

ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION
10th Legislative Day
Tuesday, January 31, 2017

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

Prayer by Honorable Thomas H. Skolfield, Weld.

National Anthem by Gray-New Gloucester High School Band.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Doctor of the day, Jeffrey Thurlow, M.D., York.

The Journal of Thursday, January 26, 2017 was read and approved.

SENATE PAPERS

The following Joint Resolution: (S.P. 81)

**JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING JANUARY 27TH AS
EITC AWARENESS DAY**

WHEREAS, in order to promote the federal and Maine state earned income tax credit, which enhances family household budgets, we recognize January 27, 2017 as EITC Awareness Day; and

WHEREAS, 4 of 5 people eligible for the credit claim it, which demonstrates the importance of raising awareness of this credit and urging individuals to find out if they qualify for it; and

WHEREAS, throughout the State, IRS-certified volunteer tax preparers who are members of CA\$H Maine and AARP Tax-Aide, a collaboration of 10 statewide coalitions including 50 nonprofit and for-profit partners, provide free federal and state tax preparation; and

WHEREAS, since 2003, CA\$H Maine has also educated hard-working families and individuals about programs in the community that can increase their income, reduce debt and build savings; and

WHEREAS, in 2016, these volunteers helped Maine residents save more than \$3,500,000 in tax filing fees and claim over \$5,200,000 in earned income tax credits, returning over \$21,200,000 to Maine residents in federal income tax refunds; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Twenty-eighth Legislature now assembled in the First Regular Session, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to recognize January 27, 2017 as EITC Awareness Day; and be it further

RESOLVED: That we send our appreciation to all the volunteers who participate in EITC Awareness Day for the benefit of Maine citizens and we urge participation in this worthy cause.

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

READ and **ADOPTED** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Strengthen the Maine Children's Growth Council"

(S.P. 17) (L.D. 38)

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

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

Bill "An Act To Allow Municipalities To Regulate the Growing of Marijuana"

(S.P. 77) (L.D. 231)

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

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

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

Non-Concurrent Matter

Bill "An Act Regarding Transportation of Methadone Patients"

(H.P. 111) (L.D. 153)

REFERRED to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** in the House on January 19, 2017.

Came from the Senate **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

The House voted to **INSIST**.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: (H.C. 32)

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

January 26, 2017

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. 36)

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
1 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0001**

January 27, 2017

Honorable Sara Gideon

Speaker of the House

2 State House Station

Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Speaker Gideon:

This is to inform you that, pursuant to Title 3 M.R.S.A., §154, I am withdrawing my nomination of The Honorable Michael J. Timmons of Cumberland for appointment as a member of the Land for Maine's Future Board.

This nomination is currently pending before the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.
Sincerely,
S/Paul R. LePage
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 38)
STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
SPEAKER'S OFFICE
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0002

January 30, 2017
Honorable Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Clerk Hunt:
Pursuant to my authority under Joint Order, HP 96, I am pleased to appoint the following members to the Joint Select Committee on Marijuana Legalization Implementation:

- Teresa S. Pierce, Chair (D-Falmouth)
- Kimberly J. Monaghan (D-Cape Elizabeth)
- Scott M. Hamann (D-South Portland)
- Craig V. Hickman (D-Winthrop)
- Erik C. Jorgensen (D-Portland)
- Lydia C. Blume (D-York)
- Donald G. Marean (R-Hollis)†
- Bruce A. Bickford (R-Auburn)
- Lance Evans Harvell (R-Farmington)
- Patrick W. Corey (R-Windham)
- Michael D. Perkins (R-Oakland)
- Kent Ackley (C-Monmouth)

†Ranking Republican Member
If you have any questions regarding these appointments 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. 42)
STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
SPEAKER'S OFFICE
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0002

January 30, 2017
Honorable Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Clerk Hunt:
Pursuant to my authority, I have appointed the following members to serve on boards, committees, commissions, and councils:

- Right to Know Advisory Committee, Title 1, MRSA, Ch. 13, Subchapter 1, §411.2-B
- Representative Christopher W. Babbidge of Kennebunk to seat 2
- Maine-Canadian Legislative Advisory Commission, Title 3, MRSA, Ch. 10, §227
- Representative Kenneth Wade Fredette of Newport for seat 3
- Representative Erik C. Jorgensen of Portland for seat 4

Maine Fire Protection Services Commission, Title 5, MRSA, Part 10-A, Ch. 319, §3371.2-B
Representative Catherine M. Nadeau of Winslow for seat 3
Representative Thomas R. W. Longstaff of Waterville for seat 4

Representative Timothy S. Theriault of China for seat 5
Maine Children's Growth Council, Title 5, MRSA, Part 30, Ch. 621, §24001.3-B

Representative Richard R. Farnsworth of Portland to seat 3
Representative Heather W. Sirocki of Scarborough to seat 4
Board of Agriculture, Title 7, MRSA, Part 1, Ch. 5, §125.2-G
Representative Michelle Ann Dunphy of Old Town to seat 15
Citizen Trade Policy Commission, Title 10, MRSA, Part 1, Ch. 1-A, §11.4-A2

Representative Craig V. Hickman of Winthrop to seat 4
Representative Stephen S. Stanley of Medway to seat 5
Representative Stacey K. Guerin of Glenburn to seat 6
Advisory Committee on Dental Education, Title 20-A, MRSA, Part 5, Ch. 426, §12304.2-A

Representative Anne-Marie Mastraccio of Sanford to seat 6
If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,
S/Sara Gideon
Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 43)
SENATE OF MAINE
128TH LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

January 30, 2017
Honorable Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Clerk Hunt:
Pursuant to my authority under Joint Order, HP0096, I have made the following appointments to the Joint Select Committee on Marijuana Legalization Implementation:

- Senator Roger J. Katz of Kennebec, Chair
- Senator Kimberly C. Rosen of Hancock
- Senator Joyce A. Maker of Washington
- Senator Mark N. Dion of Cumberland
- Senator Susan A. Deschambault of York

If you have any questions regarding these appointments, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,
S/Michael Thibodeau
President of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 33)
FINANCE AUTHORITY OF MAINE
94 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04332

January 26, 2017
Honorable Sara Gideon
Speaker of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333
Honorable Michael D. Thibodeau
President of the Senate

3 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333
Dear Speaker Gideon and President Thibodeau:
Pursuant to 5 M.R.S.A. §12023, please consider this the letter of transmittal for the required report from the Finance Authority of Maine due February 1, 2017.
Please contact me if you have any questions or need additional information.
Thank you.
Sincerely,
S/Bruce Wagner
Chief Executive Officer
READ and with accompanying papers ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 34)
STATE OF MAINE
LORING DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF MAINE
154 DEVELOPMENT DRIVE, SUITE F
LIMESTONE, MAINE 04750

January 24, 2017
Honorable Sara Gideon
Speaker of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333
Honorable Michael D. Thibodeau
President of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333
Dear Speaker Gideon and President Thibodeau:
Pursuant to 5 M.R.S.A., §12023, please consider this the letter of transmittal for the required report from the Loring Development Authority of Maine due by February 1, 2017.
Please contact me if you have any questions or need additional information.
Thank you.
Very truly yours,
S/Carl W. Flora
President & CEO
READ and with accompanying papers ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 35)
MAINE VENTURE FUND
P. O. BOX 63
NEWPORT, MAINE 04953

January 26, 2017
Honorable Sara Gideon
Speaker of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333
Honorable Michael D. Thibodeau
President of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333
Dear Speaker Gideon and President Thibodeau:
Pursuant to 5 M.R.S.A., §12023, please consider this the letter of transmittal for the attached "Report to Legislature for 2016" on behalf of the quasi-independent state entity, Small Enterprise Growth Board, due February 1, 2017.
Please contact me if you have any questions or need additional information. Thank you.
Sincerely,

S/Terri Wark
Office Operations Manager
Small Enterprise Growth Board
d/b/a Maine Venture Fund
READ and with accompanying papers ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 37)
WASHINGTON COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
January 18, 2017
Honorable Sara Gideon
Speaker of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333
Dear Speaker Gideon:
Pursuant to 5 M.R.S.A., Section 12023, please consider this the letter of transmittal for the required report from the Washington County Development Authority due by February 1, 2017.
The WCDA was incorporated in 2003 with the purpose of redeveloping the former Navy Base in Cutler. Several private developers have attempted to redevelop the commercial side of the base but were unsuccessful. In 2015, Cutler North, LLC gifted the commercial side to the WCDA. The Authority is working to bring the facility back into productive use.
Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns.
Thank you.
Sincerely,
S/Betsy Fitzgerald
WCDA Chair
READ and with accompanying papers ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 39)
STATE OF MAINE
WORKERS' COMPENSATION BOARD
OFFICE OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/CHAIR
442 CIVIC CENTER DRIVE, SUITE 100
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0027

January 11, 2017
Honorable Sara Gideon
Speaker of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333
Honorable Michael D. Thibodeau
President of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333
RE: Annual report of the Workers' Compensation Board pursuant to 5 M.R.S.A. §12023(2)
Dear Speaker Gideon and President Thibodeau:
Pursuant to 5 M.R.S.A. §12023, please consider this the transmittal letter for the required report from the Workers' Compensation Board due by February 1, 2017.
Please contact me if you have any questions or need additional information.
Very truly yours,
S/Paul H. Sighinolfi, Esq.
Executive Director/Chair
READ and with accompanying papers ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 40)
MAINE TURNPIKE AUTHORITY
2360 CONGRESS STREET
PORTLAND, MAINE 04102

January 26, 2017
Honorable Sara Gideon
Speaker of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Re: An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Office of Program Evaluation and Government Accountability and the Government Oversight Committee Regarding Quasi-Independent State Entities

Dear Speaker Gideon:

Enclosed are the reports required under 5 M.R.S.A. §12023, due February 1, 2017. The reports include: a list of all procurements in 2016 exceeding \$10,000 for which competitive procurement was waived; a list of contributions made in 2016 that exceed \$1,000; the revised policy on contributions that was updated in December 2016, and a resolution adopted by the Board on March 24, 2011 that discontinued making donations, restricted memberships and adopted a budget for contributions to approved organizations. In 2016, the Maine Turnpike Authority made \$86 million in payments to approximately 680 vendors. The vast majority of these payments, approximately \$77.5 million, were for competitively bid products or services or were legally or legislatively required. The Authority sole-sourced approximately \$8 million in 2016. Most of these products or services were either proprietary in nature or were procured under long-term contracts. As these long-term contracts expire, the Authority will seek competitive bids.

Respectfully,
S/Peter Mills
Executive Director

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

The Following Communication: (H.C. 41)
MAINE PORT AUTHORITY
16 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333

January 30, 2017
Honorable Sara Gideon
Speaker of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333
Honorable Michael D. Thibodeau
President of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Speaker Gideon and President Thibodeau:
Pursuant to 5 M.R.S.A., Section 12023, the Maine Port Authority is pleased to submit the following report to the Legislature, due by February 1, 2017.

Please contact me if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,
S/John H. Henshaw
Executive Director

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

The Following Communication: (S.C. 60)
MAINE SENATE
128TH LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

January 26, 2017
Honorable Sara Gideon
Speaker of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Speaker Gideon:

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

Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Transportation, the nomination of John G. Melrose of Vassalboro for reappointment to the Northern New England Passenger Rail Authority.

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

READ and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

PETITIONS, BILLS AND RESOLVES REQUIRING REFERENCE

Bill "An Act To Clarify the Use of State Lands Designated for Conservation or Recreation Purposes"

(H.P. 177) (L.D. 244)

Sponsored by Representative CHAPMAN of Brooksville.

Bill "An Act To Repeal the Affirmative Defense for Cruelty to Animals"

(H.P. 178) (L.D. 245)

Sponsored by Representative CARDONE of Bangor.

Cosponsored by Senator GRATWICK of Penobscot and Representatives: FOLEY of Wells, HANDY of Lewiston.

Bill "An Act To Provide for the Adoption of Cats and Dogs Previously Used for Research Purposes"

(H.P. 179) (L.D. 246)

Sponsored by Representative BAILEY of Saco.

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

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

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Amend the Retirement Laws Pertaining to Participating Local Districts"

(H.P. 180) (L.D. 247)

Sponsored by Representative MADIGAN of Rumford.

Bill "An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Invest in Maine's Rail Infrastructure and Expand Passenger Rail Service"

(H.P. 225) (L.D. 292)

Sponsored by Representative SHEATS of Auburn.

Cosponsored by Senator LIBBY of Androscoggin and Representatives: ACKLEY of Monmouth, BICKFORD of Auburn, BROOKS of Lewiston, FULLER of Lewiston, GOLDEN of Lewiston, HANDY of Lewiston, SYLVESTER of Portland, Senator: CHIPMAN of Cumberland.

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 Law Enforcement Training for Former Military Police Officers"

(H.P. 181) (L.D. 248)

Sponsored by Representative GUERIN of Glenburn.
Cosponsored by Representatives: ALLEY of Beals, CASÁS of Rockport, FARRIN of Norridgewock, GOLDEN of Lewiston, JOHANSEN of Monticello, PICCHIOTTI of Fairfield, PICKETT of Dixfield, Senator: CARPENTER of Aroostook.

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

(H.P. 182) (L.D. 249)

Sponsored by Representative SHERMAN of Hodgdon.
Cosponsored by Senator CARPENTER of Aroostook and Representatives: McELWEE of Caribou, TUELL of East Machias.

Bill "An Act To Increase the Penalty for Aggravated Sex Trafficking"

(H.P. 183) (L.D. 250)

Sponsored by Representative STEWART of Presque Isle.
Cosponsored by Senator ROSEN of Hancock and Representatives: GERRISH of Lebanon, GROHMAN of Biddeford, HANINGTON of Lincoln, HANLEY of Pittston, HERRICK of Paris, ORDWAY of Standish, WARD of Dedham, Senator: VOLK of Cumberland.

Bill "An Act Regarding Refusing To Submit to Arrest or Detention"

(H.P. 184) (L.D. 251)

Sponsored by Representative LONGSTAFF of Waterville.
Cosponsored by Senator MASON of Androscoggin and Representatives: FARRIN of Norridgewock, GOLDEN of Lewiston, HANINGTON of Lincoln, LUCHINI of Ellsworth, NADEAU of Winslow, PERKINS of Oakland, SCHNECK of Bangor, Senator: CYRWAY of Kennebec.

Bill "An Act To Improve Safety in the Disposal of Expired Marine Flares"

(H.P. 185) (L.D. 252)

Sponsored by Representative McCREIGHT of Harpswell.
Cosponsored by Senator MIRAMANT of Knox and Representatives: ALLEY of Beals, BLUME of York, DEVIN of Newcastle, HUBBELL of Bar Harbor, KUMIEGA of Deer Isle, SIMMONS of Waldoboro, TUELL of East Machias, Senator: VITELLI of Sagadahoc.

Bill "An Act To Enhance Safety on School Property"

(H.P. 235) (L.D. 321)

Sponsored by Representative COREY of Windham.
Cosponsored by Senator VOLK of Cumberland and Representatives: BATTLE of South Portland, BICKFORD of Auburn, GERRISH of Lebanon, HARRINGTON of Sanford, HERRICK of Paris, PICKETT of Dixfield, STEARNS of Guilford, Senator: DIAMOND of Cumberland.

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

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

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Reintroduce Civics to High School Graduation Requirements"

(H.P. 236) (L.D. 322)

Sponsored by Representative ORDWAY of Standish.
Cosponsored by Representative HARVELL of Farmington, Senator DIAMOND of Cumberland and Representatives: BATTLE of South Portland, HARRINGTON of Sanford, HIGGINS of Dover-Foxcroft, KINNEY of Limington, PICKETT of Dixfield, STETKIS of Canaan, TURNER of Burlington, Senator: VOLK of Cumberland.

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 Implement Electric Grid Reliability Recommendations"

(H.P. 188) (L.D. 255)

Sponsored by Representative CHAPMAN of Brooksville.

Bill "An Act To Ensure Continued Availability of High-speed Broadband Internet at Maine's Schools and Libraries"

(H.P. 189) (L.D. 256)

Sponsored by Representative GROHMAN of Biddeford.
Cosponsored by Senator MAKER of Washington and Representatives: BERRY of Bowdoinham, FECTEAU of Biddeford, SHERMAN of Hodgdon, SKOLFIELD of Weld, Senator: CARPENTER of Aroostook.

Bill "An Act To Enable Municipalities Working with Utilities To Establish Microgrids"

(H.P. 190) (L.D. 257)

Sponsored by Representative DEVIN of Newcastle.
Cosponsored by Senator MIRAMANT of Knox and Representatives: BERRY of Bowdoinham, GROHMAN of Biddeford, HARVELL of Farmington, KUMIEGA of Deer Isle, RYKERSON of Kittery, TIPPING of Orono, TUELL of East Machias, Senator: CHIPMAN of Cumberland.

Bill "An Act To Amend the Charter of the Southwest Harbor Water and Sewer District"

(H.P. 191) (L.D. 258)

Sponsored by Representative KUMIEGA of Deer Isle.

Cosponsored by Senator LANGLEY of Hancock.

Bill "An Act To Limit Rates Charged by Competitive Electricity Providers"

(H.P. 192) (L.D. 259)

Sponsored by Representative HIGGINS of Dover-Foxcroft.
Cosponsored by Senator LIBBY of Androscoggin and Representatives: BATTLE of South Portland, DeCHANT of Bath, GROHMAN of Biddeford, HANLEY of Pittston, ORDWAY of Standish, RYKERSON of Kittery, Senators: DAVIS of Piscataquis, WOODSOME of York.

Bill "An Act To Create the Maine Energy Office"

(H.P. 193) (L.D. 260)

Sponsored by Representative FREDETTE of Newport.
Cosponsored by Representatives: GROHMAN of Biddeford, HARVELL of Farmington, O'CONNOR of Berwick, WADSWORTH of Hiram.

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

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

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Repeal the Maine Metallic Mineral Mining Act"

(H.P. 186) (L.D. 253)

Sponsored by Representative CHAPMAN of Brooksville.

Bill "An Act To Implement a Moratorium on Metallic Mineral Mining" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 187) (L.D. 254)

Sponsored by Representative CHAPMAN of Brooksville.

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

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

Sent for concurrence.

Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services To Prepare for Implementation of the Federal Family First Prevention Services Act

(H.P. 194) (L.D. 261)

Sponsored by Representative PICCHIOTTI of Fairfield.

Cosponsored by Representatives: CHACE of Durham, CRAIG of Brewer, FOLEY of Wells, GUERIN of Glenburn, HARLOW of Portland, STROM of Pittsfield.

Bill "An Act To Strengthen Kinship Care Opportunities"

(H.P. 195) (L.D. 262)

Sponsored by Representative CHAPMAN of Brooksville.

Bill "An Act To Provide Additional Assistance for the Elderly and Persons with Disabilities Receiving Food Supplement Program Benefits"

(H.P. 196) (L.D. 263)

Sponsored by Representative HAMANN of South Portland.

Cosponsored by Senator CHIPMAN of Cumberland and Representatives: DENNO of Cumberland, GATTINE of Westbrook, JORGENSEN of Portland, MADIGAN of Waterville, PARKER of South Berwick, PERRY of Calais, TEPLER of Topsham, Senator: MILLETT of Cumberland.

Bill "An Act To Provide to Certain Benefit Recipients Information Regarding Personal Finance Planning and To Distribute Benefits More Frequently"

(H.P. 197) (L.D. 264)

Sponsored by Representative RILEY of Jay.

Cosponsored by Senator KATZ of Kennebec and Representatives: BROOKS of Lewiston, DENNO of Cumberland, MADIGAN of Waterville, SKOLFIELD of Weld.

Bill "An Act Concerning Screening of Newborns for Lysosomal Storage Disorders"

(H.P. 198) (L.D. 265)

Sponsored by Representative JOHANSEN of Monticello.

Cosponsored by Senator CARPENTER of Aroostook and Representatives: BRADSTREET of Vassalboro, HARVELL of Farmington, McELWEE of Caribou, STEWART of Presque Isle, WARD of Dedham.

Bill "An Act Regarding Funding for Children's Behavioral Health Day Treatment"

(H.P. 199) (L.D. 266)

Sponsored by Representative VACHON of Scarborough.

Cosponsored by Senator VOLK of Cumberland and Representatives: ESPLING of New Gloucester, FARNSWORTH of Portland, GATTINE of Westbrook, HEAD of Bethel, HYMANSON of York, JORGENSEN of Portland, MALABY of Hancock, Senator: BRAKEY of Androscoggin.

Resolve, To Increase Certain Chiropractic Reimbursement Rates under the MaineCare Program

(H.P. 200) (L.D. 267)

Sponsored by Representative MARTIN of Eagle Lake.

Cosponsored by Senator SAVIELLO of Franklin and Representatives: CAMPBELL of Orrington, LAWRENCE of South Berwick, STANLEY of Medway, Senators: BREEN of Cumberland, CHIPMAN of Cumberland, HILL of York.

Bill "An Act To Restrict Cash Access for Electronic Benefit Transfer Cards"

(H.P. 201) (L.D. 268)

Sponsored by Representative HANLEY of Pittston.

Cosponsored by Representatives: DILLINGHAM of Oxford, HANINGTON of Lincoln, MALABY of Hancock, PICKETT of Dixfield, SUTTON of Warren, WHITE of Washburn, Senator: DAVIS of Piscataquis.

Bill "An Act To Provide Training for Caregivers of Children with Autism and Related Disorders"

(H.P. 202) (L.D. 269)

Sponsored by Representative STANLEY of Medway.

Cosponsored by Senator VITELLI of Sagadahoc and Representatives: COLLINGS of Portland, HANINGTON of Lincoln, HARLOW of Portland, SHERMAN of Hodgdon.

Bill "An Act To Consolidate Administration of Kinship Care and Relative Placement Issues within the Department of Health and Human Services"

(H.P. 203) (L.D. 270)

Sponsored by Representative PICCHIOTTI of Fairfield.

Cosponsored by Representatives: CHACE of Durham, CRAIG of Brewer, FOLEY of Wells, GUERIN of Glenburn, HARLOW of Portland, STEWART of Presque Isle, STROM of Pittsfield, TURNER of Burlington.

Bill "An Act for Providers across Multiple Sectors To Inquire of Clients and Customers about Former Military Service"

(H.P. 204) (L.D. 271)

Sponsored by Representative SHEATS of Auburn.

Cosponsored by Senator CARSON of Cumberland and Representatives: CASÁS of Rockport, FARRIN of Norridgewock, GOLDEN of Lewiston, HANINGTON of Lincoln, MADIGAN of Rumford, RYKERSON of Kittery, Senator: CARPENTER of Aroostook.

Bill "An Act Requiring Meningococcal Meningitis Vaccinations for Teenagers"

(H.P. 205) (L.D. 272)

Sponsored by Representative HYMANSON of York.

Cosponsored by Representatives: GATTINE of Westbrook, HEAD of Bethel, MALABY of Hancock, PERRY of Calais, VACHON of Scarborough, Senator: BREEN of Cumberland.

Bill "An Act To Add an Exception to Prescription Monitoring Program Requirements"

(H.P. 206) (L.D. 273)

Sponsored by Representative HYMANSON of York.

Cosponsored by Senator BREEN of Cumberland and Representatives: HEAD of Bethel, PERRY of Calais, VACHON of Scarborough.

Bill "An Act To Fully Fund the Waiting List for the Home and Community Benefits for Members with Intellectual Disabilities or Autistic Disorder Waiver"

(H.P. 237) (L.D. 323)

Sponsored by Representative MALABY of Hancock.

Cosponsored by Senator LANGLEY of Hancock and Representatives: HANINGTON of Lincoln, HAWKE of Boothbay Harbor, NADEAU of Winslow, PICCHIOTTI of Fairfield, PICKETT of Dixfield, SIROCKI of Scarborough, SUTTON of Warren, VACHON of Scarborough.

Bill "An Act To Allow Corrections Officers To Administer Naloxone"

(H.P. 238) (L.D. 324)

Sponsored by Representative TIPPING of Orono.

Cosponsored by Representatives: GUERIN of Glenburn, WARD of Dedham, Senator CUSHING of Penobscot and Representatives: CARDONE of Bangor, DUCHESNE of Hudson, DUNPHY of Old Town, FREY of Bangor, HANINGTON of Lincoln, REED of Carmel, SCHNECK of Bangor, Senator: DILL of Penobscot.

Bill "An Act Regarding the Licensing of Family Foster Homes"

(H.P. 240) (L.D. 326)

Sponsored by Representative MASTRACCIO of Sanford.

Cosponsored by Representatives: FECTEAU of Biddeford, HAMANN of South Portland, HYMANSON of York, RECKITT of South Portland, SCHNECK of Bangor, TALBOT ROSS of Portland, VACHON of Scarborough.

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 Implement the Recommendations of the Working Group To Study Background Checks for Child Care Facilities and Providers"

(H.P. 207) (L.D. 274)

Sponsored by Representative McCREIGHT of Harpswell.

Cosponsored by Senator HILL of York and Representatives: BAILEY of Saco, BERRY of Bowdoinham, GINZLER of Bridgton, GUERIN of Glenburn, HERRICK of Paris, RECKITT of South Portland, SHERMAN of Hodgdon, TUCKER of Brunswick.

Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** suggested.

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

Bill "An Act To Expand Disabled Veteran Eligibility for Complimentary Hunting, Fishing and Trapping Licenses"

(H.P. 208) (L.D. 275)

Sponsored by Representative KINNEY of Limington.

Cosponsored by Senator CHENETTE of York and Representatives: ESPLING of New Gloucester, LYFORD of Eddington, MARTIN of Eagle Lake, STEARNS of Guilford, WINSOR of Norway, WOOD of Greene, Senators: CYRWAY of Kennebec, HAMPER of Oxford.

Bill "An Act To Require a Game Warden's Certificate To Kill Wild Animals Causing Damage to Crops or Orchards and Notification to Nearby Residents"

(H.P. 209) (L.D. 276)

Sponsored by Representative PIERCE of Dresden.

Cosponsored by Senator CYRWAY of Kennebec and Representatives: ALLEY of Beals, BLACK of Wilton, DUCHESNE of Hudson, HARLOW of Portland, PARRY of Arundel, PICKETT of Dixfield, STEARNS of Guilford, WOOD of Greene.

Bill "An Act Regarding the Use of Helmets by Minors Riding in an All-terrain Vehicle with an Adult"

(H.P. 210) (L.D. 277)

Sponsored by Representative STEARNS of Guilford.

Cosponsored by Representatives: GRIGNON of Athens, HANLEY of Pittston, HIGGINS of Dover-Foxcroft, LYFORD of Eddington, PIERCE of Dresden.

Bill "An Act To Amend the Hunting Laws as They Pertain to the Training of Dogs" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 211) (L.D. 278)

Sponsored by Representative ALLEY of Beals.

Cosponsored by Representative HILLIARD of Belgrade, Senator MAKER of Washington and Representatives: BATTLE of South Portland, BLACK of Wilton, KINNEY of Limington, LYFORD of Eddington, MALABY of Hancock, SIMMONS of Waldoboro, TUELL of East Machias.

Bill "An Act To Give Veterans Priority in the Issuance of Antlerless Deer Permits"

(H.P. 212) (L.D. 279)

Sponsored by Representative SIMMONS of Waldoboro.

Cosponsored by Representatives: ALLEY of Beals, O'CONNOR of Berwick, PIERCE of Dresden.

Bill "An Act To Amend the Process for Distributing Any-deer Permits"

(H.P. 239) (L.D. 325)

Sponsored by Representative RILEY of Jay.

Cosponsored by Senator KEIM of Oxford and Representatives: DUCHESNE of Hudson, GOLDEN of Lewiston, HANLEY of Pittston.

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 Include Tax-exempt, Nonprofit Regional Transportation Providers under the Maine Tort Claims Act" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 213) (L.D. 280)

Sponsored by Representative FOLEY of Wells.

Cosponsored by Senator COLLINS of York and Representatives: CARDONE of Bangor, CHACE of Durham, GERRISH of Lebanon, MAREAN of Hollis, MASTRACCIO of Sanford, PARRY of Arundel, SAMPSON of Alfred, TUELL of East Machias.

Bill "An Act To Amend the Percentage of Votes Needed for Condominium Governance"

(H.P. 214) (L.D. 281)

Sponsored by Representative HYMANSON of York.

Cosponsored by Senator HILL of York and Representatives: FOLEY of Wells, JORGENSEN of Portland, MALABY of Hancock.

Bill "An Act To Support Caregivers When Children Have Been Abandoned by Their Parents"

(H.P. 215) (L.D. 282)

Sponsored by Representative PICCHIOTTI of Fairfield.

Cosponsored by Representatives: BLACK of Wilton, CHACE of Durham, GUERIN of Glenburn, HAWKE of Boothbay Harbor, MALABY of Hancock, NADEAU of Winslow, SIROCKI of Scarborough, STROM of Pittsfield.

Bill "An Act To Increase the Jurisdictional Limits for Small Claims"

(H.P. 216) (L.D. 283)

Sponsored by Representative SPEAR of South Thomaston.

Cosponsored by Senator MIRAMANT of Knox and Representatives: ALLEY of Beals, BABBIDGE of Kennebec, DENNO of Cumberland, LAWRENCE of South Berwick,

MADIGAN of Rumford, RYKERSON of Kittery, SHEATS of Auburn, SIMMONS of Waldoboro.

Bill "An Act To Allow a Wrongful Death Cause of Action for the Death of a Viable Fetus"

(H.P. 241) (L.D. 327)

Sponsored by Representative ESPLING of New Gloucester. Cosponsored by Senator VOLK of Cumberland and Representatives: AUSTIN of Gray, GUERIN of Glenburn, MARTIN of Eagle Lake, STANLEY of Medway, SUTTON of Warren, TURNER of Burlington.

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

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

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Provide Funding for the Maine Coworking Development Fund"

(H.P. 218) (L.D. 285)

Sponsored by Representative FECTEAU of Biddeford. Cosponsored by Senator CYRWAY of Kennebec and Representatives: BICKFORD of Auburn, GROHMAN of Biddeford, HERBIG of Belfast, HIGGINS of Dover-Foxcroft, LONGSTAFF of Waterville, MASTRACCIO of Sanford, SHERMAN of Hodgdon, Senator: VOLK of Cumberland.

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

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

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act Concerning Notification after a Security Breach"

(H.P. 217) (L.D. 284)

Sponsored by Representative STEARNS of Guilford. Cosponsored by Representatives: COREY of Windham, GINZLER of Bridgton, GRIGNON of Athens, LYFORD of Eddington, PIERCE of Dresden.

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

On motion of Representative FECTEAU of Biddeford, the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES**, ordered printed and sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Promote and Encourage the Sustainability of the Elver Fishery"

(H.P. 219) (L.D. 286)

Sponsored by Representative SIMMONS of Waldoboro. Cosponsored by Senator MAKER of Washington and Representatives: ALLEY of Beals, O'CONNOR of Berwick, PIERCE of Dresden.

Resolve, Prohibiting the Commissioner of Marine Resources from Adopting or Enforcing Certain Rules Limiting the Quantity of Smelts a Person May Take from the Coastal Waters of the State until after Completion of a Study

(H.P. 220) (L.D. 287)

Sponsored by Representative HANLEY of Pittston. Cosponsored by Representatives: PICKETT of Dixfield, SHERMAN of Hodgdon, SIMMONS of Waldoboro, WHITE of Washburn, Senator: VOLK of Cumberland.

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

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

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Prohibit Any Questions Regarding Criminal History on State Employment Applications"

(H.P. 221) (L.D. 288)

Sponsored by Representative SHEATS of Auburn. Cosponsored by Senator MIRAMANT of Knox and Representatives: HANDY of Lewiston, McCREIGHT of Harpswell, SYLVESTER of Portland, WARREN of Hallowell, Senators: GRATWICK of Penobscot, LIBBY of Androscoggin.

Bill "An Act To Provide Funds To Encourage Regional Planning and Reorganization"

(H.P. 242) (L.D. 328)

Sponsored by Representative GRANT of Gardiner. Cosponsored by Senator BELLOWS of Kennebec and Representatives: CAMPBELL of Orrington, GILLWAY of Searsport, MADIGAN of Rumford, MARTIN of Sinclair, MASTRACCIO of Sanford, SKOLFIELD of Weld, Senator: KATZ of Kennebec.

Bill "An Act Concerning the Law Governing the Posting of Newspaper Legal Notices and the Statewide Repository for Legal Notices"

(H.P. 243) (L.D. 329)

Sponsored by Representative MARTIN of Sinclair. Cosponsored by Senator JACKSON of Aroostook and Representatives: BRYANT of Windham, McCREA of Fort Fairfield, Senators: BELLOWS of Kennebec, CARPENTER of Aroostook, LIBBY of Androscoggin.

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 Extend the Veteran Property Tax Exemption to Veterans Who Have Served on Active Duty"

(H.P. 222) (L.D. 289)

Sponsored by Representative STANLEY of Medway. Cosponsored by Representatives: COLLINGS of Portland, HANINGTON of Lincoln, HARLOW of Portland, SHERMAN of Hodgdon, TURNER of Burlington.

Bill "An Act To Phase Out the Insurance Premium Tax on Annuities"

(H.P. 223) (L.D. 290)

Sponsored by Representative CHACE of Durham. Cosponsored by Senator CUSHING of Penobscot and Representatives: BICKFORD of Auburn, FOLEY of Wells, GILLWAY of Searsport, HILLIARD of Belgrade, PICCHIOTTI of Fairfield, PIERCE of Dresden, WHITE of Washburn.

Bill "An Act To Maintain the Income Tax Rate on Persons with Taxable Income above \$200,000"

(H.P. 224) (L.D. 291)

Sponsored by Representative CAMPBELL of Orrington. Cosponsored by Senator VOLK of Cumberland and Representatives: BICKFORD of Auburn, BLACK of Wilton, HANINGTON of Lincoln, SEAVEY of Kennebunkport, SIROCKI of Scarborough, TIMBERLAKE of Turner, WHITE of Washburn, WINSOR of Norway.

Bill "An Act To Provide an Income Tax Credit for Employer Contributions to Section 529 Qualified Tuition Programs"

(H.P. 244) (L.D. 330)

Sponsored by Representative KORNFIELD of Bangor.

Cosponsored by Senator GRATWICK of Penobscot and Representatives: CARDONE of Bangor, FREY of Bangor, SCHNECK of Bangor.

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

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

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Require Horse-drawn Carriages and Wagons To Be Equipped with Reflectors"

(H.P. 226) (L.D. 293)

Sponsored by Representative STANLEY of Medway.

Cosponsored by Senator CARPENTER of Aroostook and Representatives: COLLINGS of Portland, HANINGTON of Lincoln, HARLOW of Portland, JOHANSEN of Monticello, SHERMAN of Hodgdon, TURNER of Burlington.

Resolve, To Name the Bridge over the Penobscot River in the Towns of Enfield and Howland King's Bridge (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 227) (L.D. 294)

Sponsored by Representative HANINGTON of Lincoln.

Cosponsored by Senator DILL of Penobscot and Representatives: STANLEY of Medway, TURNER of Burlington, Senator: ROSEN of Hancock.

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

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

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Amend the Requirements for a Political Party To Retain Qualified Party Status under the Election Laws"

(H.P. 228) (L.D. 295)

Sponsored by Representative LUCHINI of Ellsworth.

Cosponsored by Representatives: CASÁS of Rockport, DUNPHY of Old Town, HANINGTON of Lincoln, Senators: DILL of Penobscot, MASON of Androscoggin.

Submitted by the Secretary of State pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Bill "An Act To Restrict Advertising of and Improve Fairness for State Lottery Games"

(H.P. 229) (L.D. 296)

Sponsored by Representative RYKERSON of Kittery.

Cosponsored by Representatives: ACKLEY of Monmouth, BLUME of York, HARLOW of Portland, HOGAN of Old Orchard Beach, O'CONNOR of Berwick, SPEAR of South Thomaston, Senators: CHIPMAN of Cumberland, MIRAMANT of Knox.

Bill "An Act To Improve the Administration of Election Recounts"

(H.P. 230) (L.D. 297)

Sponsored by Representative LUCHINI of Ellsworth.

Cosponsored by Senator CARPENTER of Aroostook and Representatives: ALLEY of Beals, DILLINGHAM of Oxford, HOGAN of Old Orchard Beach, LONGSTAFF of Waterville,

SCHNECK of Bangor, Senators: CYRWAY of Kennebec, MASON of Androscoggin, SAVIELLO of Franklin.

Bill "An Act To Limit Agency Expenditures To Influence Elections"

(H.P. 231) (L.D. 298)

Sponsored by Representative CHAPMAN of Brooksville.

Bill "An Act To Increase Voter Knowledge by Placing the Amount of the Total Current Bond Debt on Each Ballot That Contains a Bond Issue"

(H.P. 232) (L.D. 299)

Sponsored by Representative SUTTON of Warren.

Cosponsored by Senator KATZ of Kennebec and Representatives: AUSTIN of Gray, CASÁS of Rockport, MALABY of Hancock, O'CONNOR of Berwick, PRESCOTT of Waterboro, SAMPSON of Alfred, SANDERSON of Chelsea, STETKIS of Canaan.

Bill "An Act To Preserve Funding for the Maine Clean Election Act by Removing Gubernatorial Candidates from Eligibility"

(H.P. 233) (L.D. 300)

Sponsored by Representative SUTTON of Warren.

Cosponsored by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin and Representatives: FARRIN of Norridgewock, HAWKE of Boothbay Harbor, PIERCE of Dresden, SANDERSON of Chelsea, SIROCKI of Scarborough.

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

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

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Protect Children from Marijuana Sales by Prohibiting Retail Marijuana Establishments and Social Clubs near Schools" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 234) (L.D. 301)

Sponsored by Representative HANDY of Lewiston.

Cosponsored by Senator DIAMOND of Cumberland and Representatives: BABBIDGE of Kennebunk, FARNSWORTH of Portland, FULLER of Lewiston, GRANT of Gardiner, LUCHINI of Ellsworth, MADIGAN of Rumford, O'NEIL of Saco, TUELL of East Machias.

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

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

Sent for concurrence.

Pursuant to Statute

Criminal Law Advisory Commission

Representative WARREN for the **Criminal Law Advisory Commission** pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 17-A, section 1354, subsection 2 asks leave to report that the accompanying Bill "An Act Regarding Service of Criminal Process on Electronic Communication Service Providers and Remote Computing Service Providers" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 246) (L.D. 332)

Be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** and printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Report was **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **REFERRED** to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Sent for concurrence.

Pursuant to Statute

Probate and Trust Law Advisory Commission

Representative MOONEN for the **Probate and Trust Law Advisory Commission** pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 18-A, section 1-803, subsection 2 asks leave to report that the accompanying Bill "An Act To Correct the Maine Uniform Trust Code Concerning Certain Beneficiaries"

(H.P. 245) (L.D. 331)

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

Report was **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** 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 items:

Recognizing:

Dick Mynahan, of Lewiston, who is retiring after coaching varsity football at Lisbon High School for 30 years. Mr. Mynahan also coached junior varsity and freshman teams for 16 years. We extend to Mr. Mynahan our appreciation for his service to the youth of the State and offer him our congratulations on his retirement;

(HLS 44)

Presented by Representative MASON of Lisbon. Cosponsored by Senator MASON of Androscoggin, Senator LIBBY of Androscoggin, Representative HANDY of Lewiston, Representative FULLER of Lewiston, Representative GOLDEN of Lewiston, Representative BROOKS of Lewiston.

On **OBJECTION** of Representative MASON of Lisbon, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

READ.

The **SPEAKER:** The Chair recognizes the Representative from Lisbon, Representative Mason.

Representative **MASON:** Madam Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, I come to you today to speak of Dick Mynahan. Mr. Mynahan served us in Lisbon for many years as a football coach for many young men and a few women, young women. Along the way, he coached the former Representative from my district, also my cousin, Dale Crafts. And he's a wonderful man along with his brother, Tim, who also served with him and we want to thank him for his service.

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

In Memory of:

the Honorable Robert Lewis Thorpe, a lifelong resident of Auburn. Mr. Thorpe had a 40-year career with Harriman Associates, an architectural and engineering firm based in Auburn, serving as president for 8 years before retiring in

1991. He served the City of Auburn as mayor, city councilor at-large and chair of the school committee. He also served on the board of the Mid-Maine Waste Action Corporation as a representative of the city council, as a trustee of the Auburn Public Library, as president of the Lewiston-Auburn Railroad Corporation and as a board member of the Lewiston Auburn Economic Growth Council and of the Boys & Girls Club in Auburn. Mr. Thorpe will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family, friends and colleagues;

(HLS 42)

Presented by Representative BICKFORD of Auburn. Cosponsored by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin, Senator LIBBY of Androscoggin, Representative MELARAGNO of Auburn, Representative SHEATS of Auburn, Representative HANDY of Lewiston, Representative FULLER of Lewiston, Representative GOLDEN of Lewiston, Representative BROOKS of Lewiston.

On **OBJECTION** of Representative BICKFORD of Auburn, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar. **READ.**

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

In Memory of:

Robert Arthur Burns, Sr., of Auburn. Mr. Burns was born in Lewiston and graduated from Edward Little High School. He served 3 years in the United States Marine Corps before working for 34 years at Central Maine Power Company. He was an active member of International Brotherhood of Electric Workers Local 1837 and was also very involved in his community, acting as a Boy Scout leader and a Little League coach and organizing fund-raisers and events for the Auburn Democratic Committee, for which he also served as vice-chair. Mr. Burns will be sadly missed by his loving family and many friends;

(HLS 43)

Presented by Representative BICKFORD of Auburn. Cosponsored by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin, Representative MELARAGNO of Auburn, Representative SHEATS of Auburn.

On **OBJECTION** of Representative BICKFORD of Auburn, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

READ.

The **SPEAKER:** The Chair recognizes the Representative from Lewiston, Representative Brooks.

Representative **BROOKS:** Madam Speaker and People of the House, I knew Bob Burns and he has left, and is leaving, a lasting legacy on our community. When I think of Bob Burns, I think of community and service and always being able and ready to lend a helping hand. Bob Burns was a very active member of our community for many years and I think of his family and the people that he has touched throughout his life. It's impossible to know exactly the extent of how many people whose lives that Mr. Burns had touched. He was a fantastic gentleman. He served his country and his community, he was ever present in our lives and I really appreciate the work that he's done for our community and his legacy will live on with everybody whose lives he touched. Thank you.

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

In Memory of:

Gary Wentzell, of Mexico, Chief of the Mexico Fire Department. Chief Wentzell was born in Rumford and graduated from Stephens High School. He served as fire chief for 25 years and was a member of the Maine State Federation of Firefighters. In addition to his firefighter duties, he owned and operated Wentzell's Auto Body Shop in Mexico. He was a member of and Trail Master for the Mexico Trailblazers Snowmobile Club, a member of the DownEast Street Rod Club and a member of the Rumford Falls Aerie #1248, Fraternal Order of Eagles. Chief Wentzell will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family, friends and colleagues;

(HLS 46)

Presented by Representative PICKETT of Dixfield.
Cosponsored by Senator KEIM of Oxford, Representative MADIGAN of Rumford.

On **OBJECTION** of Representative PICKETT of Dixfield, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

READ.

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Rumford, Representative Madigan.

Representative **MADIGAN**: Madam Speaker thank you, and members of the House. On January 8th, the River Valley Community of western Maine learned of the death of Mexico Fire Chief, Gary Wentzell. Gary Wentzell served the citizens of Mexico for 35 years as a member of the Mexico Fire Department and served the past 25 years as the Mexico Fire Chief. Over the last twelve years I got to personally know Gary having worked with him in my position as the Mexico Town Manager. Always positive, always upbeat. I never met a person who was more respected by his peers across the entire State of Maine or who was more dedicated to the people he served. He was the best. Upon his passing in a Boston hospital after a battle with cancer, several members of his department went to Boston to bring him home. The convoy of Mexico firefighters and police officers was escorted through Massachusetts by the Massachusetts State Police until they crossed the New Hampshire border where the New Hampshire State Police took over the escort. At the Maine border the escort was turned over to the Maine State Police for the rest of trip on the interstate highway. The York and Ogunquit Fire Departments greeted Chief Wentzell convoy as it entered the state with two ladder trucks, back-to-back, ladders fully extended on an interstate overpass, the American Flag flying from the ladders of each truck. Four uniformed firefighters stood at attention on the bridge and saluted as the convoy went by. Convoy proceeded to Auburn where, once again, they were greeted by ladder trucks from Auburn and Mechanic Falls, back to back, ladders fully extended, American Flag flying on an overpass over Route 4. Fifteen uniformed firefighters stood at attention on the bridge and saluted as the convoy went by. From Auburn, the convoy was met by firefighters from all over western Maine. Fire trucks from Mexico, Rumford, Dixfield, Canton, Peru, Roxbury, Andover, Greenwood and Turner entered the procession to bring Chief Wentzell the rest of the way home. Local police, State Police, the Oxford County Sheriff's Department and Med-Care Ambulances joined in, lights and sirens on. The escort reached Route 2 in Mexico and continued until it passed the Mexico Fire Station on Main Street where Mexico residents stood to pay their respects as the convoy went by. Chief Wentzell was home. Funeral services were held a few days later at the Mountain Valley High School. Several hundred residents from the River Valley attended the service along with over 150 emergency responders from towns all over Maine.

Little more needs to be said about what kind of man Gary Wentzell was. This level of respect says all we need to know about him. I am blessed to have known him and to have worked with him for so long. We are all blessed to live in a state where a man like Chief Wentzell is so highly respected by everyone who knew him. He will always be remembered as a person dedicated to his profession, who loved his job and served his community to the best of his ability. Chief, you were truly loved and will be missed by everyone. Thank you for your service. We are all better off because of you.

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Dixfield, Representative Pickett.

Representative **PICKETT**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, this is one of those times when a heavy heart is shared collectively by Democrats, Republicans, and Unenrolled. I would like this morning to reference the sentiment that was prepared for my friend of 40 years who recently passed away. Gary Wentzell of Mexico, Maine was not only a fire chief, he was a dedicated and a courageous firefighter. He was a standout family man and human being. When Gary lost his hard fought battle with cancer this month, the turnout for his memorial was amazing. Firemen, both past and present, stood to praise this gentle and hands-on guy. As the memorial went on, it became obvious that this loving family man had more than one family. Story after story eulogized Gary and told how he befriended each one of them and acted sometimes as a surrogate dad when necessary for all of the younger firemen who served alongside of him. No one deserves the sentiment more than Chief Gary Wentzell and I am proud to offer this one in his honor. What makes Gary's sentiment presentation doubly meaningful for me is that one of my cosponsors, Senator Lisa Keim, from my home town, just lost her son, her young son, in a very tragic accident. The details were carried in all the papers and news broadcasts across our state this past weekend. Most of us here in the Legislature have children and I am certain we all share in Senator Keim's and her husband Blue and family's heartbreak. I would at this time like to ask Madam Speaker, if we could have a moment of silence? Thank you.

At this point, the Members of the House stood and joined in a moment of silence in honor of the son of the Senator from Oxford, Senator Keim, Loren Keim of Dixfield, who passed away on Saturday.

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Farmington, Representative Harvell.

Representative **HARVELL**: Thank you, Madam Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. It's been a rough weekend for me. Nature can prepare you to bury your parents, can't really prepare you to bury your children. I first learned of Loren Keim's existence on hiking Mount Katahdin with Blue and Lisa and the families. And Blue and his brother Fox and I, and Loren had spent hundreds of hours hunting and fishing together. I've been a close friend of the family for 30 years. Just last fall Blue and I, while putting up some tree stands, were sharing a beer and sharing like proud fathers our sons' accomplishments. Loren was in his senior year at Orono and Joshua, my son, was graduating from chemical engineering and like proud fathers, we were a bit bragging and one upping each other, slightly. Couple weeks later after the elections, Loren came by the house to go sit in one of the many tree stands that we'd put up and he was very excited about his

mother's election and his introduction into politics. We shared that and his thought for the future. And spending the last few days with the family has been very hard. But 2,000 years ago, Jesus prepared his disciples for his departure and he said to them, let not your hearts be troubled, ye believe in God believe also in me, for in my Father's house, are many mansions, if it were not true I would not have told you so and I go there to prepare a place for you that where I am you may be also. And that brought me comfort over the weekend, and I pray that that has given the Keims comfort as it has thousands of people for thousands of years.

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

In Memory of:

Charles Ellsworth Huntington, of Harpswell. After earning a bachelor's degree in biology and a Ph.D. in ornithology at Yale University and serving in the United States Navy during World War II, Dr. Huntington spent his entire career teaching evolutionary biology, ecology and ornithology at Bowdoin College, retiring in 1986. He served as director of Kent Island, Bowdoin College's ornithological research station in the Bay of Fundy, where he conducted decades of research into the habits of Leach's Storm Petrel. He also helped to found the Natural Resources Council of Maine and for many years was a board member of the Merrymeeting Audubon Society. Dr. Huntington will be sadly missed by his loving family and many friends;

(HLS 47)

Presented by Representative McCREIGHT of Harpswell. Cosponsored by Representative BERRY of Bowdoinham, Senator CARSON of Cumberland.

On **OBJECTION** of Representative JORGENSEN of Portland, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

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The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Portland, Representative Jorgensen.

Representative **JORGENSEN**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, Members of the House, I was -- I saw this in the calendar today and felt that I did not want it to pass without comment. I was very glad to see this well-deserved memorial item relating to the Ornithologist, Charles Huntington. Professor Huntington was a remarkable man in every way. I met him on my very first day of freshman year in college in the early 1980s. I remember my ornithology classes, especially the 4 a.m. field trips, like they all happened only a couple of years ago. I see Chuck now in so many of the birds that I observe, the many species and their behaviors that he introduced me to back then. And like everybody, he enjoyed a showy bird, but he was a stalwart advocate for all the little brown birds, the sparrows, the flycatchers, the creepers that are sometimes hard to spot and often even harder to identify among the leaves. To read that he did his doctoral thesis on Grackles seems very fitting. That's exactly the sort of under-sung species he always stood up for. I sometimes wonder would I have become a birder without Chuck? I don't know. But I do know that both in the field and in the classroom, I and countless others of his students, between 1953 and 1986, learned a great deal from him, from his quiet, patient approach as a lecturer and as a field person. I'm grateful to have known him, I'm grateful that he's given me this opportunity to speak about birds on the House floor. And I think Maine is a better

place because of him and I'm honored to recall him here today. Thank you very much, Madam Speaker.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The following matters, in the consideration of which the House was engaged at the time of adjournment Thursday, January 26, 2017, had preference in the Orders of the Day and continued with such preference until disposed of as provided by House Rule 502.

Resolve, To Authorize the Transfer of State-owned Property to the Town of St. Agatha

(H.P. 109) (L.D. 151)

(Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** suggested)

TABLED - January 19, 2017 (Till Later Today) by Representative MARTIN of Sinclair.

PENDING - **REFERENCE**.

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

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

The **SPEAKER PRO TEM**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Freeport, Speaker Gideon, who wishes to address the House on the record.

Speaker **GIDEON**: Thank you, Madam Speaker Pro Tem, Ladies, Women and Men of the House. So it is unusual for me to leave the rostrum and come address everyone from the floor, and I thank you for giving me the opportunity to do that today. It's a hard decision for me to come down here and speak, but I felt that it was very important. Yesterday morning in my community and in other communities across the state, but, you know, on my street, in my neighborhood there were flyers distributed. Probably everyone in the chamber knows about this. There have been news stories about it. And these flyers were distributed by the KKK and indicated that they were awake and ready to defend neighborhoods. And, probably for those of you who live in communities where similar messages were delivered at people's doorways or the end of their driveways, maybe if you live in those communities or maybe even if you don't, you have heard from your constituents and you yourself have felt the many emotions that come with the delivery of such a message. Today, as I was contemplating whether to come down and stand and rise and speak, one part of me thought we don't need to give any credence to such a message. The other part of me thought, we cannot be silent when such a message is delivered and our responsibility to stand up as human beings or as State Representatives, or as Mainers, and to reject the idea of the KKK or the message they deliver or racism in any way is our fundamental responsibility. So I stand here today to do that, recognizing our history in this country, recognizing what our fore mothers and fore fathers did to reject racism in this country, recognizing that we all have a duty to protect that history and to protect each other because a threat to any of us is, in fact, a threat to all of us. Tonight in Freeport, our community has chosen to come together. Not so much to talk about the message that was delivered, but to reaffirm our values as a community and as people and to

reaffirm our respect for each other and our desire to protect each other. You are all welcome to join us at the Freeport Community Center at 7 p.m. or to think about doing this in your own communities if this has landed in your lap as well. Thank you very much for giving me the opportunity to address you all today.

The SPEAKER PRO TEM: 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 Chair, my friends and colleagues here in the House, on the record I am rising for the first time in this chamber to wonder aloud about the times we find ourselves in today. I wonder, with the exception of this past weekend, when the Ku Klux Klan was last seen in Maine. If I'm not mistaken, history books tell us it was perhaps 50 years ago, certainly not in my lifetime, perhaps not in my mother's lifetime. If you're a Mainer, or a Native American, of Native American or Franco American decent, or perhaps you are of the Catholic faith, probably already knew that answer. Perhaps you are politely remaining silent right now.

The SPEAKER PRO TEM: The House will be in order. The member may proceed.

Representative **ACKLEY**: It saddens me to hear that these flyers were distributed throughout the state. This is not the Maine that I know. That brings me to my second observation. Why it is that Klansmen wear hoods? It's because they are afraid. It's because they know they are bullying, they are intimidating, they are threatening, and they are counting on the hoods of anonymity so that they cannot be held accountable and those they attempt to intimidate might also remain silent. Every battered spouse, every small child in school, every first-generation immigrant to our fair nation is likely to be familiar with this. Pastor Martin Niemöller wrote a relevant poem on their tactics. He said, "First they come for the socialists, and I did not speak out because I was not a socialist. Then they came for the trade unionists, and I did not speak out because I was not a trade unionists. Then they came for the Jews, I did not speak out because I was not a Jew. Then they came for me and there was no one left to speak for me." So, Madam Speaker, I am not the object of attention today but I cannot and I will not remain silent because if and when they come for me, I'm counting on you and all Mainers to be there to raise your voice on my behalf. The Founding Fathers of our country based their principles on the philosophies of the enlightenment. Edmund Burke was one and he said, "the only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men, good people, to do nothing." Some believe silence implies consent. And I believe intimidation generates fear, fear tends to give rise to silence, and the problem is that some of us will question why the rest of us remain silent. Well, my father who is a veteran and a defender of our freedoms, he raised fearless boys. Today, I invite anyone within ear shot to join me in speaking out however they choose, to raise your voice for brotherhood and justice for all and break the spells of fears and silence. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

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

SENATE PAPERS

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

(S.P. 88) (L.D. 302)

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

(S.P. 104) (L.D. 316)

Bill "An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Improve Highways, Bridges and Multimodal Facilities"

(S.P. 105) (L.D. 317)

Bill "An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue to Support Economic Development with High-Resolution Geospatial Data"

(S.P. 106) (L.D. 318)

Bill "An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for Riverfront Community Development"

(S.P. 107) (L.D. 319)

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

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

Bill "An Act To Facilitate the Implementation of Mobile Narcotic Treatment Programs in Rural Counties in the State"

(S.P. 93) (L.D. 307)

Bill "An Act To Provide MaineCare Coverage for Chiropractic Treatment"

(S.P. 94) (L.D. 320)

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

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

Bill "An Act To Require Permits for Wildlife in Captivity and Notification of the Escape of Exotic Wildlife in Captivity"

(S.P. 91) (L.D. 305)

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

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

Bill "An Act To Prohibit Charging Maine Seniors Higher Automobile Insurance Premiums Based Solely on Their Age"

(S.P. 96) (L.D. 308)

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

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

Bill "An Act To Restore Judicial Discretion"

(S.P. 97) (L.D. 309)

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

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

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Prior Employees of the Workers' Compensation Board"

(S.P. 101) (L.D. 313)

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

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

Bill "An Act To Eliminate Corporate Welfare and Provide Tax Relief"

(S.P. 99) (L.D. 311)

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

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

Resolve, Directing the Department of Transportation To Apply for Funds for Rail Improvements

(S.P. 103) (L.D. 315)

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

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

Bill "An Act To Authorize Auxiliary Licenses at Disc Golf Courses"

(S.P. 90) (L.D. 304)

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

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

Bill "An Act To Responsibly Implement an Adult Use Cannabis Program"

(S.P. 98) (L.D. 310)

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

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

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

On motion of Representative FECTEAU of Biddeford, the House adjourned at 11:29 a.m., until 10:00 a.m., Thursday, February 2, 2017, in honor and lasting tribute to the Honorable Robert Lewis Thorpe, of Auburn; Robert Arthur Burns, Sr., of Auburn; Gary Wentzell, of Mexico; Charles Ellsworth Huntington, of Harpswell; Loren Keim, of Dixfield; and the Honorable Roland B. Samson, of Jay.