Update the Allowance Budget for the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative

H.P. 1142  L.D. 1657
(C "A" H-575)

(7-2) An Act To Create The Barbara Bush Children's Hospital Registration Plate

S.P. 621  L.D. 1685
(C "A" S-348)
(7-3) An Act To Clarify the Law Governing the Separation of a Class A Restaurant and an Off-premises Retail Licensee Located on the Same Premises
   H.P. 1173  L.D. 1693

(7-4) An Act To Rename the Coast of Maine Wildlife Management Area as the Alan E. Hutchinson Wildlife Management Area
   H.P. 1213  L.D. 1759

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 - Capital Area Staffing Solutions, Inc., of Augusta
   SLS 673

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

Pending - PASSAGE

2.

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
3. Tabled and Later Assigned

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

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

Pending - PASSAGE

4. Tabled and Later Assigned

Emergency

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Expedited Permitting for Wind Energy Development" (EMERGENCY)

Tabled - February 8, 2018, by Senator WOODSOME of York

Pending - REFERENCE

(In House, REFERRED to the Committee on ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY and ordered printed.)

5. Tabled and Later Assigned

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Indecent Conduct To Include Distribution of Photographic Images"

Tabled - February 13, 2018, by Senator ROSEN of Hancock

Pending - REFERENCE

(Committee on CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY suggested and ordered printed.)
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
(C "A" H-67)

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

Pending - FINAL PASSAGE

SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS TABLE

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