

ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE
 FIRST REGULAR SESSION
 1st Legislative Day
 Wednesday, December 5, 2012

Pursuant to Article IV, Part 3, Section 1 of the Constitution of the State of Maine, the Representatives-Elect to the One Hundred and Twenty-Sixth Legislature assembled in the Hall of the House and were called to Order by HEATHER J.R. PRIEST of Augusta, Clerk of the House of the One Hundred and Twenty-Fifth Legislature.

Prayer by Reverend Doctor Paul A. Day, First Congregational Church, North Berwick.

National Anthem by Martin A. England, North Berwick.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Doctor of the day, Joel Kase, DO, Lewiston.

COMMUNICATION

The Following Communication: (H.C. 1)

STATE OF MAINE

Office of the Secretary of State

December 3, 2012

To Heather J.R. Priest, Clerk of the House in the One Hundred and Twenty-fifth Legislature:

I, Charles E. Summers, Jr., Secretary of State, pursuant to the provisions of Title 3 MRSA, Section 1, hereby certify that the following are the names and residences of the Representatives-elect to the One Hundred and Twenty-sixth Legislature, in accordance with the tabulation submitted to the Governor on November 26, 2012:

District 1	Nadeau, Allen Michael, Fort Kent
District 2	Theriault, Charles Kenneth, Madawaska
District 3	Ayotte, Bernard L. A., Caswell
District 4	McElwee, Carol A., Caribou
District 5	Saucier, Robert J., Presque Isle
District 6	Clark, Tyler, Easton
District 7	Willette, Alexander Reginald, Mapleton
District 8	Fitzpatrick, Joyce A., Houlton
District 9	Long, Ricky D., Sherman
District 10	Stanley, Stephen S., Medway
District 11	Turner, Beth Peloquin, Burlington
District 12	Gifford, Jeffery A., Lincoln
District 13	Haskell, Anita Peavey, Milford
District 14	Dill, James Frederick, Old Town
District 15	Goode, Adam Alden, Bangor
District 16	Schneck, John C., Bangor
District 17	Kornfield, Victoria P., Bangor
District 18	Frey, Aaron M., Bangor
District 19	Tipping-Spitz, Ryan D., Orono
District 20	Johnson, David D., Eddington
District 21	Verow, Arthur C., Brewer
District 22	Guerin, Stacey Kay, Glenburn
District 23	Reed, Roger E., Carmel
District 24	Wallace, Raymond A., Dexter
District 25	Fredette, Kenneth Wade, Newport
District 26	Davis, Paul T., Sr., Sangerville
District 27	Johnson, Peter B., Greenville
District 28	Cray, Dean A., Palmyra
District 29	Short, Stanley Byron, Jr., Pittsfield
District 30	Lockman, Lawrence E., Amherst
District 31	Maker, Joyce A., Calais
District 32	Cassidy, Katherine, Lubec
District 33	Doak, Peter, Columbia Falls
District 34	Malaby, Richard S., Hancock

District 35	Hubbell, Brian L., Bar Harbor
District 36	Kumiega, Walter A., III, Deer Isle
District 37	Chapman, Ralph, Brooksville
District 38	Luchini, Louis Joseph, Ellsworth
District 39	Duprey, Brian M., Hampden
District 40	Campbell, Richard H., Orrington
District 41	Gillway, James S., Searsport
District 42	Brooks, Joseph E., Winterport
District 43	Herbig, Erin D., Belfast
District 44	Pease, Jethro D., Morrill
District 45	Jones, Brian L., Freedom
District 46	Welsh, Joan W., Rockport
District 47	Dickerson, Elizabeth E., Rockland
District 48	Kruger, Charles B., Thomaston
District 49	Evangelos, Jeffrey, Friendship
District 50	Winchenbach, Ellen A., Waldoboro
District 51	Devin, Michael Gilbert, Newcastle
District 52	Sanderson, Deborah J., Chelsea
District 53	Marks, Timothy I., Pittston
District 54	Nadeau, Catherine M., Winslow
District 55	Cotta, H. David, China
District 56	Wilson, Corey Scott, Augusta
District 57	Pouliot, Matthew G., Augusta
District 58	Fowle, Lori, Vassalboro
District 59	Grant, Gay M., Gardiner
District 60	Mason, Andrew T., Topsham
District 61	MacDonald, W. Bruce, Boothbay
District 62	DeChant, Jennifer, Bath
District 63	Priest, Charles R., Brunswick
District 64	Saxton, Jeremy G., Harpswell
District 65	Kent, Peter S., Woolwich
District 66	Daughtry, Mathea Elisabeth, Brunswick
District 67	Berry, Seth A., Bowdoinham
District 68	Beaulieu, Michael Gary, Auburn
District 69	Bolduc, Brian D., Auburn
District 70	Werts, R. Wayne, Auburn
District 71	Lajoie, Michel A., Lewiston
District 72	Carey, Michael E., Lewiston
District 73	Libby, Nathan L., Lewiston
District 74	Rotundo, Margaret R., Lewiston
District 75	Wood, Stephen J., Sabattus
District 76	Murphy Beck, Henry E., Waterville
District 77	Longstaff, Thomas R. W., Waterville
District 78	Nutting, Robert W., Oakland
District 79	Treat, Sharon, Hallowell
District 80	Newendyke, Melvin, Litchfield
District 81	Knight, L. Gary, Livermore Falls
District 82	Hickman, Craig V., Winthrop
District 83	Keschl, Dennis L., Belgrade
District 84	Kusiak, Karen, Fairfield
District 85	McCabe, Jeffrey M., Skowhegan
District 86	Dorney, Ann E., Norridgewock
District 87	Gilbert, Paul E., Jay
District 88	Dunphy, Larry Charles, Embden
District 89	Harvell, Lance E., Farmington
District 90	Black, Russell J., Wilton
District 91	Crockett, Jarrod S., Bethel
District 92	Peterson, Matthew J., Rumford
District 93	Briggs, Sheryl J., Mexico
District 94	Hayes, Teresea M., Buckfield
District 95	Winsor, Tom J., Norway
District 96	Timberlake, Jeffrey L., Turner
District 97	Rankin, Helen, Hiram
District 98	Villa, Lisa Renee, Harrison
District 99	Kinney, Jonathan Lee, Limington

District 100 Jackson, Roger A., Oxford
 District 101 Powers, Christine B., Naples
 District 102 Shaw, Michael A., Standish
 District 103 McClellan, Michael D., Raymond
 District 104 Crafts, Dale J., Lisbon
 District 105 Espling, Eleanor M., New Gloucester
 District 106 Gideon, Sara, Freeport
 District 107 Cooper, Janice E., Yarmouth
 District 108 Moriarty, Stephen W., Cumberland
 District 109 Graham, Anne P., North Yarmouth
 District 110 Tyler, Thomas M., Windham
 District 111 Pringle, Jane P., Windham
 District 112 Nelson, Mary P., Falmouth
 District 113 Dion, Mark N., Portland
 District 114 Stuckey, Peter C., Portland
 District 115 Jorgensen, Erik C., Portland
 District 116 Harlow, Denise Patricia, Portland
 District 117 Farnsworth, Richard R., Portland
 District 118 Moonen, Matthew W., Portland
 District 119 Chipman, Benjamin M., Portland
 District 120 Russell, Diane, Portland
 District 121 Monaghan-Derrig, Kimberly J., Cape Elizabeth
 District 122 Morrison, Terry K., South Portland
 District 123 Hamann, Scott M., South Portland
 District 124 Kaenrath, Bryan T., South Portland
 District 125 Peoples, Ann E., Westbrook
 District 126 Gattine, Andrew M., Westbrook
 District 127 Volk, Amy F., Scarborough
 District 128 Sirocki, Heather W., Scarborough
 District 129 McLean, Andrew J., Gorham
 District 130 Sanborn, Linda F., Gorham
 District 131 Marean, Donald G., Hollis
 District 132 MacDonald, Sharri K., Old Orchard Beach
 District 133 Hobbins, Barry J., Saco
 District 134 Chenette, Justin Mark, Saco
 District 135 Beaudoin, Paulette G., Biddeford
 District 136 Rochelo, Megan M., Biddeford
 District 137 Casavant, Alan M., Biddeford
 District 138 Campbell, James J., Sr., Newfield
 District 139 Libby, Aaron F., Waterboro
 District 140 Parry, Wayne R., Arundel
 District 141 Bennett, Paul Edward, Kennebunk
 District 142 Boland, Andrea M., Sanford
 District 143 Mastraccio, Anne-Marie, Sanford
 District 144 Noon, William F., Sanford
 District 145 Plante, Joshua R., Berwick
 District 146 Eves, Mark W., North Berwick
 District 147 Chase, Kathleen D., Wells
 District 148 Beavers, Roberta B., South Berwick
 District 149 McGowan, Paul D., York
 District 150 Weaver, Windol C., York
 District 151 Rykerson, Deane, Kittery

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

S/CHARLES E. SUMMERS, JR.
 Secretary of State

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

For the purpose of ascertaining the presence of a quorum, a certified roll of the Representatives-elect was called by the Clerk of the House of the One Hundred and Twenty-Fifth Legislature.

The elected membership of the House being 153 and 153 members-elect having answered to their names, a quorum was found to be present.

On motion of Representative-Elect HOBBS of Saco, that Representative-Elect ROCHELO of Biddeford, Representative-Elect LUCHINI of Ellsworth, Representative-Elect GILBERT of Jay, Representative-Elect GRAHAM of North Yarmouth, Representative-Elect REED of Carmel, Representative-Elect VOLK of Scarborough and Representative-Elect POULIOT of Augusta were appointed a Committee to wait upon the Governor and inform him that a quorum of the members of the House of Representatives-Elect have assembled in the Hall of the House of Representatives and requested his attendance to administer to them the oaths required by the Constitution to qualify them to enter upon the discharge of their official duties.

Subsequently, Representative-Elect ROCHELO of Biddeford reported that the Committee had delivered the message with which it was charged.

The Governor, the Honorable PAUL R. LePAGE, entered and administered to the members-elect and they subscribed the oaths required by the Constitution to qualify them to discharge their official duties.

Governor **LePAGE**: Thank you so much. Thank you. Thank you so much. Good morning. Well, the campaign has ended; however, I'm not sure anyone has told my friend Brian Jordan. Is he here? Is Brian here? I want to thank the Democratic Party for providing me with my own paparazzi. The next two years should be interesting. I would like to make one slight objection. Next time you hire a paparazzi, would you give the job to a Mainer instead of a person from Massachusetts? Thank you.

In all seriousness, and when I said the campaigns are over, they are over. As we move forward today, our job is to do the work of the Maine people, all 1.3 million. I pledge to do my best with every ounce of my blood to provide good governance for the people of Maine. I want to work on energy; education and domestic violence are going to be my primary goals in the next two years. I hope that everyone here can join me. If you do, fine. If you don't, that's fine too. The difference in ideology shouldn't separate us. So, quite frankly, as I stand here, whether you are a Democrat, a Republican, Independent, I wish you well, I wish you a good session.

As we move forward, I'd like to ask all the elected officials to stand to take the oath. Raise your right hand.

I, (members stated their names) do swear, that I will support the Constitution of the United States and of this state, so long as I shall continue a citizen thereof. So help me God.

I, (members stated their names) do swear, that I faithfully discharge to the best of my abilities, the duties incumbent upon me as a Representative of the 126th Legislature of the State of Maine, according to the Constitution and the laws of this state. So help me God.

Congratulations!
 The Governor retired.

On motion of Representative KRUGER of Thomaston, that Representative MacDONALD of Boothbay, Representative WELSH of Rockport, Representative KORNFIELD of Bangor, Representative MALABY of Hancock, Representative WILLETTE of Mapleton and Representative BEAULIEU of Auburn were appointed a Committee to receive, sort and count votes for the Speaker.

The CLERK: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Lewiston, Representative Rotundo.

Representative **ROTUNDO**: Thank you, Madam Chair. I move the name of Mark W. Eves of North Berwick to be placed in nomination for the Speaker of the House.

Men and Women of the House, it is a great pleasure to nominate Mark Eves to be our next Speaker of the House. Mark has all of those traits we look for and need in a leader. He is smart, wise, fair, thoughtful and courageous. Having worked closely with Mark on several difficult state budgets over the past two years, I know he is a person of great integrity and great professionalism. As a marriage and family therapist by training, Mark is very approachable and is an excellent listener and mediator. He understands the importance of good process and of including others in decisions that are made. He is also a strong leader and is not afraid to make tough decisions when they are necessary. Mark understands the importance of reaching across the aisle to work with colleagues who might have different political philosophies or opinions. He knows that the people of Maine are best served when legislators can work through their differences and find common ground.

Mark's focus as Speaker will be on jobs and improving Maine's economy, and he is ready and eager to lead us in addressing the many challenges that we, as a state, are facing. I know he will set a respectful and constructive tone for us that will enhance and promote bipartisan work, that will help us to function effectively, and that will help us all to succeed in solving the problems that the people in our district sent us here to address. Mark will provide leadership that we will all be proud of, and it is a great honor for me to place Mark Eves's name in nomination as our next Speaker of the House. Thank you.

Representative **ROTUNDO** of Lewiston moved that the name of MARK W. EVES of North Berwick be placed in nomination for the Speaker of the House.

The CLERK: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Newport, Representative Fredette.

Representative **FREDETTE**: Thank you, Madam Chair. I second the nomination of the Representative from North Berwick, Representative Mark Eves, for Speaker of the Maine House of Representatives, and I wish to speak to my motion.

Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, nearly two years ago to this day, at this ceremony, this body elected Robert Nutting to become its 100th Speaker. At the time of his nomination, it was then House Democratic Leader Emily Cain who seconded his nomination. Today I follow in her footsteps in the privilege of seconding the nomination of Representative Mark Eves to become our next Speaker. I believe that God created our great state and this great nation, but it is not where it is today simply because he ordained it. It has required the leadership and good judgment of those who have had the honor to serve this great republic and this great state and in this great House.

Over the past two years, this body has come together, regardless of party, to pass legislation with supermajority votes on issues like regulatory reform, pension reform, welfare reform and tax reform. As a member of the Appropriations Committee, I recall with pride how we passed a biennial budget that was proposed by a Republican Chief Executive with a unanimous committee report. Followed by passage of a supermajority of

Democrats and Republicans in this body, we passed four more budgets in the same fashion. Now, today, we must recognize the historic nature of the work before this 126th Legislature and meet the leadership challenge that those, who before us, have so honorably met as statesmen and stateswomen. We, as Republicans, will continue to stand up for our values, stand up for small businesses, stand up for our faith, but we will also begin here today to do the people's work which we were sent here to accomplish.

Madam Chairwoman, the good Representative from North Berwick, Representative Mark Eves, has been nominated by his caucus to lead this body during the two-year journey for which we have taken our oaths. I am glad that the Democratic caucus has chosen a nominee that is a reasonable leader in Representative Eves, and I believe that the choice is an indication that we will engage in continued bipartisan progress for the people of Maine during the 126th Legislature. I stand here today seconding the nomination of Representative Eves knowing that he has three young children at home who will remind him each and every day, much like my children remind me when I travel home each and every day, that the work we do here must be for them, the future of our great state. This is a time for us to move forward in charting the great future for our children and grandchildren, and I am honored to help lead that process alongside our capable new Speaker. Thank you, Madam Chairwoman.

Representative **FREDETTE** of Newport seconded the motion. Representative **McCABE** of Skowhegan moved that nominations cease.

On motion by Representative **SANBORN** of Gorham, the Committee cast one vote for the House for **MARK W. EVES**.

The Honorable **HEATHER J.R. PRIEST**, Clerk of the House of the 125th Maine Legislature, administered the necessary oath of office to qualify the Speaker of the House to enter upon the discharge of his official duties.

The House was called to order by Speaker Mark W. Eves, of North Berwick.

At this point, pursuant to House Rule 201, the Speaker addressed the House.

Speaker **EVES**: Pursuant to House Rule 201, it is my honor to address the House.

Good morning and welcome members of the 126th Maine Legislature, families, and guests. I am truly humbled to stand before you today as the 101st Speaker of the Maine House of Representatives.

As I look into the gallery, I see opportunity – an opportunity to build a better Maine. But there is only one way for us to take advantage of that opportunity and that is if we work together to meet and face the challenges together.

Each one of us – Republicans, Democrats, and Independents – are here today for the very same reason: The people of Maine have asked us to be their voice and to build a blueprint for a stronger Maine – this is both an opportunity, and a challenge.

I am proud to lead us to this great opportunity. I am honored to have earned your support. And I ask for your help in meeting this challenge.

Thank you. I got my first cue from the audience to take something out of my pocket. You are very, very kind. Thank you Representative Villa.

I want to especially thank Representative Peggy Rotundo of Lewiston and Majority Leader Seth Berry of Bowdoinham.

Representative Rotundo has been a mentor and advisor during my time in the legislature. Her dedication to the people of Maine is untested. And her compassion, strength and skill as a legislator and a negotiator is unparalleled.

And Representative Berry is one of the hardest working lawmakers I know. He is passionate and dedicated to his work. He takes on his responsibilities with fervor and always meets the challenge. Seth reached out to me four years ago when I was first considering running for the legislature, and he helped me understand the importance of being a legislator. He told me that serving in the legislature was an opportunity to improve the lives of my neighbors, to help shape my state for the better, and he told me the relationships and friends I would make would change my life forever for the better.

He couldn't have been more right.

There is no experience that compares with the one you will have over the next two years. You will learn from the people you serve with – who come from different walks of life and represent completely different areas of the state. You will be faced with tough choices and you will make a difference.

You will grow and it will change your life in ways you never expected.

So, Seth, thank you for that call, and thank you for the guidance you've given me during the past four years.

I would also like to thank our Minority Leader for his kind words and for seconding my nomination.

I had the opportunity to work with Representative Fredette last session on some of the most difficult pieces of the Health and Human Services budget.

While we disagreed, Ken was always respectful. He sought common ground – even when he didn't have to. He was skillful in his negotiation and fair in his approach. He and Representative John Martin established a close relationship that helped both Democrats and Republicans to work better together during some of our toughest times.

While we have roles to play, Representative Fredette has proven that he can be fair and respectful and build relationships that lead to better outcomes. We won't always agree, but we have a lot to learn from each other.

All of us do. As we transition from the campaign trail to governing, we must set aside the rhetoric, and we must set aside the partisanship.

We must work together. The challenges we face are too big for one party alone to solve.

We face a significant and immediate budget shortfall. We face a sluggish state economy that is not keeping pace with the national recovery. We have a divided government.

Democrats – my party – have some strong disagreements with the governor. And while we will not abandon our fundamental values, we also have to acknowledge that we now have to work together if we want to get results.

I have no illusions about the difficulty of the task before us. Together, we face an uphill battle.

However, as I said earlier and what I know to be true, is that we are all here for the same reason – we earned the trust of Maine people.

We have a choice. We can choose to squander that trust by fighting, or we can defy the odds and we can come together and find common ground to do what is right for Maine.

To me, the choice is clear. We must work together to get results because the people of Maine entrusted us to do that job – and they are counting on us to do what is right for the State of Maine.

The best way to start is by building relationships and getting to know one another. As Representative Fredette and Representative Martin would tell you, you can get a lot more done when you have friendship and trust.

Before I address the enormity of the problems we face and the solutions I hope we come together to forge, let me tell you a little about your colleagues and a little bit more about myself.

Here today, we have a microcosm of Maine. We have 65 new members. We have representatives from city districts, coastal areas, the mountains, blueberry and potato country, and the rural areas across our state.

Professionally, we have small business owners, retired teachers, farmers, doctors, nurses, former selectmen and women, coaches, a former state trooper and a sheriff – and even a renowned track star who was sent to the Olympic trials. Thank you Louis Luchini.

Speaking of record holders, we have one of the most recognized figures on Maine's high school basketball scene among us. Representative Roger Reed of District 23 in Carmel has been a history teacher and basketball coach at Bangor Christian School and Bangor High School, where he has brought eight Gold Globes to Bangor High.

A little bit more about the body. Women make-up one-third of the House membership. One of those is Sharri MacDonald of District 137 in Old Orchard Beach. She operates a small business and has served three terms on the town council.

Our youngest member, Representative Justin Chenett of Saco, is 21. Our most senior (and truly wisest) member is Representative Helen Rankin of Hiram.

We are fortunate to have some very experienced lawmakers. Representative Barry Hobbins, of Saco, who like Representative Chenett, first entered politics in his early 20s in the 106th Legislature. Barry has seen it all and thank goodness we have his knowledge and experience.

We are also fortunate to still have the former Speaker Bob Nutting in our ranks. Mr. Speaker, I know I have big shoes to fill and I know you'll be watching and that is helpful.

Speaker Nutting led this body with fairness and respect (and a healthy and needed sense of time limits). I hope to keep that tradition.

At one of our first meetings, Bob told me that in this new role, I would sometimes have to be a therapist and sometimes a pastor. I couldn't help but smile. As it happens, I have a degree in Family Therapy and I got it from a Seminary, and you couldn't have been more right. It has already come in handy more than I can explain.

I guess this is the part of the speech where it makes sense to tell you a little bit about myself.

Some of you may know me well, but for those of you who don't I'm 35 years old and I live in North Berwick with my family. I represent the towns of North and South Berwick. I have been married for 11 years to my amazing wife, my best friend and my rock, Laura. We moved here from Kentucky, where I spent most of my formative years, about a decade ago and we haven't looked back. We are the very proud parents of three beautiful (and almost always well-behaved) children, Elaina, Lucas, and Naomi. They are 3, 5, and 7 and they are our treasure.

I am fortunate to have my parents and three of my six siblings with me here today. My father is an ordained minister who served as chaplain in the United States Air Force. He is a member of the Greatest Generation, serving his country during

World War II. My mother was a school teacher. Together, the values they instilled in me guide me each day, here in the legislature, with my family, and in my professional life. They taught me the importance of dignity for all people, of treating people fairly, and of the importance of community. They instilled in me a love of public service and of giving back to people.

Mom, Dad, and Laura – Thank you for all that you have done for me. Thank you for giving me the confidence and the values to do this.

I know like me, many of you have spouses, parents, siblings, and little children here today from whom you have learned a lot. First I want to recognize the remainder of my family. My sister Elizabeth, my brother Daniel and my brother Alan. Daniel's son, my nephew, Callin, and Alan's daughter, my niece, Amelia. If you all would rise please and be recognized for the House.

And everybody in this room, certainly the ones that ran for election, we never do it alone and I would like to take this opportunity to recognize all the families, the supporters, the friends in this room that guide your candidate, your friend, your spouse here today. Please rise or wave and be recognized by the House.

This is an amazing group of legislators and each of you will have an important role to play during a very tough time for our state.

Over the course of the last year, collectively, the lawmakers in this room spoke with hundreds of thousands of Mainers. We knocked on their doors. We shopped at their stores on our Main Streets; we met them at our traditional fairs and spoke with them at forums.

All across our state from Kittery to Fort Kent, the message was the same: Help put Maine people back to work. Maine people want their leaders to focus on strengthening our economy.

While other states in New England are seeing their economies climb out of recession and grow, Maine's economy remains sluggish and our job growth lags far behind most other states. Our state is dead last for personal income growth. We have one of the oldest populations in the nation and we are the most rural population in the nation.

Our middle class is shrinking. Instead of more opportunity, Maine families are working harder and harder for less. We must tackle this problem head on. We must support an agenda that creates jobs in the short term and strengthens our economy for the future. We must lay out a blueprint for a better Maine.

President Clinton once said the future is not an inheritance; it is an opportunity and obligation. I couldn't agree more.

The blueprint for a better Maine is ours to draw together.

We should not turn the clock back. If we are truly going to begin to rebuild the middle class in our state, we must move forward with strong and effective solutions that address the very real problems we face.

Don't be mistaken: We know our workforce faces a skills gap. As leaders, we must use our resources and private sector partners to close the gap and get ahead of the curve. Ingenuity and hard work are built into Maine people, but we need to give them the skills they need to compete.

We have to use this opportunity to transform our labor force, from our young students to those who are re-entering the workforce again.

Just last week, we learned that Maine's public schools ranked among the top 10 for graduation rates. I'm proud of teachers, students, and parents for getting us there – but I know we can do even better.

We can do better by looking at those students who aren't graduating and asking what can we do for them. How can we get them into the workforce so that they have an opportunity? How

can we hold up the ladder for them? That's a question that we have an opportunity to answer together.

We also know that business leaders put a high premium on early childhood education. We must give our children the best foundation to succeed.

A blueprint for a better Maine starts with education, but we must also advance a bipartisan energy policy and work to lower our health care costs.

The cost of health care in our state and in our nation is crippling. An 80-year-old grandmother in Fort Kent should not have to choose between buying her groceries or filling her prescriptions. We need to make sure all families can see a family doctor. We must bring down costs in our health care system in a smart, efficient way that ensures more people have access to the care they need to stay healthy and productive.

For over a decade in Maine, we have had a bipartisan energy policy, which encourages energy efficiency and promotes alternative energy. Because of those policies, we've seen a decline in dependency on fossil fuels. We must continue to work together to help lower energy costs and put more money in the pockets of middle class Maine families and small businesses.

Our natural resources are the backbone of our economy in Maine. We must work to protect the Maine that we know and love.

Last session, lawmakers worked on a bipartisan plan to fix the regulatory environment. We did good work and we should build on that bipartisan accomplishment.

While we have so much to accomplish, we face significant challenges – like so many other states across the country. Last week, we learned we already have an immediate and significant budget challenge.

We have to hit the ground running. We have no time to waste and we have tough choices ahead. The revenue shortfall that we face underscores a larger problem in Maine's economy.

When Maine families have more money in their pockets, they spend it at their local grocery store, the hardware store, and at our small businesses on Main Street – that helps improve everyone's bottom line from our local shop owners, to our communities, and even the state budget.

Together, the Legislature must get to work immediately on measures that truly strengthen our economy and rebuild our middle class.

Ladies and gentlemen of the 126th Legislature, needless to say, we face a tremendous challenge.

But again with every challenge there comes significant opportunity – and this is where I see our charge.

If I might for just a moment share some inspiring words from President Teddy Roosevelt from 1910, a true man of the people. He once said that the credit doesn't go to the people who complain by the sidelines, but it goes to the people who actually step into the arena, who get beaten up a little, who make a few mistakes but who know they are fighting the good fight and making the world a better place.

You, fellow members of the 126th Legislature, are the men and women in the arena. You are the ones that will spend yourself for the worthy cause.

I join you in that arena. I'm grateful for your trust in leading you. I promise to be fair and to do my best to bring this House together.

Thank you again for the honor to serve as your Speaker. Congratulations to you on this special day. Thank you.

On motion of Representative HOBBS of Saco, that Representative GRAHAM of North Yarmouth, Representative MARKS of Pittston, Representative PEAVEY HASKELL of Greenbush, Representative MAKER of Calais and Representative CAMPBELL of Newfield were appointed a Committee to receive, sort and count votes for the Clerk of the House.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Bowdoinham, Representative Berry.

Representative **BERRY**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I move that the name of Millicent M. MacFarland of Augusta be placed in nomination for the Clerk of the House, and I wish to speak to my motion.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Men and Women of the House. Today we have all taken the oath to uphold and protect our Constitution, that document which most closely represents the heart, the mind and the soul of our state. And with our new Speaker to lead us, and regardless of party, we have pledged ourselves for the next two years to do the people's business in the people's house.

If we were to distill and purify the mind, the heart and the soul of this institution we call the people's house, and if we were to embody that highest and best mind and heart and soul of this storied chamber into a single person alive today, that person would be Millicent MacFarland. In this forgetful age of term limits, Millie is our institutional memory. She is the mind of the people's house.

Millie first started in the Clerk's Office in December 1978. By my estimate, she was about nine years old at the time, yet somehow she managed to serve for five years before that in the Army Reserve. The Clerk at the time, Ed Pert, first hired her to produce the *Daily House Advanced Calendar and Journal*, but he quickly saw her potential, promoted her to Stamping Clerk, which no longer exists. That was the position where you would record the actions on all bills using rubber stamps and ink pens. Millie then went on to run the House voting system, to be elected Assistant Clerk in 1992, and finally to be elected Clerk of the House in December 2000 where she served for 10 straight years. During that time and under Millie's steady leadership, all that time, the House went from producing all documents on typewriters to sophisticated online computerized systems, including searchable statutes and bill status and an online chamber system, live video streaming of our proceedings, bringing the people's house into the homes of people across Maine and beyond.

Millie not only knows the rules and the parliamentary procedures of this House, the essential, complex, richly storied procedures we use, she helped to write them. As Clerk, she has helped to ensure that our decisions regarding the Joint Rules and the House Rules are thoughtful and considerate. And perhaps more impressive, she served for eight years on the Mason's Manual Commission, helping to write and edit the 2010 edition of that large green tome which is the premier manual on legislation procedure used in most legislative chambers in the United States.

When power changed hands in 2010, Millie also stayed and helped her replacement Heather Priest. She had no need to do so. As a cancer survivor with a partner living in a faraway state, Millie had every reason to walk away and move on with her life, but she didn't because the heart and the soul of this house is inside of her. She did everything possible to ensure a strong transition. She stayed on. That's the stuff Millie is made of — class, dedication, dignity. Exactly the stuff we want our work to be made of when we walk away from this building in two short years.

I want to pause here and thank Heather Priest for her service, because I don't think that anyone could have filled those gigantic shoes so well as Heather has done for the last two years. And just as Heather and I and so many of you learned from Millie, I want to recommend to our many new members here that you do also. Stop by her office, ask her a question, because for Millie no question is too basic or too uninformed. Her patience is every bit as immense as her knowledge and as her dedication for the dignity of our collected work. So for all these reasons and more, Mr. Speaker, it is my great honor to nominate Millie MacFarland, our friend and mentor, to become the Clerk of the 126th Maine House of Representatives.

Representative BERRY of Bowdoinham moved that the name of MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND of Augusta be placed in nomination for the Clerk of the House.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Caswell, Representative Ayotte.

Representative **AYOTTE**: Mr. Speaker, it is an honor for me to second the nomination of Millicent M. MacFarland as Clerk of the House. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Representative AYOTTE of Caswell seconded the motion.

Representative DEVIN of Newcastle moved that nominations cease.

On motion of Representative TREAT of Hallowell, the Committee cast one vote for the House for MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND.

The Honorable HEATHER J.R. PRIEST, Clerk of the House of the 125th Maine Legislature, administered the necessary oath of office to qualify the Clerk of the House of the 126th Maine Legislature to enter upon the discharge of her official duties.

On motion of Representative ROCHELO of Biddeford, that Representative GOODE of Bangor, Representative LUCHINI of Ellsworth, Representative HARVELL of Farmington and Representative KESCHL of Belgrade were appointed a Committee to receive, sort and count votes for Assistant Clerk of the House.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Rumford, Representative Peterson.

Representative **PETERSON**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move that the name of Robert B. Hunt of Yarmouth be placed in nomination for Assistant Clerk of the House, and I wish to speak briefly to my motion.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Men and Women of the House. My name is Matt Peterson. I am proud to represent District 92 in Oxford and a portion of Franklin counties, and I am here today with the singular honor to place before you in nomination for the position of Assistant Clerk of the chamber, my friend and colleague, Rob Hunt. Rob and I entered this chamber together as freshmen in 2008 and it has been a privilege for me to serve with Rob for two terms. Based on the experience and the work we have done together, I commend him to you as a great choice for the position of Assistant Clerk. Rob has the characteristics we should be looking for in the Clerk's Office. We need people who are energetic, responsible, knowledgeable and fair. I think Rob has all of those characteristics and that is what makes him the right fit for this job. We should be grateful that someone of Rob's quality and character is willing to take on this important position of Assistant Clerk.

To all of my friends who are returning and to the many new friends we welcome to this chamber today, let me underline something that is obvious in our work. Information is power. Information is what makes us all able to be effective Representatives for our constituents. The Clerk's Office is a vital link in our getting good, accurate and timely information so we can make good decisions. It is also an important link for our ongoing constituent work, including producing documents and communicating important information and recognitions back home to our districts. In other words, an effective Clerk's Office makes all of our jobs easier, and we want someone with Rob's temperament, energy and knowledge to help each of us succeed.

Rob knows this chamber and many of the people here. Rob understands the process. But more importantly, he respects the process and the people that Maine voters have sent here to represent them. He is an honest broker who believes that important institutions, like our House of Representatives, should be managed well because they should stand for the best of Maine. I urge you all to vote for Rob for this vital position. We will all benefit from working with him to make our processes here transparent, the flow of information timely, and this chamber a place where we will all be able to make thoughtful decisions that are in the best interests of our constituents and all the citizens of this great state. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Representative PETERSON of Rumford moved that the name of ROBERT B. HUNT of Yarmouth be placed in nomination for Assistant Clerk of the House.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Hollis, Representative Marean.

Representative MAREAN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am pleased to second the nomination of Robert B. Hunt as Assistant Clerk of the House.

Representative MAREAN of Hollis seconded the motion.

Representative GILBERT of Jay moved that nominations cease.

On motion of Representative HERBIG of Belfast, the Committee cast one vote for the House for ROBERT B. HUNT.

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

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: (H.C. 5)

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

December 5, 2012

Mr. Normand Arbour
2 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333-0002

Dear Normand:

Pursuant to House Rule 201.11 (b), I am pleased to appoint you as the Sergeant-at-Arms for the 126th Legislature.

On behalf of the entire House membership, I would like to welcome you and wish you well as you carry out your duties and responsibilities.

Sincerely,

S/Mark W. Eves

Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Honorable HEATHER J.R. PRIEST, Clerk of the House of the 125th Maine Legislature, administered the necessary oath of office to qualify the Assistant Clerk of the House and the Sergeant-at-Arms to enter upon the discharge of their official duties.

On motion of Representative HAYES of Buckfield, that Representative CAREY of Lewiston, Representative MONAGHAN-DERRIG of Cape Elizabeth, Representative MOONEN of Portland, Representative BLACK of Wilton, Representative FITZPATRICK of Houlton, Representative WILSON of Augusta and Representative KESCHL of Belgrade were appointed a Committee to notify the Governor of the organization of the House.

At this point, the Speaker appointed Representative McCABE of Skowhegan to inform the Senate that the House was duly organized for business.

ORDER

On motion of Representative BERRY of Bowdoinham, the following House Order: (H.O. 1)

ORDERED, that the House Rules of the 125th Maine House of Representatives shall be the House Rules of the 126th Maine House of Representatives.

READ and PASSED.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: (H.C. 2)

STATE OF MAINE

Office of the Secretary of State

December 3, 2012

To the Speaker of the House in the One Hundred and Twenty-sixth Legislature:

I, Charles E. Summers, Jr., Secretary of State, in accordance with the Constitution and laws of the State of Maine, having tabulated the returns of the votes cast for State Representatives at the General Election held on the sixth day of November in the year Two Thousand and Twelve;

REPORT AS FOLLOWS; that the following named persons having received a plurality of the votes cast, appear to have been elected:

District 1

Martin, John L., Eagle Lake 1,863
Nadeau, Allen Michael, Fort Kent 2,140

District 2

Roy, Jonathan James, Frenchville 1,674
Theriault, Charles Kenneth, Madawaska 2,506

District 3

Ayotte, Bernard L. A., Caswell 2,025
Maynard, Gail C., Woodland 1,330

District 4

Goughan, R. Mark, Caribou 1,318
Martin, David Allen, Caribou 976
McElwee, Carol A., Caribou 1,367

District 5

Saucier, Robert J., Presque Isle 1,933
Willette, Michael J., Presque Isle 1,821

District 6

Adams, Darrell A., Mars Hill 1,550
Clark, Tyler, Easton 2,307

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<u>District 7</u>		<u>District 29</u>	
Haines, Troy A., Mapleton	1,824	Engelhardt, Robert G., Sr., Pittsfield	1,844
Willette, Alexander Reginald, Mapleton	2,005	Short, Stanley Byron, Jr., Pittsfield	1,855
<u>District 8</u>		<u>District 30</u>	
Fitzpatrick, Joyce A., Houlton	2,308	Lockman, Lawrence E., Amherst	2,188
Jenkins, Michael L., Houlton	991	Mahar, Dennis L., Pembroke	2,082
<u>District 9</u>		<u>District 31</u>	
Hunt, Patrick E., Island Falls	1,640	Clark, Harold R., Jr., Calais	1,324
Long, Ricky D., Sherman	2,479	Maker, Joyce A., Calais	2,156
<u>District 10</u>		<u>District 32</u>	
Perkins, Debbi J., Millinocket	1,617	Cassidy, Katherine, Lubec	2,129
Stanley, Stephen S., Medway	2,336	Radeka, Michael, Whiting	1,515
<u>District 11</u>		<u>District 33</u>	
Turner, Beth Peloquin, Burlington	3,194	Doak, Peter, Columbia Falls	2,299
<u>District 12</u>		Finnegan, Lawrence, Jonesport	
Gifford, Jeffery A., Lincoln	2,113		1,670
Gilman, Aaron K., Enfield	1,838	<u>District 34</u>	
<u>District 13</u>		Malaby, Richard S., Hancock	
Haskell, Anita Peavey, Milford	2,623		3,224
Kirkland, Adam S., Milford	1,429	Morison, Arthur M., Hancock	568
<u>District 14</u>		<u>District 35</u>	
Dill, James Frederick, Old Town	2,577	Hubbell, Brian L., Bar Harbor	2,821
Klitich, Carol Lord, Old Town	1,351	Paradis, Paul A., Bar Harbor	2,078
<u>District 15</u>		<u>District 36</u>	
Canders, Samuel E., Bangor	1,155	Kumiega, Walter A., III, Deer Isle	3,206
Goode, Adam Alden, Bangor	2,465	Strauss, Kim, Tremont	1,716
<u>District 16</u>		<u>District 37</u>	
Damon, Douglas K., Bangor	1,293	Chapman, Ralph, Brooksville	2,958
Schneck, John C., Bangor	1,884	Hutchins, Sherman, Penobscot	2,349
<u>District 17</u>		<u>District 38</u>	
Budd, Mary A., Bangor	1,913	Foster, Matthew J., Ellsworth	1,954
Kornfield, Victoria P., Bangor	2,306	Luchini, Louis Joseph, Ellsworth	3,118
Others 0		<u>District 39</u>	
<u>District 18</u>		Bickmore, Kelly H., Newburgh	
Frey, Aaron M., Bangor	2,568		2,374
Parker, James W., Veazie	1,890	Duprey, Brian M., Hampden	3,046
<u>District 19</u>		<u>District 40</u>	
Littlefield, Adam Warren, Orono	1,334	Campbell, Richard H., Orrington	2,439
Tipping-Spitz, Ryan D., Orono	3,154	Dunbar, Sharon A., Bucksport	2,117
<u>District 20</u>		<u>District 41</u>	
Johnson, David D., Eddington	2,958	Ares, Meredith, Searsport	2,286
Pratt, Benjamin Marriner, Eddington	2,410	Gillway, James S., Searsport	2,390
<u>District 21</u>		<u>District 42</u>	
Rogers, William T., Jr., Brewer	2,152	Brooks, Joseph E., Winterport	2,126
Verow, Arthur C., Brewer	2,572	LaChance, Leo L., Winterport	2,064
<u>District 22</u>		<u>District 43</u>	
Guerin, Stacey Kay, Glenburn	3,653	Herbig, Erin D., Belfast	3,177
Slagger, David Allen, Kenduskeag	1,299	Hopkins, Donna M., Belmont	1,811
<u>District 23</u>		<u>District 44</u>	
Reed, Roger E., Carmel	3,426	Chase, Lloyd S., Liberty	2,508
Thomas, Richard A., Hermon	2,089	Pease, Jethro D., Morrill	2,618
<u>District 24</u>		<u>District 45</u>	
Pearson, David B., Dexter	1,705	Harmon, R. Ryan, Palermo	2,222
Wallace, Raymond A., Dexter	2,116	Jones, Brian L., Freedom	2,253
<u>District 25</u>		<u>District 46</u>	
Austin, Frederick H., Newport	1,084	Gartley, Carole A., Rockport	1,985
Fredette, Kenneth Wade, Newport	3,342	Welsh, Joan W., Rockport	3,212
<u>District 26</u>		<u>District 47</u>	
Davis, Paul T., Sr., Sangerville	3,534	Dickerson, Elizabeth E., Rockland	2,590
<u>District 27</u>		Mank, Gordon P., Jr., Rockland	
Dowse, Harold Burgess, Cambridge	1,560		1,045
Johnson, Peter B., Greenville	3,078	<u>District 48</u>	
<u>District 28</u>		Collins, Michael D., Thomaston	
Cray, Dean A., Palmyra	2,826		1,775
Swain, Daniel S., Canaan	1,659	Kruger, Charles B., Thomaston	2,384
		<u>District 49</u>	
		Carter, Robert E., Jr., Warren	2,092
		Evangelos, Jeffrey, Friendship	2,584

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<u>District 50</u>		<u>District 71</u>	
Pitcher, Joel Alan, Jefferson	2,056	Lajoie, Michel A., Lewiston	3,669
Winchenbach, Ellen A., Waldoboro	2,513	<u>District 72</u>	
<u>District 51</u>		Carey, Michael E., Lewiston	1,528
Devin, Michael Gilbert, Newcastle	2,861	Marcotte, Michael J., Lewiston	920
Pinkham, Alan E., Damariscotta	2,770	<u>District 73</u>	
<u>District 52</u>		Libby, Nathan L., Lewiston	2,241
Miller, Elizabeth S., Somerville	2,203	Poulin, Larry J., Lewiston	1,223
Sanderson, Deborah J., Chelsea	2,343	<u>District 74</u>	
<u>District 53</u>		Lajoie, Timothy John, Lewiston	1,441
Marks, Timothy I., Pittston	2,589	Rotundo, Margaret R., Lewiston	2,593
Soule, Raymond A., Wiscasset	2,391	<u>District 75</u>	
<u>District 54</u>		Ver Sluis, Katherine E., Sabattus	1,839
Morissette, Susan E., Winslow	2,196	Wood, Stephen J., Sabattus	2,836
Nadeau, Catherine M., Winslow	2,248	<u>District 76</u>	
<u>District 55</u>		Andre, Mark, Oakland	1,268
Cotta, H. David, China	2,610	Murphy Beck, Henry E., Waterville	2,304
Sylvester, Amy E., China	1,787	<u>District 77</u>	
<u>District 56</u>		Longstaff, Thomas R. W., Waterville	2,511
Sheive, Doreen L., Augusta	1,884	Perry, Richard, Waterville	1,209
Wilson, Corey Scott, Augusta	2,084	<u>District 78</u>	
Others 30		Hayes, Harry, Oakland	1,849
<u>District 57</u>		Nutting, Robert W., Oakland	2,898
Crockett, Patsy Garside, Augusta	1,766	<u>District 79</u>	
Pouliot, Matthew G., Augusta	1,895	Guerrette, William G., III, West Gardiner	2,349
<u>District 58</u>		Treat, Sharon, Hallowell	2,758
Foster, Karen D., Augusta	2,072	<u>District 80</u>	
Fowle, Lori, Vassalboro	2,528	Newendyke, Melvin, Litchfield	2,459
<u>District 59</u>		Sukeforth, Rachel Lynne, Litchfield	2,455
Grant, Gay M., Gardiner	2,095	<u>District 81</u>	
Hanley, Shirley W., Gardiner	1,736	Castonguay, Maurice C., Livermore Falls	2,037
<u>District 60</u>		Knight, L. Gary, Livermore Falls	2,388
Mason, Andrew T., Topsham	3,075	<u>District 82</u>	
Wolkens, Jean A., Topsham	1,947	Davis, Scott L., Winthrop	2,060
<u>District 61</u>		Hickman, Craig V., Winthrop	2,931
Hawke, Stephanie, Boothbay Harbor	2,391	<u>District 83</u>	
MacDonald, W. Bruce, Boothbay	2,945	Boivin, Pamela J., Manchester	2,380
<u>District 62</u>		Keschl, Dennis L., Belgrade	2,972
DeChant, Jennifer, Bath	2,478	<u>District 84</u>	
Rogers, Kyle Charles, Bath	1,488	Kusiak, Karen, Fairfield	2,252
<u>District 63</u>		Picchiotti, John J., Fairfield	1,977
Bouchard, John J., Brunswick	1,480	<u>District 85</u>	
Priest, Charles R., Brunswick	3,246	McCabe, Jeffrey M., Skowhegan	2,469
<u>District 64</u>		Skillings, Donald L., Skowhegan	1,423
Olsen, Kimberly Nichols, Phippsburg	2,553	<u>District 86</u>	
Saxton, Jeremy G., Harpswell	2,980	Dorney, Ann E., Norridgewock	2,239
<u>District 65</u>		Goff, Edward Russell, IV, Norridgewock	1,947
Kent, Peter S., Woolwich	2,997	<u>District 87</u>	
Warnke, Jason K., Woolwich	1,896	Brooks, Clinton W., Jay	1,823
<u>District 66</u>		Gilbert, Paul E., Jay	2,833
Connors, Grant Alden, Brunswick	1,019	<u>District 88</u>	
Daughtry, Matthea Elisabeth, Brunswick	2,135	Dunphy, Larry Charles, Embden	2,788
Horch, K. Frederick, Brunswick	1,519	Seams, Colby James, Anson	1,528
<u>District 67</u>		<u>District 89</u>	
Berry, Seth A., Bowdoinham	3,239	Harvell, Lance E., Farmington	2,368
Troup, Corey Nelson, Bowdoinham	1,827	Welch, Keith A., Farmington	1,854
<u>District 68</u>		<u>District 90</u>	
Beaulieu, Michael Gary, Auburn	2,674	Black, Russell J., Wilton	3,066
Sheats, Bettyann W., Auburn	2,020	Stovall, Richard M., Phillips	1,401
<u>District 69</u>		<u>District 91</u>	
Bolduc, Brian D., Auburn	1,807	Broderick, Michael K., Bethel	1,947
Graise, Dennis E., Auburn	1,065	Crockett, Jarrod S., Bethel	3,089
<u>District 70</u>		<u>District 92</u>	
Bickford, Bruce A., Auburn	2,264	Peterson, Matthew J., Rumford	2,946
Werts, R. Wayne, Auburn	2,268	Skolfield, Thomas H., Weld	1,098

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<u>District 93</u>		<u>District 114</u>	
Briggs, Sheryl J., Mexico	2,140	Bleicken, Eric V., Portland	1,137
Keim, Lisa M., Dixfield	2,043	Stuckey, Peter C., Portland	3,649
<u>District 94</u>		<u>District 115</u>	
Hayes, Teresea M., Buckfield	2,338	Berner, Seth, Portland	1,439
Turner, Timothy G., Buckfield	2,296	Jorgensen, Erik C., Portland	2,867
<u>District 95</u>		<u>District 116</u>	
St. John, Mary Lou, Norway	2,170	Harlow, Denise Patricia, Portland	3,267
Winsor, Tom J., Norway	2,336	<u>District 117</u>	
<u>District 96</u>		Farnsworth, Richard R., Portland	3,843
Sirois, Lawrence G., Turner	2,576	Miller, Frederic A., Portland	1,107
Timberlake, Jeffrey L., Turner	2,664	<u>District 118</u>	
<u>District 97</u>		Casey, Kevin, Portland	658
Cunningham, George G., Fryeburg	2,163	MacMillan, Thomas Richard, Portland	1,260
Rankin, Helen, Hiram	2,484	Moonen, Matthew W., Portland	2,675
<u>District 98</u>		<u>District 119</u>	
Hagerman, Roxanna R., Bridgton	2,320	Adams, Herbert C., Portland	1,287
Villa, Lisa Renee, Harrison	2,811	Chipman, Benjamin M., Portland	1,904
<u>District 99</u>		Tuttle, Gwendolyne Elissa, Portland	320
Goldsberry, Lee F., Cornish	1,653	<u>District 120</u>	
Kinney, Jonathan Lee, Limington	2,408	Akers, Davian Jon, Portland	658
Upham, Elihu J. A., Denmark	708	Lynn, Justine A., Portland	619
<u>District 100</u>		Russell, Diane, Portland	3,008
Jackson, Roger A., Oxford	2,565	<u>District 121</u>	
O'Neill, Colin Delaney, Oxford	1,756	Monaghan-Derrig, Kimberly J., Cape Elizabeth	3,047
<u>District 101</u>		Thompson, Nancy E., Cape Elizabeth	2,336
Mondville, Laurie A., Casco	2,375	<u>District 122</u>	
Powers, Christine B., Naples	2,484	Kessler, Christopher, South Portland	1,119
<u>District 102</u>		Morrison, Terry K., South Portland	3,101
Delaney, Todd R., Standish	1,546	Sarbanis, Thomas George, II, South Portland	1,009
Shaw, Michael A., Standish	2,301	<u>District 123</u>	
Wakefield, Michael, Standish	573	Bishop, Roger A., Cape Elizabeth	939
<u>District 103</u>		Hamann, Scott M., South Portland	2,726
McClellan, Michael D., Raymond	2,715	Myrick, Kenneth Earl, South Portland	1,575
Stephenson, Leslie J., Raymond	2,394	<u>District 124</u>	
<u>District 104</u>		Battle, Kevin J., South Portland	1,873
Crafts, Dale J., Lisbon	3,769	Kaenrath, Bryan T., South Portland	2,102
<u>District 105</u>		<u>District 125</u>	
Espling, Eleanor M., New Gloucester	3,321	Lawson, Michael E., Westbrook	1,668
Stevens, Nichole Dawn, New Gloucester	2,223	Peoples, Ann E., Westbrook	2,915
<u>District 106</u>		<u>District 126</u>	
Gideon, Sara, Freeport	3,525	Gattine, Andrew M., Westbrook	2,437
James, Jody M., Freeport	1,837	Maloney, Matthew R., Westbrook	1,414
<u>District 107</u>		<u>District 127</u>	
Cooper, Janice E., Yarmouth	3,238	Aranson, Paul, Scarborough	2,716
Hough, Mark D., Yarmouth	2,146	Volk, Amy F., Scarborough	2,728
<u>District 108</u>		<u>District 128</u>	
Kumiszczka, Joseph F., Cumberland	1,999	Caterina, Jean-Marie, Scarborough	2,923
Moriarty, Stephen W., Cumberland	3,994	Sirocki, Heather W., Scarborough	3,038
<u>District 109</u>		<u>District 129</u>	
Austin, Susan M., Gray	2,734	Knapp, Jane S., Gorham	2,178
Graham, Anne P., North Yarmouth	2,768	McLean, Andrew J., Gorham	3,548
<u>District 110</u>		<u>District 130</u>	
Johnston, Ralph, Windham	2,353	Mattingly, Matthew L., Gorham	1,954
Tyler, Thomas M., Windham	2,675	Sanborn, Linda F., Gorham	2,612
<u>District 111</u>		<u>District 131</u>	
Pennels, Stuart A., Windham	2,271	Marean, Donald G., Hollis	2,806
Pringle, Jane P., Windham	2,559	Usher, Ronald E., Buxton	2,096
<u>District 112</u>		<u>District 132</u>	
Jones, John Logan, Falmouth	2,630	Frenette, Roxanne Victoria, Old Orchard Beach	2,296
Nelson, Mary P., Falmouth	3,256	MacDonald, Sharri K., Old Orchard Beach	2,591
<u>District 113</u>		Others	42
Dion, Mark N., Portland	3,503	<u>District 133</u>	
Langholtz, Jeffrey W., Portland	1,685	Hobbins, Barry J., Saco	2,702
		Kouzounas, Demitroula, Saco	1,741

<u>District 134</u>	
Chenette, Justin Mark, Saco	3,106
Wyman, Roland P., Saco	2,039
<u>District 135</u>	
Aberle, Perry V., Biddeford	1,474
Beaudoin, Paulette G., Biddeford	2,588
<u>District 136</u>	
Rochelo, Megan M., Biddeford	1,868
Rowe, Lucille R., Biddeford	760
<u>District 137</u>	
Casavant, Alan M., Biddeford	2,574
Guay, William M., Kennebunkport	2,559
<u>District 138</u>	
Campbell, James J., Sr., Newfield	2,842
Meyer, Judee, Alfred	2,267
<u>District 139</u>	
Libby, Aaron F., Waterboro	2,572
Wagner, Joseph A., Lyman	2,378
<u>District 140</u>	
Parry, Wayne R., Arundel	2,964
Spey, Adam H., Kennebunk	2,112
<u>District 141</u>	
Bennett, Paul Edward, Kennebunk	2,869
Legg, Edward Parker, Kennebunk	2,679
<u>District 142</u>	
Boland, Andrea M., Sanford	3,384
<u>District 143</u>	
Courtney, Adam Jonathan, Sanford	1,449
Mastraccio, Anne-Marie, Sanford	1,728
<u>District 144</u>	
Archambault, Daniel John, Acton	2,351
Noon, William F., Sanford	2,374
<u>District 145</u>	
O'Connor, Beth A., Berwick	2,267
Plante, Joshua R., Berwick	2,410
<u>District 146</u>	
Bailey, Burnell W., South Berwick	1,774
Burke, David D., South Berwick	541
Eves, Mark W., North Berwick	2,839
<u>District 147</u>	
Chase, Kathleen D., Wells	3,265
Maclver, Caitlin, Wells	1,590
<u>District 148</u>	
Beavers, Roberta B., South Berwick	3,180
Lewin, Sarah O., Eliot	2,100
<u>District 149</u>	
McGowan, Paul D., York	3,082
Moulton, Bradley S., York	2,586
<u>District 150</u>	
McAllister, Ronald J., York	2,453
Weaver, Windol C., York	2,657
<u>District 151</u>	
Lemont, Gail P., Kittery	2,064
Rykerson, Deane, Kittery	2,274

I, Charles E. Summers, Jr., Secretary of State, hereby certify that the foregoing report is a true tabulation of the votes cast for State Representatives at the General Election, as reported to me on the returns from the cities, towns, and plantations of the State.
S/CHARLES E. SUMMERS, JR.
Secretary of State

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

**OFFICE OF THE TRIBAL CLERK
COMMUNITY BUILDING
12 WABANAKI WAY
INDIAN ISLAND
OLD TOWN, MAINE 04468**

September 27, 2012
The Honorable Heather J.R. Priest
Clerk of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333
Dear Clerk Priest:
This is to certify that Wayne T. Mitchell was elected Representative to the State Legislature for the term of October 1, 2012 - September 30, 2016.
The Tribal General Election was held on September 8, 2012 under the provision of Chapter Four of the Penobscot Nation Laws and Ordinances.
Sincerely,
S/Linda Socoby
Tribal Clerk

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 4)
**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE
SECRETARY OF STATE
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0148**

December 3, 2012
The Honorable Robert W. Nutting
Speaker of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333
Dear Speaker Nutting:
The following is a summary of the results of the November 6, 2012 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, which were signed by the Governor on November 29, 2012.

Question 1: Citizen Initiative
Number of Votes in Favor 372,887
Number of Votes Opposed 334,723
Question 2: Bond Issue
Number of Votes in Favor 334,580
Number of Votes Opposed 350,590
Question 3: Bond Issue
Number of Votes in Favor 418,555
Number of Votes Opposed 270,301
Question 4: Bond Issue
Number of Votes in Favor 499,366
Number of Votes Opposed 191,454
Question 5: Bond Issue
Number of Votes in Favor 432,813
Number of Votes Opposed 253,561

Sincerely,
S/Charles E. Summers, Jr.
Secretary of State

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 3)
PENOBSCOT NATION

ORDERS

On motion of Representative RANKIN of Hiram, the following Joint Order: (H.P. 1)

ORDERED, the Senate concurring, that the Speaker of the House is authorized, at his discretion, to permit radio or television in the Hall of the House of Representatives during joint conventions of the Legislature.

READ and PASSED.

Sent for concurrence.

On motion of Representative GOODE of Bangor, the following Joint Order: (H.P. 2)

ORDERED, the Senate concurring, that there be prepared by the Legislative Information Office, under the direction of the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House, after adjournment of the present session, a Register of all the Bills and Resolves considered by both branches of the Legislature, showing the history and final disposition of each Bill and Resolve and that there be printed sufficient copies to meet the needs of the Legislature. A copy shall be mailed to each member and officer of the Legislature and the State Law and Legislative Reference Library.

READ and PASSED.

Sent for concurrence.

On motion of Representative BERRY of Bowdoinham, the following Joint Order: (H.P. 3)

ORDERED, the Senate concurring, that in accordance with the Constitution of Maine, Article IV, Part Third, Section 1-A, the Apportionment Commission is established to develop in accordance with the requirements of the Constitution a plan for apportioning the House of Representatives, the Senate or both.

READ and PASSED.

Sent for concurrence.

On motion of Representative TREAT of Hallowell, the following House Order: (H.O. 4)

ORDERED, that the remaining subordinate officers of the House be appointed to serve for the present biennium as follows: by the Clerk, a Chief Calendar Clerk, two Advance Journal and Calendar Clerks, an Administrative Assistant, a Journal Copy Clerk, a House Reporter, a Senior Systems Support Coordinator, a Telephone Receptionist, and a Chamber Activities Coordinator; and be it further

ORDERED, that the Clerk is hereby authorized to accept resignations and fill any vacancies of said subordinate officers during the biennium.

READ and PASSED.

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

On motion of Representative PETERSON of Rumford, the following House Order: (H.O. 2)

ORDERED, that each adjournment of the House be until 10 o'clock of the following morning unless otherwise ordered.

READ and PASSED.

On motion of Representative NUTTING of Oakland, the following House Order: (H.O. 5)

ORDERED, that the Clerk of the House be authorized to invite the clergy of Augusta, Hallowell, and Gardiner to officiate as Chaplains of the House, or to invite clergy from other areas of the State as requested by any member of the House; and be it further

ORDERED, that all clergy acting as Chaplains of the House shall receive \$30 for each officiation, to be paid on payrolls to be approved by the Clerk of the House.

READ and PASSED.

On motion of Representative CHASE of Wells, the following House Order: (H.O. 6)

ORDERED, that the Speaker of the House is authorized, at his discretion, to permit radio or television in the Hall of the House of Representatives while the House is in session.

READ and PASSED.

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

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

On motion of Representative McCABE of Skowhegan, the following House Order: (H.O. 3)

ORDERED, that the Clerk of the House be authorized and directed to furnish each member of the House with a copy of the Advance Journal and Calendar of the House, said copy to be on the desk of each member or electronically distributed at the opening of each daily session.

READ and PASSED.

ORDERS

On motion of Representative BERRY of Bowdoinham, the following House Order: (H.O. 7)

ORDERED, that Representative Mark W. Eves of North Berwick be declared Speaker of the House of Representatives for a term to expire on December 3, 2014; and be it further

ORDERED, that Millicent M. MacFarland of Augusta be declared Clerk of the House of Representatives for a term to expire on December 3, 2014; and be it further

ORDERED, that Robert B. Hunt of Yarmouth be declared Assistant Clerk of the House of Representatives for a term to expire on December 3, 2014.

READ and PASSED.

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

The House recessed until 1:45 p.m.

(After Recess)

The House was called to order by the Speaker.

At this point, a message came from the Senate, borne by Senator JACKSON of Aroostook of that body, proposing a Convention of both branches of the Legislature to be held at 2:00 o'clock in the Hall of the House for the purpose of electing an Attorney General, a Secretary of State, a State Treasurer and a State Auditor.

At this point, a message was received from the Senate, borne by Senator JACKSON of Aroostook of that body, that the Senate had been duly organized by the election of the Honorable JUSTIN L. ALFOND of Cumberland as President, DAREK GRANT as Secretary and JOY J. O'BRIEN as Assistant Secretary, and the Senate was ready to transact such business as might come before it.

Thereupon the House voted to concur in the proposal for a Joint Convention to be held at 2:00 o'clock and the Speaker appointed Representative BERRY of Bowdoinham to convey this message to the Senate.

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

At this point, the Senate came and a Joint Convention was formed.

In Convention

The President of the Senate, the Honorable Justin L. Alfond in the Chair.

The Convention was called to order by the Chair.

The CHAIR: Nominations are now in order for the office of Secretary of State for the political years 2013 and 2014.

The Chair recognizes the Representative from Old Town, Representative Dill.

Representative **DILL**: Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate and House. It is with great pleasure I get to nominate the Honorable Matthew G. Dunlap for Secretary of State. Matthew is a Maine native and has lived in Old Town for over 20 years, and I have known him for many of those years since we are both from Old Town. At a young age, Matt worked on the family farm picking rocks, and I'm sure if you're a farmer in Maine you know exactly what that means. After high school, Matt enrolled at the University of Maine, received his bachelor's degree and master's degree, and then went on to have various jobs from cook to writer, to editor, to legislator, to Secretary of State.

Matt has always been active in conservation matters. He is the founder and former vice president and current board member of Maine Youth Fish and Game Association. He is also an award winning monthly columnist for the Northwoods Sporting Journal, is a member of the Outdoor Writers Association of America and the New England Outdoor Writers Association, and he has been recognized several times with awards. He is also a former member and director of the Sportsman's Alliance of Maine.

Matt has also had a very distinguished career in state and local politics. On the local level, he has been the chair of the Old Town Democratic City Committee, and he has been the chair of the Marsh Island Community Deer Task Force as well as many other community activities for which he has won many awards. Matt Dunlap's career in state service began with the election to the Maine House of Representatives in 1996, and he served eight years in the Legislature and three terms as the House Chair of the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. Representative Dunlap has had many notable bills in his career, mostly surrounding conservation and sportsman-type things in the state. He started the Maine Online Sportsman's Electronic System, he has helped create the Maine Atlantic Salmon Commission, and he has also had other types of legislation about protection of permanently disabled workers under the state retirement system, and he has also been very supportive of Maine libraries.

Last but not least, Matthew was elected by the Legislature to serve as Maine's 47th Secretary of State in 2004. He was sworn into office on January 7, 2005, and served until January 2010. While serving as Secretary of State, Dunlap served as president of the National Association of Secretaries of State, the nation's oldest nonpartisan professional organization for elected officials. As mentioned, Matthew lives in Old Town, has for over 20 years with his wife, Michelle Dunphy, and their daughter, Emily. Again, it is with great pleasure I nominate the Honorable Matthew G. Dunlap for Secretary of State, and I urge you to vote with me for Matt. Thank you.

On motion of Representative DILL of Old Town, Matthew Dunlap of Old Town was placed in nomination for the Secretary of State of the State of Maine for the political years 2013 and 2014.

The CHAIR: The Chair recognizes the Senator from York, Senator Valentino.

Senator **VALENTINO**: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I second the nomination of Matthew Dunlap for Secretary of State and wish to speak to my motion.

As a longtime member of the committee overseeing elections, I have worked with Matt on many issues. In 2004, as Secretary of State, Matt faced the enormous task of implementing the Help America Vote Act. The Act was a comprehensive set of election reforms. A central voter registration system had to be put in place. Accessible voting equipment had to be installed in every voting jurisdiction in Maine. For over a year and a half, Matt and his team met weekly on the issue, convened stakeholder groups, held training sessions throughout the state, presented legislative bills, instituted a pilot program and fielded thousands of calls from clerks. It was through Matt's diligence that Maine was able to comply with this Act for the 2006 elections. When Congress passed the Military and Overseas Voter Empowerment Act to provide greater protections and speed in getting voter ballots to service members overseas, Matt was able to quickly comply with the Act and to help our service members.

HAVA may have been the most comprehensive task facing Matt when he first became the Secretary of State, but certainly the most controversial was the Tabor petitions. Citizens had collected signatures for the Taxpayer Bill of Rights. They presented them to the Secretary's office on the final day of submission, on the final hour. When they returned to their van, they noticed a bundle of petitions they had forgotten to bring in. By that time, the office was closed. The next day, first thing in the morning, they brought them into the Secretary's office, explained what happened and the petitions were accepted after the deadline. They were set aside and the petitions that were submitted on time were then counted to see if they had met the

minimum number needed. They didn't. Matt had to make a decision. Does he allow the late petitions to be counted or should they be rejected? The decision speaks volumes to Matt's character and his integrity. The Democrats wanted them rejected and the Republicans wanted them in. What Matt did surprised and shocked both sides. To uphold the spirit of the law and to defend the rights of citizens to petition their government, Matt made the decision to accept the signatures. The Democratic Party promptly sued Matt. They won in Superior Court. Matt appealed to the Maine Supreme Court and he won. Matt had the courage to do the right thing for the people of Maine.

As Secretary of State, Matt has always worked in a nonpartisan manner. He has earned the admiration of both sides of the aisle. His love of history, politics and parliamentary procedure make him a walking encyclopedia of knowledge. His humor and mild manner make everyone feel at ease, and his fairness and thoughtful process make him a person to seek out for advice. I second this nomination because I have the utmost respect for his character and his ability to perform the duties of Secretary of State. Thank you.

Senator VALENTINO of York seconded the motion.

The CHAIR: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Mapleton, Representative Willette.

Representative WILLETTE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I nominate Debra Plowman of Hampden for the office of Secretary of State for the political years 2013 and 2014 and wish to speak to my motion.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate and the House, I am proud to nominate the Honorable Debra Plowman for the position of Maine Secretary of State. Many of you know Deb as she has served four terms in the House and four terms in the Senate. During her years as a legislator, she has brought dedication and served the people of Maine, and that dedication could not be more clear. Serving on the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary, and later on the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs, has given Deb the knowledge and understanding to carry out the duties and office of Secretary of State. A deep knowledge of Maine's election law, as well as numerous other matters of state laws and regulations the Secretary of State deals with, will be the utmost benefit to the people of the State of Maine. Deb knows Maine, she knows this government and she knows its people. She is a true public servant.

While her dedication to public service is what we have seen most prominently from Deb as her colleagues in the House and Senate, she is also co-owner of a local business, PDQ Door. PDQ Door has expanded to now have six locations across the state, and her leadership in that business venture has given her great understanding of the challenges that face businesses in our state. With the new position of small business advocate in the Secretary of State's office, Deb's business experience will undoubtedly be an added benefit to her already lengthy public service resume. Deb is a talented, dedicated, and knowledgeable public servant, and I am proud to bring forward her name as nominee for Maine's Secretary of State.

On motion of Representative WILLETTE of Mapleton, Debra Plowman of Hampden was placed in nomination for the Secretary of State of the State of Maine for the political years 2013 and 2014.

Senator MASON of Androscoggin seconded the motion.

Senator GOODALL of Sagadahoc moved that nominations cease.

The CHAIR: The nominees are Matthew Dunlap of Old Town and Debra Plowman of Hampden for the office of Secretary of State. The Chair will appoint a committee to receive, sort and

count votes for the office of the Secretary of State for the State of Maine for the political years 2013 and 2014.

Subsequently, the Chair appointed:

The Representative from Old Town, Representative DILL

The Senator from York, Senator VALENTINO

The Representative from Mapleton, Representative WILLETTE

The Senator from Androscoggin, Senator MASON

The Chair will announce the result. 182 votes having been cast with 1 ballot disqualified, 92 votes necessary for choice, Matthew Dunlap having received a majority of all votes cast, the Chair declared Matthew Dunlap of Old Town duly elected Secretary of State of the State of Maine for the political years 2013 and 2014.

The CHAIR: Nominations are now in order for the office of State Treasurer for the political years 2013 and 2014.

The Chair recognizes the Senator from York, Senator Tuttle.

Senator TUTTLE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would nominate Neria Douglass of Auburn for the office of State Treasurer for the political years 2013 and 2014 and wish to speak to my motion.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Members of the joint caucus, it is indeed a pleasure for me to nominate Neria Douglass for the position of State Treasurer. For years, Neria has focused on making sure we accurately identify government funds to provide what citizens count on: public schools, medical help, family and labor job services, environmental protection, roads, and important needs that government fulfills at the local, state and national levels. As a lifelong Democrat, Neria has worked for policies that promote positive values, supporting our citizens with necessary resources and working to elect people who understand these needs.

Neria asks for your support today to become our next State Treasurer. From 2005 to present, Neria has been the State Auditor of Maine. From 1998 to 2004, she was a Maine State Senator. She was Senate Chair, from 2002 to 2004, of the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs. From 2000 to 2002, she was Senate Chair of Legal and Veterans Affairs, of which I co-chaired with her. From 1998 to 2000, she was Senate Chair of the Labor Committee, and from 1998 to 2004, she was a member of the Insurance and Financial Services. From 1994 to 1998, she was a councilor at-large for the City of Auburn, and from 1989 to 1994, she was chair of the Auburn School Committee. I feel that she is the most qualified person for this position. She has a history of dedicated service to the people of Maine and I would appreciate your support for her election as our next State Treasurer. Thank you.

On motion of Senator TUTTLE of York, Neria Douglass of Auburn was placed in nomination for the office of State Treasurer for Maine for the political years 2013 and 2014.

The CHAIR: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Brunswick, Representative Daughtry.

Representative DAUGHTRY: Mr. Chairman, I second the nomination of Neria Douglass for State Treasurer and wish to speak to my motion.

Neria Douglass possesses the right mix of qualifications to be our next State Treasurer and I am honored to be here speaking on her behalf today. Neria has an exemplary track record as State Auditor. During her tenure, she pushed her office to examine each and every account to find savings and waste in our state budget. She uncovered numerous dormant accounts that produced access funds that helped balance our state budget.

She has worked to streamline the Auditor's office into an efficient machine that is serving the taxpayers of Maine by ensuring that their money is being spent legally and appropriately. As Auditor, she has worked with the Treasurer's office for the past eight years and has an internal view of the office which gives her a head start.

Prior to being Auditor, Neria served as a State Senator from 1998 to 2004. She has been an attorney for 35 years and she is fully prepared to navigate the legal elements associated with the position. Her legislative, legal, and financial experience make her an ideal candidate for Treasurer, but as a young woman I am greatly impressed with Neria's track record and I am lucky to have her as a role model. I strongly believe that we need more women in leadership roles, especially in the male dominated roles of financial affairs, and I think a strong female Treasurer is exactly what this state needs.

When I was trying to make my decision about who to support, I asked folks who had worked with Neria and I heard glowing review after glowing review. But what I heard that resonated with me is that Neria is a fighter and someone who works hard to make sure that the right thing gets done, no matter the obstacles. During the next two years, the position of Treasurer will be crucial. We have a lot of work to do and given the current political and fiscal environment, we need someone like her who is a fighter and willing to rise above the partisan bickering and work with everyone, and she's going to get the job done really, really well. She will work to issue bonds that the voters have approved, she will provide an honest and strong voice for all of us here today, and she will make sure that Maine has a strong economic outlook. But most importantly, Neria understands that we are here to serve the people of Maine. Thank you.

Representative DAUGHTRY of Brunswick seconded the motion.

The CHAIR: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Newport, Representative Fredette.

Representative **FREDETTE**: Mr. Chairman, I nominate Bruce Poliquin of Georgetown for the office of State Treasurer for the political years 2013 and 2014, and I wish to speak to my motion.

Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and Gentlemen of the 126th Maine Legislature, I stand before you today proud to nominate Bruce L. Poliquin to the position of Treasurer for the State of Maine. Having served in this capacity throughout the 125th Legislature, Mr. Poliquin is already well known to many of you. But for those of you who are not familiar with him, let me make a few comments in regards to his history.

Mr. Poliquin is a third generation Waterville native. He completed high school as a scholarship student at Phillips Exeter Academy. Bruce then worked his way through Harvard University, also as a financial aid student, studying economics and graduating in 1976. Mr. Poliquin has been in private sector business and managing during 35 years, a career also in the financial services industry. In 1976, he worked in the business of Harris Trust and Savings Bank in Chicago, working in the employee benefits area. Two years later, he joined Evaluation Associates, Inc., in Westport, Connecticut, a nationally recognized pension fund consulting firm. In 1981, Mr. Poliquin became a principal of Avatar Investors Associates Corporation in New York, an independent investment management firm. When Bruce left Avatar in 1996, the company managed nearly \$5 billion of pension, endowment, and foundation assets. Mr. Poliquin lives in Georgetown, Maine, with his son Sam, now a college student in the Boston area. His parents live in Oakland, just outside their home in Waterville, Maine. Thank you, Mr. President.

On motion of Representative **FREDETTE** of Newport, Bruce Poliquin of Georgetown was placed in nomination for the office of State Treasurer for the political years 2013 and 2014.

Senator **THIBODEAU** of Waldo seconded the motion.

Senator **JACKSON** of Aroostook moved that nominations cease.

The CHAIR: The nominees are Neria Douglass of Auburn and Bruce Poliquin of Georgetown for the office of State Treasurer. The Chair will appoint a committee to receive, sort and count votes for the office of State Treasurer for the State of Maine for the political years 2013 and 2014.

Subsequently, the Chair appointed:

The Senator from York, Senator **TUTTLE**

The Representative from Brunswick, Representative **DAUGHTRY**

The Representative from Newport, Representative **FREDETTE**

The Senator from Waldo, Senator **THIBODEAU**

The Chair will announce the result. 181 votes having been cast, 91 votes necessary for choice, Neria Douglass having received a majority of all votes cast, the Chair declared Neria Douglass of Auburn duly elected State Treasurer of the State of Maine for the political years 2013 and 2014.

The CHAIR: Nominations are now in order for the office of Attorney General for the political years 2013 and 2014.

The Chair recognizes the Senator from Sagadahoc, Senator Goodall.

Senator **GOODALL**: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Men and Women of the Joint Convention, it is a great honor today to nominate my friend Janet Mills to the position of Attorney General. But before I speak about former Attorney General Mills and what I hope soon to be again Attorney General Mills, I want to compliment the current Attorney General William Schneider. As an attorney, I respect the way he conducted himself, the cases that he handled and his office pursued with integrity and respect, and I think it's in a rich tradition that that office has always held. I think it's important for all of us to recognize when members on both sides of the aisle in these constitutional positions do things with the utmost respect and integrity, and I compliment William Schneider for his role as Attorney General.

Going forward, I believe Janet Mills is a strong candidate, the best candidate to be Attorney General. She has a career of service as an attorney, both in private practice as well as a district attorney, a former attorney general and as a legislator. Not only has she sought justice for her clients and for the people of Maine in the counties that she has represented, she has also been involved in very complex litigation as a private practice attorney. She has worked hard and she was the first woman DA in the Northeast, representing the counties of Androscoggin, Franklin and Oxford. She has a very stellar legal mind and she has good judgment. As someone who does some criminal law as well as civil litigation, when you're on the other side of a case of a prosecutor, you want to make sure that they have good judgment, that they know when to bring the case and when there is other resolutions available, and I know that Janet Mills has that judgment.

I also know that she is a strong manager, that she will manage the office well, that the office under her control and supervision will work well with all the other agencies and the other branches of government, including the Legislature, to make sure that Maine is moving forward. She will face many tough challenges, have to make many hard decisions, and I am confident that she can do that well and with great respect for our

institution, the Legislature, and for the State of Maine. I would encourage all of us to join and unanimously support Janet Mills for the role of Attorney General. She is qualified, she has served in this role in the past, and she will continue to fight for the best interests of Maine. Thank you very much.

On motion of Senator GOODALL of Sagadahoc, Janet Mills of Farmington was placed in nomination for the Attorney General of the State of Maine for the political years 2013 and 2014.

The CHAIR: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Saco, Representative Hobbins.

Representative **HOBBS**: Thank you, Mr. Chairman and Members of the Joint Convention. It gives me a great privilege and honor to second the nomination of Janet Mills to the office of Attorney General for the State of Maine, and I would like to speak to my motion.

Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman and fellow members of the Joint Convention. I believe that the prior speaker, my former colleague, the Senator from Sagadahoc, Senator Goodall eloquently outlined the pathway of reasons why we should all support Janet Mills. But again, before I begin my comments, I want to concur not only with the comments about Janet but also the comments about the outgoing, or the present, Attorney General. I want to tell you that William Schneider has performed admirably and with dignity in that position, and I wish him well in whatever endeavor he decides to proceed with. If he decides to become a judge and I happen to be involved in any type of activity of what I could be of assistance, I would because he has those qualities.

Now talking about Janet Mills, I realized when the good Senator from Sagadahoc, Senator Goodall, made his eloquent remarks that I have known Janet Mills longer and before the good Senator was born. So that's a good news and a bad news. The good news is that I can attest personally to everything that the good Senator represented to this Joint Convention because I have known Janet Mills since I was a first year law student and she was a third year law student, and we will not get into grades or anything of that nature because I would come out on the short end because of her academic skillness in law school and beyond. She has a unique blend that I believe is very, very important when you look at this particular office.

First of all, she understands the governmental operation of the Legislature. She not only served in the Legislature but in a role as district attorney of three counties, and having had served as the president of the Maine Prosecutors Association, she came before the Judiciary Committee scores of times bringing ideas, reforms for such things of the criminal code, the juvenile code, the probate code, you name it. She was always there with a positive and a constructive idea. So I know where, in that regard, having served on the Judiciary Committee and having served as the Senate Chair when she was a member of this body, the House, and I can tell you that she brought a lot to the table. Not only when she served on a committee, look at the other committees she has served on: Criminal Justice and Appropriations. So I know where that went.

I also know her as a prosecutor. I do, in part of my practice, defend cases and have defended cases in the three counties which she had the 15-year experience of representing for those counties. I can tell you she was stern, tough but fair in the way she handled things. As the good Senator from Sagadahoc says, she has good judgment. She also has shown in her role as Attorney General, which was short-lived because of political elections, that she got a lot done in the short time that she served for the two years. She managed that office, as William Schneider has, with merely 110 lawyers and 200 employees, and during that time she made great progress in improving criminal

prosecutions, protecting consumers, holding criminals accountable, and advancing legislation to improve the lives of Maine people. I urge you to join me today to return Janet Mills to that position so she can continue what has been going on in the Attorney General's office since she has left, and that is a good office, good people, and a good administration. Thank you very much, and I would appreciate if you would join me today in supporting Janet Mills.

Representative HOBBS seconded the motion.

The CHAIR: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Kennebec, Senator Katz.

Senator **KATZ**: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, it is my honor to place in nomination the name of William Schneider of Durham as Attorney General for the political years 2013 and 2014. I would ask to speak to my motion.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, yesterday in our caucus, I reflected first on how incredibly lucky all of us are to be in the positions that we are. Some of us are luckier than others. I happen to be one of the most lucky. If you look out that window, you can almost see my house. I have about a four-minute ride home. As I said yesterday, at the end of this session, I am going to take my mileage check, I am going to buy a six-pack of beer and you are all invited to share it with me. You know, we are the only state in the country that elects an Attorney General the way we do in the Legislature, and so it places an awesome responsibility on all of us because the Attorney General is the chief prosecutor for the State of Maine, but also heads up the state's largest law firm which represents, literally represents, the people of the State of Maine.

So what kinds of qualities should we look for in that kind of office? How about someone who is a graduate of West Point and was captain of the shooting team, who graduated with distinction from West Point? How about someone who was a decorated Special Forces operative in Korea, who received Senior Air Borne Wings, a Meritorious Service Medal, the Special Forces Tab and other commendations, and left the service with a service-related injury? How about someone who then went on to the University of Maine Law School and then became an Assistant Attorney General prosecuting drug crimes throughout the State of Maine? Then ran for the House of Representatives and served with distinction in this very body as Assistant Minority Leader and also a member of the Judiciary Committee, who then, after 9/11, went on to be the Anti-Terrorism Coordinator within the U.S. Attorney's Office for the State of Maine, helping fight the war on terror, and a respected member of the Guantanamo Review Task Force, who has also taught at Harvard Law School Trial Advocacy Workshops? That's Bill Schneider. He has been a star all of his life.

Two years ago, it was my honor to nominate him for the position of Attorney General and as it turns out, I'm a pretty smart guy because, in those two years, Bill Schneider set a really high standard for temperament, intelligence, integrity, and by the humble and good humored way he carried himself for two years in that office, often under very difficult circumstances. He did us proud. Among other things, he began the Prescription Drug Abuse Task Force, which has really helped our state to begin to deal with that scourge in all of our communities. He ran the office in a fair and nonpartisan way. The lawyers in that tremendously talented law firm and the staff knew that their job would be free of political pressure, and it stayed that way for two years. Bill Schneider has the respect of every person in the office. He has the respect of this Legislature, of his colleagues around the country. Mr. Chairman, it is my high honor to nominate William Schneider of Durham to be the next Attorney General of the great State of Maine. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

On motion of Senator KATZ of Kennebec, William Schneider of Durham was placed in nomination for the Attorney General of the State of Maine for the political years 2013 and 2014.

Representative FREDETTE of Newport seconded the motion.

Senator JACKSON of Aroostook moved that nominations cease.

The CHAIR: The nominees are Janet Mills of Farmington and William Schneider of Durham for the office of Attorney General. The Chair will appoint a committee to receive, sort and count votes for the office of the Attorney General for the State of Maine for the political years 2013 and 2014.

Subsequently, the Chair appointed:

The Senator from Sagadahoc, Senator GOODALL

The Representative from Saco, Representative HOBBS

The Senator from Kennebec, Senator KATZ

The Representative from Newport, Representative FREDETTE

The Chair will announce the result. 182 votes having been cast, 92 votes necessary for choice, Janet Mills having received a majority of all votes cast, the Chair declared Janet Mills of Farmington duly elected Attorney General of the State of Maine for the political years 2013 and 2014.

The CHAIR: Nominations are now in order for the office of State Auditor for the political years 2013 to 2017.

The Chair recognizes the Representative from Waterville, Representative Beck.

Representative **BECK**: Mr. Chairman, I nominate Pola Buckley of Hallowell for the office of State Auditor for the political years 2013 through 2017 and wish to speak to my motion.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. My brevity tonight is not indicative of Ms. Buckley's qualifications. She is quite qualified to be our next State Auditor. She has worked 10 years at the Department of Audit. She was a CFO at Maine Poly, a financial manager at the Kimberly-Clark Paper Mill. She, of course, is a CPA. She holds a MBA and is a Certified Information Services Auditor. We are quite confident she will do an excellent job. It is fitting tonight that our final vote is bipartisan and unanimous for the person charged with ensuring transparency in state government and finding savings. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

On motion of Representative BECK of Waterville, Pola Buckley of Hallowell was placed in nomination for the State Auditor of the State of Maine for the political years 2013 to 2017.

The CHAIR: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Buckfield, Representative Hayes.

Representative **HAYES**: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Men and Women of the Joint Convention, what does a State Auditor do and why is it important to us as legislators? The State Auditor is the head of the Department of Audit which is independent of the executive branch. The State Auditor manages a staff of 30 professionals, whose efforts are directed to two primary tasks, auditing the state's financial statements as prepared by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services and performing the single audit required by the Federal Government. Both of these are important to ensure that public funds are being accounted for appropriately across State Government.

In addition, the Department of Audit provides a fraud hotline. Items subject to investigation by the Department of Audit include illegal acts within state government such as theft, fraud, financial conflict of interest, clear misuse of state property, wasteful conduct with measurable financial implications and kickbacks to state workers who are vendors. Citizens can use the confidential online complaint form where they can report what they know or

what they believe and the staff of the Department of Audit will take it from there. Given these crucial responsibilities, we are best served by electing a professional, one dedicated to her field and current in her complexities and practices. It is my pleasure to second the nomination of Pola Buckley as State Auditor. Pola will bring the wisdom, integrity, political courage and experience we need to be confident in the work of the Department of Audit. Please join me in voting for Pola Buckley for State Auditor.

Representative HAYES seconded the motion.

Senator GOODALL of Sagadahoc moved that nominations cease.

On motion of Senator GOODALL of Sagadahoc, one vote was cast, on part of the Convention, for Pola Buckley of Hallowell for the office of State Auditor for the political years 2013 to 2017.

The Chair declared Pola Buckley of Hallowell the State Auditor for the State of Maine for the political years 2013 to 2017.

On a motion by Senator GOODALL from Sagadahoc, the Secretary of the Senate was directed to notify the Governor of the election of Constitutional Officers.

The purpose for which the Convention was assembled having been accomplished, the Chair declared the same dissolved.

The Senate then retired to its chamber.

(After the Joint Convention)

The House was called to order by the Speaker.

SENATE PAPERS

The following Joint Order: (S.P. 1)

ORDERED, the House concurring, that the Joint Rules of the 125th Maine Legislature shall be the Joint Rules of the 126th Maine Legislature. Pursuant to Joint Rule 102, the Joint Rules may be amended by a majority vote, in each chamber, on or before the third Friday in January, 2013 and be it further;

ORDERED, that pursuant to Joint Rule 202, cloture for the First Regular Session of the 126th Maine Legislature will be Friday, January 18, 2013 at 4:00 p.m.

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

READ and **PASSED** in concurrence.

The following Joint Order: (S.P. 2)

ORDERED, the House concurring, that there be paid to the members of the Senate and the House of Representatives as advances on account of compensation established by statute, 12 payments on a biweekly basis commencing January 2, 2013, according to lists certified to the State Controller by the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House, respectively.

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

READ and **PASSED** in concurrence.

The following Joint Order: (S.P. 3)

ORDERED, the House concurring, that the Executive Director of the Legislative Council be authorized and directed to prepare weekly, from expense accounts to be submitted to him by the members of the Senate and House, expense rosters showing the entitlement of each member for meals allowance and lodging reimbursement and to obtain approval thereof by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House, respectively, and deliver the same to the State Controller for processing and payment, in the manner and form recommended by the Joint Interim Committee of the 101st Legislature created to study and report on a method of implementing the administration of the provision of law relating to the mileage and expenses for members of the Legislature; and be it further

ORDERED, that the Executive Director of the Legislative Council be authorized and directed to provide the forms necessary for such purpose and provide suitable space in his office for the filing and safekeeping of all such expense accounts and other papers and records pertaining thereto.

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

READ and **PASSED** in concurrence.

The following Joint Order: (S.P. 4)

ORDERED, the House concurring, that all printing and binding authorized by the Legislature shall be under the direction of the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House.

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

READ and **PASSED** in concurrence.

The following Joint Order: (S.P. 5)

ORDERED, the House concurring, that the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House respectively, purchase such services, supplies and equipment as may be needed to carry on the business of the Senate and House, respectively.

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

READ and **PASSED** in concurrence.

The following Joint Order: (S.P. 6)

ORDERED, the House concurring, that a sufficient number of the Legislative Record for the 126th Legislature be printed, one copy for each of the members of the Senate and the House of Representatives who so desires, the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House. The remainder to be deposited with the State Law Librarian for exchange and library use; and be it further

ORDERED, that suitable index be prepared for such Legislative Record, under the direction of the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House.

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

READ and **PASSED** in concurrence.

The following Joint Order: (S.P. 7)

ORDERED, the House concurring, that when the House and Senate adjourn, they do so until Tuesday, January 8, 2013, at 10:00 the morning.

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

READ and **PASSED** in concurrence.

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

On motion of Representative MONAGHAN-DERRIG of Cape Elizabeth, the House adjourned at 4:38 p.m., until 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, January 8, 2013 pursuant to the Joint Order (S.P. 7).