

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE
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In Senate Chamber
Tuesday
March 14, 2017

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

Prayer by Marcia Homstead of Pittsfield.

MS. HOMSTEAD: Good morning. Heavenly Father, sometimes life gets us down and we find it difficult to be thankful for Your many blessings. Lord, we ask that You open our eyes to see and be thankful for the gifts You've given us and to open our hearts so that we may use those gifts to help those less fortunate. Your word tells us to clothe ourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. We pray that You would give us the courage to live each day sharing Your word through our actions, seeking You first in all we do. We thank You for the beauty of a winter storm and we pray for the safety of all who will be traveling today. We pray all of this in the name of Your son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Senator Lisa M. Keim of Oxford County.

Reading of the Journal of Thursday, March 9, 2017.

Doctor of the day, Cathleen London, M.D. of Milbridge.

Off Record Remarks

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

Non-Concurrent Matter

JOINT RESOLUTION - Expression of Legislative Sentiment in Memory of the Honorable Paulette G. Beaudoin of Biddeford
SLS 47

In Senate, February 7, 2017, **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

Comes from the House, Senate Legislative Sentiment **INDEFINITELY POSTPONED**, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

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

Non-Concurrent Matter

Bill "An Act To Fund and Enhance the Maine Diversion Alert Program" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 182 L.D. 249

In Senate, February 7, 2017, on motion by Senator **BRAKEY** of Androscoggin, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

Comes from the House, that Body having **INSISTED** on its former action whereby the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator **ROSEN** of Hancock, the Senate **RECEDED** and **CONCURRED**.

Non-Concurrent Matter

Bill "An Act To Address Mandatory Overtime for Hospital Professionals"

S.P. 300 L.D. 898

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

In Senate, March 7, 2017, on motion by Senator **VOLK** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** and ordered printed.

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

On motion by Senator **BRAKEY** of Androscoggin, the Senate **RECEDED** and **CONCURRED**.

Non-Concurrent Matter

Bill "An Act To Facilitate the Return of Unclaimed Property"
S.P. 230 L.D. 668

Committee on **JUDICIARY** suggested and ordered printed.

In Senate, March 7, 2017, on motion by Senator **DAVIS** of Piscataquis, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** and ordered printed.

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY**, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

On motion by Senator **KEIM** of Oxford, the Senate **RECEDED** and **CONCURRED**.

Non-Concurrent Matter

Bill "An Act To Ensure Transparency in Public Union Negotiations"

H.P. 552 L.D. 772

Committee on **JUDICIARY** suggested and ordered printed.

In Senate, March 7, 2017, on motion by Senator **KEIM** of Oxford, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY**, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

Comes from the House, that Body having **ADHERED** to its former action whereby the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**.

On motion by Senator **LANGLEY** of Hancock, the Senate **RECEDED** and **CONCURRED**.

House Papers

Bill "An Act To Protect Maine Families by Enhancing Well Water Regulation"

H.P. 658 L.D. 930

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator **SAVIELLO** of Franklin, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Prohibit Certain Gifts to Health Care Practitioners"

H.P. 639 L.D. 911

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 Use Taxes on Nonmedical Marijuana and Increase the Tax on Cigarettes To Partially Offset the 3% Income Tax Surcharge"

H.P. 499 L.D. 708

Committee on **TAXATION** suggested and ordered printed.

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Joint Select Committee on **MARIJUANA LEGALIZATION IMPLEMENTATION**.

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

The Chair noted the absence of the Senator from Cumberland, Senator **BREEN**, the Senator from York, Senator **CHENETTE**, the Senator from Cumberland, Senator **VOLK**, the Senator from York, Senator **COLLINS**, the Senator from Cumberland, Senator **DION**, the Senator from York, Senator **HILL**, and the Senator from Cumberland, Senator **MILLETT**, and further excused the same Senators from today's Roll Call votes.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: S.C. 189

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS**

March 8, 2017

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 Veterans and Legal Affairs has had under consideration the nomination of Julie A. Sheehan of Cape Elizabeth, for appointment to the State Liquor and Lottery Commission.

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	Carpenter of Aroostook, Collins of York
	Representatives	9	Luchini of Ellsworth, Casas of Rockport, Dillingham of Oxford, Farrin of Norridgewock, Hanington of Lincoln, Hickman of Winthrop, Longstaff of Waterville, Schneck of Bangor, White of Washburn

NAYS 0
ABSENT 2 Sen. Mason of Androscoggin,
Rep. Monaghan of Cape
Elizabeth

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 Julie A. Sheehan of Cape Elizabeth, for appointment to the State Liquor and Lottery Commission be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Garrett P. Mason
Senate Chair

S/Louis J. Luchini
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall the recommendation of the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** be overridden?"

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Kennebec, Senator Katz.

Senator **KATZ:** Thank you, Mr. President and men and women of the Senate, I rise in support of the Governor's nomination. Julie Sheehan will be an excellent addition to this commission. She has had several years' experience as a realtor. She's been a safety director. But more to the subject matter, she has ten years of experience in the spirits industry. Julie's been very active in her committee and will be a wonderful addition to this commission and is already hitting the ground running. Thank you, Mr. President.

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Chapter 6, Section 158, and with Joint Rule 506 of the 128th Legislature, the vote was taken by the Yeas and Nays.

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#39)

YEAS: Senators: None

NAYS: Senators: BELLOWS, BRAKEY, CARPENTER,
CARSON, CHIPMAN, CUSHING,
CYRWAY, DAVIS, DESCHAMBAULT,
DIAMOND, DILL, DOW, GRATWICK,
HAMPER, JACKSON, KATZ, KEIM,
LANGLEY, LIBBY, MAKER, MASON,
MIRAMANT, ROSEN, SAVIELLO,
VITELLI, WHITTEMORE, WOODSOME,
PRESIDENT THIBODEAU

EXCUSED: Senators: BREEN, CHENETTE, COLLINS, DION,
HILL, MILLETT, VOLK

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 28 Senators having voted in the negative, with 7 Senators being excused, and none being less than two-thirds of the Membership present and voting, it was the vote of the Senate that the Committee's recommendation be **ACCEPTED** and the nomination of **Julie A. Sheehan** of Cape Elizabeth for appointment to the State Liquor and Lottery Commission was **CONFIRMED**.

The Secretary has so informed the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair is pleased to recognize in the rear of the Chamber Julie A. Sheehan. Would she please rise and accept the congratulations of the State Senate.

The Following Communication: S.C. 191

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

March 9, 2017

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

Dear Secretary Priest:

Pursuant to my authority under Joint Order, SP210, I am pleased to appoint the following individuals to the Task Force to Address the Opiate Crisis in the State, effective date of this letter.

Dr. Steven E. Diaz of Augusta
Ms. Katie Fullam Harris of Cumberland
Mr. Gordon H. Smith of East Winthrop
Sherriff Jeffrey Trafton of Thorndike

Please let me know if you have any questions regarding this appointment.

Sincerely,

S/Michael D. Thibodeau
President of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 192

**STATE OF MAINE
128TH LEGISLATURE
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March 9, 2017

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

Dear Secretary Priest:

Pursuant to my authority under Joint Order, SP210, I am pleased to appoint the following Senators to the Task Force to Address the Opiate Crisis in the State, effective date of this letter.

Senator Andre E. Cushing III of Penobscot, Chair
Senator Scott. W. Cyrway of Kennebec
Senator James F. Dill of Penobscot
Senator Geoffrey M. Gratwick of Penobscot

Please let me know if you have any questions regarding this appointment.

Sincerely,

S/Michael D. Thibodeau
President of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 193

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

March 9, 2017

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

Dear Secretary Priest,

Pursuant to my authority under Title 29, USC 2821, Section 111, I am pleased to reappoint Senator Amy F. Volk of Cumberland to the Workforce Investment Board.

Please let me know if you have any questions regarding this appointment.

Sincerely,

S/Michael D. Thibodeau
President of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 190

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON INLAND FISHERIES & WILDLIFE**

March 9, 2017

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. 279 An Act To Give Veterans Priority in the Issuance of Antlerless Deer Permits
- L.D. 325 An Act To Amend the Process for Distributing Any-deer Permits
- L.D. 340 An Act To Provide 100 Percent Disabled Veterans Antlerless Deer Permits in the Zone of Their Choice
- L.D. 341 An Act To Promote Deer Hunting
- L.D. 427 An Act To Give Certain Landowners First Priority for Antlerless Deer Permits
- L.D. 555 An Act To Allow Owners of 25 Acres or More of Land That Is Open to the Public for Hunting To Take Any Deer without a Special Permit

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Scott W. Cyrway
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Robert S. Duchesne
House Chair

READ and with accompanying papers ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 194

**MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF PROGRAM EVALUATION AND
GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

TO: Senator Michael Thibodeau, President of the Senate
Representative Sara Gideon, Speaker of the House
and Democratic and Republican Leaders

FROM: Beth L. Ashcroft, Director

DATE: March 10, 2017
RE: New Markets Capital Investment Program

Attached please find the final report from the Office of Program Evaluation and Government Accountability on New Markets Capital Investment Program. The report is also available on our website at <http://legislature.maine.gov/opega/opega-reports/9149>. The public comment period on this Report has been scheduled for Friday, March 24, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 220 Cross Building.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact me.

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 Protect Abused or Neglected Animals"
S.P. 321 L.D. 982

Presented by Senator CARPENTER of Aroostook.
Cosponsored by Senator: DIAMOND of Cumberland,
Representative: JOHANSEN of Monticello.

Bill "An Act To Improve Soil Quality and Profits for Maine Farms"
S.P. 335 L.D. 1028

Presented by Senator SAVIELLO of Franklin.
Cosponsored by Senators: CARSON of Cumberland, DAVIS of Piscataquis, DILL of Penobscot, WHITTEMORE of Somerset,
Representatives: BLACK of Wilton, HARVELL of Farmington.

On motion by Senator **DAVIS** of Piscataquis, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Abolish the 5-year Cap for Retired State Employees Who Return to Work"
S.P. 336 L.D. 1029

Presented by Senator CARPENTER of Aroostook.
Cosponsored by Representative MARTIN of Eagle Lake and
Senator: DIAMOND of Cumberland.

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Eligibility for Disability Retirement Benefits"

S.P. 346 L.D. 1044

Presented by Senator KATZ of Kennebec.

Bill "An Act To Create More Transparency in the Setting of Normal Teacher Retirement Costs"

S.P. 347 L.D. 1045

Presented by Senator KATZ of Kennebec.

Cosponsored by Representative KORNFIELD of Bangor and
Senators: LANGLEY of Hancock, MAKER of Washington,
Representatives: FARNSWORTH of Portland, HUBBELL of Bar Harbor, STEARNS of Guilford.

On motion by Senator **HAMPER** of Oxford, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Increase Efficiency in the Enforcement of Restitution and Bail Orders"

S.P. 322 L.D. 983

Presented by Senator CARPENTER of Aroostook.
Cosponsored by Representative McCREA of Fort Fairfield and
Representatives: MARTIN of Sinclair, SHERMAN of Hodgdon.

Bill "An Act To Improve School Safety"
S.P. 325 L.D. 986

Presented by Senator DOW of Lincoln.
Cosponsored by Representative SIROCKI of Scarborough and
Senator: DION of Cumberland, Representative: SUTTON of Warren.

Bill "An Act To Protect Law Enforcement Officers by Creating the Crime of Aggravated Assault on an Officer"
S.P. 329 L.D. 990

Presented by Senator DAVIS of Piscataquis.
Cosponsored by Representative CAMPBELL of Orrington,
Representative TURNER of Burlington and Senators: CYRWAY of Kennebec, DIAMOND of Cumberland, DOW of Lincoln,
SAVIELLO of Franklin.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Resolve, To Direct the Department of Education To Form a Study Group To Improve Public Education

S.P. 326 L.D. 987

Presented by Senator DOW of Lincoln.

Bill "An Act Regarding Possession of a Firearm on School Property"

S.P. 327 L.D. 988

Presented by Senator MASON of Androscoggin.
Cosponsored by Representative ALLEY of Beals and Senators: BRAKEY of Androscoggin, CUSHING of Penobscot, CYRWAY of Kennebec, ROSEN of Hancock, Representatives: CEBRA of Naples, PIERCE of Dresden, SIMMONS of Waldoboro, STANLEY of Medway.

Bill "An Act To Assist Student Achievement"

S.P. 333 L.D. 1026

Presented by Senator MASON of Androscoggin.
Cosponsored by Senator: VOLK of Cumberland.

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 Establish Reasonable and Clinically Appropriate Exceptions to Opioid Medication Prescribing Limits" (EMERGENCY)

S.P. 338 L.D. 1031

Presented by Senator GRATWICK of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Representative BERRY of Bowdoinham and Senators: BRAKEY of Androscoggin, CUSHING of Penobscot, DILL of Penobscot, VOLK of Cumberland, Representatives: BROOKS of Lewiston, CHACE of Durham, STANLEY of Medway, TIPPING of Orono.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Allow Junior Hunters To Take an Antlered or Antlerless Deer in Any Wildlife Management District on Youth Deer Hunting Day"

S.P. 344 L.D. 1038

Presented by Senator MAKER of Washington.
Cosponsored by Representative: TUELL of East Machias.

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 Separate the Authorities under the Licenses for Property and Casualty Insurance Adjusters and Workers' Compensation Insurance Adjusters"

S.P. 323 L.D. 984

Presented by Senator WHITTEMORE of Somerset.
Cosponsored by Representative PICCHIOTTI of Fairfield and Senators: KATZ of Kennebec, LANGLEY of Hancock, ROSEN of Hancock.

Bill "An Act To Require Nondiscrimination Policies in Providing Health Care Services"

S.P. 337 L.D. 1030

Presented by Senator CHENETTE of York.
Cosponsored by Representative CASÁS of Rockport and Representative: BEEBE-CENTER of Rockland.

Bill "An Act To Ensure Protection and Health Insurance of Patients"

S.P. 339 L.D. 1032

Presented by Senator GRATWICK of Penobscot.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Promote Impartiality in the Probate Court"

S.P. 345 L.D. 1043

Presented by Senator KATZ of Kennebec.
Cosponsored by Representative BAILEY of Saco and Senators: CARPENTER of Aroostook, DION of Cumberland, HILL of York, Representative: TEPLER of Topsham.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Promote Medical Care for Visiting Athletic Teams"

S.P. 324 L.D. 985

Presented by Senator BREEN of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative FECTION of Biddeford and Senators: BELLOWS of Kennebec, GRATWICK of Penobscot, VOLK of Cumberland, Representative: SANBORN of Portland.

Bill "An Act To Establish a Minimum Wage for Minors"
S.P. 330 L.D. 991

Presented by Senator CYRWAY of Kennebec.
Cosponsored by Representative FOLEY of Wells and Senators:
CHENETTE of York, COLLINS of York, DAVIS of Piscataquis,
DOW of Lincoln, KATZ of Kennebec, Representatives: FARRIN of
Norridgewock, JOHANSEN of Monticello, SAMPSON of Alfred.
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council
pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

Resolve, To Study Repeal of Occupational Licensing
Requirements for Certain Occupations
S.P. 342 L.D. 1036

Presented by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin.
Cosponsored by Senators: LANGLEY of Hancock, VOLK of
Cumberland, Representatives: AUSTIN of Gray, BATES of
Westbrook, LOCKMAN of Amherst, STETKIS of Canaan,
VACHON of Scarborough.

Bill "An Act To Provide for the 2017 and 2018 Allocations of the
State Ceiling on Private Activity Bonds" (EMERGENCY)
S.P. 343 L.D. 1037

Presented by Senator VOLK of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative FECTEAU of Biddeford and
Senator: BELLOWS of Kennebec, Representatives: AUSTIN of
Gray, DOORE of Augusta, HANDY of Lewiston, LOCKMAN of
Amherst, MASTRACCIO of Sanford, SYLVESTER of Portland,
VACHON of Scarborough.
Submitted by the Finance Authority of Maine pursuant to Joint
Rule 204.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act Regarding State Investments and the Dakota Access
Pipeline"

S.P. 320 L.D. 981

Presented by Senator CHIPMAN of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative SYLVESTER of Portland and
Senators: JACKSON of Aroostook, MIRAMANT of Knox,
Representatives: BEEBE-CENTER of Rockland, BRYANT of
Windham, CASÁS of Rockport, HAMANN of South Portland,
MARTIN of Sinclair, RYKERSON of Kittery.

Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** suggested
and ordered printed.

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

Bill "An Act To Authorize Moving the Town Line between
Baileyville and Baring Plantation"
S.P. 331 L.D. 992

Presented by Senator MAKER of Washington.
Cosponsored by Representative TUELL of East Machias and
Senator: VITELLI of Sagadahoc, Representatives: ALLEY of
Beals, BLUME of York, DAUGHTRY of Brunswick, SIMMONS of
Waldoboro, STEWART of Presque Isle, SUTTON of Warren,
TURNER of Burlington.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act Regarding the Taxation of Certain Nonprofit
Organizations"

S.P. 334 L.D. 1027

Presented by Senator SAVIELLO of Franklin.
Cosponsored by Senators: DAVIS of Piscataquis, DOW of
Lincoln, KATZ of Kennebec, Representatives: BLACK of Wilton,
HARVELL of Farmington.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act Regarding Towed Vehicle Charges and Notice to the
Secretary of State of Towed and Abandoned Vehicles"
S.P. 328 L.D. 989

Presented by Senator MASON of Androscoggin.
Cosponsored by Representative PICCHIOTTI of Fairfield and
Senators: COLLINS of York, DESCHAMBAULT of York,
JACKSON of Aroostook, ROSEN of Hancock, Representatives:
BRYANT of Windham, DOORE of Augusta.

Bill "An Act To Allow Stepparents To Sign the Application for a
Driver's License for a Minor"

S.P. 332 L.D. 1025

Presented by Senator SAVIELLO of Franklin.
Cosponsored by Senators: COLLINS of York, DAVIS of
Piscataquis, KATZ of Kennebec, ROSEN of Hancock,
Representatives: BLACK of Wilton, HARVELL of Farmington.

Bill "An Act Making Supplemental Allocations from the Highway Fund and Other Funds for the Expenditures of State Government and To Change Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2017" (EMERGENCY)

S.P. 341 L.D. 1034

Presented by Senator COLLINS of York. (GOVERNOR'S BILL)
Cosponsored by Representative McLEAN of Gorham.

On motion by Senator ROSEN of Hancock, REFERRED to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Eliminate the 24-hour Reporting Requirement under the Election Laws"

S.P. 340 L.D. 1033

Presented by Senator MASON of Androscoggin.
Cosponsored by Representative LUCHINI of Ellsworth and Senators: COLLINS of York, DIAMOND of Cumberland, Representatives: CASÁS of Rockport, DILLINGHAM of Oxford, FARRIN of Norridgewock, HANINGTON of Lincoln, HICKMAN of Winthrop.

Bill "An Act To Require Maine Clean Election Act Candidates To Purchase Services from Maine-based Companies"

S.P. 348 L.D. 1046

Presented by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin.
Cosponsored by Representatives: BICKFORD of Auburn, HANINGTON of Lincoln, STETKIS of Canaan, SUTTON of Warren, TUELL of East Machias.

On motion by Senator MASON of Androscoggin, REFERRED to the Committee on VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

House

Ought to Pass

The Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** on Bill "An Act To Make Changes to the Potato Marketing Improvement Fund"

H.P. 92 L.D. 124

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**.

Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

The Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** on Bill "An Act To Add the Air Medal as an Option for a Special Commemorative Decal on Special Veterans Registration Plates"

H.P. 127 L.D. 171

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**.

Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

The Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** on Resolve, To Designate a Bridge in East Machias as the Norman E. Bagley Memorial Bridge

H.P. 163 L.D. 207

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**.

Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

Resolve **READ ONCE**.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

Senate

Change of Committee

Senator LANGLEY for the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act To Strengthen Requirements for Water Testing for Schools" (EMERGENCY)

S.P. 20 L.D. 40

Reported that the same be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**.

Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

REFERRED to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Senator DAVIS for the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** on Bill "An Act To Allow Municipalities To Adopt Bus Traffic Ordinances"

S.P. 206 L.D. 591

Reported that the same be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION**.

Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

REFERRED to the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, the Senate considered the following:

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

House

Ought to Pass As Amended

The Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act To Provide Funds for Access for Veterans Seeking Health Care" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 169 L.D. 213

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-10)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**

Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-10) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED**, in concurrence.

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

Ought to Pass

Senator COLLINS for the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** on Bill "An Act To Establish Speed Limits at Loring Commerce Centre and Brunswick Landing" (EMERGENCY)

S.P. 45 L.D. 97

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass**.

Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

Ought to Pass As Amended

Senator WHITTEMORE for the Committee on **INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** on Bill "An Act To Prohibit Charging Maine Seniors Higher Automobile Insurance Premiums Based Solely on Their Age"

S.P. 96 L.D. 308

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-6)**.

Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-6) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** on Resolve, Directing the Department of Transportation To Install a Caution Light in New Sweden

S.P. 60 L.D. 168

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

Signed:

Senators:

COLLINS of York
ROSEN of Hancock

Representatives:

McLEAN of Gorham
AUSTIN of Skowhegan
CEBRA of Naples
GILLWAY of Searsport
GRANT of Gardiner
PARRY of Arundel
PERKINS of Oakland
SCHNECK of Bangor
SHEATS of Auburn

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-5).**

Signed:

Senator:

MIRAMANT of Knox

Representative:

BRYANT of Windham

Reports **READ.**

Senator **ROSEN** of Hancock moved the Senate **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report.

On motion by Senator **MASON** of Androscoggin, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending the motion by Senator **ROSEN** of Hancock to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report.

SECOND READERS

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

House

Bill "An Act To Grant Plantations the Power To Control Consumer Fireworks" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 5 L.D. 3

Bill "An Act To Remove the Treasurer of State from the Maine Vaccine Board"

H.P. 119 L.D. 161

READ A SECOND TIME and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**, in concurrence.

Senate As Amended

Bill "An Act To Exclude Cardboard Beverage Containers from the Laws Governing Returnable Beverage Containers"

S.P. 73 L.D. 227
(C "A" S-4)

READ A SECOND TIME and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED.**

Sent down for concurrence.

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

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Unfinished Business

The following matters in the consideration of which the Senate was engaged at the time of Adjournment had preference in the Orders of the Day and continued with such preference until disposed of as provided by Senate Rule 516.

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later Assigned (2/16/17) matter:

Bill "An Act To Require That a Person Who Has Been Treated by a Law Enforcement Officer with Naloxone Be Informed about Drug Addiction Treatment"

H.P. 338 L.D. 475

Tabled - February 16, 2017, by Senator **MASON** of Androscoggin

Pending - **REFERENCE**

(In House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** and ordered printed.)

On motion by Senator **ROSEN** of Hancock, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY**, in **NON-CONCURRENCE.**

Sent down for concurrence.

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later Assigned (3/2/17) matter:

Resolve, To Increase the Permissible Size of Bed and Breakfasts
H.P. 526 L.D. 746

Tabled - March 2, 2017, by Senator **MASON** of Androscoggin

Pending - **REFERENCE**

(In House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** and ordered printed.)

On motion by Senator **BRAKEY** of Androscoggin, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**, in **NON-CONCURRENCE.**

Sent down for concurrence.

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later Assigned (3/2/17) matter:

Bill "An Act To Allow Aroostook County To Create Tax Increment Financing Districts"

H.P. 559 L.D. 779

Tabled - March 2, 2017, by Senator **DAVIS** of Piscataquis

Pending - **REFERENCE**

(In House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** and ordered printed.)

On motion by Senator **DOW** of Lincoln, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TAXATION**, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later Assigned (3/7/17) matter:

Bill "An Act To Protect a Homeowner's Equity of Redemption in a Foreclosure Action"

S.P. 280 L.D. 880

Tabled - March 7, 2017, by Senator **WHITTEMORE** of Somerset

Pending - **REFERENCE**

(Committee on **INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** suggested and ordered printed.)

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

Sent down for concurrence.

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later Assigned (3/9/17) matter:

Bill "An Act To Prohibit Female Genital Mutilation"

H.P. 525 L.D. 745

Tabled - March 9, 2017, by Senator **MASON** of Androscoggin

Pending - **REFERENCE**

(In House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** and ordered printed.)

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

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later Assigned (3/9/17) matter:

Bill "An Act Regarding Workers' Compensation Insurance Rates for Small Businesses"

H.P. 641 L.D. 913

Tabled - March 9, 2017, by Senator **MASON** of Androscoggin

Pending - **REFERENCE**

(In House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** and ordered printed.)

On motion by Senator **WHITTEMORE** of Somerset, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES**, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later Assigned (3/9/17) matter:

Bill "An Act To Allow Slot Machines or a Casino in York County"

I.B. 1 L.D. 719

Tabled - March 9, 2017, by Senator **MASON** of Androscoggin

Pending - **REFERENCE**

(In House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed.)

On motion by Senator **MASON** of Androscoggin, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later Assigned (3/9/17) matter:

Bill "An Act To Ensure Access to Opiate Addiction Treatment in Maine"

S.P. 307 L.D. 952

Tabled - March 9, 2017, by Senator **CUSHING** of Penobscot

Pending - motion by Senator **BRAKEY** of Androscoggin to **REFER** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

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

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

Sent down for concurrence.

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later Assigned (3/9/17) matter:

Bill "An Act To Prohibit the State from Asking a Prospective Hire about the Person's Compensation History until after a Job Offer Is Made"

H.P. 672 L.D. 944

Tabled - March 9, 2017, by Senator **LIBBY** of Androscoggin

Pending - **REFERENCE**

(In House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** and ordered printed.)

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

Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, the Senate considered the following:

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

House Papers

Bill "An Act To Protect Pollinators from Neonicotinoid Pesticides"
H.P. 694 L.D. 993

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

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

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

Bill "An Act To Increase the Class of Crime for Viewing Animal Fighting"

H.P. 695 L.D. 994

Bill "An Act To Require A Person To Notify Law Enforcement Officers of the Possession of a Hypodermic Needle"
H.P. 716 L.D. 1014

Come 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 Allow a Resident Veteran's Child Who Is Enrolled in an Out-of-state College or University To Take a Course in Maine at a State Postsecondary Education Institution for Free"
H.P. 696 L.D. 995

Bill "An Act To Maintain the Current Number of Appointees to the Maine Arts Commission"
H.P. 697 L.D. 996

Bill "An Act To Increase Funding to Schools by Repealing Unnecessary and Burdensome Regulations"
H.P. 698 L.D. 997

Bill "An Act To Improve the Student Transfer Process"
H.P. 717 L.D. 1015

Bill "An Act To Provide Funding for Career and Technical Education Based on Projected Enrollment"
H.P. 718 L.D. 1016

Come from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed.

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

Bill "An Act Regarding Permitting under the Natural Resources Protection Act"
H.P. 729 L.D. 1040

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator **SAVIELLO** of Franklin, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Adequately Pay for Emergency Medical Services"
H.P. 699 L.D. 998

Bill "An Act To Provide a Healthy Learning Environment in Early Care Settings by Requiring Rules Concerning Nutrition and Physical Activity"

H.P. 700 L.D. 999

Resolve, To Increase Access to Brain Injury Waiver Services

H.P. 701 L.D. 1000

Bill "An Act To Promote Testing of Drinking Water for Maine Families"

H.P. 702 L.D. 1001

Bill "An Act To Strengthen Work Participation in the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program"

H.P. 719 L.D. 1017

Come 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.

Bill "An Act To Add .17 Caliber Hornady Magnum Rimfire Rifle Cartridges to the Cartridges Acceptable for Deer Hunting"

H.P. 703 L.D. 1002

Bill "An Act To Prohibit Stocking Fish in or Using Live Fish as Bait on Tributaries to State Heritage Fish Waters"

H.P. 720 L.D. 1018

Bill "An Act To Exempt Holders of Bear Hunting Permits from Archery Hunting License Requirements"

H.P. 721 L.D. 1019

Bill "An Act To Minimize Crop Damage by Deer by Amending Certain Laws Governing Hunting"

H.P. 722 L.D. 1020

Bill "An Act Regarding the Safe Discharge of Firearms during Deer Hunting Season"

H.P. 730 L.D. 1041

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

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

Resolve, To Require the State's Mitigation Plan under the Volkswagen Mitigation Trust Agreement To Include the Use of Maine-generated Nonfossil Fuel Sources

H.P. 704 L.D. 1003

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

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

Bill "An Act To Increase Fines for Certain Wage and Benefits Violations"

H.P. 705 L.D. 1004

Bill "An Act Regarding Minimum Wage Increases"

H.P. 706 L.D. 1005

Bill "An Act Regarding Housing Insecurity of Older Citizens"

H.P. 707 L.D. 1006

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

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

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Increase the Lengths of Terms and Decrease the Number of Terms of Members of the Legislature

H.P. 708 L.D. 1007

Bill "An Act To Establish the Permanent Commission on the Status of Racial and Ethnic Populations"

H.P. 709 L.D. 1008

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

H.P. 723 L.D. 1021

Come 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 Provide a Sales Tax Exemption for Baling Twine"

H.P. 725 L.D. 1023

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.

Resolve, To Require the Maine Turnpike Authority To Study the Feasibility of Constructing a Gorham Connector
H.P. 710 L.D. 1009

Bill "An Act To Allow for the Regulation of Transportation Network Companies at Airports by Municipalities" (EMERGENCY)
H.P. 711 L.D. 1010

Bill "An Act To Require Pedestrians To Wear Reflective Clothing on Public Ways after Sunset"
H.P. 712 L.D. 1011

Bill "An Act Regarding the Contents of a Commercial Vehicle Towed without the Consent of the Vehicle's Owner"
H.P. 724 L.D. 1022

Resolve, To Direct the Secretary of State To Initiate the Process To Redesign Special Veterans Registration Plates
H.P. 726 L.D. 1024

Come from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator **ROSEN** of Hancock, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Improve the Availability of Agency Liquor Stores in Underserved Areas and To Expand the Sale of Spirits in New Channels"
H.P. 713 L.D. 1012

Bill "An Act To Clarify the Law Allowing Certificate of Approval Holders and Manufacturers or Suppliers of Spirits To Offer Mail-in Rebates"
H.P. 714 L.D. 1013

Bill "An Act To Require an Opinion of the Supreme Judicial Court on Direct Initiatives of Legislation"
H.P. 727 L.D. 1035

Come from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator **MASON** of Androscoggin, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

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

Off Record Remarks

RECESSED until the sound of the bell.

After Recess the Senate was called to order by the President.

Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, the Senate considered the following:

ENACTORS

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

Emergency Measure

An Act To Provide Funds for Access for Veterans Seeking Health Care

H.P. 169 L.D. 213
(C "A" H-10)

On motion by Senator **HAMPER** of Oxford, placed on the **SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS TABLE**, pending **ENACTMENT**, in concurrence.

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

Off Record Remarks

On motion by Senator **MASON** of Androscoggin, **ADJOURNED** until Thursday, March 16, 2017 at 10:00 in the morning.