

ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION  
2nd Legislative Day  
Wednesday, January 4, 2017

The House met according to adjournment and was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by The Reverend Jane Field, Executive Director, Maine Council of Churches, Portland.  
National Anthem by Cara Kinney, Limington.  
Pledge of Allegiance.  
Doctor of the day, Tania Rifai, M.D., Augusta.

At this point, the Speaker recognized the Representative from Burlington, Representative TURNER, the Representative from Athens, Representative GRIGNON and the Representative from Belgrade, Representative HILLIARD, and they were added to the roll call of the First Regular Session of the 128th Legislature.

The Journal of Wednesday, December 7, 2016 was read and approved.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

The Following Communication: (H.C. 17)

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

December 7, 2016  
Honorable Sara Gideon  
Speaker of the House  
2 State House Station  
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Speaker Gideon:

This letter is to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has organized by the choice of Michael D. Thibodeau of Waldo County as President, Heather J.R. Priest of Augusta as Secretary of the Senate and Bradley M. Sawyer of Augusta as Assistant Secretary of the Senate of the 128th Legislature and is ready to transact such business as may come before the Senate. Thank you.

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

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

The Following Communication: (H.C. 6)

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

December 16, 2016  
Honorable Robert B. Hunt  
Clerk of the House  
2 State House Station  
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Clerk Hunt,

Pursuant to my authority under Title 38, Chapter 3, Subchapter 2-B, §568-B, 1, F, of the Maine Revised Statutes, I have appointed Peter Sarnacki of Castine to the Clean-up and Response Fund Review Board, effective immediately.

Please contact my office if you have any questions regarding this appointment.

Sincerely,  
S/Sara Gideon  
Speaker of the House

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

The Following Communication: (H.C. 7)

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

TO: Honorable Robert B. Hunt  
Clerk of the House

FROM: S/Sara Gideon  
Speaker of the House

DATE: December 23, 2016

RE: Committee Appointments  
128th Legislature

Pursuant to my authority under House Rule 201.1(l)(a), I have made the following appointments to the various Joint Standing Committees:

**Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry**

Michelle Dunphy, Chair (D-Old Town)  
Ralph Chapman (D-Brooksville)  
Roland Danny Martin (D-Sinclair)  
Margaret M. O'Neil (D-Saco)  
Russell J. Black (R-Wilton)†  
Carol A. McElwee (R-Caribou)  
MaryAnne Kinney (R-Knox)  
Norman E. Higgins (R-Dover-Foxcroft)  
Thomas H. Skolfield (R-Weld)  
Kent Ackley (C-Monmouth)

**Appropriations and Financial Affairs**

Drew Gattine, Chair (D-Westbrook)  
John L. Martin (D-Eagle Lake)  
Aaron M. Frey (D-Bangor)  
Erik C. Jorgensen (D-Portland)  
Brian L. Hubbell (D-Bar Harbor)  
Denise A. Tepler (D-Topsham)  
Tom J. Winsor (R-Norway)†  
Heather W. Sirocki (R-Scarborough)  
Jeffrey L. Timberlake (R-Turner)  
H. Stedman Seavey (R-Kennebunkport)

**Criminal Justice and Public Safety**

Charlotte Warren, Chair (D-Hallowell)  
Catherine M. Nadeau (D-Winslow)  
Thomas R. W. Longstaff (D-Waterville)  
Martin J. Grohman (D-Biddeford)  
Lois Galgay Reckitt (D-South Portland)  
Rachel Talbot Ross (D-Portland)  
Karen A. Gerrish (R-Lebanon)†  
Donald G. Marean (R-Hollis)  
Patrick W. Corey (R-Windham)  
Lloyd C. Herrick (R-Paris)

**Education and Cultural Affairs**

Victoria P. Kornfield, Chair (D-Bangor)  
Matthea Elisabeth Larsen Daughtry (D-Brunswick)  
Richard R. Farnsworth (D-Portland)  
Teresa S. Pierce (D-Falmouth)  
Roger Jason Fuller (D-Lewiston)  
David Harold McCrea (D-Fort Fairfield)  
Phyllis A. Ginzler (R-Bridgton)†  
Beth Peloquin Turner (R-Burlington)

Heidi H. Sampson (R-Alfred)  
Harold L. Stewart III (R-Presque Isle)  
**Energy, Utilities and Technology**

Seth A. Berry, Chair (D-Bowdoinham)  
Deane Rykerson (D-Kittery)  
Jennifer L. DeChant (D-Bath)  
Janice E. Cooper (D-Yarmouth)  
Christina Riley (D-Jay)  
Heather B. Sanborn (D-Portland)  
Nathan J. Wadsworth (R-Hiram)†  
Lance Evans Harvell (R-Farmington)  
Beth A. O'Connor (R-Berwick)  
Jeffery P. Hanley (R-Pittston)

**Environment and Natural Resources**

Ralph L. Tucker, Chair (D-Brunswick)  
Robert S. Duchesne (D-Hudson)  
John L. Martin (D-Eagle Lake)  
Denise Patricia Harlow (D-Portland)  
Jessica L. Fay (D-Raymond)  
Stanley Paige Zeigler, Jr. (D-Montville)  
Jonathan L. Kinney (R-Limington)†  
Richard H. Campbell (R-Orrington)  
Jeffrey K. Pierce (R-Dresden)  
Scott Walter Strom (R-Pittsfield)

**Health and Human Services**

Patricia Hymanson, Chair (D-York)  
Anne C. Perry (D-Calais)  
Scott M. Hamann (D-South Portland)  
Colleen M. Madigan (D-Waterville)  
Dale J. Denno (D-Cumberland)  
Jennifer Ellen Parker (D-South Berwick)  
Deborah J. Sanderson (R-Chelsea)†  
Richard S. Malaby (R-Hancock)  
Frances M. Head (R-Bethel)  
Paul B. Chace (R-Durham)

**Inland Fisheries and Wildlife**

Robert S. Duchesne, Chair (D-Hudson)  
Robert W. Alley, Sr. (D-Beals)  
Denise Patricia Harlow (D-Portland)  
Catherine M. Nadeau (D-Winslow)  
Paul A. Stearns (R-Guilford)†  
Stephen J. Wood (R-Greene)  
Roger E. Reed (R-Carmel)  
Peter A. Lyford (R-Eddington)  
Timothy S. Theriault (R-China)  
Gina M. Mason (R-Lisbon)

**Insurance and Financial Services**

Mark W. Lawrence, Chair (D-South Berwick)  
Heidi E. Brooks (D-Lewiston)  
Gina M. Melaragno (D-Auburn)  
Benjamin T. Collings (D-Portland)  
Heather B. Sanborn (D-Portland)  
Raymond A. Wallace (R-Dexter)†  
John Joseph Picchiotti (R-Fairfield)  
Robert A. Foley (R-Wells)  
Dwayne W. Prescott (R-Waterboro)  
Garrel Robert Craig (R-Brewer)

**Judiciary**

Matthew W. Moonen, Chair (D-Portland)  
Joyce McCreight (D-Harpswell)  
Christopher W. Babbidge (D-Kennebunk)  
Donna Bailey (D-Saco)  
Barbara A. Cardone (D-Bangor)  
Lois Galgay Reckitt (D-South Portland)  
Stacey K. Guerin (R-Glenburn)†

Roger L. Sherman (R-Hodgdon)  
Richard T. Bradstreet (R-Vassalboro)  
Chris A. Johansen (R-Monticello)

**Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development**

Ryan M. Fecteau, Chair (D-Biddeford)  
Anne-Marie Mastraccio (D-Sanford)  
Dillon F. Bates (D-Westbrook)  
James R. Handy (D-Lewiston)  
Donna R. Doore (D-Augusta)  
Michael A. Sylvester (D-Portland)  
Susan M. W. Austin (R-Gray)†  
Lawrence E. Lockman (R-Amherst)  
Joel R. Stetkis (R-Canaan)  
Karen R. Vachon (R-Scarborough)

**Marine Resources**

Walter A. Kumiega III, Chair (D-Deer Isle)  
Michael G. Devin (D-Newcastle)  
Robert W. Alley, Sr. (D-Beals)  
Lydia C. Blume (D-York)  
Stephanie Hawke (R-Boothbay Harbor)†  
Kevin J. Battle (R-South Portland)  
William R. Tuell (R-East Machias)  
David G. Haggan (R-Hampden)  
Abden S. Simmons (R-Waldoboro)  
Paula G. Sutton (R-Warren)

**State and Local Government**

Roland Danny Martin, Chair (D-Sinclair)  
Mark E. Bryant (D-Windham)  
Pinny Beebe-Center (D-Rockland)  
George W. Hogan (D-Old Orchard Beach)  
John E. Madigan, Jr. (D-Rumford)  
John Alden Spear (D-South Thomaston)  
Richard A. Pickett (R-Dixfield)†  
Matthew A. Harrington (R-Sanford)  
Lester S. Ordway (R-Standish)  
Chad Wayne Grignon (R-Athens)

**Taxation**

Ryan Tipping, Chair (D-Orono)  
Stephen S. Stanley (D-Medway)  
Janice E. Cooper (D-Yarmouth)  
Gay M. Grant (D-Gardiner)  
Joyce McCreight (D-Harpswell)  
Maureen Fitzgerald Terry (D-Gorham)  
Gary L. Hilliard (R-Belgrade)†  
Bruce A. Bickford (R-Auburn)  
Matthew G. Pouliot (R-Augusta)  
Karleton S. Ward (R-Dedham)

**Transportation**

Andrew J. McLean, Chair (D-Gorham)  
Walter A. Kumiega III (D-Deer Isle)  
Gay M. Grant (D-Gardiner)  
John C. Schneck (D-Bangor)  
Betty A. Austin (D-Skowhegan)  
Bettyann W. Sheats (D-Auburn)  
Wayne R. Parry (R-Arundel)†  
Richard M. Cebra (R-Naples)  
James S. Gillway (R-Searsport)  
Michael D. Perkins (R-Oakland)

**Veterans and Legal Affairs**

Louis J. Luchini, Chair (D-Ellsworth)  
Thomas R. W. Longstaff (D-Waterville)  
John C. Schneck (D-Bangor)  
Kimberly J. Monaghan (D-Cape Elizabeth)  
Craig V. Hickman (D-Winthrop)  
Bradlee Thomas Farrin (R-Norridgewock)†

Kathleen R. J. Dillingham (R-Oxford)  
Sheldon Mark Hanington (R-Lincoln)  
Dustin Michael White (R-Washburn)  
Owen D. Casás (I-Rockport)  
†Ranking Republican Member

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

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The Following Communication: (H.C. 8)  
**STATE OF MAINE**  
**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
**SPEAKER'S OFFICE**  
**AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0002**

December 23, 2016  
Honorable Robert B. Hunt  
Clerk of the House  
2 State House Station  
Augusta, Maine 04333  
Dear Clerk Hunt:

Pursuant to my authority under Joint Rule 354, I have appointed the following members to the Joint Select Committee on Joint Rules:

Jared F. Golden, Chair (D-Lewiston)  
John L. Martin (D-Eagle Lake)  
Seth A. Berry (D-Bowdoinham)  
Roger L. Sherman (R-Hodgdon)†  
Donald G. Marean (R-Hollis)

†Ranking Republican Member  
Sincerely,  
S/Sara Gideon  
Speaker of the House

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

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The Following Communication: (H.C. 9)  
**STATE OF MAINE**  
**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
**SPEAKER'S OFFICE**  
**AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0002**

December 23, 2016  
Honorable Robert B. Hunt  
Clerk of the House  
2 State House Station  
Augusta, Maine 04333  
Dear Clerk Hunt:

Pursuant to my authority under Joint Rule 371, I have appointed the following members to the Government Oversight Committee:

Anne-Marie Mastraccio, Chair (D-Sanford)  
Jennifer L. DeChant (D-Bath)  
Deane Rykerson (D-Kittery)  
Jeffrey K. Pierce (R-Dresden)†  
Matthew A. Harrington (R-Sanford)  
Paula G. Sutton (R-Warren)

†Ranking Republican Member  
Sincerely,  
S/Sara Gideon  
Speaker of the House

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

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The Following Communication: (H.C. 10)  
**STATE OF MAINE**  
**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**SPEAKER'S OFFICE**  
**AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0002**

December 23, 2016  
Honorable Robert B. Hunt  
Clerk of the House  
2 State House Station  
Augusta, Maine 04333  
Dear Clerk Hunt:

Pursuant to my authority under House Rule 201.1 (J), I have made the following appointments to the Standing Committees of the House.

**Bills in the Second Reading**

Erik C. Jorgensen, Chair (D-Portland)  
Catherine M. Nadeau (D-Winslow)  
Deane Rykerson (D-Kittery)  
Jessica L. Fay (D-Raymond)  
Beth Peloquin Turner (R-Burlington)  
Thomas H. Skolfield (R-Weld)  
Gina M. Mason (R-Lisbon)  
Dwayne W. Prescott (R-Waterboro)

**Elections**

Jared F. Golden, Chair (D-Lewiston)  
John L. Martin (D-Eagle Lake)  
Matthew W. Moonen (D-Portland)  
Janice E. Cooper (D-Yarmouth)  
Paul B. Chace (R-Durham)  
Dustin Michael White (R-Washburn)  
Matthew G. Pouliot (R-Augusta)  
Stephanie Hawke (R-Boothbay Harbor)

**Engrossed Bills**

Patricia Hymanson, Chair (D-York)  
Dillon F. Bates (D-Westbrook)  
Pinny Beebe-Center (D-Rockland)  
Rachel Talbot Ross (D-Portland)  
Richard S. Malaby (R-Hancock)  
Joel R. Stetkis (R-Canaan)  
Bradlee Thomas Farrin (R-Norridgewock)  
Kevin J. Battle (R-South Portland)

**Ethics**

Louis J. Luchini, Chair (D-Ellsworth)  
Mark E. Bryant (D-Windham)  
Kimberly J. Monaghan (D-Cape Elizabeth)  
Aaron M. Frey (D-Bangor)  
Kenneth Wade Fredette (R-Newport)  
Nathan J. Wadsworth (R-Hiram)  
Wayne R. Parry (R-Arundel)  
Heidi H. Sampson (R-Alfred)

**Leaves of Absence**

Thomas R. W. Longstaff, Chair (D-Waterville)  
Ryan M. Fecteau (D-Biddeford)  
Teresa S. Pierce (D-Falmouth)  
Jennifer L. DeChant (D-Bath)  
Jeffrey L. Timberlake (R-Turner)  
Heather W. Sirocki (R-Scarborough)  
Phyllis A. Ginzler (R-Bridgton)  
Sheldon Mark Hanington (R-Lincoln)

**Rules and Business of the House**

The Speaker, Ex Officio  
Erin D. Herbig (D-Belfast)  
Kenneth Wade Fredette (R-Newport)  
Ellie Espling (R-New Gloucester)  
Sincerely,  
S/Sara Gideon  
Speaker of the House

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

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The Following Communication: (H.C. 11)

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

December 23, 2016

Honorable Robert B. Hunt

Clerk of the House

2 State House Station

Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Clerk Hunt:

Pursuant to my authority under Senate Rule 201.3, I have made the following appointments to various Joint Standing Committees.

**Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry**

Paul T. Davis, Sr. Chair (R-Piscataquis)

Thomas B. Saviello (R-Franklin)

James F. Dill (D-Penobscot)

**Appropriations and Financial Affairs**

James M. Hamper, Chair (R-Oxford)

Roger J. Katz (R-Kennebec)

Catherine Breen (D-Cumberland)

**Criminal Justice and Public Safety**

Kimberley C. Rosen, Chair (R-Hancock)

Scott W. Cyrway (R-Kennebec)

G. William Diamond (D-Cumberland)

**Education and Cultural Affairs**

Brian D. Langley, Chair (R-Hancock)

Joyce A. Maker (R-Washington)

Rebecca J. Millett (D-Cumberland)

**Energy, Utilities and Technology**

David Woodsome, Chair (R-York)

Andre E. Cushing III (R-Penobscot)

Mark N. Dion (D-Cumberland)

**Environment and Natural Resources**

Thomas B. Saviello, Chair (R-Franklin)

Amy F. Volk (R-Cumberland)

Geoffrey M. Gratwick (D-Penobscot)

**Health and Human Services**

Eric L. Brakey, Chair (R-Androscoggin)

Roger J. Katz (R-Kennebec)

Benjamin M. Chipman (D-Cumberland)

**Inland Fisheries and Wildlife**

Scott W. Cyrway, Chair (R-Kennebec)

David C. Woodsome (R-York)

Michael E. Carpenter (D-Aroostook)

**Insurance and Financial Services**

Rodney L. Whittemore, Chair (R-Somerset)

Dana L. Dow (R-Lincoln)

Brownie Carson (D-Cumberland)

**Judiciary**

Lisa Keim, Chair (R-Oxford)

Rodney L. Whittemore (R-Somerset)

Dawn Hill (D-York)

**Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development**

Amy F. Volk, Chair (R-Cumberland)

Brian D. Langley (R-Hancock)

Shenna L. Bellows (D-Kennebec)

**Marine Resources**

Joyce A. Maker, Chair (R-Washington)

Eric L. Brakey (R-Androscoggin)

Eloise A. Vitelli (D-Sagadahoc)

**State and Local Government**

Paul T. Davis, Sr. Chair (R-Piscataquis)

Lisa Keim (R-Oxford)

Susan A. Deschambault (D-York)

**Taxation**

Dana L. Dow, Chair (R-Lincoln)

Andre E. Cushing III, (R-Penobscot)

Justin M. Chenette (D-York)

**Transportation**

Ronald F. Collins, Chair (R-York)

Kimberley C. Rosen (R-Hancock)

David R. Miramant (D-Knox)

**Veterans and Legal Affairs**

Garrett P. Mason, Chair (R-Androscoggin)

Ronald F. Collins (R-York)

Michael E. Carpenter (D-Aroostook)

Sincerely,

S/Michael D. Thibodeau

President of the Senate

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

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The Following Communication: (H.C. 12)

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

December 23, 2016

Honorable Robert B. Hunt

Clerk of the House

2 State House Station

Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Clerk Hunt:

Pursuant to my authority under Joint Rule 371, I have made the following appointments to the Government Oversight Committee:

Roger J. Katz, Chair (R-Kennebec)

Paul T. Davis, Sr. (R-Piscataquis)

Thomas B. Saviello (R-Franklin)

Nathan L. Libby (D-Androscoggin)

G. William Diamond (D-Cumberland)

Geoffrey M. Gratwick (D-Penobscot)

Sincerely,

S/Michael D. Thibodeau

President of the Senate

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

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The Following Communication: (H.C. 15)

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
HENRY JOHN BEAR  
HOULTON BAND OF MALISEET INDIANS  
2 STATE HOUSE STATION  
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0002**

December 22, 2016

Honorable Sara Gideon

Speaker of the House

2 State House Station

Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Speaker Gideon:

I am writing to respectfully inform you that I will not be requesting an appointment to any Joint Standing Committee during the 128th Maine Legislative Session. I do so with the understanding that House Rule 525 states that I have a right to such an appointment, but am herein waiving any such right under the Rule.

In making this decision, I face the reality of limited Tribal support staff and resources to assist me with my legislative efforts this Session and the relatively numerous legislative proposals or requests that I have already filed with the Office of the Revisor for

the present term; Tribal proposals I have already related to you and to your Chief of Staff that are intended to inform the State of Maine and that aim to resolve the negative impacts of jurisdictional misunderstandings, proposals to address Tribal health issues and economic inequality resulting from the exclusion of our Tribe from our Region's economy, and proposals for a renewed, Treaty-based alliance and safer circumstances in order to create environmentally sustainable non-tribal and Tribal jobs, increase Tribal revenues and improve relations between the Tribe, the State and their respective Members and Citizens.

In this third term as the elected Legislative Representative or ambassador of the Maliseet Tribe to the Maine House of Representatives, my time here will be better utilized consulting Tribal Government and Members throughout the Region regarding their legislative concerns and proposals, and thereafter presenting Tribally approved bills, resolves, joint resolutions and other House Papers directly to Maine's Legislative Leadership and Members of Joint Standing Committees in turn. This approach, rather than expending relatively unproductive energy and manhours serving as a non-voting member on any single, specific Committee, especially when hundreds of general, non-tribal issues being determined in such Joint Standing Committees are likely to be of little or no direct relevance to the Tribe, I strongly believe, will be the most effective approach this session for the Tribe and all concerned.

Respectfully,

S/Henry John Bear

Maliseet Tribal Representative

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

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The Following Communication: (H.C. 13)

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

January 4, 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:

December 14, 2016

Honorable Joseph M. Jabar of Waterville for reappointment as an Associate Justice to the Maine Supreme Judicial Court.

Pursuant to Article V, Part First, §8, of the Maine Constitution, this reappointment is contingent on the Maine Senate confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary.

Sincerely,

S/Sara Gideon

Speaker of the House

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

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The Following Communication: (H.C. 14)

**CHILD WELFARE OMBUDSMAN  
P.O. BOX 2057  
HOPE, MAINE 04847**

December 28, 2016

Honorable Sara Gideon

Speaker of the House

2 State House Station

Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Speaker Gideon:

I am pleased to present the fourteenth annual report of the Maine Child Welfare Ombudsman. Our office reports to the Governor, the Department, and the Legislature each year pursuant to 22 M.R.S.A. §4087-A. This report reflects the Fiscal Year from October 1, 2015 through September 30, 2016. I respectfully request that you distribute this report to the members of the Maine House of Representatives.

The Child Welfare Services Ombudsman provides information to callers about Child Welfare Services and referrals to other resources and sources of information. For approximately one fifth of callers, the Ombudsman will open a case for review. The Ombudsman is pleased to report that the Office of Child and Family Services and the Ombudsman continue to have an excellent working relationship as we strive for the common goal of keeping Maine's most vulnerable children safe and helping reunite families involved with Child Welfare.

Please let me know if you have any questions about the report or our program and I would be happy to meet and discuss those or any other issues with you.

Respectfully submitted,

S/Christine Alberi

Ombudsman

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

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The Following Communication: (H.C. 16)

**STATE OF MAINE  
OFFICE OF THE  
SECRETARY OF STATE  
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0148**

December 30, 2016

Honorable Sara Gideon

Speaker of the House

2 State House Station

Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Speaker Gideon:

Pursuant to 5 MRSA §12009, I am submitting to you the report of Board and Commission appointments or reappointments for calendar year 2017. Additionally, I am providing a report that lists appointments or reappointments that have not been made from previous years through December 31, 2016, and where vacancies actually exist on a board or commission that need a new appointment. If you need a breakdown by your appointments only, we can provide this for you as well.

If you have any question concerning these reports or need additional information, please contact me or Cathy Beaudoin in the Bureau of Corporations, Elections and Commissions at 624-7748.

Sincerely,

S/Matthew Dunlap

Secretary of State

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

**PETITIONS, BILLS AND RESOLVES REQUIRING REFERENCE**

Bill "An Act To Prevent Bad Faith Assertions of Patent Infringement"

(H.P. 4) (L.D. 2)

Sponsored by Representative DEVIN of Newcastle.  
Cosponsored by Senator CARPENTER of Aroostook and Representatives: ALLEY of Beals, BLUME of York, DAUGHTRY of Brunswick, GRANT of Gardiner, MOONEN of Portland, Senators: DION of Cumberland, LIBBY of Androscoggin.

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

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

Sent for concurrence.

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

(H.P. 5) (L.D. 3)

Sponsored by Representative DEVIN of Newcastle.  
Cosponsored by Senator DILL of Penobscot and Representatives: ALLEY of Beals, HIGGINS of Dover-Foxcroft, MARTIN of Eagle Lake, SKOLFIELD of Weld, TUELL of East Machias, Senators: DAVIS of Piscataquis, DOW of Lincoln, MAKER of Washington.

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.

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Bill "An Act To Repeal the Law Regulating Reflective and Tinted Glass in Automobiles"

(H.P. 3) (L.D. 1)

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

Cosponsored by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin.

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

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

Sent for concurrence.

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Bill "An Act To Amend the Licensing Requirements for Beano Halls Leased by Veterans' Organizations"

(H.P. 6) (L.D. 4)

Sponsored by Representative KINNEY of Limington.  
Cosponsored by Senator DIAMOND of Cumberland and Representatives: DEVIN of Newcastle, DILLINGHAM of Oxford, FARRIN of Norridgewock, HANINGTON of Lincoln, LONGSTAFF of Waterville, LUCHINI of Ellsworth, SCHNECK of Bangor, Senator: CYRWAY of Kennebec.

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Exclude Wildlife Issues from Citizen Initiatives

(H.P. 7) (L.D. 5)

Sponsored by Representative WOOD of Greene.  
Cosponsored by Representatives: DUNPHY of Old Town, FARRIN of Norridgewock, HARVELL of Farmington, O'CONNOR of Berwick, PIERCE of Dresden, SIMMONS of Waldoboro, Senators: CYRWAY of Kennebec, JACKSON of Aroostook.

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.

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

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The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Rockland, Representative Casás.

Representative **CASÁS**: Madam Speaker, I request unanimous consent to address the House on the record.

The SPEAKER: The House will be in order. The Representative may proceed.

Representative **CASÁS**: Thank you Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, Men and Women of the House, in reference to Roll Call No. 1 on House Order 7, had I been present, I would have voted no.

The SPEAKER: The record shall so reflect.

Representative **CASÁS**: Thank you.

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On motion of Representative ESPLING of New Gloucester, the House adjourned at 10:26 a.m., until 10:00 a.m., Thursday, January 5, 2017.