

ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION
16th Legislative Day
Tuesday, February 28, 2017

Dear Clerk Hunt:
Enclosed please find my official certification to the 128th
Legislature of the citizen initiative petition entitled "An Act To
Allow Slot Machines or a Casino in York County".
Sincerely,
S/Matthew Dunlap
Secretary of State

The Speaker resumed the Chair.
The House met according to adjournment and was called
to order by the Speaker.
Prayer by Reverend Carie Johnsen, Unitarian
Universalist Community Church of Augusta.
National Anthem by Delilah Poupore, Saco.
Pledge of Allegiance.
Doctor of the day, Garreth Debiegun, M.D., Yarmouth.
The Journal of Thursday, February 16, 2017 was read
and approved.

SENATE PAPERS
Non-Concurrent Matter

Expression of Legislative Sentiment Recognizing the
Greenville Consolidated School Boys Soccer Team, of
Greenville (HLS 59)
READ and **PASSED** in the House on February 7, 2017.
Came from the Senate **READ** and **INDEFINITELY**
POSTPONED in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.
The House voted to **RECEDE AND CONCUR**.

Non-Concurrent Matter

Bill "An Act Regarding Final Enactment of the State
Budget" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 366) (L.D. 522)
REFERRED to the Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS**
AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS in the House on February 14,
2017.
Came from the Senate **REFERRED** to the Committee on
STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT in **NON-**
CONCURRENCE.
The House voted to **INSIST**.

Non-Concurrent Matter

Bill "An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the
Working Group To Study Background Checks for Child Care
Facilities and Providers" (H.P. 207) (L.D. 274)
REFERRED to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** in the
House on January 31, 2017.
Came from the Senate **REFERRED** to the Committee on
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.
The House voted to **RECEDE AND CONCUR**.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: (H.P. 464)
STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE
SECRETARY OF STATE
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0148

February 6, 2017
Honorable Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

STATE OF MAINE
SECRETARY OF STATE

I, Matthew Dunlap, Secretary of State, hereby certify that
written petitions bearing valid signatures in excess of 87,000
electors of this State were addressed to the Legislature of the
State of Maine and were filed in the office of the Secretary of
State on February 1, 2016 and December 22, 2016, requesting
that the Legislature consider an act entitled, "An Act To Allow
Slot Machines or a Casino in York County".
I further certify that the number of signatures submitted is in
excess of ten percent of the total votes cast in the last
gubernatorial election preceding the filing of such petitions, as
required by Article IV, Part Third, Section 18 of the Constitution
of Maine, that number being 61,123.
I further certify this initiative petition to be valid and attach
herewith the text of the legislation circulated on the petition's
behalf.
In testimony whereof, I have caused the Great Seal of the
State of Maine to be hereunto affixed. Given under my hand at
Augusta on the sixth day of February in the year two thousand
and seventeen.
S/Matthew Dunlap
Secretary of State
READ and with accompanying papers **ORDERED**
PLACED ON FILE.
Sent for concurrence.

On motion of Representative HERBIG of Belfast, the
accompanying Bill "An Act To Allow Slot Machines or a Casino
in York County" (I.B. 1) (L.D. 719)
was **TABLED** pending **REFERENCE** and later today
assigned.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 70)
STATE OF MAINE
128TH MAINE LEGISLATURE

January 26, 2017
William J. Brennan, President
Maine Maritime Academy
Box C-03
Castine, Maine 04420
Dear President Brennan:
We are pleased to invite you to address a Joint Session of the
128th Maine Legislature on Thursday, March 2, 2017 at 11:00
a.m., concerning the State of the Maine Maritime Academy and
any other matters that you may care to bring to our attention.
On the same day following your address, James H. Page,
Chancellor of the University of Maine System, and Derek P.
Langhauser, President of the Maine Community College
System, will be addressing the Joint Convention.
We look forward to seeing you then.
Sincerely,
S/Michael D. Thibodeau

President of the Senate
S/Sara Gideon
Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 71)

**STATE OF MAINE
128TH MAINE LEGISLATURE**

January 26, 2017
James H. Page, Chancellor
University of Maine System
16 Central Street
Bangor, Maine 04401

Dear Chancellor Page:

We are pleased to invite you to address a Joint Session of the 128th Maine Legislature on Thursday, March 2, 2017 at 11:00 a.m., concerning the State of the University of Maine System and any other matters that you may care to bring to our attention. You will address the Joint Convention following William J. Brennan, President of the Maine Maritime Academy. On the same day following your address, Derek P. Langhauser, President of the Maine Community College System, will be addressing the Joint Convention.

We look forward to seeing you then.

Sincerely,

S/Michael D. Thibodeau
President of the Senate
S/Sara Gideon
Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 72)

**STATE OF MAINE
128TH MAINE LEGISLATURE**

January 26, 2017
Derek P. Langhauser, President
Maine Community College System
131 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Langhauser:

We are pleased to invite you to address a Joint Session of the 128th Maine Legislature on Thursday, March 2, 2017 at 11:00 a.m., concerning the State of the Maine Community College System and any other matters that you may care to bring to our attention.

You will address the Joint Convention following William J. Brennan, President of the Maine Maritime Academy, and James H. Page, Chancellor of the University of Maine System.

We look forward to seeing you then.

Sincerely,

S/Michael D. Thibodeau
President of the Senate
S/Sara Gideon
Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 75)

**STATE OF MAINE
SUPREME JUDICIAL COURT
DOCKET NO. OJ-17-1**

In the Matter of
Request for Opinion of the Justices

PROCEDURAL ORDER

On Tuesday, February 7, 2017, the Maine State Senate referred three Questions to the Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court pursuant to Article VI, Section 3 of the Maine Constitution, related to An Act to Establish Ranked-Choice Voting, which was approved by Maine voters on November 8, 2016, pursuant to Article IV, Part Third, Section 18 of the Maine Constitution.

The Justices hereby invite a representative for each of the Maine Senate, the House of Representatives, Governor LePage, the Secretary of State, and the Attorney General, and any other interested person or entity to submit briefs addressing

1. whether the Questions propounded present a "solemn occasion," pursuant to article VI, section 3 of the Maine Constitution; and

2. the law regarding the Questions propounded.

Any person or entity submitting a brief to the Court must do so by filing the brief, as described below, with the Executive Clerk of the Supreme Judicial Court, at 205 Newbury Street, Room 139, Portland, Maine 04101, at or before 4:00 p.m. on Friday March 3, 2017.

Responsive briefs are not required, but any person or entity that filed an initial brief may file a responsive brief at or before noon on Friday, March 17, 2017.

Briefs and responsive briefs must conform to the requirements of M.R. App. P. 9(f), and comply with the following:

a. the front cover must be white and must contain the following information:

- the designation that the matter is "Before the Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court";
- the docket number of the matter, OJ-17-1;
- the title of the matter, "In the Matter of Request for Opinion of the Justices";
- the title of the document as either a "Brief of" or "Responsive Brief of" followed by the name of the person or entity filing the brief or responsive brief; and
- the name, address, and Maine bar number of counsel representing the filer or, if the filer is not represented by counsel, the name and address of the filer.

b. Briefs must be in 14-point font or larger, double spaced – except for quotes.

c. Briefs may not be longer than 25 pages. Responsive briefs may not exceed 10 pages.

d. Briefs are not required to be bound.

e. Any person or entity filing a brief shall provide two copies to the Clerk's Office, and an electronic copy of any brief (which need not be signed) shall be simultaneously emailed in the form of a single text-based pdf file to lawcourt.clerk@courts.maine.gov.

Oral Argument will be held on Thursday, April 13, 2017, at 8:30 a.m., in Courtroom 12, in the Cumberland County Courthouse.

All filings and orders in this matter can be found, within a reasonable time after filing, on the Court's website at: www.courts.maine.gov/quick/senate.

Dated February 7, 2017

For the Justices,
S/Leigh I. Saufley
Chief Justice

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 73)

**STATE OF MAINE
CLERK'S OFFICE
2 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0002**

February 28, 2017

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

Dear Speaker Gideon:

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, the following Joint Standing Committees have voted unanimously to report the following bills out "Ought Not to Pass:"

Criminal Justice and Public Safety

L.D. 101 An Act Regarding the Transportation of Prisoners to County Jails

State and Local Government

L.D. 93 An Act To Reduce Fuel Costs to State and Local Government

Sincerely,

S/Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of House

READ and with accompanying papers **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

The Following Communication: (H.C. 74)

**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
SPEAKER'S OFFICE
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0002**

February 28, 2017

Honorable Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Clerk Hunt:

Please be advised that pursuant to his authority, Governor Paul R. LePage has nominated the following:

On February 15, 2017

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

Pursuant to Title 5, MRSA §283-A, this appointment is contingent on the Maine Senate confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs.

Thomas R. Davis of Winslow for appointment to the Workers' Compensation Board.

Pursuant to Title 39-A, MRSA §151, this appointment is contingent on the Maine Senate confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development.

Ronald P. Green, Jr. of Plymouth and

Richelle R. Wallace of Auburn for reappointment to the Workers' Compensation Board.

Pursuant to Title 39-A, MRSA §151, these reappointments are contingent on the Maine Senate confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development.

Sincerely,

S/Sara Gideon
Speaker of the House

READ and with accompanying papers **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

The Following Communication: (H.C. 76)

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

February 17, 2017

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

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

Augusta, Maine 04333

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

Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Government Oversight Committee Members, Senators
and Representatives:

In accordance with 3 MRSA §995.4, I respectfully submit OPEGA's Annual Report on Activities and Performance for 2016. OPEGA's service to the Legislature as a non-partisan resource is meant to provide support in overseeing and improving the performance of State government. The OPEGA staff and I are honored that Maine's legislators and legislative committees have come to view the Office as a trusted source of objective, credible information. As OPEGA begins its 13th year of service to the Legislature, we will continue to conduct our work in a manner that earns your trust and respect, as well as that of Maine's citizens. I hope our efforts and results will continue to be viewed as a worthwhile use of taxpayer dollars.

Sincerely,

S/Beth L. Ashcroft
Director

READ and with accompanying papers **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

The Following Communication: (S.C. 142)

**MAINE SENATE
128TH LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY**

February 16, 2017

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

Dear Speaker Gideon:

In accordance with 3 MRSA §158 and Joint Rule 506 of the 128th Maine Legislature, please be advised that the Senate today confirmed the following nominations:

Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Judiciary, the nomination of the Honorable Robert W. Clifford of Lewiston for reappointment as an Active Retired Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court.

Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs, the nomination of Kelly A. Martin of Fort Kent for appointment to the University of Maine System, Board of Trustees.

Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs, the nomination of Lisa Marchese Eames, Esq. of Cumberland for appointment to the University of Maine System, Board of Trustees.

Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs, the nomination of the Honorable Karl W. Turner of Cumberland Foreside for reappointment to the University of Maine System, Board of Trustees.

Best Regards,
S/Heather J.R. Priest
Secretary of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

PETITIONS, BILLS AND RESOLVES REQUIRING REFERENCE

Bill "An Act To Protect Maine's Lands"

(H.P. 465) (L.D. 637)

Sponsored by Representative DUNPHY of Old Town.

Cosponsored by Senator JACKSON of Aroostook and Representatives: ACKLEY of Monmouth, CHAPMAN of Brooksville, DUCHESNE of Hudson, HICKMAN of Winthrop, HIGGINS of Dover-Foxcroft, MAREAN of Hollis, O'NEIL of Saco, Senator: CARSON of Cumberland.

Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** suggested and ordered printed.

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

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for Transportation Projects"

(H.P. 452) (L.D. 638)

Sponsored by Representative McLEAN of Gorham.

Cosponsored by Representatives: GATTINE of Westbrook, PARRY of Arundel, Senator: COLLINS of York.

Bill "An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for Food Processing Infrastructure in Targeted Areas of the State"

(H.P. 466) (L.D. 675)

Sponsored by Representative HICKMAN of Winthrop.

Cosponsored by Representatives: ACKLEY of Monmouth, DUNPHY of Old Town, MAREAN of Hollis, TALBOT ROSS of Portland, Senators: BELLOWS of Kennebec, JACKSON of Aroostook, KATZ of Kennebec, WHITEMORE of Somerset.

Bill "An Act To Restore Full Cost-of-living Increases for All Maine State Retirees"

(H.P. 510) (L.D. 726)

Sponsored by Representative ESPLING of New Gloucester. (BY REQUEST)

Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** suggested and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed.

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Require an Interstate Identification Index System Background Check for Certain Crimes"

(H.P. 453) (L.D. 639)

Sponsored by Representative RECKITT of South Portland.

Cosponsored by Senator KEIM of Oxford and Representatives: BROOKS of Lewiston, FAY of Raymond, JOHANSEN of Monticello.

Bill "An Act To Require an Ontario Domestic Assault Risk Assessment prior to Setting Bail in Domestic Violence Arrests in Which the Alleged Abuser Has Been Taken into Custody"

(H.P. 454) (L.D. 640)

Sponsored by Representative RECKITT of South Portland.

Cosponsored by Senator KEIM of Oxford and Representatives: BROOKS of Lewiston, DENNO of Cumberland, JOHANSEN of Monticello, TALBOT ROSS of Portland.

Sponsored by Representative RECKITT of South Portland. Cosponsored by Representatives: BROOKS of Lewiston, TALBOT ROSS of Portland.

Resolve, To Study the Development of a Behavioral Health Unit at the Cumberland County Jail

(H.P. 467) (L.D. 676)

Sponsored by Representative FARNSWORTH of Portland.

Cosponsored by Senator CHIPMAN of Cumberland and Representatives: BRYANT of Windham, COOPER of Yarmouth, DENNO of Cumberland, FAY of Raymond, MOONEN of Portland, TALBOT ROSS of Portland.

Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** suggested and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** and ordered printed.

Sent for concurrence.

Resolve, To Establish the Commission To Study the Availability of Information Regarding Related Incidents in Domestic Violence Cases (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 455) (L.D. 641)

Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** suggested.

On motion of Representative WARREN of Hallowell, the Resolve was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY**, ordered printed and sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Post-conviction Review in Order To Facilitate the Fair Hearing of All Evidence in Each Case Involving a Claim of Innocence"

(H.P. 468) (L.D. 677)

Sponsored by Representative DEVIN of Newcastle.

Cosponsored by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin and Representative: PICCHIOTTI of Fairfield.

Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** suggested.

On motion of Representative WARREN of Hallowell, the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY**, ordered printed and sent for concurrence.

Resolve, To Establish the Task Force To Identify Special Education Cost Drivers and Innovative Approaches to Services (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 456) (L.D. 642)

Sponsored by Representative KORNFIELD of Bangor.

Cosponsored by Representatives: FARNSWORTH of Portland, FULLER of Lewiston, GINZLER of Bridgton, McCREA of Fort Fairfield, SAMPSON of Alfred, SCHNECK of Bangor, Senators: LANGLEY of Hancock, MILLETT of Cumberland.

Bill "An Act To Protect Students from Identity Theft"

(H.P. 469) (L.D. 678)

Sponsored by Representative RILEY of Jay.

Cosponsored by Representatives: DAUGHTRY of Brunswick, McCREA of Fort Fairfield, Senator: MAKER of Washington.

Bill "An Act To Reform School Testing Procedures"

(H.P. 470) (L.D. 679)

Sponsored by Representative FULLER of Lewiston.

Cosponsored by Representatives: ACKLEY of Monmouth, BROOKS of Lewiston, FARNSWORTH of Portland, MADIGAN of Rumford, ZEIGLER of Montville.

Bill "An Act To Allow the Employment or Service in a School of a Spouse of a School Board or Committee Member" (H.P. 471) (L.D. 680)

Sponsored by Representative STANLEY of Medway.

Cosponsored by Senator CARPENTER of Aroostook and Representatives: HARLOW of Portland, HICKMAN of Winthrop, JOHANSEN of Monticello, TUCKER of Brunswick, Senator: LIBBY of Androscoggin.

Bill "An Act Regarding Sexual Activity and Sexual Assault at Secondary and Postsecondary Educational Institutions" (H.P. 472) (L.D. 681)

Sponsored by Representative DAUGHTRY of Brunswick.

Cosponsored by Senator MAKER of Washington and Representatives: FARNSWORTH of Portland, MADIGAN of Waterville, McCREIGHT of Harpswell, MONAGHAN of Cape Elizabeth, MOONEN of Portland, TEPLER of Topsham, TIPPING of Orono.

Bill "An Act To Eliminate the Regional Adjustment for Public School Systems" (H.P. 473) (L.D. 682)

Sponsored by Representative STEWART of Presque Isle.

Cosponsored by Senator CARPENTER of Aroostook and Representatives: GINZLER of Bridgton, JOHANSEN of Monticello, MARTIN of Sinclair, McCREA of Fort Fairfield, SAMPSON of Alfred, Senator: JACKSON of Aroostook.

Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** suggested and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed.

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Remove Restrictions on the Membership of Regional Water Councils"

(H.P. 477) (L.D. 686)

Sponsored by Representative POULIOT of Augusta.

Cosponsored by Representatives: DOORE of Augusta, HICKMAN of Winthrop, Senator BELLOWS of Kennebec.

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

REFERRED to the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** and ordered printed.

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Fund the Maine Solid Waste Diversion Grant Program and To Phase Out Certain Containers from the Bottle Redemption Laws"

(H.P. 474) (L.D. 683)

Sponsored by Representative PARRY of Arundel.

Cosponsored by Senator CUSHING of Penobscot and Representatives: AUSTIN of Gray, DeCHAN of Bath, GROHMAN of Biddeford, KINNEY of Limington, TIMBERLAKE of Turner, Senator: BREEN of Cumberland.

Bill "An Act To Increase Vegetative Buffers in the Shoreland Zone"

(H.P. 475) (L.D. 684)

Sponsored by Representative BLUME of York.

Cosponsored by Senator GRATWICK of Penobscot and Representatives: AUSTIN of Skowhegan, FOLEY of Wells, HYMANSON of York, PARKER of South Berwick, RYKERSON of Kittery, Senator: CARSON of Cumberland.

Bill "An Act To Establish the Mining Advisory Panel"

(H.P. 476) (L.D. 685)

Sponsored by Representative CHAPMAN of Brooksville.

Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** suggested and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** and ordered printed.

Sent for concurrence.

Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services To Increase Reimbursement Rates for Home-based and Community-based Services

(H.P. 457) (L.D. 643)

Sponsored by Representative ESPLING of New Gloucester.

Cosponsored by Representatives: BRADSTREET of Vassalboro, COREY of Windham, FARNSWORTH of Portland, HEAD of Bethel, ORDWAY of Standish, SAMPSON of Alfred, STETKIS of Canaan.

Bill "An Act Regarding Reimbursement for Speech and Language Pathology Services"

(H.P. 478) (L.D. 687)

Sponsored by Representative FARNSWORTH of Portland.

Cosponsored by Senator MILLETT of Cumberland and Representatives: FULLER of Lewiston, McCREA of Fort Fairfield, PIERCE of Falmouth.

Bill "An Act To Provide MaineCare Coverage for Music Therapy"

(H.P. 479) (L.D. 688)

Sponsored by Representative HAMANN of South Portland.

Cosponsored by Senator CHIPMAN of Cumberland and Representatives: HEAD of Bethel, MADIGAN of Waterville, MALABY of Hancock, PERRY of Calais, PIERCE of Falmouth, Senators: BREEN of Cumberland, GRATWICK of Penobscot.

Bill "An Act To Confer Categorical Eligibility for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Benefit Applications"

(H.P. 480) (L.D. 689)

Sponsored by Representative HAMANN of South Portland.

Cosponsored by Representatives: DENNO of Cumberland, DEVIN of Newcastle, FECTEAU of Biddeford, HYMANSON of York, JORGENSEN of Portland, PARKER of South Berwick, PIERCE of Falmouth.

Bill "An Act To Provide Additional Funding for Persons with Disabilities"

(H.P. 481) (L.D. 690)

Sponsored by Representative SHERMAN of Hodgdon.

Bill "An Act To Prevent Lead Poisoning in Children" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 482) (L.D. 691)

Sponsored by Representative GOLDEN of Lewiston.

Cosponsored by Senator LIBBY of Androscoggin and Representatives: HUBBELL of Bar Harbor, JORGENSEN of Portland, WARREN of Hallowell.

Resolve, To Provide Meals to Homebound Individuals

(H.P. 483) (L.D. 692)

Sponsored by Representative HAMANN of South Portland.

Cosponsored by Representatives: CASAS of Rockport, DENNO of Cumberland, DEVIN of Newcastle, HYMANSON of York, JORGENSEN of Portland, MADIGAN of Waterville, PARKER of South Berwick.

Bill "An Act To Protect Maine School Children from Lead and Arsenic Exposure"

(H.P. 508) (L.D. 717)

Sponsored by Representative BROOKS of Lewiston.

Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** suggested and ordered printed.
REFERRED to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** and ordered printed.
Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Clarify the Laws Governing Hunting from a Vehicle"
(H.P. 484) (L.D. 693)
Sponsored by Representative STETKIS of Canaan.
Cosponsored by Senator DAVIS of Piscataquis and Representatives: HARLOW of Portland, HARRINGTON of Sanford, HILLIARD of Belgrade, LYFORD of Eddington, MASON of Lisbon, NADEAU of Winslow, REED of Carmel, THERIAULT of China.

Bill "An Act To Create a Local Option for a Sunday Exception Allowing Deer Hunting with Rifles"
(H.P. 485) (L.D. 694)
Sponsored by Representative ACKLEY of Monmouth.
Cosponsored by Representative: HERBIG of Belfast, Senator: JACKSON of Aroostook.

Bill "An Act To Double the Number of Moose Permits Available for Auction by Conservation Organizations"
(H.P. 486) (L.D. 695)
Sponsored by Representative MARTIN of Sinclair.
Cosponsored by Senator JACKSON of Aroostook and Representatives: ALLEY of Beals, POULIOT of Augusta, STANLEY of Medway, THERIAULT of China.

Bill "An Act Regarding Management and Stocking of Inland Fisheries"
(H.P. 512) (L.D. 728)
Sponsored by Representative HUBBELL of Bar Harbor.
Bill "An Act To Make Maine's Public Boat Launching Ramps Accessible by Persons with Physical Disabilities"
(H.P. 513) (L.D. 729)

Sponsored by Representative ALLEY of Beals.
Cosponsored by Representatives: ACKLEY of Monmouth, DEVIN of Newcastle, FECTEAU of Biddeford, HOGAN of Old Orchard Beach.
Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** suggested and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** and ordered printed.
Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act Regarding Insurance and Financial Services"
(H.P. 487) (L.D. 696)
Sponsored by Representative LAWRENCE of South Berwick.
Bill "An Act To Reconstitute the Maine Health Exchange Advisory Committee"
(H.P. 509) (L.D. 718)

Sponsored by Representative BROOKS of Lewiston.
Committee on **INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** suggested and ordered printed.
REFERRED to the Committee on **INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** and ordered printed.
Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Improve Citizen Access to Legal Representation"
(H.P. 458) (L.D. 644)
Sponsored by Representative SEAVEY of Kennebunkport.

Bill "An Act To Amend the Penalties for Failure To Pay Child Support"
(H.P. 459) (L.D. 645)
Sponsored by Representative HICKMAN of Winthrop. (BY REQUEST)

Cosponsored by Representative: KINNEY of Knox.
Resolve, To Establish a Commission To Study the Roles and Rights of Grandparents in Raising Their Grandchildren
(H.P. 488) (L.D. 697)

Sponsored by Representative WARD of Dedham.
Cosponsored by Senator ROSEN of Hancock and Representatives: AUSTIN of Gray, HANLEY of Pittston, KINNEY of Knox, McELWEE of Caribou, STEARNS of Guilford, STEWART of Presque Isle, THERIAULT of China, TUELL of East Machias.

Bill "An Act To Allow Persons 70 Years of Age and Older To Opt Out of Jury Duty"
(H.P. 489) (L.D. 698)

Sponsored by Representative STANLEY of Medway.
Cosponsored by Senator LIBBY of Androscoggin and Representatives: BROOKS of Lewiston, DEVIN of Newcastle, HARLOW of Portland, HICKMAN of Winthrop, TIPPING of Orono.

Committee on **JUDICIARY** suggested and ordered printed.
REFERRED to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** and ordered printed.
Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Enact the Toxic Chemicals in the Workplace Act"
(H.P. 490) (L.D. 699)

Sponsored by Representative COLLINGS of Portland.
Cosponsored by Senator GRATWICK of Penobscot and Representatives: ALLEY of Beals, BATES of Westbrook, FECTEAU of Biddeford, HERBIG of Belfast, MASTRACCIO of Sanford, Senators: CARSON of Cumberland, CHIPMAN of Cumberland.

Bill "An Act To Give Flexibility to Employees and Employers for Temporary Layoffs"
(H.P. 491) (L.D. 700)

Sponsored by Representative PARRY of Arundel.
Cosponsored by Senator BELLOWES of Kennebec and Representatives: BERRY of Bowdoinham, DEVIN of Newcastle, FECTEAU of Biddeford, SANDERSON of Chelsea, Senator: COLLINS of York.

Bill "An Act To Establish the Maine Paid Family Leave Insurance Program"
(H.P. 492) (L.D. 701)

Sponsored by Representative DAUGHTRY of Brunswick.
Cosponsored by Senator MILLETT of Cumberland and Representatives: FARNSWORTH of Portland, KORNFIELD of Bangor, McCREA of Fort Fairfield, McCREIGHT of Harpswell, MONAGHAN of Cape Elizabeth, MOONEN of Portland, Senator: CARSON of Cumberland.

Bill "An Act To Restore the Tip Credit to Maine Employees"
(H.P. 493) (L.D. 702)

Sponsored by Representative GUERIN of Glenburn.
Cosponsored by Representatives: KINNEY of Knox, O'CONNOR of Berwick, WARD of Dedham, Senator MASON of Androscoggin, Senator LANGLEY of Hancock and Representatives: ALLEY of Beals, AUSTIN of Gray, GINZLER of Bridgton, HUBBELL of Bar Harbor, LUCHINI of Ellsworth,

NADEAU of Winslow, PICCHIOTTI of Fairfield, STEWART of Presque Isle.

Committee on **LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** suggested and ordered printed.

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

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act Regarding Municipal and Regional Shellfish Management Programs"

(H.P. 460) (L.D. 646)

Sponsored by Representative SIMMONS of Waldoboro.

Cosponsored by Representatives: PIERCE of Dresden, SUTTON of Warren.

Submitted by the Department of Marine Resources pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Bill "An Act Regarding Certain Shellfish Certificates and Permits Issued by the Department of Marine Resources"

(H.P. 461) (L.D. 647)

Sponsored by Representative SIMMONS of Waldoboro.

Cosponsored by Representatives: PIERCE of Dresden, SUTTON of Warren.

Submitted by the Department of Marine Resources pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Bill "An Act To Address Marine Debris Resulting from Commercial Activities"

(H.P. 494) (L.D. 703)

Sponsored by Representative DEVIN of Newcastle.

Cosponsored by Senator VITELLI of Sagadahoc and Representatives: ALLEY of Beals, BLUME of York, COREY of Windham, GILLWAY of Searsport, KUMIEGA of Deer Isle, TUELL of East Machias.

Bill "An Act To Give the Department of Marine Resources Flexibility with Licensing in the Atlantic Herring Fishery"

(H.P. 495) (L.D. 704)

Sponsored by Representative PARRY of Arundel.

Cosponsored by Senator MAKER of Washington and Senator: LANGLEY of Hancock.

Bill "An Act To Prevent Marine Debris"

(H.P. 496) (L.D. 705)

Sponsored by Representative DEVIN of Newcastle.

Cosponsored by Senator VITELLI of Sagadahoc and Representatives: BLUME of York, TUELL of East Machias.

Submitted by the Department of Marine Resources pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Bill "An Act To Increase the Quota for Smelts for Commercial Pelagic and Anadromous Fishing License Holders"

(H.P. 497) (L.D. 706)

Sponsored by Representative SIMMONS of Waldoboro.

Cosponsored by Senator MAKER of Washington and Representatives: HANLEY of Pittston, HAWKE of Boothbay Harbor, PIERCE of Dresden, TUELL of East Machias.

Bill "An Act To Establish Minimum and Maximum Size Limits for Possession of Soft-shelled Clams"

(H.P. 514) (L.D. 730)

Sponsored by Representative ALLEY of Beals.

Cosponsored by Representative McCREIGHT of Harpswell, Senator MAKER of Washington and Representatives: ACKLEY of Monmouth, HOGAN of Old Orchard Beach, TUELL of East Machias.

Committee on **MARINE RESOURCES** suggested and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **MARINE RESOURCES** and ordered printed.

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Expand the Types of Nonprofit Organizations to Which Surplus Property May Be Sold by the State"

(H.P. 462) (L.D. 648)

Sponsored by Representative GRANT of Gardiner.

Cosponsored by Senator BELLOWES of Kennebec and Representatives: BEEBE-CENTER of Rockland, BRYANT of Windham, HARRINGTON of Sanford, JORGENSEN of Portland, MARTIN of Sinclair.

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

REFERRED to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** and ordered printed.

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Base the Motor Vehicle Excise Tax on the Purchase Price of the Motor Vehicle"

(H.P. 498) (L.D. 707)

Sponsored by Representative ORDWAY of Standish. (BY REQUEST)

Cosponsored by Senator DOW of Lincoln and Representatives: HAGGAN of Hampden, HANINGTON of Lincoln, HAWKE of Boothbay Harbor, KINNEY of Limington, PICKETT of Dixfield, STETKIS of Canaan, TIMBERLAKE of Turner, Senator: CUSHING of Penobscot.

Bill "An Act To Protect the Tax Base of Municipalities by Removing the Property Tax Exemption for Land Held for Conservation or Public Access Purposes"

(H.P. 511) (L.D. 727)

Sponsored by Representative STETKIS of Canaan.

Cosponsored by Representatives: FREDETTE of Newport, GRIGNON of Athens, KINNEY of Limington, THERIAULT of China, WINSOR of Norway, Senators: DAVIS of Piscataquis, WHITTEMORE of Somerset.

Bill "An Act Regarding Maine's Tax Code"

(H.P. 515) (L.D. 733)

Sponsored by Representative TIPPING of Orono.

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

REFERRED to the Committee on **TAXATION** and ordered printed.

Sent for 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)

Sponsored by Representative DENNO of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Senator BREEN of Cumberland and Representatives: CARDONE of Bangor, CHACE of Durham, HANDY of Lewiston, JORGENSEN of Portland, TUELL of East Machias.

Committee on **TAXATION** suggested.

On motion of Representative TIPPING of Orono, **TABLED** pending **REFERENCE** and later today assigned.

Bill "An Act To Allow for Charitable Donation Stops on Local Roads Only"

(H.P. 463) (L.D. 649)

Sponsored by Representative DILLINGHAM of Oxford. (BY REQUEST)

Cosponsored by Senator MASON of Androscoggin and Representative: HANINGTON of Lincoln.

Bill "An Act Regarding the License Restrictions for New Drivers"

(H.P. 500) (L.D. 709)

Sponsored by Representative STEWART of Presque Isle.

Cosponsored by Senator CARPENTER of Aroostook.

Bill "An Act Regarding Emergency Lights on Firefighters' Personal Vehicles Used When Responding to Emergency Calls"

(H.P. 501) (L.D. 710)

Sponsored by Representative STEWART of Presque Isle.

Cosponsored by Senator CARPENTER of Aroostook and Representatives: HARRINGTON of Sanford, THERIAULT of China.

Bill "An Act To Revise the Laws Governing Learner's Permits and Intermediate Driver's Licenses and Driver Education Textbook Requirements"

(H.P. 502) (L.D. 711)

Sponsored by Representative KINNEY of Knox.

Cosponsored by Senator MAKER of Washington and Representatives: CRAIG of Brewer, HARRINGTON of Sanford, PICKETT of Dixfield, Senator: ROSEN of Hancock.

Resolve, To Designate a Portion of Route 43 in Corinth, Exeter and Corinna the Donald Strout, Sr., Memorial Highway

(H.P. 503) (L.D. 712)

Sponsored by Representative DUCHESNE of Hudson.

Cosponsored by Senator CUSHING of Penobscot and Representatives: MARTIN of Eagle Lake, MARTIN of Sinclair.

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

REFERRED to the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** and ordered printed.

Sent for concurrence.

Resolve, Authorizing Legislation To Streamline the Laws Governing the Licensing and Conduct of Beano and Games of Chance

(H.P. 504) (L.D. 713)

Sponsored by Representative DEVIN of Newcastle.

Cosponsored by Senator DIAMOND of Cumberland and Representatives: ALLEY of Beals, BATTLE of South Portland, CASÁS of Rockport, HANINGTON of Lincoln, KINNEY of Limington, STROM of Pittsfield, Senators: CARSON of Cumberland, WHITTEMORE of Somerset.

Bill "An Act To Create an Award Program for Maine's Veteran-friendly Workplaces"

(H.P. 505) (L.D. 714)

Sponsored by Representative DEVIN of Newcastle.

Cosponsored by Senator CARSON of Cumberland and Representatives: BATTLE of South Portland, CASÁS of Rockport, HANINGTON of Lincoln, KINNEY of Limington, STANLEY of Medway, STROM of Pittsfield, Senators: CARPENTER of Aroostook, WHITTEMORE of Somerset.

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Amend the Citizen Initiative Process

(H.P. 506) (L.D. 715)

Sponsored by Representative CRAIG of Brewer.

Cosponsored by Representatives: BRADSTREET of Vassalboro, FOLEY of Wells, HERRICK of Paris, JOHANSEN of Monticello, KINNEY of Knox, PICCHIOTTI of Fairfield, TUELL of East Machias, Senator: WHITTEMORE of Somerset.

Bill "An Act To Improve Requirements for Reporting to the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices"

(H.P. 507) (L.D. 716)

Sponsored by Representative PARRY of Arundel.

Cosponsored by Senator COLLINS of York and Representatives: DEVIN of Newcastle, FREDETTE of Newport, Senators: CHENETTE of York, DIAMOND of Cumberland, DION of Cumberland, MASON of Androscoggin.

Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** suggested and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed.

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act Extending the Time Period for Municipalities To Approve Marijuana Businesses"

(H.P. 516) (L.D. 734)

Sponsored by Representative BLUME of York.

Cosponsored by Representatives: AUSTIN of Skowhegan, CARDONE of Bangor, COOPER of Yarmouth, COREY of Windham, FOLEY of Wells, GRANT of Gardiner.

Joint Select Committee on **MARIJUANA LEGALIZATION IMPLEMENTATION** suggested and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Joint Select Committee on **MARIJUANA LEGALIZATION IMPLEMENTATION** and ordered printed.

Sent for concurrence.

By unanimous consent, all matters having been acted upon were **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH**.

SPECIAL SENTIMENT CALENDAR

In accordance with House Rule 519 and Joint Rule 213, the following items:

Recognizing:

Megan Welch, of Sanford, who was named Communications Officer of the Year by the Maine Association of Police for her commitment, professionalism, ability and dedication to the safety of officers and citizens. We extend to Ms. Welch our congratulations and best wishes;

(HLS 89)

Presented by Representative HARRINGTON of Sanford.

Cosponsored by Senator WOODSOME of York, Representative HYMANSON of York, Representative MASTRACCIO of Sanford.

On **OBJECTION** of Representative HARRINGTON of Sanford, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

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The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Sanford, Representative Harrington.

Representative **HARRINGTON**: Thank you, Madam Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. It is my distinct pleasure to recognize Dispatcher Megan Welch of the Sanford Regional Communication Center on her receiving the Maine Association of Police Communications Officer of the Year Award. I've had the pleasure of working with Dispatcher Welch

for approximately five years. She is hands down one of the best dispatchers I have worked with in my almost ten years of police work. In Public Safety, whether it be police, fire, EMS, or communications, one thing everyone who works in these fields strives for is to be called a good firefighter, a good police officer, or in Megan's case, a good dispatcher. Megan is truly a great dispatcher. When I'm working with Megan, I never have any doubts that she has my back, and I hope as long as I'm strapping on a gun belt and going to work as a police officer, I will have Megan on the other end of the radio. Thank you, Megan, for all you do and congratulations.

Subsequently, this Expression of Legislative Sentiment was **PASSED** and sent for concurrence.

In Memory of:

Brandon James Thibeau, of Cumberland. Mr. Thibeau, a firefighter with the Cumberland and North Yarmouth fire departments, was selected by the Cumberland Fire Department membership as the 2016 Cumberland Firefighter of the Year. Mr. Thibeau will be long remembered and sadly missed by his fiancée, Lindsay Nunley, and by his family, friends and colleagues;

(HLS 84)

Presented by Representative DENNO of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Senator BREEN of Cumberland.

On **OBJECTION** of Representative DENNO of Cumberland, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Cumberland, Representative Denno.

Representative **DENNO**: Madam Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, I wish to speak to the Sentiment today in honor of Brandon James Thibeau of Cumberland. Brandon, the son of Rick and Jane Thibeau of Cumberland, died at the age of 22 from neuroendocrine cancer. Brandon was a fireman for Cumberland and North Yarmouth and was selected Cumberland's Firefighter of the Year in 2016 by unanimous vote. In his final days, he completed a fire science program at SMCC. The week before his death, he showed up at the fire house for a training session wearing his oxygen tank. He never felt sorry for himself and he never gave up. He was a young man of rare qualities. He always wanted to help his family. As a kid, he insisted on mowing the family's lawn because he thought it was too much work for his dad. Two days later, he would be out there mowing again. On a family trip to a camp near Rangeley, Brandon proposed to his girlfriend, Lindsay Nunley, on the top of Bald Mountain, but only after having asked her father for his blessing. Lindsay of course said yes. Brandon was one in million. Robert Field, who served with Brandon in the Scouts, said of him that Brandon represents everything admirable about being an American. Steve Wills, SMCC Fire Science Department Chairman, called him the most courageous student I've ever had. His death has been a loss not only to his family, his fiancé and his fellow firefighters, but to the entire Cumberland North Yarmouth community. We will not see another Brandon Thibeau soon. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Subsequently, this Expression of Legislative Sentiment was **ADOPTED** and sent for concurrence.

CONSENT CALENDAR

First Day

In accordance with House Rule 519, the following item appeared on the Consent Calendar for the First Day:

(H.P. 72) (L.D. 104) Bill "An Act To Change the Time and Location of the Annual Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Kittery Water District" Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** reporting **Ought to Pass**

There being no objections, the above item was ordered to appear on the Consent Calendar tomorrow under the listing of Second Day.

By unanimous consent, all matters having been acted upon were **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH**.

The following item was taken up out of order by unanimous consent:

SENATE PAPERS

Resolve, To Establish a Working Group To Propose Changes to the Animal Welfare Laws

(S.P. 215) (L.D. 653)

Resolve, Directing the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry To Work with All-terrain Vehicle Clubs To Develop All-terrain Vehicle Trails in Northern Maine

(S.P. 224) (L.D. 662)

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

REFERRED to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Clarify and Protect Certain Public Service Retirement Benefits"

(S.P. 212) (L.D. 650)

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Reduce Volatility in State Pension Funding Requirements Caused by the Financial Markets

(S.P. 240) (L.D. 723)

Bill "An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Support the Independence of Maine's Seniors"

(S.P. 245) (L.D. 735)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Expand Substance Abuse Prevention Projects"

(S.P. 213) (L.D. 651)

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Certain Sexual Offenses"

(S.P. 216) (L.D. 654)

Bill "An Act To Give the Courts Sentencing Discretion When a Person with a Developmental Disability Has Been Convicted of a Crime"

(S.P. 227) (L.D. 665)

Bill "An Act To Allow for Consistent Application of Credit for Driver's License Suspensions Imposed by the Court"

(S.P. 232) (L.D. 670)

Bill "An Act To Allow for Accurate Credit for a License Suspension for Operating under the Influence"

(S.P. 233) (L.D. 671)

Bill "An Act To Mandate the Reporting of a Planned Act of Terrorism by a Person with Knowledge of That Plan"

(S.P. 238) (L.D. 721)

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

REFERRED to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Provide Public Charter Schools with Access to State Funds for Capital Expenses"

(S.P. 236) (L.D. 674)

Bill "An Act To Create Equity in Funding of Rural Schools"

(S.P. 246) (L.D. 736)

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

REFERRED to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Lower the Price MaineCare Pays for Prescription Drugs"

(S.P. 217) (L.D. 655)

Bill "An Act To Provide Lung Cancer Screening for MaineCare Recipients"

(S.P. 237) (L.D. 720)

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

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

Bill "An Act To Protect Young Bucks in Northern, Eastern and Western Maine"

(S.P. 244) (L.D. 732)

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

REFERRED to the Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Conform Maine Law Regarding Insurer Privacy Notices to Federal Law"

(S.P. 220) (L.D. 658)

Bill "An Act To Amend the Maine Guaranteed Access Reinsurance Association Act"

(S.P. 221) (L.D. 659)

Bill "An Act To Allow Credit and Debit Card Surcharges"

(S.P. 222) (L.D. 660)

Bill "An Act To Improve Access to Cost-effective Health Care Services"

(S.P. 228) (L.D. 666)

Bill "An Act Regarding Uninsured Vehicle Coverage"

(S.P. 239) (L.D. 722)

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

REFERRED to the Committee on **INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Allow Attorneys Employed by the State To Perform Volunteer Legal Services"

(S.P. 225) (L.D. 663)

Bill "An Act To Require Mortgage Servicers To Act in Good Faith in Dealings with Homeowners"

(S.P. 243) (L.D. 731)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Improve the Ability of Maine Companies To Manufacture and Market Bioplastics"

(S.P. 218) (L.D. 656)

Bill "An Act Regarding the Chain of Custody in Crematories"

(S.P. 223) (L.D. 661)

Bill "An Act To Address the Unmet Workforce Needs of Employers and To Improve the Economic Future of Workers"

(S.P. 231) (L.D. 669)

Bill "An Act To Restore the Tip Credit to Maine's Minimum Wage Law"

(S.P. 235) (L.D. 673)

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

REFERRED to the Committee on **LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Exempt Gold and Silver Coins and Bullion from Sales Tax"

(S.P. 226) (L.D. 664)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TAXATION** and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **TAXATION** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the State's Rail Authority"

(S.P. 241) (L.D. 724)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Reduce the In-stock Spirits Requirements for Liquor Agents in Towns with Certain Populations"

(S.P. 219) (L.D. 657)

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

REFERRED to the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Repeal the Legalization of Recreational Marijuana"

(S.P. 229) (L.D. 667)

Bill "An Act To Clarify a Municipality's Authority To Adopt and Enforce Land Use Regulations for Marijuana Facilities"

(S.P. 234) (L.D. 672)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Joint Select Committee on **MARIJUANA LEGALIZATION IMPLEMENTATION** and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Joint Select Committee on **MARIJUANA LEGALIZATION IMPLEMENTATION** in concurrence.

By unanimous consent, all matters having been acted upon were **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH**.

On motion of Representative DENNO of Cumberland, the House adjourned at 11:21 a.m., until 10:00 a.m., Thursday, March 2, 2017, in honor and lasting tribute to Brandon James Thibeau, of Cumberland; Frances Wilma Bray, of Orland; Joanne Amy Grindle, of East Orland; and Claudette I. "Polly" Annance, of Mechanic Falls.