One Hundred and Twenty-Eighth Legislature
Second Regular Session

Advance Journal and Calendar

29th Legislative Day

In Senate Chamber, Wednesday, April 4, 2018.

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

Prayer by Pastor Kent Allen, First Parish Congregational Church in Yarmouth.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Senator Brian D. Langley of Hancock County.

Reading of the Journal of Tuesday, April 3, 2018.

Doctor of the Day, Honorable Patricia Hymanson, M.D., of York

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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 Streamline Advocacy for Maine Small Businesses by Relocating the Bureau of the Special Advocate within the Department of the Secretary of State to the Department of Economic and Community Development"

H.P. 1218  L.D. 1764
(C "A" H-638; S "A" S-426 to C "A" H-638)

Majority - Ought Not to Pass (6 members)

Minority - Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-638) (4 members)

In Senate, April 2, 2018, on motion by Senator DAVIS of Piscataquis, the Minority OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED Report READ and ACCEPTED and the Bill PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-638) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-426) thereto in NON-CONCURRENCE.

Comes from the House, that Body having INSISTED on its former action whereby the Majority OUGHT NOT TO PASS Report was READ and ACCEPTED.

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Joint Orders

Expressions of Legislative Sentiment recognizing:

(1-2) John Morse, of Phippsburg, who is retiring from public service after serving the Town of Phippsburg as a Selectman for 6 years and as a Town Moderator for 33 years, as well as on the Board of Appeals and a number of other local boards. We extend to Mr. Morse our appreciation for his service and offer him our congratulations on his retirement;

HLS 1058

(1-3) the Central High School Cheerleading Team, of Corinth, which won the Class C State Championship. We extend to all the members of the team our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 1059
(1-4) Dysarts, of Bangor and Hermon, which has been named the 2018 Business of the Year by the Bangor Region Chamber of Commerce. We extend to everyone at Dysarts our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 1060

(1-5) Sydney Allen, of East Corinth, a student at Central High School and a player on the girls basketball team, who recently scored her 1,000th career point. We extend to Sydney our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 1061

(1-6) David LaFountain, of Winslow, Chief of the Waterville Fire Department and the Winslow Fire Department, who is retiring after nearly 40 years of service. We extend to Chief LaFountain our appreciation for his long service and offer him our congratulations on his retirement;

HLS 1062

(1-7) Roseanne Adams, of Eliot, who has received the 2018 Fabyan Drake Good Citizen Award from the Eliot American Legion Post 188, which is given for a deed or deeds above and beyond those of an average citizen benefiting the town as a whole. We send to Ms. Adams our congratulations on her receiving this recognition and offer her our best wishes;

HLS 1063

Come from the House, **READ and PASSED**.
(1-8) The following Joint Resolution:

H.P. 1300

JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE STATE'S CREDIT UNIONS

WHEREAS, Maine's credit unions are member-owned and member-operated financial cooperatives with an unwavering commitment to serving the needs of their members and communities. The nonprofit structure of credit unions provides each member with an equal voice and representation in the operations of the credit union. Serving members in all 16 Maine counties and in every community, Maine's credit unions are focused on the needs of their member owners with the primary purpose of benefiting the nearly 700,000 Maine consumers who use credit unions; and

WHEREAS, the economic benefit that Maine's credit unions provide to Maine consumers is approximately $50,000,000 annually, as a result of lower and fewer fees on products and services, lower interest rates on loans and higher interest rates on savings; and

WHEREAS, Maine is ranked as the nation's 5th strongest credit union state based on the percentage of population that uses a credit union, a position Maine has held for 15 consecutive years, and credit unions serve more than half the residents of the State; and

WHEREAS, the 2,250 full-time and part-time employees of Maine's credit unions and the more than 1,000 unpaid volunteers who serve on credit union boards and committees demonstrate the core credit union values, philosophy and mission of people helping people by contributing to the communities they serve, not just with financial services but by fostering a spirit that strengthens communities; and

WHEREAS, since 1990 Maine's credit unions and their members have raised over $8,000,000 to help end hunger in Maine, including a record-setting $740,000 in 2017. One hundred percent of all money that is raised through the Maine Credit Unions' Campaign for Ending Hunger stays in Maine and goes directly to assist thousands of Maine families and individuals who otherwise would go hungry. In addition to contributing thousands of dollars to food pantries in communities across the State, Maine's credit unions also help to provide funds for statewide initiatives to help end hunger, such as being the primary source of funding for the State's first Food Mobile, which has delivered more than 5,200,000 pounds of food to food pantries in every Maine county since 2005; and

WHEREAS, in partnership with the Good Shepherd Food Bank, Maine's credit unions, as major supporters of the BackPack Program and the School Pantry Program, have demonstrated a renewed commitment to ending childhood hunger. The support of Maine's credit unions has helped these programs to grow to serve more than 120 schools and more than 3,500 students weekly and to provide significant help to the one in 4 Maine children who might otherwise go hungry; and
WHEREAS, in 2017 Maine’s credit unions contributed more than $2,500,000 to a variety of causes and organizations, including financial literacy programs such as Youth Financial Fitness Fairs, which were delivered to a record-setting 20,000 high school students during the past school year, the Maine children’s cancer program, the Red Cross, Special Olympics and countless organizations in communities across Maine. In the past 15 years, Maine credit unions have contributed more than 450,000 volunteer hours to their communities, an effort that makes a significant and positive impact not only on the organizations that receive this assistance but also on the people who are served by and benefit from the services and resources that they provide; and

WHEREAS, since 1921 Maine’s credit unions have been contributing to the betterment of the lives of thousands of Maine people, who have been helped to achieve financial success and stability. Throughout Maine, credit unions continue to play a vital economic and socially responsible role in the lives of individuals and remain a local, significant and stable presence in the communities they serve; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Twenty-eighth Legislature now assembled in the Second Regular Session, take this opportunity to recognize the Maine Credit Union League and Maine’s credit unions for their positive contributions and the significant role they have played in the lives of Maine citizens and their communities for more than 96 years. Maine is a better place because of the service, dedication and contributions of Maine’s credit unions; and be it further

RESOLVED: That suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the Maine Credit Union League and its member credit unions.

Comes from the House, READ and ADOPTED.
The following Joint Resolution:

H.P. 1332

JOINT RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT FAMILY CAREGIVERS IN MAINE

WHEREAS, the population of Maine is aging and Maine currently has the highest median age in the country; and

WHEREAS, the majority of Maine citizens wish to remain in their homes and communities as they age; and

WHEREAS, providing care in homes and communities is less costly than providing care in institutional settings; and

WHEREAS, a family caregiver can be a spouse, partner, adult child, other relative, friend or neighbor who has a significant relationship with, and who provides a broad range of assistance to, an adult dealing with the challenges of age, illness, injury or chronic or disabling conditions; and

WHEREAS, currently, there are 178,000 family caregivers in Maine; and

WHEREAS, family caregivers in Maine provide an estimated 165,000,000 hours of unpaid care annually, which can be valued at nearly $2,220,000,000; and

WHEREAS, family caregivers spend, on average, between $6,954 and $11,923 out of pocket annually in caring for their loved ones; and

WHEREAS, 69,000 family caregivers in Maine are caring for a loved one with Alzheimer's disease; and

WHEREAS, the Maine Legislature has passed various provisions into law in support of family caregivers, including the State Plan for Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias in Maine; an Act To Allow a Patient To Designate a Caregiver in the Patient's Medical Record, informally known as the CARE Act; and the Maine State Housing Authority's home accessibility modification tax credit; and

WHEREAS, the United States Senate and United States House of Representatives are currently considering proposed federal legislation, The Credit for Caring Act of 2017; and

WHEREAS, in January 2018, President Trump signed into law the RAISE Family Caregivers Act, which was supported by Maine's entire congressional delegation; and

WHEREAS, family caregivers often work full-time or part-time while providing care for a loved one, without access to paid family leave, while others are forced to leave the workforce, for a period of time or permanently, to provide care; and
WHEREAS, the ratio of potential family caregivers to the growing number of those who need care has already begun a steep decline; and

WHEREAS, direct care workers, certified nursing assistants, personal care attendants, home health aides and certified geriatricians cannot meet the current or projected need in Maine; and

WHEREAS, the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine reports that the need to recognize and support family caregivers is the most significantly overlooked challenge facing the United States; and

WHEREAS, Maine must find ways to support family caregivers in their efforts to provide care to loved ones, allowing Maine citizens to safely and comfortably age in their own homes, helping to preserve communities and avoiding the expense of institutional care; 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, support the review of state policies and programs for their effectiveness in addressing the needs of family caregivers and their loved ones and recognize November as Maine Family Caregivers Month and encourage Maine citizens to participate in activities related to National Family Caregivers Month; and be it further

RESOLVED: That a suitable copy of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be sent to the Department of Health and Human Services.

Comes from the House, READ and ADOPTED.
The following Joint Resolution:

H.P. 1333

JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING APRIL 2018 AS AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, autism is a spectrum disorder, which means no 2 people with autism are affected the same way, and it is a complex developmental disability that usually appears during the first 3 years of life and results in a neurological disorder that affects the functioning of the brain and social interaction and communication skills; and

WHEREAS, in the United States, one in 68 children is diagnosed with this spectrum disorder and prevalence has increased 30% since the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's study in 2008; and

WHEREAS, autism knows no racial, ethnic or social boundaries and neither income nor lifestyle nor education affects its occurrence and it is estimated that more than 3,500,000 people live with autism spectrum disorder in the United States; and

WHEREAS, autism costs the United States over $137,000,000,000 in annual health care costs, most of which are in adult services, and these costs are anticipated to increase; and

WHEREAS, while a single specific cause of autism is not known, current research links it to biological or neurological differences in the brain, and outdated theories and myths, such as autism being a mental illness, have been proven to be false; and

WHEREAS, with support, people with autism can live full lives and make meaningful contributions to society; 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, pause in our deliberations to acknowledge that the month of April 2018 is Autism Awareness Month and to pledge our support and encouragement to all those affected by autism; and be it further

RESOLVED: That suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the Autism Society of Maine as a token of our respect and support.

Comes from the House, READ and ADOPTED.
COMMUNICATIONS

(2-1) The Following Communication:

S.C. 952

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

March 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 Environment and Natural Resources has had under consideration the nomination of Mark C. Draper of Caribou, for reappointment to the Board of Environmental Protection.

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  Saviello of Franklin, Gratwick of Penobscot
Representatives 9  Tucker of Brunswick, Duchesne of Hudson, Fay of Raymond, Harlow of Portland, Kinney of Limington, Martin of Eagle Lake, Pierce of Dresden, Strom of Pittsfield, Zeigler of Montville

NAYS  0

ABSENT  2  Sen. Volk of Cumberland, Rep. Campbell of Orrington

Eleven 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 Mark C. Draper of Caribou, for reappointment to the Board of Environmental Protection be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Thomas B. Saviello  S/Ralph L. Tucker
Senate Chair  House Chair
The Following Communication:

S.C. 951

SENATE OF MAINE
128TH LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

March 30, 2018

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

Dear Secretary Priest:

Pursuant to my authority under Senate Rule 201.3, I have appointed Senator Ronald F. Collins of York to the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs. With this appointment Senator Collins will be replacing Senator Roger Katz of Kennebec.

Sincerely,

S/Michael D. Thibodeau
President of the Senate
April 2, 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 I am today nominating Nicki Fowlie of Appleton for appointment to the Maine Community College System Board of Trustees.

Pursuant to Title 20-A, MRSA §12705, 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
ORDERS

Joint Orders

Expressions of Legislative Sentiment recognizing:

(4-1) the late Charles C. Curtis, Sr., of Cherryfield, to whom the Town of Cherryfield has dedicated its Town Report for his contributions to the community;  

SLS 799

Sponsored by Senator MAKER of Washington.  
Cosponsored by Representative: ALLEY of Beals.

(4-2) the late Harold H. Sprague, of Cherryfield, to whom the Town of Cherryfield has dedicated its Town Report for his contributions to the community;  

SLS 800

Sponsored by Senator MAKER of Washington.  
Cosponsored by Representative: ALLEY of Beals.

(4-3) Roland Bousquet, of Mexico, owner of The Paper Plate, who received the Business Recognition Award from the Maine Association of Police for his public service, including donating supplies to the Franklin County Animal Shelter and publicly honoring emergency workers every September 11th. We extend to Mr. Bousquet our congratulations and best wishes;  

SLS 801

Sponsored by Senator KEIM of Oxford.  
Cosponsored by Representative: PICKETT of Dixfield.

(4-4) Matthew Desroches, of Mexico, a Patrolman with the Rumford Police Department, who has received a Heroism Award from the Maine Association of Police for his actions during an apartment fire. We extend to Mr. Desroches our congratulations and best wishes;  

SLS 802

Sponsored by Senator KEIM of Oxford.  
Cosponsored by Representative: PICKETT of Dixfield.
Joint Resolution

(4-5) On motion by Senator WOODSOME of York (Cosponsored by Senators: CUSHING of Penobscot, DION of Cumberland, President THIBODEAU of Waldo, Representatives: BERRY of Bowdoinham, COOPER of Yarmouth, Speaker GIDEON of Freeport), the following Joint Resolution:

S.P. 728

STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD

TWO THOUSAND AND EIGHTEEN

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JOINT RESOLUTION DECLARING APRIL 8-14, 2018 AS MAINE PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATORS WEEK

WHEREAS, the United States Congress recognizes the 2nd week of April as "National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week"; and

WHEREAS, over 500,000 dedicated men and women are engaged in the operation of emergency response systems for federal, state, county and local governmental entities throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS, these unseen first responders are responsible for responding to the telephone calls of the general public for police, fire and emergency medical assistance and for dispatching assistance to help save the lives and property of our citizens; and

WHEREAS, Americans place their trust in these individuals, not just this week, but every day of the year, and rely on their knowledge and professionalism as they make critical decisions, obtain information and quickly dispatch needed aid; and

WHEREAS, the calls for help include not only police, fire and emergency medical service calls but those governmental communications related to natural disasters, forestry and conservation operations, highway safety and maintenance activities and all other operations that modern governmental agencies must conduct; and

WHEREAS, Maine's public safety telecommunicators daily serve the public in countless ways without due recognition by the beneficiaries of their 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 April 8-14, 2018 as Maine Public Safety Telecommunicators Week.
REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

House

Ought to Pass As Amended

(5-1) The Committee on AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY on Bill "An Act To Strengthen the Law Regarding Dangerous Dogs"

H.P. 607  L.D. 858

Reported that the same Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-706).

Comes from the House with the Report READ and ACCEPTED and the Bill PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-706).

(5-2) The Committee on ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY on Bill "An Act To Extend Arrearage Management Programs"

H.P. 1285  L.D. 1848

Reported that the same Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-708).

Comes from the House with the Report READ and ACCEPTED and the Bill PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-708).
(5-3) The Majority of the Committee on ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY on Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Expedited Permitting for Wind Energy Development" (EMERGENCY) 

H.P. 1255  L.D. 1810

Reported that the same Ought Not to Pass.

Signed:

Senators:
   CUSHING of Penobscot
   DION of Cumberland

Representatives:
   BERRY of Bowdoinham
   COOPER of Yarmouth
   DeCHANT of Bath
   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 "A" (H-707).

Signed:

Senator:
   WOODSOME of York

Representatives:
   HANLEY of Pittston
   HARVELL of Farmington
   O’CONNOR of Berwick
   WADSWORTH of Hiram

Comes from the House with the Majority OUGHT NOT TO PASS Report READ and ACCEPTED.
(5-4) The Majority of the Committee on HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES on Bill "An Act To Protect Substance-exposed Infants"

H.P. 746  L.D. 1063

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "B" (H-678).**

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 Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "B" (H-678).**
(5-5) Senator DOW for the Committee on TAXATION on Bill "An Act To Clarify the Sales Tax Exemption for Vehicles Used in Interstate or Foreign Commerce" S.P. 633  L.D. 1734

Reported that the same Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-438).

Divided Report

(5-6) The Majority of the Committee on ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY on Bill "An Act To Control Electricity Transmission Costs through the Development of Nontransmission Alternatives" S.P. 516  L.D. 1487

Reported that the same Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-435).

Signed:

Senators:
  WOODSOME of York
  DION of Cumberland

Representatives:
  BERRY of Bowdoinham
  COOPER of Yarmouth
  DeCHANT of Bath
  RILEY of Jay
  SANBORN of Portland

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

Signed:

Senator:
  CUSHING of Penobscot

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

(5-7) The Majority of the Committee on ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY on Bill "An Act To Authorize the Public Utilities Commission To Determine the Amount of the E-9-1-1 Surcharge"

S.P. 615  L.D. 1671

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

Signed:

Senator:
   DION of Cumberland

Representatives:
   BERRY of Bowdoinham
   COOPER of Yarmouth
   DeCHANT of Bath
   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 "A" (S-436)**.

Signed:

Senators:
   WOODSOME of York
   CUSHING of Penobscot

Representatives:
   HANLEY of Pittston
   HARVELL of Farmington
   O'CONNOR of Berwick
   WADSWORTH of Hiram

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Divided Report

(5-8) The Majority of the Committee on TAXATION on Bill "An Act To Amend the Maine Tax Laws"

S.P. 676 L.D. 1805

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-439).**

Signed:

Senators:

- DOW of Lincoln
- CUSHING of Penobscot

Representatives:

- TIPPING of Orono
- BICKFORD of Auburn
- GRANT of Gardiner
- HILLIARD of Belgrade
- POULIOT of Augusta
- STANLEY of Medway
- TERRY of Gorham
- WARD of Dedham

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "B" (S-440).**

Signed:

Senator:

- CHENETTE of York

Representatives:

- COOPER of Yarmouth
- TEPLER of Topsham

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SECOND READERS

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

House As Amended

(6-1) Bill "An Act To Create Mental Health Liaison Positions in Each County Jail"
H.P. 679  L.D. 966
(C "A" H-700)

ENACTORS

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

Acts

(7-1) An Act To Protect Licensing Information of Medical Professionals
S.P. 430  L.D. 1267
(C "A" S-424)

(7-2) An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Education
H.P. 1271  L.D. 1829
(C "A" H-694; S "A" S-427)

(7-3) An Act To Amend the State's Electronic Waste Laws
H.P. 1284  L.D. 1847
(C "A" H-696)
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 Elwood Edgerly, Chris Maas and Lesley Fernow, all of Dover-Foxcroft

SLS 768

Tabled - March 27, 2018 by Senator DAVIS of Piscataquis

Pending - PASSAGE

2.

Tabled and Later Assigned

Emergency

SENATE REPORTS - from the Committee on HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES on Bill "An Act To Strengthen Requirements for Water Testing for Schools" (EMERGENCY)

S.P. 20  L.D. 40

(C "A" S-406)

Majority - Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-406) (9 members)

Minority - Ought Not to Pass (4 members)

Tabled - March 27, 2018 by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin

Pending - ACCEPTANCE OF EITHER REPORT
3. Tabled and Later Assigned

SENATE REPORTS - from the Committee on INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES on Bill "An Act To Establish a Student Loan Bill of Rights To License and Regulate Student Loan Servicers"

S.P. 532  L.D. 1507
(C "A" S-188; C "B" S-405)

Majority - Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "B" (S-405) (12 members)

Minority - Ought Not to Pass (1 member)

Tabled - March 27, 2018 by Senator WHITTEMORE of Somerset

Pending - ACCEPTANCE OF EITHER REPORT

4. Tabled and Later Assigned

JOINT ORDER - Expression of Legislative Sentiment Recognizing Jon James, of China

SLS 779

Tabled - March 28, 2018 by Senator KATZ of Kennebec

Pending - PASSAGE
5.

Tabled and Later Assigned

An Act To Require Education and Training Regarding Harassment for Legislators, Legislative Staff and Lobbyists

S.P. 695  L.D. 1842
(C "A" S-387)

Tabled - March 28, 2018 by Senator LIBBY of Androscoggin

Pending - ENACTMENT

(In House, PASSED TO BE ENACTED.)

6.

Tabled and Later Assigned

Resolve, To Establish a Task Force To Examine Agricultural Issues (EMERGENCY)

S.P. 646  L.D. 1747
(C "A" S-388)

Tabled - March 29, 2018 by Senator DAVIS of Piscataquis

Pending - FURTHER CONSIDERATION

(In Senate, March 20, 2018, on motion by Senator DAVIS of Piscataquis, Report "A", OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-388), READ and ACCEPTED and the Resolve PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-388).)

(In House, Report "A", OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-388), READ and ACCEPTED and the Resolve PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-388) AS AMENDED BY HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" (H-690) thereto in NON-CONCURRENCE.)
7.

Tabled and Later Assigned

JOINT ORDER - Expression of Legislative Sentiment Recognizing Julius Eugene Ciembroniewicz, of Winthrop

HLS 1005

Tabled - March 29, 2018 by Senator KATZ of Kennebec

Pending - ADOPTION

(In House, READ and ADOPTED.)

8.

Tabled and Later Assigned

HOUSE REPORTS - from the Committee on APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS on Bill "An Act To Align the Criteria Used by the Maine Public Employees Retirement System in Determining Veterans' Disability Claims with the Criteria Used by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs"

H.P. 365  L.D. 521
(C "A" H-688)

Majority - Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-688) (8 members)

Minority - Ought Not to Pass (5 members)

Tabled - April 2, 2018 by Senator HAMPER of Oxford

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-688).)
9.

Tabled and Later Assigned

HOUSE REPORTS - from the Committee on HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES on Bill "An Act To Improve Housing Support in the Bridging Rental Assistance Program"
H.P. 1193  L.D. 1713
(C "A" H-663)

Majority - Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-663) (7 members)

Minority - Ought Not to Pass (6 members)

Tabled - April 2, 2018 by Senator JACKSON of Aroostook

Pending - motion by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin to ACCEPT the Minority OUGHT NOT TO PASS Report in NON-CONCURRENCE (Roll Call Ordered)

(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-663).)

10.

Tabled and Later Assigned

Bill "An Act Regarding Energy Costs"
H.P. 1328  L.D. 1895

Tabled - April 3, 2018 by Senator WOODSOME of York

Pending - REFERENCE

(In House, REFERRED to the Committee on ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY and ordered printed.)
11.

Tabled and Later Assigned

HOUSE REPORTS - from the Committee on LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT on Bill "An Act To Provide Economic Security to Maine Families through the Creation of a Paid Family Medical Leave System"

H.P. 1091  L.D. 1587
(C "A" H-699)

Majority - Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-699) (8 members)

Minority - Ought Not to Pass (5 members)

Tabled - April 3, 2018 by Senator VOLK of Cumberland

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-699).)
12.

Tabled and Later Assigned

HOUSE REPORTS - from the Committee on VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS on Bill "An Act To Authorize Tribal Gaming"

H.P. 838  L.D. 1201
(C "A" H-697)

Majority - Ought Not to Pass (7 members)

Minority - Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-697) (6 members)

Tabled - April 3, 2018 by Senator MASON of Androscoggin

Pending - motion by same Senator to ACCEPT the Majority OUGHT NOT TO PASS Report

(In House, Minority OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED Report READ and ACCEPTED and the Bill PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-697).)

13.

Tabled and Later Assigned

SENATE REPORTS - From the Committee on HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES on Bill "An Act To Increase Reimbursement For Child Care Services"

S.P. 58  L.D. 166

Majority - Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-407) (8 members) [CHIPMAN]

Minority - Ought Not to Pass (5 members) [BRAKEY, HAMPER]

Tabled - April 3, 2018 by Senator MASON of Androscoggin

Pending - Motion by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin to ADOPT Senate Amendment “A” (S-423) to Committee Amendment "A" (S-407) (Roll Call Ordered)
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**

2. 

JOINT ORDER - Establishing the Task Force To Study Rising Transmission and Distribution Costs

H.P. 1320

Tabled - March 29, 2018 by Senator **JACKSON** of Aroostook

Pending - **PASSAGE**

3. 

Resolve, Establishing the Commission To Study the Economic, Environmental and Energy Benefits of Energy Storage to the Maine Electricity Industry

S.P. 640  L.D. 1741
(C "A" S-373; S "A" S-402)

Tabled - March 29, 2018 by Senator **VOLK** of Cumberland

Pending - **FINAL PASSAGE**
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