

**STATE OF MAINE
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In Senate Chamber
Tuesday
January 10, 2017

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

Prayer by Pastor Glenn Peterson, Hope Baptist Church.

PASTOR PETERSON: Heavenly Father, I thank You for the passion of these Senators to serve the people of the State of Maine. They want to help people, that is why they are here today, but they have a difficult job. They are frequently in a hurry or under stress. Most days they have so much to do in such a small window of time. I am sure that sometimes their passion to get things done often takes precedence over their calling from You to love people well. Rather than enjoying the diversity of perspectives, insights, and emotional wiring in others, it's tempting to just endure people. Sometimes we can even resent people who slow us down or get in our way. So today help these Senators to accept each other, regardless of whether or not they agree with one another. Father, I am grateful that You are the God who gives patience and encouragement because we need both. We need patience to enjoy and accept the rich tapestry of people and perspectives that surround us, where we live, work, and play, and we need encouragement to keep on keeping on in the midst of long days. Lord, make us kinder and more flexible today. Suffering from the hardening of the categories may be normal, but it isn't necessary. When others grate on our nerves, give us grace in our heart. When we want to roll our eyes in annoyance, help us to roll up our sleeves in service. For Your glory, Father, make us more like the Jesus who kindly served his disciples by washing their feet. So we pray in Your wonderful and merciful name. Amen.

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

Reading of the Journal of Thursday, January 5, 2017.

Doctor of the day, Connie Adler, M.D. of Chesterville.

Off Record Remarks

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

House Papers

Bill "An Act To Allow Conveyance of Land Previously Conveyed
by the State to the Town of Bridgton"
H.P. 8 L.D. 7

Bill "An Act To Protect Maine's Forest Rangers"
H.P. 9 L.D. 8

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

On motion by Senator **MASON** of Androscoggin, **REFERRED** to
the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND
FORESTRY** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Prohibit the Creation of a Firearms Owner
Registry"
H.P. 10 L.D. 9

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on
CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY and ordered
printed.

On motion by Senator **ROSEN** of Hancock, **REFERRED** to the
Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** and
ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Build Greater Accountability into the General
Assistance Program by Increasing the Penalty for Falsely
Representing Information on an Application for General
Assistance"
H.P. 11 L.D. 10

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

On motion by Senator **BRAKEY** of Androscoggin, **REFERRED** to
the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** and
ordered printed, in concurrence.

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of
Maine To Establish the Right To Hunt and Fish
H.P. 12 L.D. 11

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on
INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator **CYRWAY** of Kennebec, **TABLED** until
Later in Today's Session, pending **REFERENCE**.

Bill "An Act To Incorporate Protections for Living Donors into Maine Law"

H.P. 13 L.D. 12

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator **WHITTEMORE** of Somerset, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Require Certain Licensing Boards To Report Cases of Sexual Abuse of a Patient or Client by a Licensee to a Law Enforcement Agency or the Department of Health and Human Services"

H.P. 14 L.D. 13

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator **MASON** of Androscoggin, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Extend the Legal Hours for Harvesting Lobster"

H.P. 15 L.D. 14

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **MARINE RESOURCES** and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator **MAKER** of Washington, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **MARINE RESOURCES** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act Concerning the Property Tax Levy Limit"

H.P. 16 L.D. 15

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator **DAVIS** of Piscataquis, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Exempt Certain Individuals Who Are 70 Years of Age or Older from Maine Income Tax"

H.P. 17 L.D. 16

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TAXATION** and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator **DOW** of Lincoln, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TAXATION** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Joint Resolution

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

Clinton B. "Bill" Townsend, of Canaan, a tireless advocate for Maine's environment for over 50 years. Mr. Townsend began work with the Natural Resources Council of Maine in 1960. A skilled attorney, he helped lead the campaign to create the Allagash Wilderness Waterway and also helped to stop a dam at Big Amberjackmockamus Falls as well as the proposed Basin Mills Dam in the lower Penobscot watershed. He led many negotiations over the years to stop destructive practices and protect places at risk. Mr. Townsend was a member of the council's Board of Directors for nearly 30 years and served as president from 1965 to 1970. He also served the State in numerous posts, including as a member of the Land Use Regulation Commission, the Land for Maine's Future Board, the Whitewater Rafting Advisory Committee and the Task Force on Water Pollution Control. President George H.W. Bush appointed him as one of three American commissioners of the North Atlantic Salmon Conservation Organization. Mr. Townsend will be long remembered for his dedication to environmental issues and will be sadly missed by his loving family and many friends;

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Comes from the House **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

READ.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Carson.

Senator **CARSON:** Good morning, Mr. President. I am unfamiliar with the process. I would like to speak very briefly with regard to Clinton Townsend at the appropriate time.

THE PRESIDENT: The Senator may proceed.

Senator **CARSON:** Thank you, Mr. President. I had the great privilege of being mentored by Bill Townsend, the tree giant among conservation leaders in our state and also an extraordinary community leader. There's a great synopsis of the contributions that Bill Townsend made to the life of our state, particularly to the long-term health and well-being of our environment. I would like simply to add something that his daughter said at his memorial service last Friday in Canaan, and that is that one day, hopefully soon, again the first salmon caught in the Penobscot River, which Bill worked so hard and so long to restore, will be sent to the President of the United States to be served at the White House. Thank you, Mr. President.

ADOPTED, in concurrence.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: S.C. 14

**STATE OF MAINE
128TH LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT**

January 5, 2017

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

Dear Secretary Priest:

Pursuant to my authority under Joint Rule 354, I have made the following appointments to the Committee on Joint Rules:

Senator Garrett P. Mason of Androscoggin, Chair
Senator Andre E. Cushing III of Penobscot
Senator Paul T. Davis, Sr. of Piscataquis
Senator Troy D. Jackson of Aroostook
Senator Nathan L. Libby of Androscoggin

If you have any questions regarding these appointments, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,

S/Michael Thibodeau
President of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 15

**STATE OF MAINE
128TH LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT**

January 5, 2017

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

Dear Secretary Priest:

Pursuant to my authority under Senate Order 2, I have made the following appointments to the Committee on Senatorial Vote:

Senator James M. Hamper of Oxford, Chair
Senator Garrett P. Mason of Androscoggin
Senator Andre E. Cushing III of Penobscot
Senator Amy F. Volk of Cumberland
Senator Nathan L. Libby of Androscoggin
Senator G. William Diamond of Cumberland

Senator Michael E. Carpenter of Aroostook

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

S/Michael D. Thibodeau
President of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 16

**STATE OF MAINE
128TH LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT**

January 5, 2017

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

Dear Secretary Priest:

Pursuant to my authority under Senate Rule 201.5, I have made the following appointments to the Committee on Engrossed Bills:

Senator Dana L. Dow of Lincoln, Chair
Senator Joyce A. Maker of Washington
Senator Geoffrey M. Gratwick of Penobscot
Senator James F. Dill of Penobscot

If you have any questions regarding these appointments, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,

S/Michael Thibodeau
President of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 17

**STATE OF MAINE
128TH LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT**

January 5, 2017

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

Dear Secretary Priest:

Pursuant to my authority under Senate Rule 201.6, I have made the following appointments to the Committee on Conduct and Ethics:

- Senator Roger J. Katz of Kennebec, Chair
- Senator Brian D. Langley of Hancock
- Senator Ronald F. Collins of York
- Senator Mark N. Dion of Cumberland
- Senator Justin M. Chenette of York

If you have any questions regarding these appointments, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,

S/Michael Thibodeau
President of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 18

**STATE OF MAINE
128TH LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT**

January 5, 2017

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

Dear Secretary Priest:

Pursuant to my authority under Senate Rule 201.5, I have made the following appointments to the Committee on Bills in the Second Reading:

- Senator Thomas B. Saviello of Franklin, Chair
- Senator Kimberley C. Rosen of Hancock
- Senator Rebecca J. Millett of Cumberland
- Senator David R. Miramant of Knox

If you have any questions regarding these appointments, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,

S/Michael Thibodeau
President of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 19

**STATE OF MAINE
128TH LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT**

January 5, 2017

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

Dear Secretary Priest:

Pursuant to my authority under Senate Rule 201.3, I have made the following appointments to the Senate Rules Committee:

- Senator Garrett P. Mason of Androscoggin, Chair
- Senator Andre E. Cushing III of Penobscot
- Senator Roger J. Katz of Kennebec
- Senator Troy D. Jackson of Aroostook
- Senator Nathan L. Libby of Androscoggin

If you have any questions regarding these appointments, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,

S/Michael Thibodeau
President of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 20

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

January 5, 2017

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

Dear President Thibodeau:

This is to inform you that I am today nominating Joel C. Allumbaugh of Pittston for reappointment to the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority.

Pursuant to Title 4, MRSA §1602, this reappointment is contingent on the Maine Senate confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government.

Sincerely,

S/Paul R. LePage
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 21

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

January 5, 2017

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

Dear President Thibodeau:

This is to inform you that I am today nominating John G. Melrose of Vassalboro for reappointment to the Northern New England Passenger Rail Authority.

Pursuant to Title 23, MRSA §8112, this reappointment is contingent on the Maine Senate confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation.

Sincerely,

S/Paul R. LePage
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 23

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

January 5, 2017

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

Dear President Thibodeau:

This is to inform you that I am today nominating Ret. Chief Alfred R. Skolfield of Winthrop for appointment to the Gambling Control Board.

Pursuant to Title 8, MRSA §1002, this appointment is contingent on the Maine Senate confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs.

Sincerely,

S/Paul R. LePage
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 22

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

January 5, 2017

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

Dear President Thibodeau:

This is to inform you that I am today nominating Philip A. Brookhouse of Auburn for reappointment to the Board of Trustees, Maine Public Employees Retirement System.

Pursuant to Title 5, MRSA §17102, this reappointment is contingent on the Maine Senate confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs.

Sincerely,

S/Paul R. LePage
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 24

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

January 5, 2017

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

Dear President Thibodeau:

This is to inform you that I am today nominating Ms. Barbara J. Dresser, Esq., of Saco for reappointment to the Gambling Control Board.

Pursuant to Title 8, MRSA §1002, this reappointment is contingent on the Maine Senate confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs.

Sincerely,

S/Paul R. LePage
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 25

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

January 5, 2017

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

Dear President Thibodeau,

This is to inform you that I am today nominating The Honorable Richard A. Nass of Acton for reappointment to the Maine Board of Tax Appeals.

Pursuant to Title 36, MRSA §151-D, this reappointment is contingent on the Maine Senate confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Taxation.

Sincerely,

S/Paul R. LePage
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 27

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

January 6, 2017

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

Dear President Thibodeau:

This is to inform you that I am today nominating Geoffrey S. Smith of Portland for reappointment to the Marine Resources Advisory Council.

Pursuant to Title 12, MRSA §6024, this reappointment is contingent on the Maine Senate confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Marine Resources.

Sincerely,

S/Paul R. LePage
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 26

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

January 6, 2017

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

Dear President Thibodeau:

This is to inform you that I am today nominating Ronald A. Trundy of Stonington for appointment to the Marine Resources Advisory Council.

Pursuant to Title 12, MRSA §6024, this appointment is contingent on the Maine Senate confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Marine Resources.

Sincerely,

S/Paul R. LePage
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 28

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

January 6, 2017

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

Dear President Thibodeau:

This is to inform you that I am today nominating Rebecca A. Grant of Augusta for reappointment to the State Civil Service Appeals Board.

Pursuant to Title 5, MRSA §7081, this reappointment is contingent on the Maine Senate confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government.

Sincerely,

S/Paul R. LePage
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 29

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

January 6, 2017

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

Dear President Thibodeau:

This is to inform you that I am today nominating Daniel G. Casavant of Waterville for reappointment to the State Civil Service Appeals Board.

Pursuant to Title 5, MRSA §7081, this reappointment is contingent on the Maine Senate confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government.

Sincerely,

S/Paul R. LePage
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 31

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

January 6, 2017

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

Dear President Thibodeau:

This is to inform you that I am today nominating Earle A. Cianchette of Saco for reappointment to the Board of Trustees, Maine Maritime Academy.

Pursuant to P&SL 1975, Chapter 771 §428, this reappointment 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

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 30

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

January 6, 2017

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

Dear President Thibodeau:

This is to inform you that I am today nominating The Hon. W. Thomas Sawyer, Jr. of Richmond Hills, GA for reappointment to the Board of Trustees, Maine Maritime Academy.

Pursuant to P&SL 1975, Chapter 771 §428, this reappointment 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

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 32

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

January 6, 2017

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

Dear President Thibodeau:

This is to inform you that I am today nominating Dr. David M. MacMahon of Poland for reappointment to the Maine Community College System Board of Trustees.

Pursuant to Title 20-A, MRSA §12705, this reappointment 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

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 33

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

January 6, 2017

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

Dear President Thibodeau:

This is to inform you that I am today nominating Laurence R. Grondin of Scarborough for reappointment to the Maine Community College System Board of Trustees.

Pursuant to Title 20-A, MRSA §12705, this reappointment 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

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 13

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE
SECRETARY OF STATE**

January 4, 2017

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

Dear President Thibodeau,

The following is a summary of the results of the November 8, 2016 Referendum Election, as derived from the accompanying copies of the Governor's Proclamations and the Secretary of State's Official Tabulation of the election results.

Question 1: Citizen Initiative

Number of Votes in Favor 381,768
Number of Votes Opposed 377,773

A recount was conducted for Question 1 on December 5-16. At the conclusion of the recount, the above-referenced vote totals were agreed to by the participants. These totals include the recount results for those municipalities that were recounted, as well as the election night totals for the municipalities that were not

recounted. The Governor signed the proclamation for Question 1 on December 31, 2016.

Question 2: Citizen Initiative

Number of Votes in Favor 383,428
Number of Votes Opposed 373,848

Although a recount was requested for this ballot measure, the request was withdrawn on November 29, 2016, prior to the start of the recount. The Governor signed the proclamation for Question 2 on December 11, 2016.

Question 3: Citizen Initiative

Number of Votes in Favor 366,770
Number of Votes Opposed 394,157

The Governor signed the proclamation for Question 3 on December 8, 2016.

Question 4: Citizen Initiative

Number of Votes in Favor 420,892
Number of Votes Opposed 337,486

The Governor signed the proclamation for Question 4 on December 8, 2016.

Question 5: Citizen Initiative

Number of Votes in Favor 388,273
Number of Votes Opposed 356,621

The Governor signed the proclamation for Question 5 on December 8, 2016.

Question 6: Bond Issue

Number of Votes in Favor 457,864
Number of Votes Opposed 290,062

The Governor signed the proclamation for Question 6 on December 8, 2016.

Sincerely,

S/Matthew Dunlap
Secretary of State

READ and with accompanying papers ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

All matters thus acted upon were ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

Senate at Ease.

The Senate was called to order by the President.

SENATE PAPERS

Bill "An Act To Deter the Dealing of Dangerous Drugs"
S.P. 22 L.D. 42

Presented by Senator CYRWAY of Kennebec.
Cosponsored by Representative NADEAU of Winslow and
Senators: DAVIS of Piscataquis, DIAMOND of Cumberland, DOW
of Lincoln, JACKSON of Aroostook, VOLK of Cumberland,
Representatives: BRADSTREET of Vassalboro, TUELL of East
Machias, WOOD of Greene.

Bill "An Act To Lower the Age Requirement To Carry a Concealed
Handgun"
S.P. 24 L.D. 44

Presented by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin.
Cosponsored by Representative CEBRA of Naples and Senator:
MASON of Androscoggin, Representatives: O'CONNOR of
Berwick, SANDERSON of Chelsea.

On motion by Senator **ROSEN** of Hancock, **REFERRED** to the
Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** and
ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Increase the Size of Grants under the Maine State
Grant Program"
S.P. 11 L.D. 32

Presented by Senator MILLETT of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative DAUGHTRY of Brunswick and
Senators: BREEN of Cumberland, HILL of York, KATZ of
Kennebec, LANGLEY of Hancock, Representatives: HUBBELL of
Bar Harbor, JORGENSEN of Portland, PIERCE of Falmouth,
TIPPING of Orono.

Bill "An Act To Strengthen Requirements for Water Testing for
Schools" (EMERGENCY)
S.P. 20 L.D. 40

Presented by Senator MILLETT of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative KORNFIELD of Bangor and
Senators: BREEN of Cumberland, DESCHAMBAULT of York,
GRATWICK of Penobscot, LANGLEY of Hancock, MAKER of
Washington, Representatives: DAUGHTRY of Brunswick,
FARNSWORTH of Portland, PIERCE of Falmouth.

Resolve, To Establish the Task Force To Study Higher Education
Attainment and Completion Goals
S.P. 23 L.D. 43

Presented by Senator MILLETT of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative PIERCE of Falmouth and
Senators: DILL of Penobscot, KATZ of Kennebec, LANGLEY of
Hancock, MAKER of Washington, VITELLI of Sagadahoc,
Representatives: DAUGHTRY of Brunswick, JORGENSEN of
Portland, KORNFIELD of Bangor.

On motion by Senator **LANGLEY** of Hancock, **REFERRED** to the
Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** and
ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Adjust the Lifetime Limit for the Receipt of TANF
Benefits"
S.P. 12 L.D. 33

Presented by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin.
Cosponsored by Senator: MASON of Androscoggin,
Representative: CHACE of Durham.

Bill "An Act To Promote Equity in Business Opportunity for
Tobacco Specialty Stores"
S.P. 13 L.D. 34

Presented by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin.
Cosponsored by Senator: HAMPER of Oxford, Representatives:
HEAD of Bethel, MALABY of Hancock, O'CONNOR of Berwick,
SANDERSON of Chelsea, SIROCKI of Scarborough, WARD of
Dedham.

Bill "An Act To Create a 9-month Time Limit on General
Assistance Benefits for Certain Persons"
S.P. 15 L.D. 36

Presented by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin.
Cosponsored by Senator: MASON of Androscoggin,
Representatives: CHACE of Durham, HEAD of Bethel.

On motion by Senator **BRAKEY** of Androscoggin, **REFERRED** to
the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** and
ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Strengthen the Maine Children's Growth Council"
S.P. 17 L.D. 38

Presented by Senator MILLETT of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative FARNSWORTH of Portland and
Senators: BREEN of Cumberland, CARSON of Cumberland,
LANGLEY of Hancock, MAKER of Washington, VITELLI of
Sagadahoc, Representatives: DAUGHTRY of Brunswick,
PIERCE of Falmouth, POULIOT of Augusta.

Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** suggested and
ordered printed.

On motion by Senator **BRAKEY** of Androscoggin, **TABLED** until
Later in Today's Session, pending **REFERENCE**.

Resolve, To Allow the Unlicensed Ownership of Hedgehogs as Pets

S.P. 14 L.D. 35

Presented by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin. Cosponsored by Representative SIROCKI of Scarborough and Representatives: CHACE of Durham, HAMANN of South Portland, HARLOW of Portland, KINNEY of Knox, MALABY of Hancock, MASON of Lisbon.

Bill "An Act To Exempt a Person under 18 Years of Age from the Requirement To Wear a Helmet While on an All-terrain Vehicle in Certain Circumstances"

S.P. 21 L.D. 41

Presented by Senator DAVIS of Piscataquis. Cosponsored by Representative BLACK of Wilton and Senators: COLLINS of York, KATZ of Kennebec, KEIM of Oxford, Representatives: FARRIN of Norridgewock, MARTIN of Sinclair, STEARNS of Guilford.

On motion by Senator CYRWAY of Kennebec, REFERRED to the Committee on INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Clarify Landowners' Liability Regarding Public Access"

S.P. 18 L.D. 39

Presented by Senator SAVIELLO of Franklin. Cosponsored by Representative BLACK of Wilton and Senator: DAVIS of Piscataquis, Representatives: SKOLFIELD of Weld, TIMBERLAKE of Turner.

Bill "An Act To Provide Consistency among Medical Professionals with Regard to Jury Duty Exemption"

S.P. 26 L.D. 46

Presented by Senator LIBBY of Androscoggin.

On motion by Senator KEIM of Oxford, REFERRED to the Committee on JUDICIARY and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Provide a Career and Technical Education Training Option for Plumbers"

S.P. 16 L.D. 37

Presented by Senator MILLETT of Cumberland. Cosponsored by Representative KORNFELD of Bangor and Senators: BREEN of Cumberland, CARPENTER of Aroostook, CHENETTE of York, DESCHAMBAULT of York, DIAMOND of Cumberland, LIBBY of Androscoggin, Representatives: DAUGHTRY of Brunswick, PIERCE of Falmouth.

On motion by Senator VOLK of Cumberland, REFERRED to the Committee on LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act Concerning the Ownership of a Causeway on Long Lake near St. Agatha"

S.P. 25 L.D. 45

Presented by Senator JACKSON of Aroostook. Cosponsored by Representative MARTIN of Sinclair.

On motion by Senator DAVIS of Piscataquis, REFERRED to the Committee on STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

All matters thus acted upon were ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

ORDERS

Joint Order

On motion by Senator MASON of Androscoggin, the following Joint Order:

S.P. 19

ORDERED, the House concurring, that the Joint Rules be amended by amending Joint Rule 215, subsection 1 as follows: 1. ~~Calling of United States Constitutional Convention a~~ **Convention for Proposing Amendments**. An item ~~requesting the calling of a United States Constitutional Convention applying to Congress for the calling of a convention for proposing an amendment or amendments to the United States Constitution~~ requires a ~~2/3~~ **majority** vote of the members present in each chamber;

READ.

On motion by Senator MASON of Androscoggin, TABLED until Later in Today's Session, pending **PASSAGE**.

Off Record Remarks

All matters thus acted upon were ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

On motion by Senator **MASON** of Androscoggin, **ADJOURNED**
until Wednesday, January 11, 2017 at 10:00 in the morning.