

ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION
1st Legislative Day
Wednesday, January 3, 2018

Pursuant to Article IV, Part 3, Section 1 of the Constitution and Laws of the State of Maine, the Representatives to the One Hundred and Twenty-Eighth Legislature assembled in the Hall of the House and were called to order by ERIN D. HERBIG of Belfast, Speaker Pro Tem of the House.

Prayer by Chaplain Kate Braestrup, Maine State Warden Service, Lincolnville.

National Anthem by Mount View Chamber Singers, Mount View High School, Thorndike.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Doctor of the day, Angus Christie, M.D., Falmouth.

A roll call was taken. 138 out of 151 members answered to their names and accordingly the Chair declared a quorum present.

Those absent were:

Representative BRADSTREET of Vassalboro

Representative BLACK of Wilton

Representative FREDETTE of Newport

Speaker GIDEON of Freeport

Representative HAGGAN of Hampden

Representative HYMANSON of York

Representative MALABY of Hancock

Representative MASON of Lisbon

Representative McLEAN of Gorham

Representative PARRY of Arundel

Representative PICKETT of Dixfield

Representative SHEATS of Auburn

Representative SHERMAN of Hodgdon

ORDERS

On motion of Representative GOLDEN of Lewiston, the following House Order: (H.O. 50)

ORDERED, that a Committee of ten be appointed to wait upon His Excellency, Governor Paul Richard LePage, and inform him that a quorum of the House of Representatives was assembled in the Hall of the House for the consideration of such business as may come before the House.

READ and PASSED.

The Speaker appointed the following Members to the Committee to wait upon the Governor and inform him that a quorum of the members of the House of Representatives had assembled in the Hall of the House for the consideration of such business as may come before the House:

Representative MARTIN of Sinclair

Representative BRYANT of Windham

Representative BEEBE-CENTER of Rockland

Representative HOGAN of Old Orchard Beach

Representative MADIGAN of Rumford

Representative SPEAR of South Thomaston

Representative HARRINGTON of Sanford

Representative ORDWAY of Standish

Representative GRIGNON of Athens

At this point, the Speaker recognized the Representative from Wilton, Representative BLACK and the Representative from Newport, Representative FREDETTE, and they were added to the roll call of the Second Regular Session of the 128th Legislature.

On motion of Representative GOLDEN of Lewiston, the following House Order: (H.O. 51)

ORDERED, that a message be conveyed to the Senate that a quorum of the House of Representatives was present for the consideration of such business as may come before the House.

READ and PASSED.

The Speaker appointed Representative GOLDEN of Lewiston to inform the Senate that a quorum of the members of the House of Representatives had assembled in the Hall of the House for the consideration of such business as may come before the House.

Subsequently, Representative MARTIN of Sinclair reported that the Committee had delivered the message with which it was charged.

Subsequently, Representative GOLDEN of Lewiston reported that he had delivered the message with which he was charged.

At this point, a message was received from the Senate, borne by Senator MASON of Androscoggin of that body, announcing a quorum present and that the Senate was ready to transact any business that might properly come before it.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: (H.C. 366)

STATE OF MAINE

OFFICE OF THE

SECRETARY OF STATE

AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0148

December 5, 2017

Honorable Robert B. Hunt

Clerk of the House

2 State House Station

Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Clerk Hunt,

Please find enclosed certified copies of the Governor's proclamations and the official tabulations displaying the final results from the November 7, 2017 Referendum Election and the special legislative election held in State Representative District 56.

Sincerely,

S/Matthew Dunlap

Secretary of State

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

November 27, 2017

I, Matthew Dunlap, Secretary of State, in accordance with the provisions of the proclamation issued by the Governor on September 15, 2017, calling for a Special Election to be held on November 7, 2017, to elect a State Representative in District 56 and having tabulated the returns of the votes cast; REPORT AS FOLLOWS: In accordance with Title 21-A MRSA Section 711, having tabulated the total number of state ballots cast, the number of voters participating in this election is 2,076; and that Richard G. Mason of Lisbon having received a plurality of the votes cast, appears to have been elected a State Representative in the 128th Legislature in District 56:

Gaiason, Scott N., Lisbon 868
Mason, Richard G., Lisbon 1,180

I, Matthew Dunlap, Secretary of State, hereby certify that the foregoing report is a true tabulation of the votes cast at the Special Election, as reported to me on the returns from the municipality of Lisbon.

S/Matthew Dunlap
Secretary of State
Received by the Governor
S/ Paul R. LePage
Governor

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

December 5, 2017

To Robert B. Hunt, Clerk of the House, in the One Hundred and Twenty-eighth Legislature:

I, Matthew Dunlap, Secretary of State, pursuant to the provisions of Title 3 MRSA, Section 1, hereby certify that the following is the name and residence of the Representative-elect to the One Hundred and Twenty-eighth Legislature, in accordance with the tabulation submitted to the Governor on November 27, 2017:

DISTRICT 56 Richard G. Mason, Lisbon

In Testimony Whereof, I have caused the Great Seal of the State to be affixed, given under my hand at Augusta this fifth day of December in the year Two Thousand and Seventeen.

S/Matthew Dunlap
Secretary of State

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

At this point, the Speaker announced the presence in the Hall of the House of Representative Mason of Lisbon.

At this point, Representative Mason of Lisbon was added to the roll of the Second Regular Session of the 128th Legislature.

COMMUNICATIONS
The Following Communication: (H.C. 367)
**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE
SECRETARY OF STATE
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0148**

December 14, 2017
Honorable Sara Gideon
Speaker of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333
Dear Speaker Gideon,

The following is a summary of the results of the November 7, 2017 Referendum Election, as derived from the accompanying copies of the Governor's Proclamations and the Secretary of State's Official Tabulation of the election results. The Governor signed all Proclamations on December 4, 2017.

Question 1: Citizen Initiative
Number of Votes in Favor 57,538
Number of Votes Opposed 286,847

Question 2: Citizen Initiative
Number of Votes in Favor 203,080
Number of Votes Opposed 141,436

Question 3: Bond Issue
Number of Votes in Favor 246,828
Number of Votes Opposed 96,017

Question 4: Constitutional Amendment
Number of Votes in Favor 208,924
Number of Votes Opposed 122,545

Sincerely,
S/Matthew Dunlap
Secretary of State

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

The Following Communication: (H.P. 1149)
**STATE OF MAINE
CLERK'S OFFICE
2 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0002**

November 28, 2017
Honorable Sara Gideon
Speaker of the House
128th Legislature
Honorable Michael D. Thibodeau
President of the Senate
128th Legislature

Dear Madam Speaker and Mr. President:
On November 27, 2017, 8 bills were received by the Clerk of the House.

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, these bills were referred to the Joint Standing Committees on November 27, 2017, as follows:

Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry
Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 307: Fees for Testing Weighing and Measuring Devices, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1147) (L.D. 1662) (Representative Dunphy of Old Town for the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 8072.)

Education and Cultural Affairs
Bill "An Act To Allow Veterans Free Admission to the Maine State Museum" (H.P. 1141) (L.D. 1656) (Sponsored by

Representative HERBIG of Belfast) (Cosponsored by President THIBODEAU of Waldo and Representatives: BATTLE of South Portland, FARRIN of Norridgewock, GOLDEN of Lewiston, HANINGTON of Lincoln, KINNEY of Limington, LONGSTAFF of Waterville, SCHNECK of Bangor, SHEATS of Auburn) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Environment and Natural Resources

Bill "An Act To Update the Allowance Budget for the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative" (H.P. 1142) (L.D. 1657) (Sponsored by Representative TUCKER of Brunswick) (Submitted by the Department of Environmental Protection pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Health and Human Services

Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 33: Rule Relating to the Licensing of Family Child Care Providers, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Health and Human Services, Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1146) (L.D. 1661) (Representative Hymanson of York for the Department of Health and Human Services pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 8072.)

Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapters 126 and 261: Immunization Requirements for School Children, Joint Major Substantive Rules of the Department of Education and the Department of Health and Human Services (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1148) (L.D. 1664) (Representative Hymanson of York for the Department of Education and the Department of Health and Human Services pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 8072.)

Judiciary

Bill "An Act To Make Criminal History Record Information Maintained in a Database Confidential" (H.P. 1143) (L.D. 1658) (Sponsored by Representative COREY of Windham) (Cosponsored by Senator DIAMOND of Cumberland and Representatives: GERRISH of Lebanon, HICKMAN of Winthrop, LONGSTAFF of Waterville, MAREAN of Hollis, NADEAU of Winslow, RECKITT of South Portland, WARREN of Hallowell, Senator: CYRWAY of Kennebec) (Submitted by the Department of Public Safety pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Marine Resources

Bill "An Act To Amend Maine's Marine Resources Laws Regarding Certain License Fees and Surcharges That Were Amended by Recently Enacted Legislation" (H.P. 1144) (L.D. 1659) (Sponsored by Representative KUMIEGA of Deer Isle) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Taxation

Resolve, Authorizing the State Tax Assessor To Convey the Interest of the State in Certain Real Estate in the Unorganized Territory (H.P. 1145) (L.D. 1660) (Sponsored by Representative HILLIARD of Belgrade) (Submitted by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Sincerely,

S/Robert B. Hunt

Clerk of the House

S/Heather J.R. Priest

Secretary of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

Sent for concurrence.

The Following Communication: (H.P. 1151)

STATE OF MAINE

CLERK'S OFFICE

2 STATE HOUSE STATION

AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0002

November 30, 2017

Honorable Sara Gideon

Speaker of the House

128th Legislature

Honorable Michael D. Thibodeau

President of the Senate

128th Legislature

Dear Madam Speaker and Mr. President:

On November 29, 2017, 1 bill was received by the Clerk of the House.

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, this bill was referred to a Joint Standing Committee on November 29, 2017, as follows:

Health and Human Services

Bill "An Act To Maintain Mental Health Staffing at the Dorothea Dix Psychiatric Center and Support Statewide Forensic Services" (H.P. 1150) (L.D. 1665) (Sponsored by Representative MALABY of Hancock) (Submitted by the Department of Health and Human Services pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Sincerely,

S/Robert B. Hunt

Clerk of the House

S/Heather J.R. Priest

Secretary of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

Sent for concurrence.

The Following Communication: (H.P. 1156)

STATE OF MAINE

CLERK'S OFFICE

2 STATE HOUSE STATION

AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0002

December 4, 2017

Honorable Sara Gideon

Speaker of the House

128th Legislature

Honorable Michael D. Thibodeau

President of the Senate

128th Legislature

Dear Madam Speaker and Mr. President:

On December 1, 2017, 1 bill was received by the Clerk of the House.

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, this bill was referred to a Joint Standing Committee on December 1, 2017, as follows:

Education and Cultural Affairs

Bill "An Act To Ensure the Successful Implementation of Proficiency-based Diplomas by Extending the Timeline for Phasing in Their Implementation" (H.P. 1152) (L.D. 1666) (Sponsored by Representative KORNFIELD of Bangor) (Cosponsored by Representatives: BERRY of Bowdoinham, DENNO of Cumberland, DOORE of Augusta, GATTINE of Westbrook, GOLDEN of Lewiston, McCREIGHT of Harpswell) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

On December 4, 2017, 3 bills were received by the Clerk of the House.

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, these bills were referred to the Joint Standing Committees on December 4, 2017, as follows:

Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

Bill "An Act To Prohibit the Entry of Anadromous Fish Species into Sheepscot Pond for 3 Years and To Study the Consequences of the Presence of Anadromous Fish in Sheepscot Pond" (H.P. 1153) (L.D. 1667) (Sponsored by Representative ZEIGLER of Montville) (BY REQUEST) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

State and Local Government

Bill "An Act To Change Certain Gender-specific Terminology in the Laws Regarding Municipalities and Counties" (H.P. 1154) (L.D. 1668) (Sponsored by Representative MALABY of Hancock) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Taxation

Bill "An Act Regarding Levies Placed on Accounts at Financial Institutions for Unpaid State Income Taxes" (H.P. 1155) (L.D. 1669) (Sponsored by Representative FECTION of Biddeford) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Sincerely,

S/Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House
S/Heather J.R. Priest
Secretary of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

Sent for concurrence.

The Following Communication: (H.P. 1158)

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

December 5, 2017
Honorable Sara Gideon
Speaker of the House
128th Legislature
Honorable Michael D. Thibodeau
President of the Senate
128th Legislature

Dear Madam Speaker and Mr. President:

On December 5, 2017, 1 bill was received by the Clerk of the House.

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, this bill was referred to a Joint Standing Committee on December 5, 2017, as follows:

Judiciary

Bill "An Act To Revise the Grandparents Visitation Act" (H.P. 1157) (L.D. 1670) (Sponsored by Representative CARDONE of Bangor) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Sincerely,

S/Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House
S/Heather J.R. Priest
Secretary of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

Sent for concurrence.

The Following Communication: (H.P. 1161)

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

December 13, 2017
Honorable Sara Gideon
Speaker of the House
128th Legislature
Honorable Michael D. Thibodeau
President of the Senate
128th Legislature

Dear Madam Speaker and Mr. President:

On December 13, 2017, 2 bills were received by the Clerk of the House.

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, these bills were referred to the Joint Standing Committees on December 13, 2017, as follows:

Criminal Justice and Public Safety

Bill "An Act To Waive the Fee for Attendance at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy for Former Military Police Officers" (H.P. 1159) (L.D. 1672) (Sponsored by Representative GUERIN of Glenburn) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

State and Local Government

Bill "An Act Authorizing the Deorganization of Codyville Plantation" (H.P. 1160) (L.D. 1673) (Sponsored by Representative TURNER of Burlington) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Sincerely,

S/Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House
S/Heather J.R. Priest
Secretary of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

Sent for concurrence.

The Following Communication: (H.P. 1169)

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

December 18, 2017
Honorable Sara Gideon
Speaker of the House
128th Legislature
Honorable Michael D. Thibodeau
President of the Senate
128th Legislature

Dear Madam Speaker and Mr. President:

On December 18, 2017, 7 bills were received by the Clerk of the House.

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, these bills were referred to the Joint Standing Committees on December 18, 2017, as follows:

Environment and Natural Resources

Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 502: Direct Watersheds of Lakes Most at Risk from New Development, Urban Impaired Streams, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Environmental Protection (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1162) (L.D. 1674) (Representative Tucker of Brunswick for the Department of Environmental

Protection pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 8072.)

Health and Human Services

Bill "An Act To Clarify Definitions in the Laws Regarding the Licensing of Eating Establishments and Lodging Places" (H.P. 1163) (L.D. 1675) (Sponsored by Representative HYMANSON of York) (Submitted by the Department of Health and Human Services pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Reestablish the Office of Advocacy within the Department of Health and Human Services" (H.P. 1164) (L.D. 1676) (Sponsored by Representative DENNO of Cumberland) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Insurance and Financial Services

Bill "An Act Regarding the Information Required of Debt Buyers for Debt Collection" (H.P. 1165) (L.D. 1677) (Sponsored by Representative SANBORN of Portland) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Judiciary

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Affecting the Judicial Branch Regarding Railroad Trespass Civil Violations and Fines for Civil Violations" (H.P. 1166) (L.D. 1678) (Sponsored by Representative MOONEN of Portland) (Cosponsored by Senator KEIM of Oxford) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

State and Local Government

Bill "An Act To Authorize the Oxford County Commissioners To Close the Western District Registry of Deeds" (H.P. 1167) (L.D. 1679) (Sponsored by Representative WINSOR of Norway) (Cosponsored by Representative: DILLINGHAM of Oxford) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Taxation

Bill "An Act To Create an Access to Justice Income Tax Credit" (H.P. 1168) (L.D. 1680) (Sponsored by Representative BAILEY of Saco) (Cosponsored by Senator: KEIM of Oxford) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Sincerely,

S/Robert B. Hunt

Clerk of the House

S/Heather J.R. Priest

Secretary of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

Sent for concurrence.

The Following Communication: (H.P. 1208)

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

December 20, 2017

Honorable Sara Gideon

Speaker of the House

128th Legislature

Honorable Michael D. Thibodeau

President of the Senate

128th Legislature

Dear Madam Speaker and Mr. President:

On December 19, 2017, 38 bills were received by the Clerk of the House.

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, these bills were referred to the Joint Standing Committees on December 19, 2017, as follows:

Criminal Justice and Public Safety

Bill "An Act To Fund the Downeast Correctional Facility" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1184) (L.D. 1704) (Sponsored by Representative TUELL of East Machias) (Cosponsored by Senator MAKER of Washington and Representatives: ALLEY of Beals, BICKFORD of Auburn, COREY of Windham, FAY of Raymond, GATTINE of Westbrook, Speaker GIDEON of Freeport, GROHMAN of Biddeford, HANDY of Lewiston, HILLIARD of Belgrade, MAREAN of Hollis, NADEAU of Winslow, PERRY of Calais, PICCHIOTTI of Fairfield, POULIOT of Augusta, STANLEY of Medway, Senators: CARSON of Cumberland, CYRWAY of Kennebec, DESCHAMBAULT of York, DIAMOND of Cumberland, DILL of Penobscot, JACKSON of Aroostook, LANGLEY of Hancock, MASON of Androscoggin, President THIBODEAU of Waldo, VOLK of Cumberland, WOODSOME of York) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Strengthen Crime Victims' Rights" (H.P. 1185) (L.D. 1705) (Sponsored by Representative HERBIG of Belfast) (BY REQUEST) (Cosponsored by Senator VOLK of Cumberland and Representatives: GOLDEN of Lewiston, McCREA of Fort Fairfield, NADEAU of Winslow, PERRY of Calais, ZEIGLER of Montville, Senators: JACKSON of Aroostook, ROSEN of Hancock, President THIBODEAU of Waldo) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Improve Public Safety through Expanded Department of Corrections Treatment, Education and Vocational Programs" (H.P. 1186) (L.D. 1706) (Sponsored by Representative TALBOT ROSS of Portland) (Cosponsored by Senator VOLK of Cumberland and Representative: GROHMAN of Biddeford) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Education and Cultural Affairs

Resolve, Directing the Department of Education To Adopt Protocols Designed To Prevent Youth Suicide (H.P. 1174) (L.D. 1694) (Sponsored by Representative GOLDEN of Lewiston) (Cosponsored by Senator LIBBY of Androscoggin and Representatives: HANDY of Lewiston, HOGAN of Old Orchard Beach, NADEAU of Winslow) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Clarify Educational Placement and Notification in Regard to Parental Rights and Responsibilities" (H.P. 1175) (L.D. 1695) (Sponsored by Representative HERBIG of Belfast) (Cosponsored by President THIBODEAU of Waldo and Representatives: GILLWAY of Searsport, GOLDEN of Lewiston, KORNFIELD of Bangor, McCREA of Fort Fairfield, PERRY of Calais, Senators: KATZ of Kennebec, LANGLEY of Hancock, VOLK of Cumberland) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.)

Bill "An Act To Provide Funding for the Maine Bicentennial Commission" (H.P. 1176) (L.D. 1696) (Sponsored by Representative HILLIARD of Belgrade) (Cosponsored by Senator BELLOWES of Kennebec and Representatives: BICKFORD of Auburn, TUELL of East Machias) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Establish Alternative Pathways to the Completion of Secondary School Mathematics Requirements" (H.P. 1177) (L.D. 1697) (Sponsored by Representative KORNFIELD of Bangor) (Cosponsored by Senator LANGLEY of Hancock and Representatives: DUNPHY of Old Town, GATTINE of Westbrook, GOLDEN of Lewiston, HERBIG of Belfast, PERRY of Calais, SCHNECK of Bangor, STANLEY of Medway, Senator: DESCHAMBAULT of York) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Promote Innovation and Growth in Maine's Traditional Industries" (H.P. 1178) (L.D. 1698) (Sponsored by Representative HERBIG of Belfast) (Cosponsored by President THIBODEAU of Waldo and Representatives: GILLWAY of Searsport, GOLDEN of Lewiston, McCREA of Fort Fairfield, PERRY of Calais, ZEIGLER of Montville, Senators: JACKSON of Aroostook, LANGLEY of Hancock, MIRAMANT of Knox) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Energy, Utilities and Technology

Bill "An Act To Facilitate Wireless Broadband Deployment in Maine and Modify the Process for Issuing Utility Facility Location Permits" (H.P. 1170) (L.D. 1690) (Sponsored by Representative WADSWORTH of Hiram) (Cosponsored by Senator WOODSOME of York and Representatives: COREY of Windham, HANLEY of Pittston, HARRINGTON of Sanford, KINNEY of Limington) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Revise the Renewable Portfolio Standard Laws To Allow Certain Hydropower Facilities To Qualify as New Renewable Capacity Resources" (H.P. 1179) (L.D. 1699) (Sponsored by Representative RYKERSON of Kittery) (Cosponsored by Senator KEIM of Oxford) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Protect Maine Residents and Businesses from Rising Electricity Costs" (H.P. 1180) (L.D. 1700) (Sponsored by Representative BERRY of Bowdoinham) (Cosponsored by Senator WOODSOME of York and Representatives: Speaker GIDEON of Freeport, GILLWAY of Searsport, GOLDEN of Lewiston, Senators: CARSON of Cumberland, DILL of Penobscot, KEIM of Oxford) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Improve the Energy Efficiency of Group Homes in the Northern Part of the State" (H.P. 1181) (L.D. 1701) (Sponsored by Representative STANLEY of Medway) (Cosponsored by Senator JACKSON of Aroostook and Representatives: HERBIG of Belfast, MARTIN of Eagle Lake, NADEAU of Winslow, WHITE of Washburn) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Allow Certain Hydropower Facilities To Sell Electricity Directly to Rural Manufacturing and Industrial Sites" (H.P. 1182) (L.D. 1702) (Sponsored by Representative STANLEY of Medway) (Cosponsored by Senator DILL of Penobscot and Representatives: HERBIG of Belfast, HILLIARD of Belgrade, NADEAU of Winslow, Senators: JACKSON of Aroostook, MASON of Androscoggin) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Environment and Natural Resources

Bill "An Act To Create Equity for Wine and Spirits Container Deposits" (H.P. 1183) (L.D. 1703) (Sponsored by Representative ESPLING of New Gloucester) (Cosponsored by Representatives: HANLEY of Pittston, HARLOW of

Portland, HILLIARD of Belgrade, POULIOT of Augusta, VACHON of Scarborough, Senator: CYRWAY of Kennebec) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Health and Human Services

Bill "An Act To Reduce the Cost of Care Resulting from Blood-borne Infectious Diseases" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1187) (L.D. 1707) (Sponsored by Representative VACHON of Scarborough) (Cosponsored by Senator VOLK of Cumberland and Representatives: COREY of Windham, HARRINGTON of Sanford, PICCHIOTTI of Fairfield, Senators: DILL of Penobscot, LANGLEY of Hancock, MAKER of Washington) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Allow Qualifying Medicaid Recipients To Hire Relatives and Legal Guardians for Consumer-directed Attendant Services" (H.P. 1188) (L.D. 1708) (Sponsored by Representative COREY of Windham) (Cosponsored by Senator DIAMOND of Cumberland and Representatives: BICKFORD of Auburn, BRYANT of Windham, FAY of Raymond, MALABY of Hancock, MARTIN of Eagle Lake, NADEAU of Winslow, VACHON of Scarborough, Senator: BREEN of Cumberland) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Allow the Maine Developmental Services Oversight and Advisory Board Access to Investigations of Suspicious Deaths and Mortality Reviews Performed by the Department of Health and Human Services" (H.P. 1189) (L.D. 1709) (Sponsored by Representative PARKER of South Berwick) (Cosponsored by Representatives: GATTINE of Westbrook, PERRY of Calais, Senator: MAKER of Washington) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Restore Maine's School-based Health Centers" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1190) (L.D. 1710) (Sponsored by Representative HANDY of Lewiston) (Cosponsored by Senator MAKER of Washington and Representatives: FARNSWORTH of Portland, NADEAU of Winslow, PERRY of Calais, SHEATS of Auburn, TEPLER of Topsham, Senators: BELLOWS of Kennebec, CARSON of Cumberland, MILLETT of Cumberland) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Resolve, To Save Lives by Establishing a Homeless Opioid Users Service Engagement Pilot Project within the Department of Health and Human Services (H.P. 1191) (L.D. 1711) (Sponsored by Representative GATTINE of Westbrook) (Cosponsored by Senator MAKER of Washington and Representatives: ESPLING of New Gloucester, Speaker GIDEON of Freeport, McCREIGHT of Harpswell, PERRY of Calais, TALBOT ROSS of Portland, TUELL of East Machias, VACHON of Scarborough, Senator: CARSON of Cumberland) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act Regarding Health Care Ombudsman Services" (H.P. 1192) (L.D. 1712) (Sponsored by Representative VACHON of Scarborough) (Cosponsored by Senator LANGLEY of Hancock and Representatives: COREY of Windham, ESPLING of New Gloucester, PICCHIOTTI of Fairfield, STETKIS of Canaan, Senators: DILL of Penobscot, KEIM of Oxford, MAKER of Washington, MASON of Androscoggin) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Improve Housing Support in the Bridging Rental Assistance Program" (H.P. 1193) (L.D. 1713) (Sponsored by Representative GATTINE of Westbrook) (Cosponsored by

Senator BELLOWS of Kennebec and Representatives: HUBBELL of Bar Harbor, PERRY of Calais, VACHON of Scarborough, Senator: BREEN of Cumberland) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Clarify Liability Pertaining to the Collection of Debts of MaineCare Providers by the Department of Health and Human Services" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1194) (L.D. 1714) (Sponsored by Representative GATTINE of Westbrook) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Ensure Rural Patient Populations Receive Safe and Effective Health Care" (H.P. 1195) (L.D. 1715) (Sponsored by Representative STANLEY of Medway) (Cosponsored by Senator CARSON of Cumberland and Representatives: GOLDEN of Lewiston, HERBIG of Belfast, NADEAU of Winslow, TUELL of East Machias, Senator: JACKSON of Aroostook) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Judiciary

Resolve, Directing the Secretary of State To Study the Revised Uniform Law on Notarial Acts (H.P. 1171) (L.D. 1691) (Sponsored by Representative MOONEN of Portland) (Cosponsored by Representatives: BICKFORD of Auburn, LONGSTAFF of Waterville, PERRY of Calais, PICCHIOTTI of Fairfield, Senators: CARSON of Cumberland, DILL of Penobscot, JACKSON of Aroostook) (Submitted by the Secretary of State pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Protect Persons Who Provide Assistance to Law Enforcement Dogs, Search and Rescue Dogs and Service Dogs" (H.P. 1196) (L.D. 1716) (Sponsored by Representative FAY of Raymond) (Cosponsored by Senator DIAMOND of Cumberland and Representatives: BAILEY of Saco, BATTLE of South Portland, COREY of Windham, ESPLING of New Gloucester, HARRINGTON of Sanford, MASTRACCIO of Sanford, PERRY of Calais, TUELL of East Machias) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Clarify the Authority of the Chief Medical Examiner To Properly Dispose of Abandoned Human Remains" (H.P. 1197) (L.D. 1717) (Sponsored by Representative MOONEN of Portland) (Cosponsored by Senator HILL of York and Representatives: LONGSTAFF of Waterville, McCREIGHT of Harpswell, Senators: KATZ of Kennebec, VITELLI of Sagadahoc) (Submitted by the Department of the Attorney General pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development

Bill "An Act To Empower Maine's Rural Economy and Workforce" (H.P. 1198) (L.D. 1718) (Sponsored by Representative HERBIG of Belfast) (Cosponsored by President THIBODEAU of Waldo and Representatives: FAY of Raymond, GILLWAY of Searsport, NADEAU of Winslow, STANLEY of Medway, Senators: KATZ of Kennebec, LANGLEY of Hancock, MIRAMANT of Knox, VOLK of Cumberland) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Marijuana Legalization Implementation

Bill "An Act To Implement a Regulatory Structure for Adult Use Marijuana" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1199) (L.D. 1719) (Sponsored by Representative PIERCE of Falmouth) (Cosponsored by Senator KATZ of Kennebec) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.)

Marine Resources

Bill "An Act To Amend the Law Regarding Temporary Medical Allowances for Lobster and Crab Fishing License Holders" (H.P. 1200) (L.D. 1720) (Sponsored by Representative McCREIGHT of Harpswell) (Cosponsored by Senator VITELLI of Sagadahoc and Representatives: BATTLE of South Portland, DEVIN of Newcastle, KUMIEGA of Deer Isle, Senator: LANGLEY of Hancock) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Taxation

Bill "An Act To Require Room Remarketers and Operators of Transient Rental Platforms To Be Registered for the Collection and Reporting of Sales Taxes" (H.P. 1201) (L.D. 1721) (Sponsored by Representative HILLIARD of Belgrade) (Cosponsored by Senator MASON of Androscoggin and Representatives: BICKFORD of Auburn, POULIOT of Augusta, STANLEY of Medway, TUELL of East Machias) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Encourage Computer Data Center Development by Providing a Sales Tax Refund or Exemption" (H.P. 1202) (L.D. 1722) (Sponsored by Representative STANLEY of Medway) (Cosponsored by Senator DILL of Penobscot and Representatives: GOLDEN of Lewiston, HERBIG of Belfast, HILLIARD of Belgrade, NADEAU of Winslow, Senators: JACKSON of Aroostook, MASON of Androscoggin, MIRAMANT of Knox) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Expand Job Opportunities for People Working in Maine" (H.P. 1203) (L.D. 1723) (Sponsored by Representative HERBIG of Belfast) (Cosponsored by Senator LANGLEY of Hancock and Representatives: FAY of Raymond, GOLDEN of Lewiston, NADEAU of Winslow, PERRY of Calais, STANLEY of Medway, Senators: MIRAMANT of Knox, VOLK of Cumberland) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Provide a Sales Tax Exemption for Nonprofit Heating Assistance Organizations" (H.P. 1207) (L.D. 1755) (Sponsored by Representative HERBIG of Belfast) (Cosponsored by President THIBODEAU of Waldo and Representatives: GILLWAY of Searsport, GOLDEN of Lewiston, KINNEY of Knox, McCREA of Fort Fairfield, ZEIGLER of Montville, Senators: JACKSON of Aroostook, MIRAMANT of Knox) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.)

Transportation

Bill "An Act To Amend the Motor Vehicle Laws" (H.P. 1172) (L.D. 1692) (Sponsored by Representative McLEAN of Gorham) (Cosponsored by Representatives: GILLWAY of Searsport, HARRINGTON of Sanford, LONGSTAFF of Waterville, WHITE of Washburn, Senators: DILL of Penobscot, JACKSON of Aroostook, MIRAMANT of Knox) (Submitted by the Secretary of State pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Authorize Municipalities To Develop and Operate Pilot Programs for the Use of Autonomous Vehicles for Public Transportation" (H.P. 1204) (L.D. 1724) (Sponsored by Representative SANBORN of Portland) (Cosponsored by Representatives: FECTEAU of Biddeford, GATTINE of Westbrook, Senator: BRAKEY of Androscoggin) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Veterans and Legal Affairs

Bill "An Act To Clarify the Law Governing the Separation of a Class A Restaurant and an Off-premises Retail Licensee Located on the Same Premises" (H.P. 1173) (L.D. 1693) (Sponsored by Representative POULIOT of Augusta) (Cosponsored by Senator MILLETT of Cumberland and Representatives: ESPLING of New Gloucester, HANLEY of Pittston, HILLIARD of Belgrade, WHITE of Washburn, Senator: DESCHAMBAULT of York) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)
Bill "An Act To Ensure Stability for Certain Holders of Liquor Licenses" (H.P. 1205) (L.D. 1725) (Sponsored by Representative LUCHINI of Ellsworth) (Cosponsored by Senator MASON of Androscoggin) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Elections" (H.P. 1206) (L.D. 1726) (Sponsored by Representative LUCHINI of Ellsworth) (Cosponsored by Representatives: GILLWAY of Searsport, LONGSTAFF of Waterville, WHITE of Washburn, Senators: DILL of Penobscot, JACKSON of Aroostook, MASON of Androscoggin) (Submitted by the Secretary of State pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Sincerely,
S/Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House
S/Heather J.R. Priest
Secretary of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.
Sent for concurrence.

The Following Communication: (H.P. 1212)

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

December 21, 2017
Honorable Sara Gideon
Speaker of the House
128th Legislature
Honorable Michael D. Thibodeau
President of the Senate
128th Legislature

Dear Madam Speaker and Mr. President:
On December 20, 2017, 3 bills were received by the Clerk of the House.

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, these bills were referred to the Joint Standing Committees on December 20, 2017, as follows:

Education and Cultural Affairs

Bill "An Act To Allow The Maine Educational Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing and Governor Baxter School for the Deaf To Lease Space to Maine's Protection and Advocacy Agency for Persons with Disabilities" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1209) (L.D. 1756) (Sponsored by Representative PIERCE of Falmouth) (Cosponsored by Senator: BREEN of Cumberland) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.)

Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development

Bill "An Act To Protect Maine's Economy by Slowing the Rate at Which the State's Minimum Wage Will Increase and Establishing a Training and Youth Wage" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1210) (L.D. 1757) (Sponsored by Representative STETKIS of Canaan) (Cosponsored by Representatives:

CRAIG of Brewer, GILLWAY of Searsport, HANLEY of Pittston, HILLIARD of Belgrade, PICCHIOTTI of Fairfield, SUTTON of Warren) (Submitted by the Department of Labor pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Taxation

Bill "An Act To Strengthen Maine Families with Children by Changing the Income Tax Laws" (H.P. 1211) (L.D. 1758) (Sponsored by Representative FREDETTE of Newport) (Cosponsored by Senator JACKSON of Aroostook and Representative: PICCHIOTTI of Fairfield) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Sincerely,
S/Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House
S/Heather J.R. Priest
Secretary of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.
Sent for concurrence.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 368)

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

December 11, 2017
Honorable Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333-0002

Dear Clerk Hunt:

Pursuant to my authority under House Rule 201.1 (l) (a), I have appointed Representative Richard G. Mason of Lisbon to the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife effective immediately.

Furthermore, pursuant to my authority under House Rule 401.1, I am assigning Representative Richard G. Mason of Lisbon to seat 130 effective immediately.

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

Sincerely,
S/Sara Gideon
Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 373)

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

January 3, 2018
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 (H), I appoint Representative Erin D. Herbig of Belfast to serve as Speaker Pro Tem to convene the House on January 3, 2018.

Sincerely,
S/Sara Gideon
Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 369)

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

January 3, 2018

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 December 21, 2017

Deborah L. Whitworth of Portland for reappointment to the Maine Human Rights Commission.

Pursuant to Title 5, MRSA §4561, this reappointment is contingent on the Maine Senate confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary.

Michael A. Duguay of Waterville for appointment to the Maine Rural Development Authority, Board of Trustees.

Pursuant to Title 5, MRSA §13120-D, this appointment is contingent on the Maine Senate confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development.

Coleman R. Palmer of Phippsburg for reappointment to the Maine Rural Development Authority, Board of Trustees.

Pursuant to Title 5, MRSA §13120-D, this reappointment is contingent on the Maine Senate confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development.

Brian H. Noyes of South Freeport for reappointment to the Board of Trustees, Maine Public Employees Retirement System.

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

Albert E. Hodsdon III of Fairfield for reappointment to the Efficiency Maine Trust Board.

Pursuant to Title 35-A, MRSA §10103, this reappointment is contingent on the Maine Senate confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology.

Suzanne J.M. Krauss of Brunswick for appointment as the Director, Maine Emergency Management Agency.

Pursuant to Title 37-B, MRSA §704, this appointment is contingent on the Maine Senate confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety.

On December 28, 2017

Shawn J. Sage of Hollis Center and Brian D. Smith of East Machias for appointment to the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Advisory Council.

Pursuant to Title 12, MRSA §10151, these appointments are contingent on the Maine Senate confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.

Lawrence D. Farrington of Greenville Jct. and Matthew E. Thurston of Gorham for reappointment to the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Advisory Council.

Pursuant to Title 12, MRSA §10151, these reappointments are contingent on the Maine Senate confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.

Herman A. Nichols of Bath and Lenora H. Burke of Brunswick for appointment to the Midcoast Regional Redevelopment Authority.

Pursuant to Title 5, MRSA §13083-I, these appointments are contingent on the Maine Senate confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development.

Rita M. Armstrong of Freeport and Carl W. Flora of Presque Isle for reappointment to the Midcoast Regional Redevelopment Authority.

Pursuant to Title 5, MRSA §13083-I, these reappointments are contingent on the Maine Senate confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development.

Matthew E. Moretti of Cape Elizabeth and Peter C. Mourmouras of Biddeford for appointment to the Marine Resources Advisory Council.

Pursuant to Title 12, MRSA §6024, these appointments are contingent on the Maine Senate confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Marine Resources.

Donald A. Kleiner of Union for reappointment to the Land for Maine's Future Board.

Pursuant to Title 5, MRSA §6204, this reappointment is contingent on the Maine Senate confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry.

Wilson G. Hess, Ph.D. of Freedom for reappointment to the State Board of Education.

Pursuant to Title 20-A, MRSA §401, this reappointment is contingent on the Maine Senate confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs.

David M. Coit of Cape Elizabeth for appointment to the Board of Trustees, Maine School of Science and Mathematics.

Pursuant to Title 20-A, MRSA §8204, this appointment is contingent on the Maine Senate confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs.

On January 2, 2018

Miles R. Williams of Caribou, Dana A. Saucier, Sr. of Eagle Lake and Steven H. Levesque of Farmingdale for reappointment to the Loring Development Authority.

Pursuant to Title 5, MRSA §13080-B, 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. 370)
**FINANCE AUTHORITY OF MAINE
5 COMMUNITY DRIVE
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04332-0949**

November 3, 2017

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

Dear Speaker Gideon:

Enclosed please find a copy of the Finance Authority of Maine's Fiscal Year 2017 Annual Report as required by 10 MRSA §974.

Please let me know if you have questions or require further information.

Sincerely,
S/Bruce Wagner
Chief Executive Officer

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

The Following Communication: (H.C. 371)

STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE
TASK FORCE TO ADDRESS THE OPIOID CRISIS IN THE
STATE

December 14, 2017
Honorable Michael D. Thibodeau, President
Maine State Senate
Honorable Sara Gideon, Speaker
Maine House of Representatives
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Thibodeau and Speaker Gideon:
Pursuant to Joint Order S.P. 210 of the First Regular Session of the 128th Legislature, the Task Force to Address the Opioid Crisis in the State is pleased to submit its final report. Copies of the full report have been distributed to committees or individuals as directed by law and copies have been placed on file with the Law and Legislative Reference Library. Others may access the full report on-line through the website of the Office of Policy and Legal Analysis at www.legislature.maine.gov/opla.

The task force respectfully requests your leadership in keeping the issue of the opioid crisis in the forefront of the legislative agenda. Because some of our recommendations may take time to develop and implement, it is critically important that the Legislature stays focused on taking actions to stem this crisis in Maine.

We welcome the occasion to talk with you further about the work of the task force and its recommendations. Thank you for the opportunity to work on this important issue affecting our state.

Sincerely,
S/Sen. Andre E. Cushing III, Senate Chair
S/Rep. Joyce McCreight, House Chair

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

The Following Communication: (H.C. 372)

STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE
TASK FORCE ON MAINE'S 21ST CENTURY ECONOMY
AND WORKFORCE

December 19, 2017
Honorable Michael D. Thibodeau, President
Maine State Senate
Honorable Sara Gideon, Speaker
Maine House of Representatives
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Thibodeau and Speaker Gideon:

Pursuant to SP 294, the Task Force on Maine's 21st Century Economy and Workforce is pleased to submit its final report. Copies of the full report will be distributed to relevant policy committees and copies have been placed on file with the Law and Legislative Reference Library. Others may access the full report on-line through the website of the Office of Policy and Legal Analysis at www.legislature.maine.gov/opla.

Sincerely,
S/Sen. Brian D. Langley, Senate Chair
S/Rep. Erin D. Herbig, House Chair

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

The Following Communication: (H.C. 374)

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

December 30, 2017
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 Boards and Commissions report for appointments or reappointments for calendar year 2018. Additionally, I am providing a report that lists appointments or reappointments that have not been made from previous years through December 31, 2017, 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 that for you as well.

If you have any questions 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 Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Acquire Significant Historic Properties for Resale and Rehabilitation"

(H.P. 1214) (L.D. 1760)

Sponsored by Representative CAMPBELL of Orrington.
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

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 Regarding the Prohibition on the Possession of a Firearm on School Property"

(H.P. 1215) (L.D. 1761)

Sponsored by Representative MARTIN of Eagle Lake.

Cosponsored by Senator JACKSON of Aroostook and Representatives: COREY of Windham, STANLEY of Medway, TIMBERLAKE of Turner, Senators: DILL of Penobscot, SAVIELLO of Franklin.

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

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 Ensure Sustainable Health Care Access in the Jackman Region" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 1216) (L.D. 1762)

Sponsored by Representative GRIGNON of Athens.

Cosponsored by Representatives: ESPLING of New Gloucester, FARRIN of Norridgewock, HARRINGTON of Sanford, ORDWAY of Standish, Senators: CARSON of Cumberland, WHITTEMORE of Somerset.

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

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 Rename the Coast of Maine Wildlife Management Area as the Alan E. Hutchinson Wildlife Management Area"

(H.P. 1213) (L.D. 1759)

Sponsored by Representative DUCHESNE of Hudson.

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

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 To Authorize Certain Health Care Professionals Who Are Not Physicians To Perform Abortions"

(H.P. 1217) (L.D. 1763)

Sponsored by Representative McCREIGHT of Harpswell.

Cosponsored by Senator KATZ of Kennebec and Representatives: HYMANSON of York, LONGSTAFF of Waterville, MOONEN of Portland, PERRY of Calais, Senators: BREEN of Cumberland, CARSON of Cumberland, GRATWICK of Penobscot, MIRAMANT of Knox.

Submitted by the Department of the Attorney General pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Committee on **JUDICIARY** suggested.

On motion of Representative FREDETTE of Newport, **TABLED** pending **REFERENCE** and later today assigned.

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

(H.P. 1218) (L.D. 1764)

Sponsored by Representative STETKIS of Canaan.

Cosponsored by Representatives: FARRIN of Norridgewock, PICCHIOTTI of Fairfield.

Submitted by the Department of Economic and Community Development pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

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 Provide a Source of Revenue To Preserve the Integrity of Maine's Transportation Infrastructure"

(H.P. 1219) (L.D. 1765)

Sponsored by Representative PARRY of Arundel.

Cosponsored by Representative: McLEAN of Gorham.

Submitted by the Department of Transportation pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

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

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

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Improve Marketing Efficiency in the Harness Racing Industry by Requiring Its Promotion by the State Harness Racing Commission and by Repealing the Harness Racing Promotional Board"

(H.P. 1220) (L.D. 1766)

Sponsored by Representative WHITE of Washburn.

Submitted by the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** suggested.

The Bill was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY**, ordered printed and sent for concurrence.

**Pursuant to Statute
Department of Marine Resources**

Representative KUMIEGA for the **Department of Marine Resources** pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 8072 asks leave to report that the accompanying Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 11.14: Atlantic Sea Scallop Limited Entry Program, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Marine Resources (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 1221) (L.D. 1767)

Be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **MARINE RESOURCES** and printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

The Report was **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **REFERRED** to the Committee on **MARINE RESOURCES** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

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 item:

Recognizing:

Cameron Croft, of Sidney, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 417, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. This is the highest award in Boy Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations to him on this achievement;

(HLS 837)

Presented by Representative PERKINS of Oakland.
Cosponsored by Senator KATZ of Kennebec.

On **OBJECTION** of Representative PERKINS of Oakland, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

READ.

On motion of the same Representative, **TABLED** pending **PASSAGE** and later today assigned.

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

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: (S.P. 614)

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

November 27, 2017

Honorable Michael D. Thibodeau
President of the Senate
128th Legislature
Honorable Sara Gideon
Speaker of the House
128th Legislature

Dear President Thibodeau and Speaker Gideon:

On November 27, 2017, five bills were received by the Secretary of the Senate.

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, these bills were referred to a Joint Standing Committee on November 27, 2017, as follows:

Marine Resources

Bill "An Act To Authorize the Commissioner of Marine Resources To Limit the Number of Shrimp Licenses That May Be Used in Certain Seasons" (S.P. 609) (L.D. 1652) (Sponsored by Senator LANGLEY of Hancock)

Appropriations and Financial Services

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Retirement Benefits for Capital Police Officers" (S.P. 610) (L.D. 1653) (Sponsored by Senator KATZ of Kennebec)

Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development

Bill "An Act To Protect Economic Competitiveness in Maine by Extending the End Date for Pine Tree Development Zone Benefits" (S.P. 611) (L.D. 1654) (Sponsored by Senator JACKSON of Aroostook) (Cosponsored by Representative FREDETTE of Newport and Senator: CUSHING of Penobscot, Representatives HARRINGTON of Sanford, MARTIN of Eagle Lake, PICCHIOTTI of Fairfield, STANLEY of Medway.)

Taxation

Bill "An Act To Update References to the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986 Contained in the Maine Revised Statutes" (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 612) (L.D. 1655) (Sponsored by Senator DOW of Lincoln)

Insurance and Financial Services

Bill "An Act To Improve the Regulation of Debt Collectors" (S.P. 613) (L.D. 1663) (Sponsored by Senator WHITTEMORE of Somerset)

Sincerely,

S/Heather J.R. Priest
Secretary of the Senate
S/Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House

Came from the Senate, **READ** and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

The Following Communication: (S.P. 616)

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

December 11, 2017

Honorable Michael D. Thibodeau
President of the Senate
128th Legislature
Honorable Sara Gideon
Speaker of the House
128th Legislature

Dear President Thibodeau and Speaker Gideon:

On December 11, 2017, a bill was received by the Secretary of the Senate.

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, this bill was referred to a Joint Standing Committee on December 11, 2017, as follows:

Energy, Utilities and Technology

Bill "An Act To Authorize the Public Utilities Commission To Determine the Amount of the E-9-1-1 Surcharge" (S.P. 615) (L.D. 1671) (Sponsored by Senator WOODSOME of York)

Sincerely,

S/Heather J.R. Priest
Secretary of the Senate
S/Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House

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The Following Communication: (S.P. 654)

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

December 20, 2017

Honorable Michael D. Thibodeau
President of the Senate
128th Legislature
Honorable Sara Gideon
Speaker of the House
128th Legislature

Dear President Thibodeau and Speaker Gideon:

On December 19, 2017, 37 bills were received by the Secretary of the Senate.

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, these bills were referred to a Joint Standing Committee on December 19, 2017, as follows:

Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

Bill "An Act To Correct a Technical Error Pertaining to the Dairy Improvement Fund" (EMERGENCY) (GOVERNOR'S BILL) (S.P. 617) (L.D. 1681) (Sponsored by Senator DAVIS of

Piscataquis) (Cosponsored by Representative DUNPHY of Old Town)

Resolve, Authorizing the Lease of the Colonial Pemaquid State Historic Site (S.P. 638) (L.D. 1739) (Sponsored by Senator DOW of Lincoln) (Cosponsored by Representative DEVIN of Newcastle and Senators: DAVIS of Piscataquis, DILL of Penobscot)

Resolve, To Establish a Task Force To Examine Agricultural Issues (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 646) (L.D. 1747) (Sponsored by Senator JACKSON of Aroostook) (Cosponsored by Representative MARTIN of Eagle Lake and Senators: CARPENTER of Aroostook, DAVIS of Piscataquis, DILL of Penobscot, SAVIELLO of Franklin, VITELLI of Sagadahoc, Representatives: FREDETTE of Newport, TUELL of East Machias)

Criminal Justice and Public Safety

Bill "An Act To Increase the Penalty for Visual Sexual Aggression against a Child" (S.P. 627) (L.D. 1728) (Sponsored by Senator VITELLI of Sagadahoc) (Cosponsored by Representative PIERCE of Dresden and Senators: CARSON of Cumberland, DESCHAMBAULT of York, KATZ of Kennebec, MILLETT of Cumberland, Representatives: DeCHANT of Bath, McCREIGHT of Harpswell, PERRY of Calais, VACHON of Scarborough)

Bill "An Act To Authorize Regional Medical Control Committees To Have Access to Maine Emergency Medical Services Data for Purposes of Quality Improvement" (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 634) (L.D. 1735) (Sponsored by President THIBODEAU of Waldo) (Cosponsored by Representative TIMBERLAKE of Turner and Senators: DAVIS of Piscataquis, DESCHAMBAULT of York, DIAMOND of Cumberland, VOLK of Cumberland, Representatives: DENNO of Cumberland, GILLWAY of Searsport, GOLDEN of Lewiston, MAREAN of Hollis)

Bill "An Act To Establish the Crimes of Criminal Forced Labor and Aggravated Criminal Forced Labor in the Maine Criminal Code" (S.P. 639) (L.D. 1740) (Sponsored by Senator VOLK of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by Speaker GIDEON of Freeport and Representative: HERBIG of Belfast)

Bill "An Act Regarding the Victims' Compensation Fund" (S.P. 650) (L.D. 1751) (Sponsored by Senator ROSEN of Hancock) (Cosponsored by Representative WARREN of Hallowell and Senators: CYRWAY of Kennebec, DIAMOND of Cumberland, Representatives: COREY of Windham, GROHMAN of Biddeford, LONGSTAFF of Waterville, MAREAN of Hollis, NADEAU of Winslow)

Education and Cultural Affairs

Bill "An Act Forbidding Food Shaming, Food Denial and the Use of Food as Discipline Involving Any Child in Maine's Public Schools" (S.P. 620) (L.D. 1684) (Sponsored by Senator MAKER of Washington) (Cosponsored by Representative TUELL of East Machias and Senators: BELLOWES of Kennebec, CARSON of Cumberland, DESCHAMBAULT of York, LIBBY of Androscoggin, MILLETT of Cumberland, Representatives: PERRY of Calais, POULIOT of Augusta, VACHON of Scarborough)

Bill "An Act To Repeal Certain Provisions Regarding the System Administration Allocation Affecting Maine School Districts in the 2018-2019 Biennial Budget" (S.P. 625) (L.D. 1689) (Sponsored by JACKSON of Aroostook) (Cosponsored by Representative MARTIN of Sinclair and Senators: BELLOWES of Kennebec, CARPENTER of Aroostook, DILL of Penobscot, KEIM of Oxford, MILLETT of Cumberland, Representatives: McCREA of Fort Fairfield, STANLEY of Medway, TUELL of East Machias)

Bill "An Act To Recognize the Accreditation of Certain Private Schools" (S.P. 630) (L.D. 1731) (Sponsored by Senator LANGLEY of Hancock) (Cosponsored by Representative KORNFIELD of Bangor and Senator: MASON of Androscoggin, Representative: HUBBELL of Bar Harbor)

Bill "An Act Concerning Locations for Career and Technical Education Regions and Centers" (S.P. 632) (L.D. 1733) (Sponsored by Senator LANGLEY of Hancock) (Cosponsored by Representative KORNFIELD of Bangor and Senator: WOODSOME of York)

Bill "An Act To Shorten the Residency Requirements for In-state Tuition" (S.P. 648) (L.D. 1749) (Sponsored by Senator MIRAMANT of Knox) (Cosponsored by Representative HANLEY of Pittston and Senators: DAVIS of Piscataquis, JACKSON of Aroostook, SAVIELLO of Franklin, Representatives: GATTINE of Westbrook, Speaker GIDEON of Freeport, GOLDEN of Lewiston, MARTIN of Eagle Lake, STANLEY of Medway)

Energy, Utilities and Technology

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Regarding Distributed Energy Generation and To Eliminate Gross Metering" (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 622) (L.D. 1686) (Sponsored by Senator SAVIELLO of Franklin) (Cosponsored by Senators: DIAMOND of Cumberland, DILL of Penobscot, JACKSON of Aroostook, MIRAMANT of Knox, Representatives: BLACK of Wilton, MARTIN of Eagle Lake)

Bill "An Act Regarding Compensation by Large Transmission and Distribution Utilities" (S.P. 628) (L.D. 1729) (Sponsored by Senator KEIM of Oxford) (Cosponsored by Representative BERRY of Bowdoinham)

Bill "An Act To Protect Maine Citizens from an Out-of-state Entity's Misleading Use of In-state Telephone Numbers" (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 631) (L.D. 1732) (Sponsored by Senator LANGLEY of Hancock) (Cosponsored by Representative VACHON of Scarborough and Senators: MASON of Androscoggin, WOODSOME of York, Representatives: COREY of Windham, HARRINGTON of Sanford, KORNFIELD of Bangor, ORDWAY of Standish, STETKIS of Canaan)

Resolve, Establishing the Commission To Study the Economic, Environmental and Energy Benefits of Energy Storage to the Maine Electricity Industry (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 640) (L.D. 1741) (Sponsored by President THIBODEAU of Waldo) (Cosponsored by Speaker GIDEON of Freeport and Senators: DION of Cumberland, HILL of York, MAKER of Washington, WOODSOME of York, Representatives: BERRY of Bowdoinham, GILLWAY of Searsport, PIERCE of Dresden, SANBORN of Portland)

Bill "An Act Regarding a Biomass-generated Energy Purchase and Sale Agreement and Payments to Contractors" (S.P. 644) (L.D. 1745) (Sponsored by Senator JACKSON of Aroostook) (Cosponsored by Representative STANLEY of Medway and Senators: CARPENTER of Aroostook, SAVIELLO of Franklin, WOODSOME of York, Representatives: BERRY of Bowdoinham, Speaker GIDEON of Freeport, MARTIN of Eagle Lake)

Bill "An Act To Ensure That Low-income Residents of the State Have Access to Telephone Services" (S.P. 645) (L.D. 1746) (Sponsored by Senator WOODSOME of York) (Cosponsored by Representative BERRY of Bowdoinham and Senator: JACKSON of Aroostook, Representative: POULIOT of Augusta)

Health and Human Services

Bill "An Act To Ensure the Quality of and Increase Access to Recovery Residences" (S.P. 618) (L.D. 1682) (Sponsored by Senator BELLOWS of Kennebec) (Cosponsored by Representative VACHON of Scarborough and Senators: CYRWAY of Kennebec, MAKER of Washington, MILLETT of Cumberland, Representatives: BICKFORD of Auburn, FARNSWORTH of Portland, FAY of Raymond, GATTINE of Westbrook, HILLIARD of Belgrade)

Bill "An Act To Remove Veterinarians from the Controlled Substances Prescription Monitoring Program" (S.P. 629) (L.D. 1730) (Sponsored by Senator HAMPER of Oxford) (Cosponsored by Representative: BERRY of Bowdoinham)

Bill "An Act To Preserve Medication Management for Persons with Mental Health Needs" (S.P. 636) (L.D. 1737) (Sponsored by Senator BREEN of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by Representative DENNO of Cumberland and Senators: JACKSON of Aroostook, MAKER of Washington, VOLK of Cumberland, Representatives: COREY of Windham, GATTINE of Westbrook, HYMANSON of York, TUELL of East Machias, WARREN of Hallowell)

Resolve, To Support Vulnerable Seniors by Funding Assisted Living Programs (S.P. 641) (L.D. 1742) (Sponsored by Senator DILL of Penobscot) (Cosponsored by Representative FREDETTE of Newport and Senators: DAVIS of Piscataquis, MILLETT of Cumberland, MIRAMANT of Knox, Representatives: CEBRA of Naples, DUNPHY of Old Town, Speaker GIDEON of Freeport, KORNFELD of Bangor, SCHNECK of Bangor)

Bill "An Act Regarding Rules Governing Family Child Care Provider Licensing" (S.P. 647) (L.D. 1748) (Sponsored by Senator MILLETT of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by Representative POULIOT of Augusta and Senators: CARSON of Cumberland, DIAMOND of Cumberland, LANGLEY of Hancock, MAKER of Washington, Representatives: FARNSWORTH of Portland, GATTINE of Westbrook)

Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

Bill "An Act To Amend the Registered Maine Guide Background Check Requirement" (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 619) (L.D. 1683) (Sponsored by Senator DAVIS of Piscataquis) (Cosponsored by Representative TUELL of East Machias and Senators: BELLOWS of Kennebec, CYRWAY of Kennebec, JACKSON of Aroostook, MAKER of Washington, MIRAMANT of Knox, Representatives: ESPLING of New Gloucester, NADEAU of Winslow, VACHON of Scarborough)

Insurance and Financial Services

Bill "An Act To Protect Consumers from Bank Overdraft Fees by Prohibiting the Resequencing of Withdrawal Transactions" (S.P. 652) (L.D. 1753) (Sponsored by Senator CARPENTER of Aroostook) (Cosponsored by Representative TERRY of Gorham and Senators: CARSON of Cumberland, CYRWAY of Kennebec, JACKSON of Aroostook, Representative: RILEY of Jay)

Taxation

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Calculation of Excise Tax on Automobiles" (BY REQUEST) (S.P. 623) (L.D. 1687) (Sponsored by Senator DILL of Penobscot) (Cosponsored by Representative STANLEY of Medway and Senators: DAVIS of Piscataquis, DIAMOND of Cumberland, JACKSON of Aroostook, MASON of Androscoggin, MIRAMANT of Knox, Representatives: NADEAU of Winslow, TUELL of East Machias)

Bill "An Act To Clarify the Sales Tax Exemption for Vehicles Used in Interstate or Foreign Commerce" (S.P. 633) (L.D. 1734) (Sponsored by President THIBODEAU of Waldo)

(Cosponsored by Speaker GIDEON of Freeport and Senators: DIAMOND of Cumberland, JACKSON of Aroostook, KATZ of Kennebec, VOLK of Cumberland, Representatives: ESPLING of New Gloucester, GILLWAY of Searsport, GOLDEN of Lewiston, TIMBERLAKE of Turner)

Bill "An Act To Create the Hire American Tax Credit for Businesses That Hire Residents of the United States" (S.P. 643) (L.D. 1744) (Sponsored by Senator JACKSON of Aroostook) (Cosponsored by Representative STANLEY of Medway and Senators: CARPENTER of Aroostook, DAVIS of Piscataquis, DILL of Penobscot, MIRAMANT of Knox, SAVIELLO of Franklin, Representatives: HERBIG of Belfast, MARTIN of Eagle Lake)

Transportation

Bill "An Act To Create The Barbara Bush Children's Hospital Registration Plate" (S.P. 621) (L.D. 1685) (Sponsored by Senator COLLINS of York) (Cosponsored by Representative FARNSWORTH of Portland and Senators: DAVIS of Piscataquis, DILL of Penobscot, JACKSON of Aroostook, Representatives: GILLWAY of Searsport, HARRINGTON of Sanford, ORDWAY of Standish, PICCHIOTTI of Fairfield, WHITE of Washburn)

Bill "An Act To Require That Railroads Grant Easements to Owners of Land That is Otherwise Inaccessible" (S.P. 624) (L.D. 1688) (Sponsored by Senator DILL of Penobscot) (Cosponsored by Representative STANLEY of Medway and Senators: DAVIS of Piscataquis, DIAMOND of Cumberland, JACKSON of Aroostook, MASON of Androscoggin, MIRAMANT of Knox, Representatives: MARTIN of Eagle Lake, NADEAU of Winslow, SCHNECK of Bangor)

Resolve, To Designate a Bridge in Surry the Old Surry Schoolhouse Bridge (AFTER DEADLINE) (S.P. 626) (L.D. 1727) (Sponsored by Senator LANGLEY of Hancock)

Bill "An Act To Allow the Operation of Autocycles on Roads in Maine" (S.P. 649) (L.D. 1750) (Sponsored by Senator MIRAMANT of Knox) (Cosponsored by Representative GILLWAY of Searsport and Senators: CYRWAY of Kennebec, DIAMOND of Cumberland, JACKSON of Aroostook, President THIBODEAU of Waldo, Representatives: GOLDEN of Lewiston, HERBIG of Belfast, MARTIN of Eagle Lake, VACHON of Scarborough)

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Pilotage Requirements for Passenger Ferry Service between Maine and Nova Scotia" (S.P. 651) (L.D. 1752) (Sponsored by Senator DION of Cumberland)

Resolve, Directing the Department of Transportation To Prioritize and Increase the Funding for Rural Roads (S.P. 653) (L.D. 1754) (Sponsored by Senator JACKSON of Aroostook) (Cosponsored by Representative STANLEY of Medway and Senators: BELLOWS of Kennebec, DILL of Penobscot, MAKER of Washington, MIRAMANT of Knox, SAVIELLO of Franklin, Representatives: HERBIG of Belfast, MARTIN of Eagle Lake, TUELL of East Machias)

Veterans and Legal Affairs

Bill "An Act To Broaden Educational Opportunities for Members of the Maine National Guard" (S.P. 635) (L.D. 1736) (Sponsored by President THIBODEAU of Waldo) (Cosponsored by Representative POULIOT of Augusta and Senators: CYRWAY of Kennebec, DAVIS of Piscataquis, DESCHAMBAULT of York, DOW of Lincoln, Representatives: FARRIN of Norridgewock, GILLWAY of Searsport, GOLDEN of Lewiston, RYKERSON of Kittery)

Bill "An Act To Permit the Sale and Consumption of Alcohol in an Area That Is Not Contiguous to Licensed Premises" (S.P. 637) (L.D. 1738) (Sponsored by Senator DESCHAMBAULT of

York) (Cosponsored by Representative HARRINGTON of Sanford and Senators: DIAMOND of Cumberland, DILL of Penobscot, MASON of Androscoggin, SAVIELLO of Franklin, VOLK of Cumberland, Representatives: GROHMAN of Biddeford, POULIOT of Augusta)

Bill "An Act To Modify the Number of Retail Liquor Licenses Allowed in a Jurisdiction per Person" (S.P. 642) (L.D. 1743) (Sponsored by Senator DION of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by Senator: BRAKEY of Androscoggin)

Sincerely,

S/Heather J.R. Priest
Secretary of the Senate
S/Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House

Came from the Senate, **READ** and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

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

On motion of Representative KORNFIELD of Bangor, the House adjourned at 11:09 a.m., until 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, January 9, 2018.