

ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION
67th Legislative Day
Saturday, July 1, 2017

Sincerely,
S/Michael D. Thibodeau
President of the Senate
READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

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

Prayer by Honorable Craig V. Hickman, Winthrop.
National Anthem by Honorable Craig V. Hickman, Winthrop.

Pledge of Allegiance.
The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The following matter, in the consideration of which the House was engaged at the time of adjournment yesterday, had preference in the Orders of the Day and continued with such preference until disposed of as provided by House Rule 502.

Bill "An Act To Protect the Integrity of Maine Elections by Requiring Photographic Identification for the Purpose of Voting"

(H.P. 1122) (L.D. 1627)

(Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** suggested)

TABLED - June 1, 2017 (Till Later Today) by Representative HERBIG of Belfast.

PENDING - **REFERENCE.**

Subsequently, on motion of Representative HERBIG of Belfast, the Bill and all accompanying papers were **INDEFINITELY POSTPONED.** Sent for concurrence.

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

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

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: (H.C. 302)

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

July 1, 2017

Honorable Robert B. Hunt

Clerk of the House

2 State House Station

Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Clerk Hunt:

In reference to the action of the Senate on July 1, 2017 in which it Insisted and Joined in a Committee of Conference on L.D. 390, "An Act Making Unified Appropriations and Allocations for the Expenditures of State Government, General Fund and Other Funds and Changing Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2018 and June 30, 2019" (H.P. 281) I am pleased to appoint the following as conferees on the part of the Senate:

Senator Michael D. Thibodeau of Waldo

Senator Roger J. Katz of Kennebec

Senator Cathy Breen of Cumberland

Please contact my office if you have any questions regarding these appointments.

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

The **SPEAKER:** The Chair recognizes the Representative from Monmouth, Representative Ackley, who wishes to address the House on the record.

Representative **ACKLEY:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, we are here on the first day of a state shutdown. It's a Saturday and I'm here to work hard. I'm a son of Monmouth and have been luckily adopted by the towns of Litchfield and Wales, as well, and they are in total 9,000 citizens, 300 of which are state workers. Madam Speaker, I'd like them to know, I'd like you to know, that I am ready to come back tomorrow, I'm ready to come back the day after that. It's important for the people that I serve to know that I'm here for them and ready to do what is right for the people of the State of Maine and the people of Monmouth, Litchfield, and Wales.

The **SPEAKER:** The Chair recognizes the Representative from Farmington, Representative Harvell, who wishes to address the House on the record.

Representative **HARVELL:** Thank you, Madam Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. Some of you know me from prior sessions, some of you have just met me but, you know, if we don't really know people very closely in our lives, we don't know what happens to them. We exercise power in this building and we do it every day. We tell people what they can put on bottles. We tell them how fast they can drive. We tell them what they can hold when they're driving. We set the speed limit and we make policies that affect every single person here, and some of the policies that affect people affected me two years ago. I lost my job, some of you know that, some of you don't. It's not anything I'm greatly... It concerned me, it concerned my family. It's an adjustment I'm making. But, because we exercise power, and because we have egos, and we are in a fish bowl, and we get tired, our passions start to take control of us, and it's not a good thing for anybody; because we cannot get a divorce. At some time, we are going to have to come together, and we better make it sooner than later, because we can't get a divorce. It's not like getting rid of your spouse, you never see them again. We're going to be here every day until it happens and after it happens. Two thousand years ago, in Isaiah, God said "Come, let them reason together." And if God can bridge that divide between humanity and mortality, that 10 feet isn't all that much.

The House recessed until the Sound of the Bell.

(After Recess)

Representative HERBIG of Belfast assumed the Chair.
The House was called to order by the Speaker Pro Tem.

The following items were taken up out of order by unanimous consent:

SENATE PAPERS

The following Joint Order: (S.P. 598)

ORDERED, the House concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourn, they do so until the call of the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House, respectively, when there is a need to conduct business, consider a biennial state budget or consider objections of the Governor.

Came from the Senate, **READ** and **PASSED**.

READ and **PASSED** in concurrence.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: (H.C. 303)

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

July 1, 2017

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 in the afternoon on July 1, 2017.

Sincerely,

S/Sara Gideon

Speaker of the House

READ and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**.

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

On motion of Representative MASTRACCIO of Sanford, the House adjourned at 5:00 p.m., until the call of the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House, respectively, when there is a need to conduct business, consider a biennial state budget or consider objections of the Governor, pursuant to the Joint Order (S.P. 598).