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Senate called to order by President Beth Edmonds of Cumberland County.

Prayer by Chaplain (LTC) Valmore G. Vigue, JFHQ-ME, State Chaplain Maine National Guard.

CHAPLAIN VIGUE: Good morning. In honor of Armed Forces Day, I'd like to share an inspirational thought about heroes before I pray. From my youth, we considered heroes to be people almost bigger than life. I had the same range of heroes that you did, from the Lone Ranger to Batman. They always showed up in the nick of time and saved the day. They were superheroes with strength beyond their enemies and pose in the face of disaster. Real life has altered my view of heroes. Today, in the aftermath of recent deployments, my heroes are more down to earth and look a lot like you and me. I've learned that real heroes are ordinary people placed in extraordinary circumstances. Without naming names, I'd like to describe some of these heroes.

Heroes number one and two are actually a husband and wife team from central Maine. I met this dynamic couple on a wet and cold night as I joined a Death Notification Officer to make a notification of a death in Iraq. The experience was one I will never forget and one I hope is never duplicated. The news of their son's death brought pain and sorrow beyond the imagination of any one except those who have also lost a child. In the days that followed, these dear people showed strength and courage that brought them to the top of my hero list. They remained faithful to their country, their President, and their National Guard community. They continued to honor others who are serving. They continued to show character and grace despite their loss. They hurt deeply but held their heads high to honor their son. It brought tears to my eyes just to be in their presence. It was humbling to be around them. They were so empowered with all that was right and good. So engrained with the values of our great nation, they exemplified in every way the best of what it is to be an American citizen. They are my heroes.

Hero number three is a dear friend who was wounded in the suicide attack in the cafeteria near Mosul more than a year ago now. I maintained e-mail contact with this friend throughout his days in Iraq. For the most part, things were quiet and safe, but on that fateful day, sitting next to a new acquaintance in the mess hall, a loud explosion, a flash of light, and everything changed. He awoke to smoke and dust, mass confusion, people screaming, and others crying out in pain, which he now could not hear. Despite his hearing loss, he quickly began moving to his fallen comrades. The friend who had been at his side had perished. He hastened through the charred remains of the tent, giving his blessing to those deceased and those injured. He was driven by a sense of urgency and duty, of loyalty and selfless service. No one was telling him what to do, rather his service came naturally to this man who had loved soldiers, his country, and his fellow

mankind all his life. I am humbled by and in awe of this dear man. When I saw him upon his return, tears welled up within me because I was in the presence of another one of my heroes. He exemplifies again all the best of what it means to be an American.

I have learned that heroes are ordinary people who are placed in extraordinary circumstances. This fact reminds me that any one of us can be a hero. Only the circumstances separate us from that honored status. We all realize that at a moment's notice the circumstances could thrust us into the hero's role. It is not something we will think about. It is not something we seek to be. It is rather the result of who we are and how we will respond in extraordinary circumstances.

The military community I have to know over the past 15 years is a community of heroes. I have gained the utmost respect for the men and women who proudly wear the uniform for the Maine National Guard. In a spirit of appreciation for those who have been pressed into service, and a spirit of anticipation for the moment our turn comes, may we all continue to exhibit our moral and spiritual values through selfless service and mutual respect. May God bless you as you commit yourselves to the support of this nation and the freedom of downtrodden peoples around the world, even as you serve here in the Maine Senate. Shall we pray.

Our Father God, You have guarded and preserved us as a nation for almost 230 years. We are still a young nation but nevertheless we understand that what we have is very special and very fragile. Our strength is our people. Our minds are our greatest weapons. Our freedom is our great motivation. We take none of these lightly. We call upon You, as did our forefathers, to protect us, to inspire us, to heal us, and to purify us. We have learned that freedom without self-restraint leads to chaos. Bless this assembly of men and women who serve to guard our freedom through the writing and application of law to prevent chaos and bring order and decency to our communities within this great State of Maine. Father, thank You for our military, which extends well beyond our borders, fighting terrorism at its roots, away from our peaceful shores. Thank You for the work our men and women in uniform perform. Though out of sight, they are not out of mind. We honor them today. In our Savior's name, Amen.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Senator Paul T. Davis, Sr. of Piscataquis County.

Reading of the Journal of Friday, June 3, 2005.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

Non-Concurrent Matter

Bill "An Act To Create a Senior Tax Rebate Program for Established Residents"

S.P. 41 L.D. 135
(C "A" S-302)

In Senate, May 31, 2005, **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-302).**

Comes from the House, **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-302) AS AMENDED BY HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" (H-631)** thereto, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

On motion by Senator **STRIMLING** of Cumberland, the Senate **RECEDED** and **CONCURRED**.

ORDERS

Joint Orders

Expressions of Legislative Sentiment recognizing:

Specialist Shawn Michael Murray, of Waterville, who has returned home from active duty with the 133rd Engineer Combat Battalion stationed in Iraq. We have been blessed with generations of men and women like Specialist Murray who have stepped forward to fight for the security of this nation so that we might continue to enjoy liberty and freedom. We join citizens throughout the State in welcoming Specialist Murray home and in extending our appreciation to him for his commitment to the United States military;

SLS 412

Sponsored by Senator GAGNON of Kennebec.
Cosponsored by Representatives: MARRACHÉ of Waterville, CANAVAN of Waterville.

Specialist Brandon Farrel King, of Waterville, who has returned home from active duty with the 133rd Engineer Combat Battalion stationed in Iraq. We have been blessed with generations of men and women like Specialist King who have stepped forward to fight for the security of this nation so that we might continue to enjoy liberty and freedom. We join citizens throughout the State in welcoming Specialist King home and in extending our appreciation to him for his commitment to the United States military;

SLS 413

Sponsored by Senator GAGNON of Kennebec.
Cosponsored by Representatives: CANAVAN of Waterville, MARRACHÉ of Waterville.

Sergeant Christopher Wilmont Soucy, of Waterville, who has returned home from active duty with the 152nd Field Artillery Battalion stationed in Iraq. We have been blessed with generations of men and women like Sergeant Soucy who have stepped forward to fight for the security of this nation so that we might continue to enjoy liberty and freedom. We join citizens throughout the State in welcoming Sergeant Soucy home and in extending our appreciation to him for his commitment to the United States military;

SLS 414

Sponsored by Senator GAGNON of Kennebec.
Cosponsored by Representatives: CANAVAN of Waterville, MARRACHÉ of Waterville.

Specialist Nathan Byron Pease, of Waterville, who has returned home from active duty with the 152nd Field Artillery Battalion stationed in Iraq. We have been blessed with generations of men and women like Specialist Pease who have stepped forward to fight for the security of this nation so that we might continue to enjoy liberty and freedom. We join citizens throughout the State in welcoming Specialist Pease home and in extending our appreciation to him for his commitment to the United States military;

SLS 415

Sponsored by Senator GAGNON of Kennebec.
Cosponsored by Representatives: CANAVAN of Waterville, MARRACHÉ of Waterville.

Private Christopher Daniel Mallett, of Waterville, who has returned home from active duty with the 133rd Engineer Combat Battalion stationed in Iraq. We have been blessed with generations of men and women like Private Mallett who have stepped forward to fight for the security of this nation so that we might continue to enjoy liberty and freedom. We join citizens throughout the State in welcoming Private Mallett home and in extending our appreciation to him for his commitment to the United States military;

SLS 416

Sponsored by Senator GAGNON of Kennebec.
Cosponsored by Representatives: MARRACHÉ of Waterville, CANAVAN of Waterville.

Specialist Davis Frederick McKenney II, of Waterville, who has returned home from active duty with the 152nd Field Artillery Battalion stationed in Iraq. We have been blessed with generations of men and women like Specialist McKenney who have stepped forward to fight for the security of this nation so that we might continue to enjoy liberty and freedom. We join citizens throughout the State in welcoming Specialist McKenney home and in extending our appreciation to him for his commitment to the United States military;

SLS 417

Sponsored by Senator GAGNON of Kennebec.
Cosponsored by Representatives: CANAVAN of Waterville, MARRACHÉ of Waterville.

Sergeant Matthew Lee Dow, of Waterville, who has returned home from active duty with the 133rd Engineer Combat Battalion stationed in Iraq. We have been blessed with generations of men and women like Sergeant Dow who have stepped forward to fight for the security of this nation so that we might continue to enjoy liberty and freedom. We join citizens throughout the State in welcoming Sergeant Dow home and in extending our appreciation to him for his commitment to the United States military;

SLS 418

Sponsored by Senator GAGNON of Kennebec.
Cosponsored by Representatives: MARRACHÉ of Waterville, CANAVAN of Waterville.

Sergeant Joe Woodward Cowing, of Dresden, who has returned home from active duty with the 133rd Engineer Combat Battalion stationed in Iraq. We have been blessed with generations of men and women like Sergeant Cowing who have stepped forward to fight for the security of this nation so that we might continue to enjoy liberty and freedom. We join citizens throughout the State in welcoming Sergeant Cowing home and in extending our appreciation to him for his commitment to the United States military;

SLS 419

Sponsored by Senator MAYO of Sagadahoc.
Cosponsored by Representative: RINES of Wiscasset.

Staff Sergeant Rita Kay Tompkins, of Chelsea, who has returned home from active duty with the Joint Force Headquarters, Maine National Guard stationed in Iraq. We have been blessed with generations of men and women like Staff Sergeant Tompkins who have stepped forward to fight for the security of this nation so that we might continue to enjoy liberty and freedom. We join citizens throughout the State in welcoming Staff Sergeant Tompkins home and in extending our appreciation to her for her commitment to the United States military;

SLS 420

Sponsored by Senator COWGER of Kennebec.
Cosponsored by Representative: MILLER of Somerville.

Private First Class Joshua James Marsella, of Gardiner, who has returned home from active duty with the 133rd Engineer Combat Battalion stationed in Iraq. We have been blessed with generations of men and women like Private First Class Marsella who have stepped forward to fight for the security of this nation so that we might continue to enjoy liberty and freedom. We join citizens throughout the State in welcoming Private First Class Marsella home and in extending our appreciation to him for his commitment to the United States military;

SLS 421

Sponsored by Senator COWGER of Kennebec.
Cosponsored by Representative: HANLEY of Gardiner.

Specialist Wayne Allen Besaw, of Gardiner, who has returned home from active duty with the 133rd Engineer Combat Battalion stationed in Iraq. We have been blessed with generations of men and women like Specialist Besaw who have stepped forward to fight for the security of this nation so that we might continue to enjoy liberty and freedom. We join citizens throughout the State in welcoming Specialist Besaw home and in extending our appreciation to him for his commitment to the United States military;

SLS 422

Sponsored by Senator COWGER of Kennebec.
Cosponsored by Representative HANLEY of Gardiner.

Specialist Jesse Joel Daniels, of Gardiner, who has returned home from active duty with the 133rd Engineer Combat Battalion stationed in Iraq. We have been blessed with generations of men and women like Specialist Daniels who have stepped forward to fight for the security of this nation so that we might continue to enjoy liberty and freedom. We join citizens throughout the State in welcoming Specialist Daniels home and in extending our appreciation to him for his commitment to the United States military;

SLS 423

Sponsored by Senator COWGER of Kennebec.
Cosponsored by Representative HANLEY of Gardiner.

Sergeant Christina Marie Taylor, of Gardiner, who has returned home from active duty with the 133rd Engineer Combat Battalion stationed in Iraq. We have been blessed with generations of men and women like Sergeant Taylor who have stepped forward to fight for the security of this nation so that we might continue to enjoy liberty and freedom. We join citizens throughout the State in welcoming Sergeant Taylor home and in extending our appreciation to her for her commitment to the United States military;

SLS 424

Sponsored by Senator COWGER of Kennebec.
Cosponsored by Representative HANLEY of Gardiner.

Specialist Douglas Verne Grant, of Gardiner, who has returned home from active duty with the 133rd Engineer Combat Battalion stationed in Iraq. We have been blessed with generations of men and women like Specialist Grant who have stepped forward to fight for the security of this nation so that we might continue to enjoy liberty and freedom. We join citizens throughout the State in welcoming Specialist Grant home and in extending our appreciation to him for his commitment to the United States military;

SLS 425

Sponsored by Senator COWGER of Kennebec.
Cosponsored by Representative: HANLEY of Gardiner.

Specialist Brookes Perry Gagnon, of Manchester, who has returned home from active duty with the Joint Force Headquarters, Maine National Guard stationed in Iraq. We have been blessed with generations of men and women like Specialist Gagnon who have stepped forward to fight for the security of this nation so that we might continue to enjoy liberty and freedom. We join citizens throughout the State in welcoming Specialist Gagnon home and in extending our appreciation to him for his commitment to the United States military;

SLS 426

Sponsored by Senator COWGER of Kennebec.
Cosponsored by Representative: MOODY of Manchester.

Sergeant Christopher John Cody, of Litchfield, who has returned home from active duty with the 133rd Engineer Combat Battalion stationed in Iraq. We have been blessed with generations of men and women like Sergeant Cody who have stepped forward to fight for the security of this nation so that we might continue to enjoy liberty and freedom. We join citizens throughout the State in welcoming Sergeant Cody home and in extending our appreciation to him for his commitment to the United States military;

SLS 427

Sponsored by Senator COWGER of Kennebec.
Cosponsored by Representative: SMITH of Monmouth.

Major Normand Gerry Michaud, of Litchfield, who has returned home from active duty with the 133rd Engineer Combat Battalion stationed in Iraq. We have been blessed with generations of men and women like Major Michaud who have stepped forward to fight for the security of this nation so that we might continue to enjoy liberty and freedom. We join citizens throughout the State in welcoming Major Michaud home and in extending our appreciation to him for his commitment to the United States military;

SLS 428

Sponsored by Senator COWGER of Kennebec.
Cosponsored by Representative: SMITH of Monmouth.

Specialist Kevin James Crocker, of Lewiston, who has returned home from active duty with the 133rd Engineer Combat Battalion stationed in Iraq. We have been blessed with generations of men and women like Specialist Crocker who have stepped forward to fight for the security of this nation so that we might continue to enjoy liberty and freedom. We join citizens throughout the State in welcoming Specialist Crocker home and in extending our appreciation to him for his commitment to the United States military;

SLS 429

Sponsored by Senator ROTUNDO of Androscoggin.
Cosponsored by Representatives: SAMPSON of Auburn, MAKAS of Lewiston, WALCOTT of Lewiston, O'BRIEN of Lewiston, CRAVEN of Lewiston.

Specialist Michael Zachary Danse, of Lewiston, who has returned home from active duty with the 133rd Engineer Combat Battalion stationed in Iraq. We have been blessed with generations of men and women like Specialist Danse who have stepped forward to fight for the security of this nation so that we might continue to enjoy liberty and freedom. We join citizens throughout the State in welcoming Specialist Danse home and in extending our appreciation to him for his commitment to the United States military;

SLS 430

Sponsored by Senator ROTUNDO of Androscoggin.
Cosponsored by Representatives: SAMPSON of Auburn, MAKAS of Lewiston, WALCOTT of Lewiston, O'BRIEN of Lewiston, CRAVEN of Lewiston.

Sergeant Jason Ronald Cyr, of Lewiston, who has returned home from active duty with the 133rd Engineer Combat Battalion stationed in Iraq. We have been blessed with generations of men and women like Sergeant Cyr who have stepped forward to fight for the security of this nation so that we might continue to enjoy liberty and freedom. We join citizens throughout the State in welcoming Sergeant Cyr home and in extending our appreciation to him for his commitment to the United States military;

SLS 431

Sponsored by Senator ROTUNDO of Androscoggin.
Cosponsored by Representatives: SAMPSON of Auburn, MAKAS of Lewiston, WALCOTT of Lewiston, O'BRIEN of Lewiston, CRAVEN of Lewiston.

Sergeant First Class Rene Denis Morin, of Lewiston, who has returned home from active duty with the 133rd Engineer Combat Battalion stationed in Iraq. We have been blessed with generations of men and women like Sergeant First Class Morin who have stepped forward to fight for the security of this nation so that we might continue to enjoy liberty and freedom. We join citizens throughout the State in welcoming Sergeant First Class Morin home and in extending our appreciation to him for his commitment to the United States military;

SLS 432

Sponsored by Senator ROTUNDO of Androscoggin.
Cosponsored by Representatives: SAMPSON of Auburn, MAKAS of Lewiston, WALCOTT of Lewiston, O'BRIEN of Lewiston, CRAVEN of Lewiston.

Staff Sergeant Gary Joseph O'Connell, of Lewiston, who has returned home from active duty with the 133rd Engineer Combat Battalion stationed in Iraq. We have been blessed with generations of men and women like Staff Sergeant O'Connell who have stepped forward to fight for the security of this nation so that we might continue to enjoy liberty and freedom. We join citizens throughout the State in welcoming Staff Sergeant O'Connell home and in extending our appreciation to him for his commitment to the United States military;

SLS 433

Sponsored by Senator ROTUNDO of Androscoggin.
Cosponsored by Representatives: SAMPSON of Auburn, MAKAS of Lewiston, WALCOTT of Lewiston, O'BRIEN of Lewiston, CRAVEN of Lewiston.

Sergeant First Class Normand Roger Roy, of Lewiston, who has returned home from active duty with the 133rd Engineer Combat Battalion stationed in Iraq. We have been blessed with generations of men and women like Sergeant First Class Roy who have stepped forward to fight for the security of this nation so that we might continue to enjoy liberty and freedom. We join citizens throughout the State in welcoming Sergeant First Class Roy home and in extending our appreciation to him for his commitment to the United States military;

SLS 434

Sponsored by Senator ROTUNDO of Androscoggin.
Cosponsored by Representatives: SAMPSON of Auburn, MAKAS of Lewiston, WALCOTT of Lewiston, O'BRIEN of Lewiston, CRAVEN of Lewiston.

Private Jarrod Jason Saunders, of Lewiston, who has returned home from active duty with the 133rd Engineer Combat Battalion stationed in Iraq. We have been blessed with generations of men and women like Private Saunders who have stepped forward to fight for the security of this nation so that we might continue to enjoy liberty and freedom. We join citizens throughout the State in welcoming Private Saunders home and in extending our appreciation to him for his commitment to the United States military;

SLS 435

Sponsored by Senator ROTUNDO of Androscoggin.
Cosponsored by Representatives: SAMPSON of Auburn, MAKAS of Lewiston, WALCOTT of Lewiston, O'BRIEN of Lewiston, CRAVEN of Lewiston.

Specialist John Randall Sawyer, of Lewiston, who has returned home from active duty with the 133rd Engineer Combat Battalion stationed in Iraq. We have been blessed with generations of men and women like Specialist Sawyer who have stepped forward to fight for the security of this nation so that we might continue to enjoy liberty and freedom. We join citizens throughout the State in welcoming Specialist Sawyer home and in extending our appreciation to him for his commitment to the United States military;

SLS 436

Sponsored by Senator ROTUNDO of Androscoggin.
Cosponsored by Representatives: SAMPSON of Auburn, MAKAS of Lewiston, WALCOTT of Lewiston, O'BRIEN of Lewiston, CRAVEN of Lewiston.

Specialist Kristoffer Michael Tardiff, of Lewiston, who has returned home from active duty with the 133rd Engineer Combat Battalion stationed in Iraq. We have been blessed with generations of men and women like Specialist Tardiff who have stepped forward to fight for the security of this nation so that we might continue to enjoy liberty and freedom. We join citizens throughout the State in welcoming Specialist Tardiff home and in extending our appreciation to him for his commitment to the United States military;

SLS 437

Sponsored by Senator ROTUNDO of Androscoggin.
Cosponsored by Representatives: SAMPSON of Auburn, MAKAS of Lewiston, WALCOTT of Lewiston, O'BRIEN of Lewiston, CRAVEN of Lewiston.

Specialist Ronald Bertrand Cyr, Jr., of Lewiston, who has returned home from active duty with the 133rd Engineer Combat Battalion stationed in Iraq. We have been blessed with generations of men and women like Specialist Bertrand who have stepped forward to fight for the security of this nation so that we might continue to enjoy liberty and freedom. We join citizens throughout the State in welcoming Specialist Bertrand home and in extending our appreciation to him for his commitment to the United States military;

SLS 438

Sponsored by Senator ROTUNDO of Androscoggin.
Cosponsored by Representatives: SAMPSON of Auburn, MAKAS of Lewiston, WALCOTT of Lewiston, O'BRIEN of Lewiston, CRAVEN of Lewiston.

Specialist Scott Patrick Grenham, of Lewiston, who has returned home from active duty with the 133rd Engineer Combat Battalion stationed in Iraq. We have been blessed with generations of men and women like Specialist Grenham who have stepped forward to fight for the security of this nation so that we might continue to enjoy liberty and freedom. We join citizens throughout the State in welcoming Specialist Grenham home and in extending our appreciation to him for his commitment to the United States military;

SLS 439

Sponsored by Senator ROTUNDO of Androscoggin.
Cosponsored by Representatives: SAMPSON of Auburn, MAKAS of Lewiston, WALCOTT of Lewiston, O'BRIEN of Lewiston, CRAVEN of Lewiston.

Master Sergeant Byard Burton Love, of Lewiston, who has returned home from active duty with the 133rd Engineer Combat Battalion stationed in Iraq. We have been blessed with generations of men and women like Master Sergeant Love who have stepped forward to fight for the security of this nation so that we might continue to enjoy liberty and freedom. We join citizens throughout the State in welcoming Master Sergeant Love home and in extending our appreciation to him for his commitment to the United States military;

SLS 440

Sponsored by Senator ROTUNDO of Androscoggin.
Cosponsored by Representatives: SAMPSON of Auburn, MAKAS of Lewiston, WALCOTT of Lewiston, O'BRIEN of Lewiston, CRAVEN of Lewiston.

Sergeant Eric Brian Schnitzer, of Lewiston, who has returned home from active duty with the 133rd Engineer Combat Battalion stationed in Iraq. We have been blessed with generations of men and women like Sergeant Schnitzer who have stepped forward to fight for the security of this nation so that we might continue to enjoy liberty and freedom. We join citizens throughout the State in welcoming Sergeant Schnitzer home and in extending our appreciation to him for his commitment to the United States military;

SLS 441

Sponsored by Senator ROTUNDO of Androscoggin.
Cosponsored by Representatives: SAMPSON of Auburn, MAKAS of Lewiston, WALCOTT of Lewiston, O'BRIEN of Lewiston, CRAVEN of Lewiston.

Specialist Clayton Dean Soule, of Lewiston, who has returned home from active duty with the 133rd Engineer Combat Battalion stationed in Iraq. We have been blessed with generations of men and women like Specialist Soule who have stepped forward to fight for the security of this nation so that we might continue to enjoy liberty and freedom. We join citizens throughout the State in welcoming Specialist Soule home and in extending our appreciation to him for his commitment to the United States military;

SLS 442

Sponsored by Senator ROTUNDO of Androscoggin.
Cosponsored by Representatives: SAMPSON of Auburn, MAKAS of Lewiston, WALCOTT of Lewiston, O'BRIEN of Lewiston, CRAVEN of Lewiston.

Sergeant Michael Lee Bolduc, of Lewiston, who has returned home from active duty with the 133rd Engineer Combat Battalion stationed in Iraq. We have been blessed with generations of men and women like Sergeant Bolduc who have stepped forward to fight for the security of this nation so that we might continue to enjoy liberty and freedom. We join citizens throughout the State in welcoming Sergeant Bolduc home and in extending our appreciation to him for his commitment to the United States military;

SLS 443

Sponsored by Senator ROTUNDO of Androscoggin.
Cosponsored by Representatives: SAMPSON of Auburn, MAKAS of Lewiston, WALCOTT of Lewiston, O'BRIEN of Lewiston, CRAVEN of Lewiston.

Specialist Jason Lionel Breton, of Lewiston, who has returned home from active duty with the 133rd Engineer Combat Battalion stationed in Iraq. We have been blessed with generations of men and women like Specialist Breton who have stepped forward to fight for the security of this nation so that we might continue to enjoy liberty and freedom. We join citizens throughout the State in welcoming Specialist Breton home and in extending our appreciation to him for his commitment to the United States military;

SLS 444

Sponsored by Senator ROTUNDO of Androscoggin.
Cosponsored by Representatives: SAMPSON of Auburn, MAKAS of Lewiston, WALCOTT of Lewiston, O'BRIEN of Lewiston, CRAVEN of Lewiston.

Sergeant Robert Camille Bussiere, of Lewiston, who has returned home from active duty with the 133rd Engineer Combat Battalion stationed in Iraq. We have been blessed with generations of men and women like Sergeant Bussiere who have stepped forward to fight for the security of this nation so that we might continue to enjoy liberty and freedom. We join citizens throughout the State in welcoming Sergeant Bussiere home and in extending our appreciation to him for his commitment to the United States military;

SLS 445

Sponsored by Senator ROTUNDO of Androscoggin.
Cosponsored by Representatives: SAMPSON of Auburn, MAKAS of Lewiston, WALCOTT of Lewiston, O'BRIEN of Lewiston, CRAVEN of Lewiston.

Specialist Sara Lynn Archambault, of Lewiston, who has returned home from active duty with the 133rd Engineer Combat Battalion stationed in Iraq. We have been blessed with generations of men and women like Specialist Archambault who have stepped forward to fight for the security of this nation so that we might continue to enjoy liberty and freedom. We join citizens throughout the State in welcoming Specialist Archambault home and in extending our appreciation to her for her commitment to the United States military;

SLS 446

Sponsored by Senator ROTUNDO of Androscoggin.
Cosponsored by Representatives: SAMPSON of Auburn, MAKAS of Lewiston, WALCOTT of Lewiston, O'BRIEN of Lewiston, CRAVEN of Lewiston.

Sergeant Erik Francis Bilodeau, of Lewiston, who has returned home from active duty with the 133rd Engineer Combat Battalion stationed in Iraq. We have been blessed with generations of men and women like Sergeant Bilodeau who have stepped forward to fight for the security of this nation so that we might continue to enjoy liberty and freedom. We join citizens throughout the State in welcoming Sergeant Bilodeau home and in extending our appreciation to him for his commitment to the United States military;

SLS 447

Sponsored by Senator ROTUNDO of Androscoggin.
Cosponsored by Representatives: SAMPSON of Auburn, MAKAS of Lewiston, WALCOTT of Lewiston, O'BRIEN of Lewiston, CRAVEN of Lewiston.

Staff Sergeant Lawrence Joseph Bechtel, of Hulls Cove, who has returned home from active duty with the 152nd Field Artillery Battalion stationed in Iraq. We have been blessed with generations of men and women like Staff Sergeant Bechtel who have stepped forward to fight for the security of this nation so that we might continue to enjoy liberty and freedom. We join citizens throughout the State in welcoming Staff Sergeant Bechtel home and in extending our appreciation to him for his commitment to the United States military;

SLS 448

Sponsored by Senator DAMON of Hancock.
Cosponsored by Representative: KOFFMAN of Bar Harbor.

Sergeant Robert Eugene Ashmore, of Hancock, who has returned home from active duty with the 133rd Engineer Combat Battalion stationed in Iraq. We have been blessed with generations of men and women like Sergeant Ashmore who have stepped forward to fight for the security of this nation so that we might continue to enjoy liberty and freedom. We join citizens throughout the State in welcoming Sergeant Ashmore home and in extending our appreciation to him for his commitment to the United States military;

SLS 449

Sponsored by Senator DAMON of Hancock.
Cosponsored by Representative: BIERMAN of Sorrento.

Sergeant Dennis Wayne Willoughby, of Ellsworth, who has returned home from active duty with the 133rd Engineer Combat Battalion stationed in Iraq. We have been blessed with generations of men and women like Sergeant Willoughby who have stepped forward to fight for the security of this nation so that we might continue to enjoy liberty and freedom. We join citizens throughout the State in welcoming Sergeant Willoughby home and in extending our appreciation to him for his commitment to the United States military;

SLS 450

Sponsored by Senator DAMON of Hancock.
Cosponsored by Representative: CROSTHWAITE of Ellsworth.

Sergeant Aron Albert Atherton, of Ellsworth, who has returned home from active duty with the 1-152nd Field Artillery Battalion stationed in Iraq. We have been blessed with generations of men and women like Sergeant Atherton who have stepped forward to fight for the security of this nation so that we might continue to enjoy liberty and freedom. We join citizens throughout the State in welcoming Sergeant Atherton home and in extending our appreciation to him for his commitment to the United States military;

SLS 451

Sponsored by Senator DAMON of Hancock.
Cosponsored by Representative: CROSTHWAITE of Ellsworth.

Sergeant Gary Allen Milton, Jr., of Washburn, who has returned home from active duty with the 1-152nd Field Artillery Battalion stationed in Iraq. We have been blessed with generations of men and women like Sergeant Milton who have stepped forward to fight for the security of this nation so that we might continue to enjoy liberty and freedom. We join citizens throughout the State in welcoming Sergeant Milton home and in extending our appreciation to him for his commitment to the United States military;

SLS 452

Sponsored by Senator MARTIN of Aroostook.
Cosponsored by Representative: CHURCHILL of Washburn.

Sergeant Danny Alan Churchill, of Washburn, who has returned home from active duty with the 1-152nd Field Artillery Battalion stationed in Iraq. We have been blessed with generations of men and women like Sergeant Churchill who have stepped forward to fight for the security of this nation so that we might continue to enjoy liberty and freedom. We join citizens throughout the State in welcoming Sergeant Churchill home and in extending our appreciation to him for his commitment to the United States military;

SLS 453

Sponsored by Senator MARTIN of Aroostook.
Cosponsored by Representative: CHURCHILL of Washburn.

Specialist Ryan Stanley Chapman, of Caribou, who has returned home from active duty with the 133rd Engineer Combat Battalion stationed in Iraq. We have been blessed with generations of men and women like Specialist Chapman who have stepped forward to fight for the security of this nation so that we might continue to enjoy liberty and freedom. We join citizens throughout the State in welcoming Specialist Chapman home and in extending our appreciation to him for his commitment to the United States military;

SLS 454

Sponsored by Senator MARTIN of Aroostook.
Cosponsored by Representative: EDGEComb of Caribou.

Specialist George Don McDougal, of Caribou, who has returned home from active duty with the 1-152nd Field Artillery Battalion stationed in Iraq. We have been blessed with generations of men and women like Specialist McDougal who have stepped forward to fight for the security of this nation so that we might continue to enjoy liberty and freedom. We join citizens throughout the State in welcoming Specialist McDougal home and in extending our appreciation to him for his commitment to the United States military;

SLS 455

Sponsored by Senator MARTIN of Aroostook.
Cosponsored by Representative: EDGEComb of Caribou.

Specialist Ryan Christopher Desfosses, of Caribou, who has returned home from active duty with the 1-152nd Field Artillery Battalion stationed in Iraq. We have been blessed with generations of men and women like Specialist Desfosses who have stepped forward to fight for the security of this nation so that we might continue to enjoy liberty and freedom. We join citizens throughout the State in welcoming Specialist Desfosses home and in extending our appreciation to him for his commitment to the United States military;

SLS 456

Sponsored by Senator MARTIN of Aroostook.
Cosponsored by Representative: EDGEComb of Caribou.

Specialist Jesse Ronald Cote, of Caribou, who has returned home from active duty with the 1-152nd Field Artillery Battalion stationed in Iraq. We have been blessed with generations of men and women like Specialist Cote who have stepped forward to fight for the security of this nation so that we might continue to enjoy liberty and freedom. We join citizens throughout the State in welcoming Specialist Cote home and in extending our appreciation to him for his commitment to the United States military;

SLS 457

Sponsored by Senator MARTIN of Aroostook.
Cosponsored by Representative: EDGEComb of Caribou.

Specialist Douglas Charles Capell, of Caribou, who has returned home from active duty with the 1-152nd Field Artillery Battalion stationed in Iraq. We have been blessed with generations of men and women like Specialist Capell who have stepped forward to fight for the security of this nation so that we might continue to enjoy liberty and freedom. We join citizens throughout the State in welcoming Specialist Capell home and in extending our appreciation to him for his commitment to the United States military;

SLS 458

Sponsored by Senator MARTIN of Aroostook.
Cosponsored by Representative: EDGEComb of Caribou.

Sergeant First Class Joseph Norman Ginish, of Caribou, who has returned home from active duty with the 152nd Field Artillery Battalion stationed in Iraq. We have been blessed with generations of men and women like Sergeant First Class Ginish who have stepped forward to fight for the security of this nation so that we might continue to enjoy liberty and freedom. We join citizens throughout the State in welcoming Sergeant First Class Ginish home and in extending our appreciation to him for his commitment to the United States military;

SLS 459

Sponsored by Senator MARTIN of Aroostook.
Cosponsored by Representative: EDGEComb of Caribou.

Sergeant Kent Douglas Demerchant, of Caribou, who has returned home from active duty with the 152nd Field Artillery Battalion stationed in Iraq. We have been blessed with generations of men and women like Sergeant Demerchant who have stepped forward to fight for the security of this nation so that we might continue to enjoy liberty and freedom. We join citizens throughout the State in welcoming Sergeant Demerchant home and in extending our appreciation to him for his commitment to the United States military;

SLS 460

Sponsored by Senator MARTIN of Aroostook.
Cosponsored by Representative: EDGEComb of Caribou.

Staff Sergeant Craig Christopher Furlong, of Eagle Lake, who has returned home from active duty with the 133rd Engineer Combat Battalion stationed in Iraq. We have been blessed with generations of men and women like Staff Sergeant Furlong who have stepped forward to fight for the security of this nation so that we might continue to enjoy liberty and freedom. We join citizens throughout the State in welcoming Staff Sergeant Furlong home and in extending our appreciation to him for his commitment to the United States military;

SLS 461

Sponsored by Senator MARTIN of Aroostook.
Cosponsored by Representative: JACKSON of Fort Kent.

Staff Sergeant Normand Daniel Poitras, of Van Buren, who has returned home from active duty with the 152nd Field Artillery Battalion stationed in Iraq. We have been blessed with generations of men and women like Staff Sergeant Poitras who have stepped forward to fight for the security of this nation so that we might continue to enjoy liberty and freedom. We join citizens throughout the State in welcoming Staff Sergeant Poitras home and in extending our appreciation to him for his commitment to the United States military;

SLS 462

Sponsored by Senator MARTIN of Aroostook.
Cosponsored by Representative: SMITH of Van Buren.

Specialist Michael Paul Cyr, of St. Agatha, who has returned home from active duty with the 1-152nd Field Artillery Battalion stationed in Iraq. We have been blessed with generations of men and women like Specialist Cyr who have stepped forward to fight for the security of this nation so that we might continue to enjoy liberty and freedom. We join citizens throughout the State in welcoming Specialist Cyr home and in extending our appreciation to him for his commitment to the United States military;

SLS 463

Sponsored by Senator MARTIN of Aroostook.
Cosponsored by Representative: PARADIS of Frenchville.

Sergeant First Class Robert Reginald Guerrette, of St. Agatha, who has returned home from active duty with the 152nd Field Artillery Battalion stationed in Iraq. We have been blessed with generations of men and women like Sergeant First Class Guerrette who have stepped forward to fight for the security of this nation so that we might continue to enjoy liberty and freedom. We join citizens throughout the State in welcoming Sergeant First Class Guerrette home and in extending our appreciation to him for his commitment to the United States military;

SLS 464

Sponsored by Senator MARTIN of Aroostook.
Cosponsored by Representative: PARADIS of Frenchville.

Specialist Glenn Allen Pelletier, of Fort Kent, who has returned home from active duty with the 152nd Maintenance Company stationed in Iraq. We have been blessed with generations of men and women like Specialist Pelletier who have stepped forward to fight for the security of this nation so that we might continue to enjoy liberty and freedom. We join citizens throughout the State in welcoming Specialist Pelletier home and in extending our appreciation to him for his commitment to the United States military;

SLS 465

Sponsored by Senator MARTIN of Aroostook.

Cosponsored by Representative: JACKSON of Fort Kent.

Sergeant Lawrence Keith Holland, of Hermon, who has returned home from active duty with the 240th Engineer Group stationed in Iraq. We have been blessed with generations of men and women like Sergeant Holland who have stepped forward to fight for the security of this nation so that we might continue to enjoy liberty and freedom. We join citizens throughout the State in welcoming Sergeant Holland home and in extending our appreciation to him for his commitment to the United States military;

SLS 466

Sponsored by Senator PERRY of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Representative: RICHARDSON of Carmel.

Sergeant Timothy Lewis Light, of Bangor, who has returned home from active duty with the 152nd Field Artillery Battalion stationed in Iraq. We have been blessed with generations of men and women like Sergeant Light who have stepped forward to fight for the security of this nation so that we might continue to enjoy liberty and freedom. We join citizens throughout the State in welcoming Sergeant Light home and in extending our appreciation to him for his commitment to the United States military;

SLS 467

Sponsored by Senator PERRY of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Representatives: NORTON of Bangor, BLANCHETTE of Bangor, FAIRCLOTH of Bangor, DUNN of Bangor.

Private First Class Exiquio Jer Cooper-Anderson, of Bangor, who has returned home from active duty with the 152nd Field Artillery Battalion stationed in Iraq. We have been blessed with generations of men and women like Private First Class Cooper-Anderson who have stepped forward to fight for the security of this nation so that we might continue to enjoy liberty and freedom. We join citizens throughout the State in welcoming Private First Class Cooper-Anderson home and in extending our appreciation to him for his commitment to the United States military;

SLS 468

Sponsored by Senator PERRY of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Representatives: NORTON of Bangor, BLANCHETTE of Bangor, FAIRCLOTH of Bangor, DUNN of Bangor.

Specialist Samuel Joel Dientes, of Bangor, who has returned home from active duty with the 152nd Field Artillery Battalion stationed in Iraq. We have been blessed with generations of men and women like Specialist Dientes who have stepped forward to fight for the security of this nation so that we might continue to enjoy liberty and freedom. We join citizens throughout the State in welcoming Specialist Dientes home and in extending our appreciation to him for his commitment to the United States military;

SLS 469

Sponsored by Senator PERRY of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Representatives: NORTON of Bangor, BLANCHETTE of Bangor, FAIRCLOTH of Bangor, DUNN of Bangor.

Specialist Benjamin Freeman Herbest, of Bangor, who has returned home from active duty with the 133rd Engineer Combat Battalion stationed in Iraq. We have been blessed with generations of men and women like Specialist Herbest who have stepped forward to fight for the security of this nation so that we might continue to enjoy liberty and freedom. We join citizens throughout the State in welcoming Specialist Herbest home and in extending our appreciation to him for his commitment to the United States military;

SLS 470

Sponsored by Senator PERRY of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Representatives: NORTON of Bangor, BLANCHETTE of Bangor, FAIRCLOTH of Bangor, DUNN of Bangor.

Specialist Jody Allen Smith, of Bangor, who has returned home from active duty with the 133rd Engineer Combat Battalion stationed in Iraq. We have been blessed with generations of men and women like Specialist Smith who have stepped forward to fight for the security of this nation so that we might continue to enjoy liberty and freedom. We join citizens throughout the State in welcoming Specialist Smith home and in extending our appreciation to him for his commitment to the United States military;

SLS 471

Sponsored by Senator PERRY of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Representatives: NORTON of Bangor, BLANCHETTE of Bangor, FAIRCLOTH of Bangor, DUNN of Bangor.

First Lieutenant Jeremy Richard White, of Bangor, who has returned home from active duty with the 133rd Engineer Combat Battalion stationed in Iraq. We have been blessed with generations of men and women like First Lieutenant White who have stepped forward to fight for the security of this nation so that we might continue to enjoy liberty and freedom. We join citizens throughout the State in welcoming First Lieutenant White home and in extending our appreciation to him for his commitment to the United States military;

SLS 472

Sponsored by Senator PERRY of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Representatives: NORTON of Bangor, BLANCHETTE of Bangor, FAIRCLOTH of Bangor, DUNN of Bangor.

First Lieutenant Michael Lawrence Flynn, of Bangor, who has returned home from active duty with the 133rd Engineer Combat Battalion stationed in Iraq. We have been blessed with generations of men and women like First Lieutenant Flynn who have stepped forward to fight for the security of this nation so that we might continue to enjoy liberty and freedom. We join citizens throughout the State in welcoming First Lieutenant Flynn home and in extending our appreciation to him for his commitment to the United States military;

SLS 473

Sponsored by Senator PERRY of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Representatives: NORTON of Bangor, BLANCHETTE of Bangor, FAIRCLOTH of Bangor, DUNN of Bangor.

Sergeant Christopher Robi McLaughlin, of Bangor, who has returned home from active duty with the 133rd Engineer Combat Battalion stationed in Iraq. We have been blessed with generations of men and women like Sergeant McLaughlin who have stepped forward to fight for the security of this nation so that we might continue to enjoy liberty and freedom. We join citizens throughout the State in welcoming Sergeant McLaughlin home and in extending our appreciation to him for his commitment to the United States military;

SLS 474

Sponsored by Senator PERRY of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Representatives: NORTON of Bangor, BLANCHETTE of Bangor, FAIRCLOTH of Bangor, DUNN of Bangor.

Sergeant Rita Marie Picard, of Bangor, who has returned home from active duty with the 133rd Engineer Combat Battalion stationed in Iraq. We have been blessed with generations of men and women like Sergeant Picard who have stepped forward to fight for the security of this nation so that we might continue to enjoy liberty and freedom. We join citizens throughout the State in welcoming Sergeant Picard home and in extending our appreciation to her for her commitment to the United States military;

SLS 475

Sponsored by Senator PERRY of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Representatives: NORTON of Bangor, BLANCHETTE of Bangor, FAIRCLOTH of Bangor, DUNN of Bangor.

Specialist Graham Neal Nelson-Walling, of Brunswick, who has returned home from active duty with the 133rd Engineer Combat Battalion stationed in Iraq. We have been blessed with generations of men and women like Specialist Nelson-Walling who have stepped forward to fight for the security of this nation so that we might continue to enjoy liberty and freedom. We join citizens throughout the State in welcoming Specialist Nelson-Walling home and in extending our appreciation to him for his commitment to the United States military;

SLS 476

Sponsored by President EDMONDS of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representatives: Speaker RICHARDSON of Brunswick, GROSE of Woolwich, GERZOFISKY of Brunswick.

Sergeant Thomas Charles Robinson, of Brunswick, who has returned home from active duty with the 133rd Engineer Combat Battalion stationed in Iraq. We have been blessed with generations of men and women like Specialist Robinson who have stepped forward to fight for the security of this nation so that we might continue to enjoy liberty and freedom. We join citizens throughout the State in welcoming Specialist Robinson home and in extending our appreciation to him for his commitment to the United States military;

SLS 477

Sponsored by President EDMONDS of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representatives: Speaker RICHARDSON of Brunswick, GROSE of Woolwich, GERZOFISKY of Brunswick.

Sergeant Marc Joseph Haas, of Brunswick, who has returned home from active duty with the 133rd Engineer Combat Battalion stationed in Iraq. We have been blessed with generations of men and women like Sergeant Haas who have stepped forward to fight for the security of this nation so that we might continue to enjoy liberty and freedom. We join citizens throughout the State in welcoming Sergeant Haas home and in extending our appreciation to him for his commitment to the United States military;

SLS 478

Sponsored by President EDMONDS of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representatives: Speaker RICHARDSON of Brunswick, GROSE of Woolwich, GERZOFKY of Brunswick.

Sergeant Edward George Graves, of Brunswick, who has returned home from active duty with the 133rd Engineer Combat Battalion stationed in Iraq. We have been blessed with generations of men and women like Sergeant Graves who have stepped forward to fight for the security of this nation so that we might continue to enjoy liberty and freedom. We join citizens throughout the State in welcoming Sergeant Graves home and in extending our appreciation to him for his commitment to the United States military;

SLS 479

Sponsored by President EDMONDS of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representatives: Speaker RICHARDSON of Brunswick, GROSE of Woolwich, GERZOFKY of Brunswick.

Specialist William Wadsworth Raye, of Brunswick, who has returned home from active duty with the 133rd Engineer Combat Battalion stationed in Iraq. We have been blessed with generations of men and women like Specialist Raye who have stepped forward to fight for the security of this nation so that we might continue to enjoy liberty and freedom. We join citizens throughout the State in welcoming Specialist Raye home and in extending our appreciation to him for his commitment to the United States military;

SLS 480

Sponsored by President EDMONDS of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representatives: Speaker RICHARDSON of Brunswick, GROSE of Woolwich, GERZOFKY of Brunswick.

Captain M. D. Mitchell, of Freeport, who has returned home from active duty with the 133rd Engineer Combat Battalion stationed in Iraq. We have been blessed with generations of men and women like Captain Mitchell who have stepped forward to fight for the security of this nation so that we might continue to enjoy liberty and freedom. We join citizens throughout the State in welcoming Captain Mitchell home and in extending our appreciation to him for his commitment to the United States military;

SLS 481

Sponsored by President EDMONDS of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative: WEBSTER of Freeport.

Staff Sergeant Stephen Paul Campbell, of Freeport, who has returned home from active duty with the 133rd Engineer Combat Battalion stationed in Iraq. We have been blessed with generations of men and women like Staff Sergeant Campbell who have stepped forward to fight for the security of this nation so that we might continue to enjoy liberty and freedom. We join citizens throughout the State in welcoming Staff Sergeant Campbell home

and in extending our appreciation to him for his commitment to the United States military;

SLS 482

Sponsored by President EDMONDS of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative: WEBSTER of Freeport.

Chief Warrant Officer Christopher Phillip Bean, of Freeport, who has returned home from active duty with the 133rd Engineer Combat Battalion stationed in Iraq. We have been blessed with generations of men and women like Chief Warrant Officer Bean who have stepped forward to fight for the security of this nation so that we might continue to enjoy liberty and freedom. We join citizens throughout the State in welcoming Chief Warrant Officer Bean home and in extending our appreciation to him for his commitment to the United States military;

SLS 483

Sponsored by President EDMONDS of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative: WEBSTER of Freeport.

Specialist Daniel Gregory Lackie, Jr., of Orrs Island, who has returned home from active duty with the 133rd Engineer Combat Battalion stationed in Iraq. We have been blessed with generations of men and women like Specialist Lackie who have stepped forward to fight for the security of this nation so that we might continue to enjoy liberty and freedom. We join citizens throughout the State in welcoming Specialist Lackie home and in extending our appreciation to him for his commitment to the United States military;

SLS 484

Sponsored by President EDMONDS of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative: PERCY of Phippsburg.

First Sergeant Thomas James Conroy, of South Portland, who has returned home from active duty with the 133rd Engineer Combat Battalion stationed in Iraq. We have been blessed with generations of men and women like First Sergeant Conroy who have stepped forward to fight for the security of this nation so that we might continue to enjoy liberty and freedom. We join citizens throughout the State in welcoming First Sergeant Conroy home and in extending our appreciation to him for his commitment to the United States military;

SLS 485

Sponsored by Senator BROMLEY of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representatives: BLISS of South Portland, GLYNN of South Portland, EBERLE of South Portland.

Sergeant Brett Dale King, of South Portland, who has returned home from active duty with the 152nd Field Artillery Battalion stationed in Iraq. We have been blessed with generations of men and women like Sergeant King who have stepped forward to fight for the security of this nation so that we might continue to enjoy liberty and freedom. We join citizens throughout the State in welcoming Sergeant King home and in extending our appreciation to him for his commitment to the United States military;

SLS 486

Sponsored by Senator BROMLEY of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representatives: BLISS of South Portland, EBERLE of South Portland, GLYNN of South Portland.

Sergeant Andrew John Marquis, of South Portland, who has returned home from active duty with the 133rd Engineer Combat Battalion stationed in Iraq. We have been blessed with generations of men and women like Sergeant Marquis who have stepped forward to fight for the security of this nation so that we might continue to enjoy liberty and freedom. We join citizens throughout the State in welcoming Sergeant Marquis home and in extending our appreciation to him for his commitment to the United States military;

SLS 487

Sponsored by Senator BROMLEY of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representatives: BLISS of South Portland, EBERLE of South Portland, GLYNN of South Portland.

Specialist Adam Jacob Szafran, of South Portland, who has returned home from active duty with the 133rd Engineer Combat Battalion stationed in Iraq. We have been blessed with generations of men and women like Specialist Szafran who have stepped forward to fight for the security of this nation so that we might continue to enjoy liberty and freedom. We join citizens throughout the State in welcoming Specialist Szafran home and in extending our appreciation to him for his commitment to the United States military;

SLS 488

Sponsored by Senator BROMLEY of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representatives: BLISS of South Portland, EBERLE of South Portland, GLYNN of South Portland.

Private First Class Marc Allen Oliver, of South Portland, who has returned home from active duty with the 133rd Engineer Combat Battalion stationed in Iraq. We have been blessed with generations of men and women like Private First Class Oliver who have stepped forward to fight for the security of this nation so that we might continue to enjoy liberty and freedom. We join citizens throughout the State in welcoming Private First Class Oliver home and in extending our appreciation to him for his commitment to the United States military;

SLS 489

Sponsored by Senator BROMLEY of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representatives: BLISS of South Portland, EBERLE of South Portland, GLYNN of South Portland.

Sergeant Jamie Allen Grant, of West Buxton, who has returned home from active duty with the 133rd Engineer Combat Battalion stationed in Iraq. We have been blessed with generations of men and women like Sergeant Grant who have stepped forward to fight for the security of this nation so that we might continue to enjoy liberty and freedom. We join citizens throughout the State in welcoming Sergeant Grant home and in extending our appreciation to him for his commitment to the United States military;

SLS 490

Sponsored by Senator HOBBS of York.
Cosponsored by Representatives: FARRINGTON of Gorham, MAREAN of Hollis.

Staff Sergeant Joseph Albert Croteau, of Dayton, who has returned home from active duty with the 133rd Engineer Combat Battalion stationed in Iraq. We have been blessed with generations of men and women like Staff Sergeant Croteau who have stepped forward to fight for the security of this nation so that we might continue to enjoy liberty and freedom. We join citizens

throughout the State in welcoming Staff Sergeant Croteau home and in extending our appreciation to him for his commitment to the United States military;

SLS 491

Sponsored by Senator HOBBS of York.
Cosponsored by Representative: DAIGLE of Arundel.

Sergeant First Class Brian Dean Dill, of Dayton, who has returned home from active duty with the 133rd Engineer Combat Battalion stationed in Iraq. We have been blessed with generations of men and women like Sergeant First Class Dill who have stepped forward to fight for the security of this nation so that we might continue to enjoy liberty and freedom. We join citizens throughout the State in welcoming Sergeant First Class Dill home and in extending our appreciation to him for his commitment to the United States military;

SLS 492

Sponsored by Senator HOBBS of York.
Cosponsored by Representative: DAIGLE of Arundel.

Sergeant First Class Charles Brady Dix, of Bar Mills, who has returned home from active duty with the 133rd Engineer Combat Battalion stationed in Iraq. We have been blessed with generations of men and women like Sergeant First Class Dix who have stepped forward to fight for the security of this nation so that we might continue to enjoy liberty and freedom. We join citizens throughout the State in welcoming Sergeant First Class Dix home and in extending our appreciation to him for his commitment to the United States military;

SLS 493

Sponsored by Senator HOBBS of York.
Cosponsored by Representative: MAREAN of Hollis.

Private First Class Ryan John Brown, of Saco, who has returned home from active duty with the 133rd Engineer Combat Battalion stationed in Iraq. We have been blessed with generations of men and women like Private First Class Brown who have stepped forward to fight for the security of this nation so that we might continue to enjoy liberty and freedom. We join citizens throughout the State in welcoming Private First Class Brown home and in extending our appreciation to him for his commitment to the United States military;

SLS 494

Sponsored by Senator HOBBS of York.
Cosponsored by Representatives: PILON of Saco, VALENTINO of Saco.

Staff Sergeant Jamie Allan Raymond, of Saco, who has returned home from active duty with the 133rd Engineer Combat Battalion stationed in Iraq. We have been blessed with generations of men and women like Staff Sergeant Raymond who have stepped forward to fight for the security of this nation so that we might continue to enjoy liberty and freedom. We join citizens throughout the State in welcoming Staff Sergeant Raymond home and in extending our appreciation to him for his commitment to the United States military;

SLS 495

Sponsored by Senator HOBBS of York.
Cosponsored by Representatives: PILON of Saco, VALENTINO of Saco.

Master Sergeant Gregory Raymond Madore, of Saco, who has returned home from active duty with the 133rd Engineer Combat Battalion stationed in Iraq. We have been blessed with generations of men and women like Master Sergeant Madore who have stepped forward to fight for the security of this nation so that we might continue to enjoy liberty and freedom. We join citizens throughout the State in welcoming Master Sergeant Madore home and in extending our appreciation to him for his commitment to the United States military;

SLS 496

Sponsored by Senator HOBBS of York.

Cosponsored by Representatives: PILON of Saco, VALENTINO of Saco.

Captain Michael Rex Steinbuchel, of Buxton, who has returned home from active duty with the 133rd Engineer Combat Battalion stationed in Iraq. We have been blessed with generations of men and women like Captain Steinbuchel who have stepped forward to fight for the security of this nation so that we might continue to enjoy liberty and freedom. We join citizens throughout the State in welcoming Captain Steinbuchel home and in extending our appreciation to him for his commitment to the United States military;

SLS 497

Sponsored by Senator HOBBS of York.

Cosponsored by Representatives: FARRINGTON of Gorham, MAREAN of Hollis.

Captain James Joseph LeBlanc, of Buxton, who has returned home from active duty with the 133rd Engineer Combat Battalion stationed in Iraq. We have been blessed with generations of men and women like Captain LeBlanc who have stepped forward to fight for the security of this nation so that we might continue to enjoy liberty and freedom. We join citizens throughout the State in welcoming Captain LeBlanc home and in extending our appreciation to him for his commitment to the United States military;

SLS 498

Sponsored by Senator HOBBS of York.

Cosponsored by Representatives: FARRINGTON of Gorham, MAREAN of Hollis.

Sergeant First Class Patrick Joseph Tangney, of Biddeford, who has returned home from active duty with the 240th Engineer Group stationed in Iraq. We have been blessed with generations of men and women like Sergeant First Class Tangney who have stepped forward to fight for the security of this nation so that we might continue to enjoy liberty and freedom. We join citizens throughout the State in welcoming Sergeant First Class Tangney home and in extending our appreciation to him for his commitment to the United States military;

SLS 499

Sponsored by Senator HOBBS of York.

Cosponsored by Senator: SULLIVAN of York, Representatives: TWOMEY of Biddeford, BEAUDETTE of Biddeford, SEAVEY of Kennebunkport.

Specialist Avery Alan Etheridge, of Old Orchard Beach, who has returned home from active duty with the 133rd Engineer Combat Battalion stationed in Iraq. We have been blessed with generations of men and women like Specialist Etheridge who have stepped forward to fight for the security of this nation so that

we might continue to enjoy liberty and freedom. We join citizens throughout the State in welcoming Specialist Etheridge home and in extending our appreciation to him for his commitment to the United States military;

SLS 500

Sponsored by Senator HOBBS of York.

Cosponsored by Representative: HOGAN of Old Orchard Beach.

Sergeant Archie W. Etheridge, of Old Orchard Beach, who has returned home from active duty with the 133rd Engineer Combat Battalion stationed in Iraq. We have been blessed with generations of men and women like Sergeant Etheridge who have stepped forward to fight for the security of this nation so that we might continue to enjoy liberty and freedom. We join citizens throughout the State in welcoming Sergeant Etheridge home and in extending our appreciation to him for his commitment to the United States military;

SLS 501

Sponsored by Senator HOBBS of York.

Cosponsored by Representative: HOGAN of Old Orchard Beach.

Sergeant Jason Claude Dube, of Old Orchard Beach, who has returned home from active duty with the 133rd Engineer Combat Battalion stationed in Iraq. We have been blessed with generations of men and women like Sergeant Dube who have stepped forward to fight for the security of this nation so that we might continue to enjoy liberty and freedom. We join citizens throughout the State in welcoming Sergeant Dube home and in extending our appreciation to him for his commitment to the United States military;

SLS 502

Sponsored by Senator HOBBS of York.

Cosponsored by Representative: HOGAN of Old Orchard Beach.

Specialist Mark Daniel Bridges, of Old Orchard Beach, who has returned home from active duty with the 133rd Engineer Combat Battalion stationed in Iraq. We have been blessed with generations of men and women like Specialist Bridges who have stepped forward to fight for the security of this nation so that we might continue to enjoy liberty and freedom. We join citizens throughout the State in welcoming Specialist Bridges home and in extending our appreciation to him for his commitment to the United States military;

SLS 503

Sponsored by Senator HOBBS of York.

Cosponsored by Representative: HOGAN of Old Orchard Beach.

Sergeant James Thomas Dorsey, of Old Orchard Beach, who has returned home from active duty with the 3-172nd Infantry stationed in Iraq. We have been blessed with generations of men and women like Sergeant Dorsey who have stepped forward to fight for the security of this nation so that we might continue to enjoy liberty and freedom. We join citizens throughout the State in welcoming Sergeant Dorsey home and in extending our appreciation to him for his commitment to the United States military;

SLS 504

Sponsored by Senator HOBBS of York.

Cosponsored by Representative: HOGAN of Old Orchard Beach.

Specialist Valerie Jean Collins, of Old Orchard Beach, who has returned home from active duty with the 133rd Engineer Combat Battalion stationed in Iraq. We have been blessed with generations of men and women like Specialist Collins who have stepped forward to fight for the security of this nation so that we might continue to enjoy liberty and freedom. We join citizens throughout the State in welcoming Specialist Collins home and in extending our appreciation to her for her commitment to the United States military;

SLS 505

Sponsored by Senator HOBBS of York.
Cosponsored by Representative: HOGAN of Old Orchard Beach.

Specialist Jacob Ly Thich, of Old Orchard Beach, who has returned home from active duty with the 133rd Engineer Combat Battalion stationed in Iraq. We have been blessed with generations of men and women like Specialist Thich who have stepped forward to fight for the security of this nation so that we might continue to enjoy liberty and freedom. We join citizens throughout the State in welcoming Specialist Thich home and in extending our appreciation to him for his commitment to the United States military;

SLS 506

Sponsored by Senator HOBBS of York.
Cosponsored by Representative: HOGAN of Old Orchard Beach.

Specialist Joshua Willmon Hill, of Biddeford, who has returned home from active duty with the 133rd Engineer Combat Battalion stationed in Iraq. We have been blessed with generations of men and women like Specialist Hill who have stepped forward to fight for the security of this nation so that we might continue to enjoy liberty and freedom. We join citizens throughout the State in welcoming Specialist Hill home and in extending our appreciation to him for his commitment to the United States military;

SLS 507

Sponsored by Senator HOBBS of York.
Cosponsored by Senator: SULLIVAN of York, Representatives: TWOMEY of Biddeford, BEAUDETTE of Biddeford, SEAVEY of Kennebunkport.

Specialist Gregory Jon Fiory, of Buxton, who has returned home from active duty with the 133rd Engineer Combat Battalion stationed in Iraq. We have been blessed with generations of men and women like Specialist Fiory who have stepped forward to fight for the security of this nation so that we might continue to enjoy liberty and freedom. We join citizens throughout the State in welcoming Specialist Fiory home and in extending our appreciation to him for his commitment to the United States military;

SLS 508

Sponsored by Senator HOBBS of York.
Cosponsored by Representatives: FARRINGTON of Gorham, MAREAN of Hollis.

Specialist Josie Mae Dionne, of Buxton, who has returned home from active duty with the 133rd Engineer Combat Battalion stationed in Iraq. We have been blessed with generations of men and women like Specialist Dionne who have stepped forward to fight for the security of this nation so that we might continue to enjoy liberty and freedom. We join citizens throughout the State in welcoming Specialist Dionne home and in extending our

appreciation to her for her commitment to the United States military;

SLS 509

Sponsored by Senator HOBBS of York.
Cosponsored by Representatives: FARRINGTON of Gorham, MAREAN of Hollis.

Chief Warrant Officer Timothy Brian Dowling, of Sabattus, who has returned home from active duty with the Joint Force Headquarters, Maine National Guard stationed in Iraq. We have been blessed with generations of men and women like Chief Warrant Officer Dowling who have stepped forward to fight for the security of this nation so that we might continue to enjoy liberty and freedom. We join citizens throughout the State in welcoming Chief Warrant Officer Dowling home and in extending our appreciation to him for his commitment to the United States military;

SLS 510

Sponsored by Senator NUTTING of Androscoggin.
Cosponsored by Representative: LANSLEY of Sabattus.

Private First Class Frank Nathan Poussard, of Wales, who has returned home from active duty with the 133rd Engineer Combat Battalion stationed in Iraq. We have been blessed with generations of men and women like Private First Class Poussard who have stepped forward to fight for the security of this nation so that we might continue to enjoy liberty and freedom. We join citizens throughout the State in welcoming Private First Class Poussard home and in extending our appreciation to him for his commitment to the United States military;

SLS 511

Sponsored by Senator NUTTING of Androscoggin.
Cosponsored by Representative: SMITH of Monmouth.

Sergeant Shawn Thomas Davis, of Turner, who has returned home from active duty with the 133rd Engineer Combat Battalion stationed in Iraq. We have been blessed with generations of men and women like Sergeant Davis who have stepped forward to fight for the security of this nation so that we might continue to enjoy liberty and freedom. We join citizens throughout the State in welcoming Sergeant Davis home and in extending our appreciation to him for his commitment to the United States military;

SLS 512

Sponsored by Senator NUTTING of Androscoggin.
Cosponsored by Representative: BRYANT-DESCHENES of Turner.

Specialist Ronald Richard Bell, of Sabattus, who has returned home from active duty with the 133rd Engineer Combat Battalion stationed in Iraq. We have been blessed with generations of men and women like Specialist Bell who have stepped forward to fight for the security of this nation so that we might continue to enjoy liberty and freedom. We join citizens throughout the State in welcoming Specialist Bell home and in extending our appreciation to him for his commitment to the United States military;

SLS 513

Sponsored by Senator NUTTING of Androscoggin.
Cosponsored by Representative: LANSLEY of Sabattus.

Private Andrew Kyle Bechard, of Lisbon, who has returned home from active duty with the 133rd Engineer Combat Battalion stationed in Iraq. We have been blessed with generations of men and women like Private Bechard who have stepped forward to fight for the security of this nation so that we might continue to enjoy liberty and freedom. We join citizens throughout the State in welcoming Private Bechard home and in extending our appreciation to him for his commitment to the United States military;

SLS 514

Sponsored by Senator NUTTING of Androscoggin.
Cosponsored by Representatives: BERUBE of Lisbon,
VAUGHAN of Durham.

Sergeant Nicholas Anthony St. Amand, of Lisbon, who has returned home from active duty with the 133rd Engineer Combat Battalion stationed in Iraq. We have been blessed with generations of men and women like Sergeant St. Amand who have stepped forward to fight for the security of this nation so that we might continue to enjoy liberty and freedom. We join citizens throughout the State in welcoming Sergeant St. Amand home and in extending our appreciation to him for his commitment to the United States military;

SLS 515

Sponsored by Senator NUTTING of Androscoggin.
Cosponsored by Representatives: BERUBE of Lisbon,
VAUGHAN of Durham.

Staff Sergeant Ernest Paul Aguilar, of Bethel, who has returned home from active duty with the 133rd Engineer Combat Battalion stationed in Iraq. We have been blessed with generations of men and women like Staff Sergeant Aguilar who have stepped forward to fight for the security of this nation so that we might continue to enjoy liberty and freedom. We join citizens throughout the State in welcoming Staff Sergeant Aguilar home and in extending our appreciation to him for his commitment to the United States military;

SLS 516

Sponsored by Senator BRYANT of Oxford.
Cosponsored by Representative: JODREY of Bethel.

Sergeant Peter John Scott, of Peru, who has returned home from active duty with the 133rd Engineer Combat Battalion stationed in Iraq. We have been blessed with generations of men and women like Sergeant Scott who have stepped forward to fight for the security of this nation so that we might continue to enjoy liberty and freedom. We join citizens throughout the State in welcoming Sergeant Scott home and in extending our appreciation to him for his commitment to the United States military;

SLS 517

Sponsored by Senator BRYANT of Oxford.
Cosponsored by Representative: HOTHAM of Dixfield.

Specialist Corey Lee Provencher, of Mexico, who has returned home from active duty with the 133rd Engineer Combat Battalion stationed in Iraq. We have been blessed with generations of men and women like Specialist Provencher who have stepped forward to fight for the security of this nation so that we might continue to enjoy liberty and freedom. We join citizens throughout the State in welcoming Specialist Provencher home and in extending our appreciation to him for his commitment to the United States military;

SLS 518

Sponsored by Senator BRYANT of Oxford.
Cosponsored by Representative: HOTHAM of Dixfield.

Sergeant Melissa Anne Zadakis, of Mexico, who has returned home from active duty with the 133rd Engineer Combat Battalion stationed in Iraq. We have been blessed with generations of men and women like Sergeant Zadakis who have stepped forward to fight for the security of this nation so that we might continue to enjoy liberty and freedom. We join citizens throughout the State in welcoming Sergeant Zadakis home and in extending our appreciation to her for her commitment to the United States military;

SLS 519

Sponsored by Senator BRYANT of Oxford.
Cosponsored by Representative: HOTHAM of Dixfield.

Sergeant Jon Adam Robichaud, of Mexico, who has returned home from active duty with the 133rd Engineer Combat Battalion stationed in Iraq. We have been blessed with generations of men and women like Sergeant Robichaud who have stepped forward to fight for the security of this nation so that we might continue to enjoy liberty and freedom. We join citizens throughout the State in welcoming Sergeant Robichaud home and in extending our appreciation to him for his commitment to the United States military;

SLS 520

Sponsored by Senator BRYANT of Oxford.
Cosponsored by Representative: HOTHAM of Dixfield.

Specialist Jason Lee Provencher, of Mexico, who has returned home from active duty with the 133rd Engineer Combat Battalion stationed in Iraq. We have been blessed with generations of men and women like Specialist Provencher who have stepped forward to fight for the security of this nation so that we might continue to enjoy liberty and freedom. We join citizens throughout the State in welcoming Specialist Provencher home and in extending our appreciation to him for his commitment to the United States military;

SLS 521

Sponsored by Senator BRYANT of Oxford.
Cosponsored by Representative: HOTHAM of Dixfield.

Specialist Michelle Christine Bulger, of Mexico, who has returned home from active duty with the 133rd Engineer Combat Battalion stationed in Iraq. We have been blessed with generations of men and women like Specialist Bulger who have stepped forward to fight for the security of this nation so that we might continue to enjoy liberty and freedom. We join citizens throughout the State in welcoming Specialist Bulger home and in extending our appreciation to her for her commitment to the United States military;

SLS 522

Sponsored by Senator BRYANT of Oxford.
Cosponsored by Representative: HOTHAM of Dixfield.

Sergeant Todd Roland Glover, of Mexico, who has returned home from active duty with the 133rd Engineer Combat Battalion stationed in Iraq. We have been blessed with generations of men and women like Sergeant Glover who have stepped forward to fight for the security of this nation so that we might continue to enjoy liberty and freedom. We join citizens throughout the State in welcoming Sergeant Glover home and in extending our appreciation to him for his commitment to the United States military;

SLS 523

Sponsored by Senator BRYANT of Oxford.
Cosponsored by Representative: HOTHAM of Dixfield.

Specialist Sonie Marie Wesley, of Dixfield, who has returned home from active duty with the 133rd Engineer Combat Battalion stationed in Iraq. We have been blessed with generations of men and women like Specialist Wesley who have stepped forward to fight for the security of this nation so that we might continue to enjoy liberty and freedom. We join citizens throughout the State in welcoming Specialist Wesley home and in extending our appreciation to her for her commitment to the United States military;

SLS 524

Sponsored by Senator BRYANT of Oxford.
Cosponsored by Representative: HOTHAM of Dixfield.

Specialist James Michael Robichaud, of Dixfield, who has returned home from active duty with the 133rd Engineer Combat Battalion stationed in Iraq. We have been blessed with generations of men and women like Specialist Robichaud who have stepped forward to fight for the security of this nation so that we might continue to enjoy liberty and freedom. We join citizens throughout the State in welcoming Specialist Robichaud home and in extending our appreciation to him for his commitment to the United States military;

SLS 525

Sponsored by Senator BRYANT of Oxford.
Cosponsored by Representative: HOTHAM of Dixfield.

Specialist Eric Joseph Lloyd, of Dixfield, who has returned home from active duty with the 133rd Engineer Combat Battalion stationed in Iraq. We have been blessed with generations of men and women like Specialist Lloyd who have stepped forward to fight for the security of this nation so that we might continue to enjoy liberty and freedom. We join citizens throughout the State in welcoming Specialist Lloyd home and in extending our appreciation to him for his commitment to the United States military;

SLS 526

Sponsored by Senator BRYANT of Oxford.
Cosponsored by Representative: HOTHAM of Dixfield.

Specialist Joseph Cory Arsenault, of Dixfield, who has returned home from active duty with the 133rd Engineer Combat Battalion stationed in Iraq. We have been blessed with generations of men and women like Specialist Arsenault who have stepped forward to fight for the security of this nation so that we might continue to enjoy liberty and freedom. We join citizens throughout the State in welcoming Specialist Arsenault home and in extending our appreciation to him for his commitment to the United States military;

SLS 527

Sponsored by Senator BRYANT of Oxford.
Cosponsored by Representative: HOTHAM of Dixfield.

Lieutenant Colonel John Richard Mosher, of Vassalboro, who has returned home from active duty with the Joint Force Headquarters, Maine National Guard stationed in Iraq. We have been blessed with generations of men and women like Lieutenant Colonel Mosher who have stepped forward to fight for the security of this nation so that we might continue to enjoy liberty and freedom. We join citizens throughout the State in welcoming Lieutenant Colonel Mosher home and in extending our appreciation to him for his commitment to the United States military;

SLS 528

Sponsored by Senator MITCHELL of Kennebec.
Cosponsored by Representative: BROWNE of Vassalboro.

Specialist Jessica Lynn Clair, of Sidney, who has returned home from active duty with the 240th Engineer Group stationed in Iraq. We have been blessed with generations of men and women like Specialist Clair who have stepped forward to fight for the security of this nation so that we might continue to enjoy liberty and freedom. We join citizens throughout the State in welcoming Specialist Clair home and in extending our appreciation to her for her commitment to the United States military;

SLS 529

Sponsored by Senator MITCHELL of Kennebec.
Cosponsored by Representative: NUTTING of Oakland.

First Lieutenant John Tracy Wilmot, of Casco, who has returned home from active duty with the 1-152nd Field Artillery Battalion stationed in Iraq. We have been blessed with generations of men and women like First Lieutenant Wilmot who have stepped forward to fight for the security of this nation so that we might continue to enjoy liberty and freedom. We join citizens throughout the State in welcoming First Lieutenant Wilmot home and in extending our appreciation to him for his commitment to the United States military;

SLS 530

Sponsored by Senator DIAMOND of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative: CEBRA of Naples.

Command Sergeant Major David Reed Wilkinson, of Standish, who has returned home from active duty with the 133rd Engineer Combat Battalion stationed in Iraq. We have been blessed with generations of men and women like Command Sergeant Major Wilkinson who have stepped forward to fight for the security of this nation so that we might continue to enjoy liberty and freedom. We join citizens throughout the State in welcoming Command Sergeant Major Wilkinson home and in extending our appreciation to him for his commitment to the United States military;

SLS 531

Sponsored by Senator DIAMOND of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representatives: MOORE of Standish,
ROBINSON of Raymond.

Specialist Alicia Marie Wilkinson, of Standish, who has returned home from active duty with the Joint Force Headquarters, Maine National Guard stationed in Iraq. We have been blessed with generations of men and women like Specialist Wilkinson who have stepped forward to fight for the security of this nation so that we might continue to enjoy liberty and freedom. We join citizens throughout the State in welcoming Specialist Wilkinson home and in extending our appreciation to her for her commitment to the United States military;

SLS 532

Sponsored by Senator DIAMOND of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representatives: MOORE of Standish, ROBINSON of Raymond.

Specialist Robert Michael Shepherd, of Standish, who has returned home from active duty with the 133rd Engineer Combat Battalion stationed in Iraq. We have been blessed with generations of men and women like Specialist Shepherd who have stepped forward to fight for the security of this nation so that we might continue to enjoy liberty and freedom. We join citizens throughout the State in welcoming Specialist Shepherd home and in extending our appreciation to him for his commitment to the United States military;

SLS 533

Sponsored by Senator DIAMOND of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representatives: MOORE of Standish, ROBINSON of Raymond.

Staff Sergeant Paul Merton Roberts, of Raymond, who has returned home from active duty with the 133rd Engineer Combat Battalion stationed in Iraq. We have been blessed with generations of men and women like Staff Sergeant Roberts who have stepped forward to fight for the security of this nation so that we might continue to enjoy liberty and freedom. We join citizens throughout the State in welcoming Staff Sergeant Roberts home and in extending our appreciation to him for his commitment to the United States military;

SLS 534

Sponsored by Senator DIAMOND of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative: ROBINSON of Raymond.

Staff Sergeant Mary Connolly Reutlinger, of Windham, who has returned home from active duty with the 133rd Engineer Combat Battalion stationed in Iraq. We have been blessed with generations of men and women like Staff Sergeant Reutlinger who have stepped forward to fight for the security of this nation so that we might continue to enjoy liberty and freedom. We join citizens throughout the State in welcoming Staff Sergeant Reutlinger home and in extending our appreciation to her for her commitment to the United States military;

SLS 535

Sponsored by Senator DIAMOND of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representatives: BRYANT of Windham, PLUMMER of Windham.

Staff Sergeant Richard Eric Ray, of Standish, who has returned home from active duty with the 133rd Engineer Combat Battalion stationed in Iraq. We have been blessed with generations of men and women like Staff Sergeant Ray who have stepped forward to fight for the security of this nation so that we might continue to enjoy liberty and freedom. We join citizens throughout the State in welcoming Staff Sergeant Ray home and in extending our

appreciation to him for his commitment to the United States military;

SLS 536

Sponsored by Senator DIAMOND of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representatives: MOORE of Standish, ROBINSON of Raymond.

Staff Sergeant Patrick James Rand, of Raymond, who has returned home from active duty with the 133rd Engineer Combat Battalion stationed in Iraq. We have been blessed with generations of men and women like Staff Sergeant Rand who have stepped forward to fight for the security of this nation so that we might continue to enjoy liberty and freedom. We join citizens throughout the State in welcoming Staff Sergeant Rand home and in extending our appreciation to him for his commitment to the United States military;

SLS 537

Sponsored by Senator DIAMOND of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative: ROBINSON of Raymond.

Specialist Woodbury Richard Nickerson, of Steep Falls, who has returned home from active duty with the 133rd Engineer Combat Battalion stationed in Iraq. We have been blessed with generations of men and women like Specialist Nickerson who have stepped forward to fight for the security of this nation so that we might continue to enjoy liberty and freedom. We join citizens throughout the State in welcoming Specialist Nickerson home and in extending our appreciation to him for his commitment to the United States military;

SLS 538

Sponsored by Senator DIAMOND of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative: MOORE of Standish.

Specialist Kurt Alan Griffeth, of Raymond, who has returned home from active duty with the 133rd Engineer Combat Battalion stationed in Iraq. We have been blessed with generations of men and women like Specialist Griffeth who have stepped forward to fight for the security of this nation so that we might continue to enjoy liberty and freedom. We join citizens throughout the State in welcoming Specialist Griffeth home and in extending our appreciation to him for his commitment to the United States military;

SLS 539

Sponsored by Senator DIAMOND of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative: ROBINSON of Raymond.

Specialist Ryan Wayne Burkhart, of Standish, who has returned home from active duty with the 133rd Engineer Combat Battalion stationed in Iraq. We have been blessed with generations of men and women like Specialist Burkhart who have stepped forward to fight for the security of this nation so that we might continue to enjoy liberty and freedom. We join citizens throughout the State in welcoming Specialist Burkhart home and in extending our appreciation to him for his commitment to the United States military;

SLS 540

Sponsored by Senator DIAMOND of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representatives: MOORE of Standish, ROBINSON of Raymond.

Sergeant Joseph Edward Baillargeon, of Standish, who has returned home from active duty with the 133rd Engineer Combat Battalion stationed in Iraq. We have been blessed with generations of men and women like Sergeant Baillargeon who have stepped forward to fight for the security of this nation so that we might continue to enjoy liberty and freedom. We join citizens throughout the State in welcoming Sergeant Baillargeon home and in extending our appreciation to him for his commitment to the United States military;

SLS 541

Sponsored by Senator DIAMOND of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representatives: MOORE of Standish, ROBINSON of Raymond.

Specialist Lonnie Neal Atkins, Jr., of Hollis Center, who has returned home from active duty with the 133rd Engineer Combat Battalion stationed in Iraq. We have been blessed with generations of men and women like Specialist Atkins who have stepped forward to fight for the security of this nation so that we might continue to enjoy liberty and freedom. We join citizens throughout the State in welcoming Specialist Atkins home and in extending our appreciation to him for his commitment to the United States military;

SLS 542

Sponsored by Senator DIAMOND of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative: MAREAN of Hollis.

Sergeant Shawn Christopher Arbour, of Standish, who has returned home from active duty with the 133rd Engineer Combat Battalion stationed in Iraq. We have been blessed with generations of men and women like Sergeant Arbour who have stepped forward to fight for the security of this nation so that we might continue to enjoy liberty and freedom. We join citizens throughout the State in welcoming Sergeant Arbour home and in extending our appreciation to him for his commitment to the United States military;

SLS 543

Sponsored by Senator DIAMOND of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representatives: MOORE of Standish, ROBINSON of Raymond.

Staff Sergeant Arthur Alonzo Ames, of Standish, who has returned home from active duty with the 133rd Engineer Combat Battalion stationed in Iraq. We have been blessed with generations of men and women like Staff Sergeant Ames who have stepped forward to fight for the security of this nation so that we might continue to enjoy liberty and freedom. We join citizens throughout the State in welcoming Staff Sergeant Ames home and in extending our appreciation to him for his commitment to the United States military;

SLS 544

Sponsored by Senator DIAMOND of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representatives: MOORE of Standish, ROBINSON of Raymond.

Sergeant Charles John Aceto, of Raymond, who has returned home from active duty with the 133rd Engineer Combat Battalion stationed in Iraq. We have been blessed with generations of men and women like Sergeant Aceto who have stepped forward to fight for the security of this nation so that we might continue to enjoy liberty and freedom. We join citizens throughout the State in welcoming Sergeant Aceto home and in extending our

appreciation to him for his commitment to the United States military;

SLS 545

Sponsored by Senator DIAMOND of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative: ROBINSON of Raymond.

Sergeant First Class James Alexander Jollotta, of Winslow, who has returned home from active duty with the 133rd Engineer Combat Battalion stationed in Iraq. We have been blessed with generations of men and women like Sergeant First Class Jollotta who have stepped forward to fight for the security of this nation so that we might continue to enjoy liberty and freedom. We join citizens throughout the State in welcoming Sergeant First Class Jollotta home and in extending our appreciation to him for his commitment to the United States military;

SLS 546

Sponsored by Senator GAGNON of Kennebec.
Cosponsored by Representative: FLETCHER of Winslow.

Specialist Peter Charles Paradis, of Winslow, who has returned home from active duty with the 152nd Field Artillery Battalion stationed in Iraq. We have been blessed with generations of men and women like Specialist Paradis who have stepped forward to fight for the security of this nation so that we might continue to enjoy liberty and freedom. We join citizens throughout the State in welcoming Specialist Paradis home and in extending our appreciation to him for his commitment to the United States military;

SLS 547

Sponsored by Senator GAGNON of Kennebec.
Cosponsored by Representative: FLETCHER of Winslow.

Sergeant First Class Scott Michael Doyon, of Clinton, who has returned home from active duty with the 3-172nd Infantry stationed in Iraq. We have been blessed with generations of men and women like Sergeant First Class Doyon who have stepped forward to fight for the security of this nation so that we might continue to enjoy liberty and freedom. We join citizens throughout the State in welcoming Sergeant First Class Doyon home and in extending our appreciation to him for his commitment to the United States military;

SLS 548

Sponsored by Senator GAGNON of Kennebec.
Cosponsored by Representative: FITTS of Pittsfield.

Specialist Michael Ralph Wilcox, of Pittsfield, who has returned home from active duty with the 133rd Engineer Combat Battalion stationed in Iraq. We have been blessed with generations of men and women like Specialist Wilcox who have stepped forward to fight for the security of this nation so that we might continue to enjoy liberty and freedom. We join citizens throughout the State in welcoming Specialist Wilcox home and in extending our appreciation to him for his commitment to the United States military;

SLS 549

Sponsored by Senator GAGNON of Kennebec.
Cosponsored by Representative: FITTS of Pittsfield.

Sergeant Cory Paul Goodell, of Phippsburg, who has returned home from active duty with the 133rd Engineer Combat Battalion stationed in Iraq. We have been blessed with generations of men and women like Sergeant Goodell who have stepped forward to fight for the security of this nation so that we might continue to enjoy liberty and freedom. We join citizens throughout the State in welcoming Sergeant Goodell home and in extending our appreciation to him for his commitment to the United States military;

SLS 550

Sponsored by Senator MAYO of Sagadahoc.
Cosponsored by Representative: PERCY of Phippsburg.

Sergeant Thomas Wayne Pushard, of Pittston, who has returned home from active duty with the 133rd Engineer Combat Battalion stationed in Iraq. We have been blessed with generations of men and women like Sergeant Pushard who have stepped forward to fight for the security of this nation so that we might continue to enjoy liberty and freedom. We join citizens throughout the State in welcoming Sergeant Pushard home and in extending our appreciation to him for his commitment to the United States military;

SLS 551

Sponsored by Senator COWGER of Kennebec.
Cosponsored by Representative: RINES of Wiscasset.

Specialist Dean Carley Spencer, of West Gardiner, who has returned home from active duty with the 133rd Engineer Combat Battalion stationed in Iraq. We have been blessed with generations of men and women like Specialist Spencer who have stepped forward to fight for the security of this nation so that we might continue to enjoy liberty and freedom. We join citizens throughout the State in welcoming Specialist Spencer home and in extending our appreciation to him for his commitment to the United States military;

SLS 552

Sponsored by Senator COWGER of Kennebec.
Cosponsored by Representative: McCORMICK of West Gardiner.

Sergeant Timothy Raymond Quirion, of Randolph, who has returned home from active duty with the 133rd Engineer Combat Battalion stationed in Iraq. We have been blessed with generations of men and women like Sergeant Quirion who have stepped forward to fight for the security of this nation so that we might continue to enjoy liberty and freedom. We join citizens throughout the State in welcoming Sergeant Quirion home and in extending our appreciation to him for his commitment to the United States military;

SLS 553

Sponsored by Senator COWGER of Kennebec.
Cosponsored by Representative: HANLEY of Gardiner.

Specialist Paul Anthony Shaw, of Hallowell, who has returned home from active duty with the 1-152nd Field Artillery Battalion stationed in Iraq. We have been blessed with generations of men and women like Specialist Shaw who have stepped forward to fight for the security of this nation so that we might continue to enjoy liberty and freedom. We join citizens throughout the State in welcoming Specialist Shaw home and in extending our appreciation to him for his commitment to the United States military;

SLS 554

Sponsored by Senator COWGER of Kennebec.
Cosponsored by Representative: McCORMICK of West Gardiner.

Specialist Alexander Charles Adams, of Kennebunk, who has returned home from active duty with the 133rd Engineer Combat Battalion stationed in Iraq. We have been blessed with generations of men and women like Specialist Adams who have stepped forward to fight for the security of this nation so that we might continue to enjoy liberty and freedom. We join citizens throughout the State in welcoming Specialist Adams home and in extending our appreciation to him for his commitment to the United States military;

SLS 555

Sponsored by Senator SULLIVAN of York.
Cosponsored by Representatives: DAIGLE of Arundel,
BABBIDGE of Kennebunk.

Specialist Norman Elio Voter, of Scarborough, who has returned home from active duty with the 133rd Engineer Combat Battalion stationed in Iraq. We have been blessed with generations of men and women like Specialist Voter who have stepped forward to fight for the security of this nation so that we might continue to enjoy liberty and freedom. We join citizens throughout the State in welcoming Specialist Voter home and in extending our appreciation to him for his commitment to the United States military;

SLS 556

Sponsored by Senator BARTLETT of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Senator: BROMLEY of Cumberland,
Representatives: CURLEY of Scarborough, CLOUGH of Scarborough.

Specialist Peter Deprez Morrison, of Scarborough, who has returned home from active duty with the 133rd Engineer Combat Battalion stationed in Iraq. We have been blessed with generations of men and women like Specialist Morrison who have stepped forward to fight for the security of this nation so that we might continue to enjoy liberty and freedom. We join citizens throughout the State in welcoming Specialist Morrison home and in extending our appreciation to him for his commitment to the United States military;

SLS 557

Sponsored by Senator BARTLETT of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Senator: BROMLEY of Cumberland,
Representatives: CURLEY of Scarborough, CLOUGH of Scarborough.

Staff Sergeant Clifford Arthur McKinley, of Westbrook, who has returned home from active duty with the 133rd Engineer Combat Battalion stationed in Iraq. We have been blessed with generations of men and women like Staff Sergeant McKinley who have stepped forward to fight for the security of this nation so that we might continue to enjoy liberty and freedom. We join citizens throughout the State in welcoming Staff Sergeant McKinley home and in extending our appreciation to him for his commitment to the United States military;

SLS 558

Sponsored by Senator BARTLETT of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Senator: BRENNAN of Cumberland,
Representatives: DRISCOLL of Westbrook, DUPLESSIE of Westbrook.

Specialist Caleb Paul Barrieau, of Westbrook, who has returned home from active duty with the 133rd Engineer Combat Battalion stationed in Iraq. We have been blessed with generations of men and women like Specialist Barrieau who have stepped forward to fight for the security of this nation so that we might continue to enjoy liberty and freedom. We join citizens throughout the State in welcoming Specialist Barrieau home and in extending our appreciation to him for his commitment to the United States military;

SLS 559

Sponsored by Senator BARTLETT of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Senator: BRENNAN of Cumberland,
Representatives: DRISCOLL of Westbrook, DUPLESSIE of Westbrook.

Sergeant Leon Harry Humiston, of Westbrook, who has returned home from active duty with the 133rd Engineer Combat Battalion stationed in Iraq. We have been blessed with generations of men and women like Sergeant Humiston who have stepped forward to fight for the security of this nation so that we might continue to enjoy liberty and freedom. We join citizens throughout the State in welcoming Sergeant Humiston home and in extending our appreciation to him for his commitment to the United States military;

SLS 560

Sponsored by Senator BARTLETT of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Senator: BRENNAN of Cumberland,
Representatives: DRISCOLL of Westbrook, DUPLESSIE of Westbrook.

Specialist Peter Michael Pierce, of Westbrook, who has returned home from active duty with the 133rd Engineer Combat Battalion stationed in Iraq. We have been blessed with generations of men and women like Specialist Pierce who have stepped forward to fight for the security of this nation so that we might continue to enjoy liberty and freedom. We join citizens throughout the State in welcoming Specialist Pierce home and in extending our appreciation to him for his commitment to the United States military;

SLS 561

Sponsored by Senator BARTLETT of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Senator: BRENNAN of Cumberland,
Representatives: DRISCOLL of Westbrook, DUPLESSIE of Westbrook.

Captain David Bouffard, of Westbrook, who has returned home from active duty with the 133rd Engineer Combat Battalion stationed in Iraq. We have been blessed with generations of men and women like Captain Bouffard who have stepped forward to fight for the security of this nation so that we might continue to enjoy liberty and freedom. We join citizens throughout the State in welcoming Captain Bouffard home and in extending our appreciation to him for his commitment to the United States military;

SLS 562

Sponsored by Senator BARTLETT of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Senator: BRENNAN of Cumberland,
Representatives: DRISCOLL of Westbrook, DUPLESSIE of Westbrook.

Private First Class Tracy Marie Jipson, of Westbrook, who has returned home from active duty with the 133rd Engineer Combat Battalion stationed in Iraq. We have been blessed with generations of men and women like Private First Class Jipson who have stepped forward to fight for the security of this nation so that we might continue to enjoy liberty and freedom. We join citizens throughout the State in welcoming Private First Class Jipson home and in extending our appreciation to her for her commitment to the United States military;

SLS 563

Sponsored by Senator BARTLETT of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Senator: BRENNAN of Cumberland,
Representatives: DRISCOLL of Westbrook, DUPLESSIE of Westbrook.

Staff Sergeant Harold Eugene Freeman, Jr., of Gorham, who has returned home from active duty with the 133rd Engineer Combat Battalion stationed in Iraq. We have been blessed with generations of men and women like Staff Sergeant Freeman who have stepped forward to fight for the security of this nation so that we might continue to enjoy liberty and freedom. We join citizens throughout the State in welcoming Staff Sergeant Freeman home and in extending our appreciation to him for his commitment to the United States military;

SLS 564

Sponsored by Senator BARTLETT of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representatives: FARRINGTON of Gorham,
BARSTOW of Gorham.

Sergeant First Class Kevin Michael Walsh, of Gorham, who has returned home from active duty with the 133rd Engineer Combat Battalion stationed in Iraq. We have been blessed with generations of men and women like Sergeant First Class Walsh who have stepped forward to fight for the security of this nation so that we might continue to enjoy liberty and freedom. We join citizens throughout the State in welcoming Sergeant First Class Walsh home and in extending our appreciation to him for his commitment to the United States military;

SLS 565

Sponsored by Senator BARTLETT of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representatives: FARRINGTON of Gorham,
BARSTOW of Gorham.

Specialist Jerrad Leroy Coffin, of Gorham, who has returned home from active duty with the 133rd Engineer Combat Battalion stationed in Iraq. We have been blessed with generations of men and women like Specialist Coffin who have stepped forward to fight for the security of this nation so that we might continue to enjoy liberty and freedom. We join citizens throughout the State in welcoming Specialist Coffin home and in extending our appreciation to him for his commitment to the United States military;

SLS 566

Sponsored by Senator BARTLETT of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representatives: FARRINGTON of Gorham,
BARSTOW of Gorham.

Specialist Kevin Peter Korenkiewicz, of Gorham, who has returned home from active duty with the 133rd Engineer Combat Battalion stationed in Iraq. We have been blessed with generations of men and women like Specialist Korenkiewicz who have stepped forward to fight for the security of this nation so that we might continue to enjoy liberty and freedom. We join citizens throughout the State in welcoming Specialist Korenkiewicz home and in extending our appreciation to him for his commitment to the United States military;

SLS 567

Sponsored by Senator BARTLETT of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representatives: FARRINGTON of Gorham, BARSTOW of Gorham.

Specialist Angel May Waters, of Gorham, who has returned home from active duty with the 133rd Engineer Combat Battalion stationed in Iraq. We have been blessed with generations of men and women like Specialist Waters who have stepped forward to fight for the security of this nation so that we might continue to enjoy liberty and freedom. We join citizens throughout the State in welcoming Specialist Waters home and in extending our appreciation to her for her commitment to the United States military;

SLS 568

Sponsored by Senator BARTLETT of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative: FARRINGTON of Gorham, BARSTOW of Gorham.

Sergeant Harold Wayne Whitten, Jr., of Howland, who has returned home from active duty with the 133rd Engineer Combat Battalion stationed in Iraq. We have been blessed with generations of men and women like Sergeant Whitten who have stepped forward to fight for the security of this nation so that we might continue to enjoy liberty and freedom. We join citizens throughout the State in welcoming Sergeant Whitten home and in extending our appreciation to him for his commitment to the United States military;

SLS 569

Sponsored by Senator SCHNEIDER of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Representative: CARR of Lincoln.

Major John Wesley Nelson, of Lincoln, who has returned home from active duty with the 133rd Engineer Combat Battalion stationed in Iraq. We have been blessed with generations of men and women like Major Nelson who have stepped forward to fight for the security of this nation so that we might continue to enjoy liberty and freedom. We join citizens throughout the State in welcoming Major Nelson home and in extending our appreciation to him for his commitment to the United States military;

SLS 570

Sponsored by Senator SCHNEIDER of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Representative: CARR of Lincoln.

Specialist Kevin Joseph Pelkey, of Lincoln, who has returned home from active duty with the 133rd Engineer Combat Battalion stationed in Iraq. We have been blessed with generations of men and women like Specialist Pelkey who have stepped forward to fight for the security of this nation so that we might continue to enjoy liberty and freedom. We join citizens throughout the State in welcoming Specialist Pelkey home and in extending our appreciation to him for his commitment to the United States military;

SLS 571

Sponsored by Senator SCHNEIDER of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Representative: CARR of Lincoln.

Sergeant Christopher John Sirois, of West Enfield, who has returned home from active duty with the 133rd Engineer Combat Battalion stationed in Iraq. We have been blessed with generations of men and women like Sergeant Sirois who have stepped forward to fight for the security of this nation so that we might continue to enjoy liberty and freedom. We join citizens throughout the State in welcoming Sergeant Sirois home and in extending our appreciation to him for his commitment to the United States military;

SLS 572

Sponsored by Senator SCHNEIDER of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Representative: CARR of Lincoln.

Sergeant Michael Basil John Francis, of Old Town, who has returned home from active duty with the 133rd Engineer Combat Battalion stationed in Iraq. We have been blessed with generations of men and women like Sergeant Francis who have stepped forward to fight for the security of this nation so that we might continue to enjoy liberty and freedom. We join citizens throughout the State in welcoming Sergeant Francis home and in extending our appreciation to him for his commitment to the United States military;

SLS 573

Sponsored by Senator SCHNEIDER of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Representative: BLANCHARD of Old Town.

Specialist Jeremy William McPhee, of Old Town, who has returned home from active duty with the 133rd Engineer Combat Battalion stationed in Iraq. We have been blessed with generations of men and women like Specialist McPhee who have stepped forward to fight for the security of this nation so that we might continue to enjoy liberty and freedom. We join citizens throughout the State in welcoming Specialist McPhee home and in extending our appreciation to him for his commitment to the United States military;

SLS 574

Sponsored by Senator SCHNEIDER of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Representative: BLANCHARD of Old Town.

Specialist Antonio Albert Alonzo, of Orono, who has returned home from active duty with the 133rd Engineer Combat Battalion stationed in Iraq. We have been blessed with generations of men and women like Specialist Alonzo who have stepped forward to fight for the security of this nation so that we might continue to enjoy liberty and freedom. We join citizens throughout the State in welcoming Specialist Alonzo home and in extending our appreciation to him for his commitment to the United States military;

SLS 575

Sponsored by Senator SCHNEIDER of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Representatives: CAIN of Orono, DUNN of Bangor.

Specialist Daniel Trojecki, of Hudson, who has returned home from active duty with the 133rd Engineer Combat Battalion stationed in Iraq. We have been blessed with generations of men and women like Specialist Trojecki who have stepped forward to fight for the security of this nation so that we might continue to enjoy liberty and freedom. We join citizens throughout the State in welcoming Specialist Trojecki home and in extending our appreciation to him for his commitment to the United States military;

SLS 576

Sponsored by Senator SCHNEIDER of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Representative: DUCHESNE of Hudson.

Private First Class Benjamin Joseph Allen, of Hudson, who has returned home from active duty with the 152nd Field Artillery Battalion stationed in Iraq. We have been blessed with generations of men and women like Private First Class Allen who have stepped forward to fight for the security of this nation so that we might continue to enjoy liberty and freedom. We join citizens throughout the State in welcoming Private First Class Allen home and in extending our appreciation to him for his commitment to the United States military;

SLS 577

Sponsored by Senator SCHNEIDER of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Representative: DUCHESNE of Hudson.

Specialist Scott David Caron, of Portland, who has returned home from active duty with the 133rd Engineer Combat Battalion stationed in Iraq. We have been blessed with generations of men and women like Specialist Caron who have stepped forward to fight for the security of this nation so that we might continue to enjoy liberty and freedom. We join citizens throughout the State in welcoming Specialist Caron home and in extending our appreciation to him for his commitment to the United States military;

SLS 578

Sponsored by Senator BRENNAN of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Senator: STRIMLING of Cumberland,
Representatives: ADAMS of Portland, BRAUTIGAM of Falmouth, MARLEY of Portland, CUMMINGS of Portland, HARLOW of Portland, BRANNIGAN of Portland, EDER of Portland, DUDLEY of Portland.

Specialist Donald Percy Rafford III, of Portland, who has returned home from active duty with the 152nd Field Artillery Battalion stationed in Iraq. We have been blessed with generations of men and women like Specialist Rafford who have stepped forward to fight for the security of this nation so that we might continue to enjoy liberty and freedom. We join citizens throughout the State in welcoming Specialist Rafford home and in extending our appreciation to him for his commitment to the United States military;

SLS 579

Sponsored by Senator BRENNAN of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Senator: STRIMLING of Cumberland,
Representatives: ADAMS of Portland, BRAUTIGAM of Falmouth, MARLEY of Portland, CUMMINGS of Portland, HARLOW of Portland, BRANNIGAN of Portland, EDER of Portland, DUDLEY of Portland.

Staff Sergeant Timothy Mark Smith, of Portland, who has returned home from active duty with the 133rd Engineer Combat Battalion stationed in Iraq. We have been blessed with generations of men and women like Staff Sergeant Smith who have stepped forward to fight for the security of this nation so that we might continue to enjoy liberty and freedom. We join citizens throughout the State in welcoming Staff Sergeant Smith home and in extending our appreciation to him for his commitment to the United States military;

SLS 580

Sponsored by Senator BRENNAN of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Senator: STRIMLING of Cumberland,
Representatives: HARLOW of Portland, BRAUTIGAM of Falmouth, MARLEY of Portland, CUMMINGS of Portland, BRANNIGAN of Portland, EDER of Portland, ADAMS of Portland, DUDLEY of Portland.

Sergeant First Class James Allen Johnson, of Portland, who has returned home from active duty with the 133rd Engineer Combat Battalion stationed in Iraq. We have been blessed with generations of men and women like Sergeant Johnson who have stepped forward to fight for the security of this nation so that we might continue to enjoy liberty and freedom. We join citizens throughout the State in welcoming Sergeant Johnson home and in extending our appreciation to him for his commitment to the United States military;

SLS 581

Sponsored by Senator BRENNAN of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Senator: STRIMLING of Cumberland,
Representatives: BRAUTIGAM of Falmouth, MARLEY of Portland, CUMMINGS of Portland, HARLOW of Portland, BRANNIGAN of Portland, EDER of Portland, ADAMS of Portland, DUDLEY of Portland.

Staff Sergeant Roger Leon Jones, Jr., of Portland, who has returned home from active duty with the 133rd Engineer Combat Battalion stationed in Iraq. We have been blessed with generations of men and women like Staff Sergeant Jones who have stepped forward to fight for the security of this nation so that we might continue to enjoy liberty and freedom. We join citizens throughout the State in welcoming Staff Sergeant Jones home and in extending our appreciation to him for his commitment to the United States military;

SLS 582

Sponsored by Senator BRENNAN of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Senator: STRIMLING of Cumberland,
Representatives: BRAUTIGAM of Falmouth, MARLEY of Portland, CUMMINGS of Portland, HARLOW of Portland, BRANNIGAN of Portland, EDER of Portland, ADAMS of Portland.

Specialist Virgilio Silvestre Edora, of Portland, who has returned home from active duty with the 133rd Engineer Combat Battalion stationed in Iraq. We have been blessed with generations of men and women like Specialist Edora who have stepped forward to fight for the security of this nation so that we might continue to enjoy liberty and freedom. We join citizens throughout the State in welcoming Specialist Edora home and in extending our appreciation to him for his commitment to the United States military;

SLS 583

Sponsored by Senator BRENNAN of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Senator: STRIMLING of Cumberland,
Representatives: ADAMS of Portland, BRAUTIGAM of Falmouth,
MARLEY of Portland, CUMMINGS of Portland, HARLOW of
Portland, BRANNIGAN of Portland, EDER of Portland, DUDLEY
of Portland.

Specialist Andrew Erle Campbell, of Portland, who has returned home from active duty with the 133rd Engineer Combat Battalion stationed in Iraq. We have been blessed with generations of men and women like Specialist Campbell who have stepped forward to fight for the security of this nation so that we might continue to enjoy liberty and freedom. We join citizens throughout the State in welcoming Specialist Campbell home and in extending our appreciation to him for his commitment to the United States military;

SLS 584

Sponsored by Senator BRENNAN of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Senator: STRIMLING of Cumberland,
Representatives: ADAMS of Portland, BRAUTIGAM of Falmouth,
MARLEY of Portland, CUMMINGS of Portland, HARLOW of
Portland, BRANNIGAN of Portland, EDER of Portland, DUDLEY
of Portland.

Sergeant Christopher Michael Noyes, of Portland, who has returned home from active duty with the 133rd Engineer Combat Battalion stationed in Iraq. We have been blessed with generations of men and women like Sergeant Noyes who have stepped forward to fight for the security of this nation so that we might continue to enjoy liberty and freedom. We join citizens throughout the State in welcoming Sergeant Noyes home and in extending our appreciation to him for his commitment to the United States military;

SLS 585

Sponsored by Senator BRENNAN of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Senator: STRIMLING of Cumberland,
Representatives: ADAMS of Portland, BRAUTIGAM of Falmouth,
MARLEY of Portland, CUMMINGS of Portland, HARLOW of
Portland, BRANNIGAN of Portland, EDER of Portland, DUDLEY
of Portland.

Sergeant Michael James Joslin, of Portland, who has returned home from active duty with the 133rd Engineer Combat Battalion stationed in Iraq. We have been blessed with generations of men and women like Sergeant Joslin who have stepped forward to fight for the security of this nation so that we might continue to enjoy liberty and freedom. We join citizens throughout the State in welcoming Sergeant Joslin home and in extending our appreciation to him for his commitment to the United States military;

SLS 586

Sponsored by Senator BRENNAN of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Senator: STRIMLING of Cumberland,
Representatives: BRAUTIGAM of Falmouth, MARLEY of
Portland, CUMMINGS of Portland, HARLOW of Portland,
BRANNIGAN of Portland, EDER of Portland, ADAMS of Portland,
DUDLEY of Portland.

Specialist Quang Le, of Portland, who has returned home from active duty with the 133rd Engineer Combat Battalion stationed in Iraq. We have been blessed with generations of men and women like Specialist Le who have stepped forward to fight for the security of this nation so that we might continue to enjoy liberty and freedom. We join citizens throughout the State in welcoming Specialist Le home and in extending our appreciation to him for his commitment to the United States military;

SLS 587

Sponsored by Senator BRENNAN of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Senator: STRIMLING of Cumberland,
Representatives: HARLOW of Portland, BRAUTIGAM of
Falmouth, MARLEY of Portland, CUMMINGS of Portland,
BRANNIGAN of Portland, EDER of Portland, ADAMS of Portland,
DUDLEY of Portland.

Sergeant First Class James William Martell, of Portland, who has returned home from active duty with the 133rd Engineer Combat Battalion stationed in Iraq. We have been blessed with generations of men and women like Sergeant First Class Martell who have stepped forward to fight for the security of this nation so that we might continue to enjoy liberty and freedom. We join citizens throughout the State in welcoming Sergeant First Class Martell home and in extending our appreciation to him for his commitment to the United States military;

SLS 588

Sponsored by Senator BRENNAN of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Senator: STRIMLING of Cumberland,
Representatives: HARLOW of Portland, BRAUTIGAM of
Falmouth, MARLEY of Portland, CUMMINGS of Portland,
BRANNIGAN of Portland, EDER of Portland, ADAMS of Portland,
DUDLEY of Portland.

Sergeant Anthony Wayne Morelli, Jr., of Portland, who has returned home from active duty with the 133rd Engineer Combat Battalion stationed in Iraq. We have been blessed with generations of men and women like Sergeant Morelli who have stepped forward to fight for the security of this nation so that we might continue to enjoy liberty and freedom. We join citizens throughout the State in welcoming Sergeant Morelli home and in extending our appreciation to him for his commitment to the United States military;

SLS 589

Sponsored by Senator BRENNAN of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Senator: STRIMLING of Cumberland,
Representatives: HARLOW of Portland, BRAUTIGAM of
Falmouth, MARLEY of Portland, CUMMINGS of Portland,
BRANNIGAN of Portland, EDER of Portland, ADAMS of Portland,
DUDLEY of Portland.

Specialist Soksan Kea Pao, of Portland, who has returned home from active duty with the 133rd Engineer Combat Battalion stationed in Iraq. We have been blessed with generations of men and women like Specialist Pao who have stepped forward to fight for the security of this nation so that we might continue to enjoy liberty and freedom. We join citizens throughout the State in welcoming Specialist Pao home and in extending our appreciation to him for his commitment to the United States military;

SLS 590

Sponsored by Senator BRENNAN of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Senator: STRIMLING of Cumberland,
Representatives: HARLOW of Portland, BRAUTIGAM of Falmouth, MARLEY of Portland, CUMMINGS of Portland, BRANNIGAN of Portland, EDER of Portland, ADAMS of Portland, DUDLEY of Portland.

Sergeant Christopher Charles Rushlau, of Portland, who has returned home from active duty with the 133rd Engineer Combat Battalion stationed in Iraq. We have been blessed with generations of men and women like Sergeant Rushlau who have stepped forward to fight for the security of this nation so that we might continue to enjoy liberty and freedom. We join citizens throughout the State in welcoming Sergeant Rushlau home and in extending our appreciation to him for his commitment to the United States military;

SLS 591

Sponsored by Senator BRENNAN of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Senator: STRIMLING of Cumberland,
Representatives: HARLOW of Portland, BRAUTIGAM of Falmouth, MARLEY of Portland, CUMMINGS of Portland, BRANNIGAN of Portland, EDER of Portland, ADAMS of Portland, DUDLEY of Portland.

Specialist Barbara Joanne Stevens, of Portland, who has returned home from active duty with the 133rd Engineer Combat Battalion stationed in Iraq. We have been blessed with generations of men and women like Specialist Stevens who have stepped forward to fight for the security of this nation so that we might continue to enjoy liberty and freedom. We join citizens throughout the State in welcoming Specialist Stevens home and in extending our appreciation to her for her commitment to the United States military;

SLS 592

Sponsored by Senator BRENNAN of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Senator: STRIMLING of Cumberland,
Representatives: HARLOW of Portland, BRAUTIGAM of Falmouth, MARLEY of Portland, CUMMINGS of Portland, BRANNIGAN of Portland, EDER of Portland, ADAMS of Portland, DUDLEY of Portland.

Sergeant Paul David Sylvester, Jr., of Portland, who has returned home from active duty with the 133rd Engineer Combat Battalion stationed in Iraq. We have been blessed with generations of men and women like Sergeant Sylvester who have stepped forward to fight for the security of this nation so that we might continue to enjoy liberty and freedom. We join citizens throughout the State in welcoming Sergeant Sylvester home and in extending our appreciation to him for his commitment to the United States military;

SLS 593

Sponsored by Senator BRENNAN of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Senator: STRIMLING of Cumberland,
Representatives: ADAMS of Portland, BRAUTIGAM of Falmouth, MARLEY of Portland, CUMMINGS of Portland, HARLOW of Portland, BRANNIGAN of Portland, EDER of Portland, DUDLEY of Portland.

READ.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Kennebec, Senator Gagnon.

Senator **GAGNON:** Thank you, Madame President, men and women of the Senate. Today is a very special day, as you can see from your very thick calendar. We have 182 sentiments recognizing those members of the 133rd Engineers group and the 152nd Field Artillery unit and their service overseas. Even though we were tempted to ask the Secretary to read each one of these sentiments, we decided that we should forgo that. I did want to say a few words, on the record, on behalf of the Senate about our deep appreciation. As the Chaplain mentioned earlier, these people are truly heroes in our eyes and they deserve the special recognition of the Senate. Thank you very much. There are sentiments from every one of our districts and I hope we take the time to present these sentiments and make sure that these people are properly recognized back in their home towns. Thank you, Madame President.

PASSED.

Sent down for concurrence.

All matters thus acted upon were ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

House

Ought to Pass As Amended

The Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** on Bill "An Act To Protect Small Forest Landowners" H.P. 954 L.D. 1368

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-629).**

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-629).**

Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-629) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED**, in concurrence.

Senator:
PLOWMAN of Penobscot

Representative:
OTT of York

The Committee on **JUDICIARY** on Bill "An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Committee To Study Compliance with Maine's Freedom of Access Laws"

H.P. 226 L.D. 301

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-632)**.

(Representative MOORE of the Passamaquoddy Tribe - of the House - supports the Majority **Ought Not To Pass** Report.)

Comes from the House with the Reports **READ** and the Bill and accompanying papers **COMMITTED** to the Committee on **LEGAL AND VETERANS AFFAIRS**.

Reports **READ**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-632)**.

Senator **GAGNON** of Kennebec moved the Senate **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

READ ONCE.

On further motion by same Senator, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending the motion by same Senator to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-632) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED**, in concurrence.

Divided Report

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **LEGAL AND VETERANS AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act To Permit Interstate Wine and Malt Liquor Sales and Delivery to Homes"

H.P. 415 L.D. 560

The Majority of the Committee on **TAXATION** on Bill "An Act To Impose a Gross Receipts Tax on 'Big Box' Stores"

H.P. 1094 L.D. 1553

Reported that the same **Ought Not to Pass**.

Reported that the same **Ought Not to Pass**.

Signed:

Signed:

Senator:
COURTNEY of York

Senators:
GAGNON of Kennebec
MITCHELL of Kennebec

Representatives:
CLARK of Millinocket
HANLEY of Paris
McCORMICK of West Gardiner
WOODBURY of Yarmouth
CLOUGH of Scarborough
SEAVEY of Kennebunkport
BIERMAN of Sorrento

Representatives:
FISHER of Brewer
PINKHAM of Lexington Township
VALENTINO of Saco
PATRICK of Rumford
TUTTLE of Sanford
HOTHAM of Dixfield
MOORE of Standish
BLANCHETTE of Bangor
BROWN of South Berwick

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-604)**.

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-527)**.

Signed:

Signed:

Senators:
PERRY of Penobscot
STRIMLING of Cumberland

Representatives:
PINEAU of Jay
HUTTON of Bowdoinham
WATSON of Bath

Comes from the House with the Reports **READ** and the Bill and accompanying papers **COMMITTED** to the Committee on **TAXATION**.

Reports **READ**.

On motion by Senator **STRIMLING** of Cumberland, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending **ACCEPTANCE OF EITHER REPORT**.

Senate

Ought to Pass As Amended

Senator GAGNON for the Committee on **LEGAL AND VETERANS AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act Regarding Voter Registration Cards"

S.P. 583 L.D. 1602

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-331)**.

Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-331) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

All matters thus acted upon were ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

Off Record Remarks

ENACTORS

The Committee on **Engrossed Bills** reported as truly and strictly engrossed the following:

Emergency Resolve

Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 1: Procedures; Portions of Chapter 3: Maine Clean Election Act and Related Practices; and Campaign Reporting Forms for Candidates, Major Substantive Rules of the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices

H.P. 1181 L.D. 1672
(C "A" H-566)

This being an Emergency Measure and having received the affirmative vote of 29 Members of the Senate, with no Senators having voted in the negative, and 29 being more than two-thirds of the entire elected Membership of the Senate, was **FINALLY PASSED** and having been signed by the President, was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for his approval.

Emergency Resolve

Resolve, Extending the Authority of the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services To Convey the Former Maine State Prison Property in Thomaston and the Kennebec Arsenal Property in Augusta for an Additional Five Years

H.P. 1188 L.D. 1681
(C "A" H-568)

This being an Emergency Measure and having received the affirmative vote of 29 Members of the Senate, with no Senators having voted in the negative, and 29 being more than two-thirds of the entire elected Membership of the Senate, was **FINALLY PASSED** and having been signed by the President, was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for his approval.

Acts

An Act To Enhance the Prosecution of Child Pornography Cases

H.P. 403 L.D. 548
(C "B" H-577)

An Act To Amend the Solid Waste Landfill Laws

H.P. 430 L.D. 597
(C "A" H-567)

An Act To Provide Support for Legal Services for Low-income Mainers

H.P. 510 L.D. 715
(C "A" H-582)

An Act To Improve Access to Affordable Prescription Drugs

H.P. 923 L.D. 1324
(C "A" H-571)

An Act To Improve the Management and Safety of State Correctional Facilities

H.P. 943 L.D. 1360
(C "A" H-597)

An Act Regarding the Maine Criminal Justice Academy

H.P. 945 L.D. 1362
(C "A" H-576)

An Act To Increase Access to Certain Dental Services

H.P. 1023 L.D. 1461
(C "A" H-601)

PASSED TO BE ENACTED and having been signed by the President were presented by the Secretary to the Governor for his approval.

An Act To Enhance Highway Safety

H.P. 171 L.D. 232
(C "A" H-578)

On motion by Senator **ROTUNDO** of Androscoggin, placed on the **SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS TABLE**, pending **ENACTMENT**, in concurrence.

An Act To Lower the Tax Burden for Small Businesses and Low-income Families

H.P. 465 L.D. 632
(C "A" H-586)

On motion by Senator **ROTUNDO** of Androscoggin, placed on the **SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS TABLE**, pending **ENACTMENT**, in concurrence.

An Act To Allow Employee Retirement Disability Benefits To Be Eligible for the Pension Deduction under Maine Income Tax Law

H.P. 801 L.D. 1158
(C "A" H-585)

On motion by Senator **ROTUNDO** of Androscoggin, placed on the **SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS TABLE**, pending **ENACTMENT**, in concurrence.

An Act To Improve the Economic Development of the Indian Tribes

H.P. 870 L.D. 1273
(C "A" H-565)

On motion by Senator **ROTUNDO** of Androscoggin, placed on the **SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS TABLE**, pending **ENACTMENT**, in concurrence.

An Act To Make Owners of Cooperative Housing Eligible for the Homestead Exemption

H.P. 1093 L.D. 1552
(C "A" H-584)

On motion by Senator **ROTUNDO** of Androscoggin, placed on the **SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS TABLE**, pending **ENACTMENT**, in concurrence.

Resolves

Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services, Bureau of Health To Review Youth Camp Counselor Hiring Practices

H.P. 452 L.D. 619
(C "A" H-575)

Resolve, Regarding Increased Reimbursement for Physicians Caring for MaineCare Members

H.P. 881 L.D. 1284
(C "A" H-569)

Resolve, Directing the Secretary of State To Develop a Titling System for Mobile Homes

H.P. 882 L.D. 1285
(C "A" H-580)

Resolve, Authorizing Certain Land Transactions by the Department of Conservation, Bureau of Parks and Lands

H.P. 1182 L.D. 1674
(C "A" H-599)

FINALLY PASSED and having been signed by the President were presented by the Secretary to the Governor for his approval.

Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, the Senate considered the following:

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Senate

Ought to Pass As Amended

Senator MAYO for the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Bill "An Act To Further Coordinate the Laws Regarding Certificate of Need, the State Health Plan and the Capital Investment Fund"

S.P. 490 L.D. 1401

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-333)**.

Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-333) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED**.

Ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

Senator MAYO for the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Bill "An Act To Increase the Quality of Care and Reduce Administrative Burdens in the Pharmacy Prior Approval Process"

S.P. 493 L.D. 1404

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-332)**.

Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-332) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED**.

Ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

All matters thus acted upon were ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

Senate at Ease.

Senate called to order by the President.

Senator **DAVIS** of Piscataquis was granted unanimous consent to address the Senate off the Record.

Senator **BRENNAN** of Cumberland was granted unanimous consent to address the Senate off the Record.

On motion by Senator **BRENNAN** of Cumberland, **RECESSED** until 11:30 in the morning.

After Recess

Senate called to order by the President.

Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, the Senate considered the following:

ENACTORS

The Committee on **Engrossed Bills** reported as truly and strictly engrossed the following:

Act

An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Committee To Study Compliance with Maine's Freedom of Access Laws Concerning Personal Contact Information

H.P. 342 L.D. 467

PASSED TO BE ENACTED and having been signed by the President was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for his approval.

Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, the Senate considered the following:

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Senate

Ought to Pass As Amended

Senator MAYO for the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Bill "An Act To Prevent the Manufacturing of Methamphetamine in Maine"

S.P. 575 L.D. 1601

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-334)**.

Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-334) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED**.

Ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

All matters thus acted upon were ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, the Senate considered the following:

ENACTORS

The Committee on **Engrossed Bills** reported as truly and strictly engrossed the following:

Emergency Measure

An Act To Make Changes to the Pine Tree Development Zones
S.P. 147 L.D. 449
(C "A" S-297)

This being an Emergency Measure and having received the affirmative vote of 34 Members of the Senate, with no Senators having voted in the negative, and 34 being more than two-thirds of the entire elected Membership of the Senate, was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED** and having been signed by the President, was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for his approval.

Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, the Senate considered the following:

ENACTORS

The Committee on **Engrossed Bills** reported as truly and strictly engrossed the following:

Acts

An Act To Promote the Commonsense Consumption of Food
S.P. 200 L.D. 645
(C "A" S-324)

PASSED TO BE ENACTED and having been signed by the President was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for his approval.

An Act To Recruit and Retain College Graduates through Loan Repayment

H.P. 302 L.D. 399
(C "A" H-553)

On motion by Senator **ROTUNDO** of Androscoggin, placed on the **SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS TABLE**, pending **ENACTMENT**, in concurrence.

Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, the Senate considered the following:

ENACTORS

The Committee on **Engrossed Bills** reported as truly and strictly engrossed the following:

Emergency Resolve

Resolve, To Reestablish the Health Care System and Health Security Board

H.P. 35 L.D. 32
(C "A" H-513)

Comes From the House, **FAILED FINAL PASSAGE**.

On motion by Senator **GAGNON** of Kennebec, placed on the **SPECIAL STUDY TABLE**, pending **FINAL PASSAGE**, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, the Senate considered the following:

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: S.C. 373

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June 6, 2005

The Honorable Joy J. O'Brien
Secretary of the Senate
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Dear Secretary O'Brien:

With reference to the Senate's action whereby it insisted and joined in a Committee of Conference on the disagreeing action between the two branches of the Legislature on the Bill, "An Act To Allow Counties a One-year Exemption For Jail Costs from the Limitation on County Assessments" (H.P. 1175) (L.D. 1666)

I have appointed as conferees on the part of the Senate the following:

Senator Elizabeth Schneider of Penobscot
Senator John Martin of Aroostook
Senator Mary Black Andrews of York

Sincerely,

S/Beth Edmonds
President of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Unfinished Business

The following matters in the consideration of which the Senate was engaged at the time of Adjournment had preference in the Orders of the Day and continued with such preference until disposed of as provided by Senate Rule 516.

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later (6/1/05) Assigned matter:

Bill "An Act To Clarify the Smoking Ban for Off-track Betting Facilities"

H.P. 815 L.D. 1186

Tabled - June 1, 2005, by Senator **TURNER** of Cumberland

Pending - **ADOPTION OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-528)**, in concurrence

(In House, June 1, 2005, **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-528)**.)

(In Senate, June 1, 2005, the Minority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence. **READ ONCE**. Committee Amendment "A" (H-528) **READ**.)

On motion by Senator **TURNER** of Cumberland, Senate Amendment "B" (S-313) to Committee Amendment "A" (H-528) **READ**.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Turner.

Senator **TURNER:** Thank you, Madame President. This bill seeks to clarify where an off-track betting facility may physically be located in reference to a racino. Under the current bill that is before you, without this amendment, it would be possible for an off-track betting facility with a smoking venue to be physically housed or encased inside a racino. The amendment simply clarifies that the racino must be physically separated from the off-track betting facility. It's an attempt to try to ensure that smoking in a racino is kept physically separate from an off-track betting facility. Thank you.

Senator **MAYO** of Sagadahoc moved to **INDEFINITELY POSTPONE** Senate Amendment "B" (S-313) to Committee Amendment "A" (H-528).

On motion by Senator **DAVIS** of Piscataquis, supported by a Division of one-fifth of the members present and voting, a Roll Call was ordered.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Sagadahoc, Senator Mayo.

Senator **MAYO:** Thank you, Madame President, ladies and gentlemen of the Senate. While I understand what the good Senator from Cumberland, Senator Turner, is attempting with the amendment, I think a careful reading of Committee Amendment "A" (H-528) does address some of this particular issue and that this amendment is placing a restriction on the racino and OTB that is not needed and could work against both situations. It is for that reason that I strongly urge indefinite postponement.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Turner.

Senator **TURNER:** Thank you, Madame President, ladies and gentlemen of the Senate. In an ever so brief response, I am glad I did not begin by saying this was a friendly amendment since the good Senator from Sagadahoc, Senator Mayo, does not construe it to be thus. It does seem to me that clarification is needed. I read the bill as it is currently before us and do believe that it is possible to house an off-track betting facility physically inside or allow it to be encased by a racino. I don't think that is the intent of what we want to have. This simply makes it crystal clear that it would not be allowed. A racino could be adjacent to an off-track betting facility but would not encase it. Thank you.

THE PRESIDENT: The pending question before the Senate is the motion by the Senator from Sagadahoc, Senator Mayo to Indefinitely Postpone Senate Amendment "B" (S-313). A Roll Call has been ordered. Is the Senate ready for the question?

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#228)

YEAS: Senators: BARTLETT, BRENNAN, BROMLEY, BRYANT, COWGER, DAMON, DIAMOND, GAGNON, HASTINGS, HOBBS, MARTIN, MAYO, MITCHELL, NUTTING, PERRY, PLOWMAN, RAYE, ROSEN, ROTUNDO, SAVAGE, SCHNEIDER, STRIMLING, THE PRESIDENT - BETH G. EDMONDS

NAYS: Senators: ANDREWS, CLUKEY, COURTNEY, DAVIS, DOW, MILLS, NASS, SNOWE-MELLO, TURNER, WESTON, WOODCOCK

ABSENT: Senator: SULLIVAN

23 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 11 Senators having voted in the negative, with 1 Senator being absent, the motion by Senator **MAYO** of Sagadahoc to **INDEFINITELY POSTPONE** Senate Amendment "B" (S-313) to Committee Amendment "A" (H-528), **PREVAILED**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-528) **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED**, in concurrence.

Off Record Remarks

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later (6/2/05) Assigned matter:

HOUSE REPORTS - from the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Bill "An Act To Prohibit Private Nonmedical Institutions from Passing Along the Service Provider Tax to Residents"

H.P. 332 L.D. 454

Majority - **Ought Not to Pass** (8 members)

Minority - **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-572)** (5 members)

Tabled - June 2, 2005, by Senator **MAYO** of Sagadahoc

Pending - motion by same Senator to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report, in concurrence

(In House, June 2, 2005, the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.)

(In Senate, June 2, 2005, Reports **READ**.)

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Hancock, Senator Rosen.

Senator **ROSEN:** Thank you, Madame President and members of the Senate. The bill that is before us is a bill that was introduced by the good Representative Deb Hutton and it was to address the negative impact of the private non-medical institution service provider tax that was adopted last session. The discovery is that the population that makes up many of these private non-medical institutions in our communities many times have a very small Medicaid clientele and consists of a fair number of people that are self-pay or private pay.

The Health and Human Services Committee heard from several of these people that are directly impacted out of their own pockets and severely impacted by the 5% PNMI tax. There were two in particular really that came to mind. There was a gentleman around 75 years old. He was responsible for his 100-year-old uncle. There was also a woman who was responsible for taking care of her husband. In both cases they came before the committee and described their view of the state's responsibility, their view of being responsible citizens, and they talked about their own personal stories. Having worked hard, been self-sufficient, raised a family, saved enough money to help their children make it through school, paid the mortgage off on the house, and saved a little bit of money. They now find themselves with a member of their family in a facility, paying out of their own savings for the services that they are receiving, and now being assessed a 5% tax. The lady from southern Maine that came before us was very eloquent. She indicated that the impact that this out-of-pocket for her is \$5,000 a year. It was interesting because her attitude reflected that of many other folks that we saw before the committee. That really was an attitude of being perplexed. I think they weren't necessarily angry, but they felt as though they had lived their lives according to the rules of the game, they had fended for themselves, they had carried the load of citizenship, they had set aside a small savings, they were paying their own way, and they were quite perplexed now to see that they were being assessed several thousands of dollars for a tax to fund this system. They were disappointed. They were concerned. They were worried that they were going to be drawing down their savings at a much more rapid rate and ultimately finding themselves eligible for Medicaid sooner than they had expected. I think this is what probably prompted the good Representative to put forward this bill and I think it is particularly important that we all understand that this impact is being felt by many families throughout the state as a result of this tax.

Having said that, the bill, unfortunately, is not practical for the people that operate these private non-medical institutions to have to absorb that tax themselves. They don't have the budgets to eat the tax. They are really forced to pass it along to the self-pay and the private pay individuals and really there is no way for them to absorb this, to remain in business, and to continue to operate their facilities. I recommend that we follow the motion that was made earlier by the Senate chair from Sagadahoc, Senator Mayo, and move the majority report.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Sagadahoc, Senator Mayo.

Senator **MAYO:** Thank you, Madame President, ladies and gentlemen of the Senate. I would like to take this opportunity to

thank the good Senator from Hancock, Senator Rosen, for his testimony on this particular bill. I understand the problems associated with it. There are a couple of other things to throw into this. One, the situation changes Bangor and north in that those nursing facilities have a preponderance of MaineCare residents, some of them approaching 95% and 98%. It really was not affecting them. As one of the good Senators would say, it affects only the gold coast and that may be the case. The point that the good Senator from Hancock, Senator Rosen, about the nursing facilities not being able to absorb this 5% tax is entirely correct. It is estimated that if this bill did pass that we could lose a number of nursing facilities in this state because their margin is currently so small that if we put this tax upon them they are going to go under. I don't think that is what anybody in this body would like to do. Once again, I thank the good Senator and I hope that this body will accept the majority report.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Brennan.

Senator **BRENNAN:** Thank you, Madame President, men and women of the Senate. I also appreciated the comments from the good Senator from Hancock, Senator Rosen. Unfortunately, it is only part of the story. In fact, it's a very small part of the story. I'm sure that there are people who may have come forward and said that because of this particular tax they have had to contribute more to either the care of family members or spouses or whatever. The simple fact of the matter is when this issue was before the Health and Human Services Committee last year the decision was to whether or not to pass this tax or to cut those very same facilities \$8 million to \$10 million. This would have resulted in not a 5% tax to those people that the good Senator from Hancock, Senator Rosen, just spoke about but it would be an 8% to 10% increase that would be levied on them as a result of a reduction in revenue from the state. The choice was whether or not we should pass this particular item in order to protect and shield in the situation that the good Senator from Hancock, Senator Rosen, just spoke of or whether or not we were to cut \$8 million to \$10 million which would have resulted in larger increases for those very same people. It is very unfair for this bill to be before us today and to now say that the providers cannot pass that tax along to those people when in fact this very action by the legislature provided economic relief for them in a larger context. Thank you.

On motion by Senator **MAYO** of Sagadahoc, the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later (6/3/05) Assigned matter:

An Act To Amend the Motor Vehicle Laws
S.P. 468 L.D. 1341
(C "A" S-255)

Tabled - June 3, 2005, by Senator **MARTIN** of Aroostook

Pending - **ENACTMENT**, in concurrence

(In Senate, May 31, 2005, **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-255).**)

(In House, June 2, 2005, **PASSED TO BE ENACTED.**)

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Aroostook, Senator Martin.

Senator **MARTIN:** Thank you, Madame President and members of the Senate. I just want to inform everyone of what is in this bill, especially those who were here in the last session. This bill contains a repeal of a law that was passed last session in which the debate went on for hours. That deals with lights on vehicles for snow removal. You may remember that the debate went on requiring that this be done. The good Senator from Piscataquis, Senator Davis, was on one side of the issue and I just want to raise it so that when people go home and people say, 'Now you don't have a law and we've all bought these lights that we have put on our because you passed the law and now you are appealing the law.' I'm just hoping nobody puts in a bill next year for reimbursement for people who bought lights.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Piscataquis, Senator Davis.

Senator **DAVIS:** Thank you, Madame President. If it is a comfort to the good Senator from Aroostook, Senator Martin, I saw countless vehicles this winter that didn't have the lights.

PASSED TO BE ENACTED and having been signed by the President, was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for his approval.

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later (6/3/05) Assigned matter:

HOUSE REPORTS - from the Committee on **TAXATION** on Bill "An Act To Adopt the Streamlined Sales and Use Tax Agreement" H.P. 747 L.D. 1094

Majority - **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-603)** (10 members)

Minority - **Ought Not to Pass** (3 members)

Tabled - June 3, 2005, by Senator **STRIMLING** of Cumberland

Pending - motion by same Senator to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report, in concurrence

(In House, June 3, 2005, the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-603).**)

(In Senate, June 3, 2005, Reports **READ.**)

On motion by Senator **COURTNEY** of York, supported by a Division of one-fifth of the members present and voting, a Roll Call was ordered.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Penobscot, Senator Perry.

Senator **PERRY:** Thank you, Madame President, ladies and gentlemen of the Senate. This bill, a Bill to Adopt the Streamlined Sales and Use Tax Agreement, has been amended in committee. What it does not is simply directs the Bureau of Taxation, Maine Revenue Service, to come back to us in January with language for a bill for adopting it.

Just a little history. This is a long project that has been going for several years. Maine has been involved with several other states in looking to find one common set of definitions, terms, and procedures for collecting tax. If the states chose to participate once the work is done, other states can easily collect tax on out-of-state shipments and remit through one channel back to the states where they were sold. This simply directs them to bring us language in January. It is a very important bill. Thank you.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from York, Senator Courtney.

Senator **COURTNEY:** Thank you, Madame President, men and women of the Senate. Really briefly, I'm opposing this. I feel that this is the beginning of letting a group from another state control our taxation system. I feel that the Constitution of Maine tells us that we should control that. Thank you.

THE PRESIDENT: The pending question before the Senate is the motion by the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Strimling to Accept the Majority Ought to Pass as Amended Report. A Roll Call has been ordered. Is the Senate ready for the question?

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#229)

YEAS: Senators: BARTLETT, BRENNAN, BROMLEY, BRYANT, COWGER, DAMON, DIAMOND, GAGNON, HOBBS, MARTIN, MAYO, MITCHELL, NUTTING, PERRY, ROTUNDO, SCHNEIDER, STRIMLING, SULLIVAN, THE PRESIDENT - BETH G. EDMONDS

NAYS: Senators: ANDREWS, CLUKEY, COURTNEY, DAVIS, DOW, HASTINGS, MILLS, NASS, PLOWMAN, RAYE, ROSEN, SAVAGE, SNOWE-MELLO, TURNER, WESTON, WOODCOCK

19 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 16 Senators having voted in the negative, the motion by Senator **STRIMLING** of Cumberland to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report, in concurrence, **PREVAILED.**

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-603) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED**, in concurrence.

On motion by the Chair, the Senate removed from the **SPECIAL STUDY TABLE** the following:

Emergency Resolve

Resolve, Establishing the Commission To Study Eliminating the Normal Retirement Age for Corrections Officers and Mental Health Workers

S.P. 246 L.D. 748
(C "A" S-68)

Tabled - April 26, 2005, by Senator **GAGNON** of Kennebec

Pending - **FINAL PASSAGE**, in concurrence

(In Senate, April 6, 2005, **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-68).**)

(In House, April 14, 2005, **FINALLY PASSED.**)

On motion by Senator **STRIMLING** of Cumberland, the Senate **SUSPENDED THE RULES.**

On further motion by same Senator, the Senate **RECONSIDERED** whereby the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-68).**

On further motion by same Senator, the Senate **SUSPENDED THE RULES.**

On further motion by same Senator, the Senate **RECONSIDERED** whereby it **ADOPTED** Committee Amendment "A" (S-68).

On further motion by same Senator, Senate Amendment "A" (S-311) to Committee Amendment "A" (S-68) **READ.**

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Strimling.

Senator **STRIMLING:** Thank you, Madame President. Just briefly, what the original bill was doing was studying the retirement eligibility and benefits for corrections officers and mental health workers. All this is doing is including in the study law enforcement officers of the Attorney General's office. This was a unanimous recommendation out of committee. We had two separate bills. We had already passed the one dealing with the corrections officers out and the committee felt that, instead of having two bills, we should amend this one to include them in the study. This was the unanimous recommendation of the committee.

On motion by Senator **STRIMLING** of Cumberland, Senate Amendment "A" (S-311) to Committee Amendment "A" (S-68) **ADOPTED.**

Committee Amendment "A" (S-68) as Amended by Senate Amendment "A" (S-311) thereto, **ADOPTED**, in **NON-CONCURRENCE.**

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Turner.

Senator **TURNER:** Thank you, Madame President, ladies and gentlemen of the Senate. I do intend to vote for this particular item, but for those of you who subscribe to *Business Week*, and I am one of the members of this chamber who does, the front page article is entitled 'Sink Hole, the Unfunded Liability in State and Local Pensions.' It goes on for several pages to talk about the liability for states and local government that has an unfunded liability bordering on \$300 billion. We are part of that mix right now with an unfunded liability on our own pension system. I hope that as we look at this particular matter we look at increasing the normal retirement age along with the other things we wish to consider with regards to this particular study. Thank you, Madame President.

PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-68) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-311) thereto, in **NON-CONCURRENCE.**

Sent down for concurrence.

All matters thus acted upon were ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, the Senate considered the following:

ENACTORS

The Committee on **Engrossed Bills** reported as truly and strictly engrossed the following:

Emergency Mandate

An Act To Establish Harbor Master Standards and Training Requirements

S.P. 584 L.D. 1603
(S "A" S-234 to C "A" S-207)

Comes From the House, **FAILED ENACTMENT.**

On motion by Senator **DAMON** of Hancock, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending **ENACTMENT**, in **NON-CONCURRENCE.**

Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, the Senate considered the following:

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

House

Ought to Pass As Amended

The Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** on Bill "An Act To Improve Maine's Sex Offender Notification Laws"

H.P. 292 L.D. 390

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-618)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill and accompanying papers **INDEFINITELY POSTPONED**.

Report **READ**.

On motion by Senator **DIAMOND** of Cumberland, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending **ACCEPTANCE OF REPORT**, in concurrence.

Sincerely,

S/Millicent M. MacFarland
Clerk of the House

READ and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**.

Senator **SCHNEIDER** of Penobscot was granted unanimous consent to address the Senate off the Record.

Senator **BRENNAN** of Cumberland was granted unanimous consent to address the Senate off the Record.

On motion by Senator **BRENNAN** of Cumberland, **ADJOURNED**, to Tuesday, June 7, 2005, at 10:00 in the morning.

Senate at Ease.

Senate called to order by the President.

Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, the Senate considered the following:

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: H.C. 275

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June 6, 2005

Honorable Joy J. O'Brien
Secretary of the Senate
122nd Legislature
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Madam Secretary:

The Speaker appointed the following conferees to the Committee of Conference on the disagreeing action of the two branches of the Legislature on Resolve, To Transfer Ownership of Certain Public Reserved Lands to the Town of Allagash (H.P. 653)(L.D. 934).

Representative JACKSON of Fort Kent
Representative PIOTTI of Unity
Representative CARR of Lincoln