



***Rulings of the Speaker
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Maine House of Representatives
1965-***

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2	103rd/1967	Regular Session	Jan. 4, 1967	Order concerning the seating arrangement in the House	24
3			Jan. 12, 1967	Ruling on "expungement" of material from the Legislative Record	76
4			Feb. 21, 1967	Ruling on the number of times an item can be tabled	362-363
5			Mar. 30, 1967	Ruling that the Chair would not challenge the position (or vote) of any member unless it was a recorded vote	911
6			April 20, 1967	Ruling that there is nothing in the rules that restrains debate in any manner as long as it is within the confines of good taste and decorum	1301-1302
7			June 12, 1967	Ruling that a two-thirds vote of those present and voting is required	3168
8			June 15, 1967	Ruling on when a Representative may enter the chamber to cast a vote	3408
9			June 15, 1967	Ruling that it is up to the discretion of the Chair to determine the amount of time between the first and second absentee call	3408-3409
10			June 22, 1967	Ruling that the amendment was not germane pursuant to House Rule 32 and debate on a challenge to this ruling	3470-3472
11	103rd/1967	Regular Session	July 7, 1967	Ruling that if the question of germaness of amendment was not challenged in other body the question may not be raised in this one	4166

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12	103rd/1968	2nd Special Session	Jan. 18, 1968	Ruling that the tabling motion was not in order	164
13	104th/1969	Regular Session	May 6, 1969	Ruling that tabling a measure for a third time will not be considered	1777-1779
14	104th/1970	1st Special Session	Jan. 6, 1970	Ruling that the measure has been tabled pending reference to committee	24
15			Jan. 23, 1970	Ruling that tabling motion is not in order and is a superfluous motion	361
16			Feb. 2, 1970	Ruling that because intervening business had transpired, a motion to suspend the rules was in	629
17	105th/1971	Regular Session	Feb. 11, 1971	Ruling pursuant to Joint Rule 4 that the vote on the pending matter would be in the "public interest" and not a conflict with a member's	357
18			Mar. 24, 1971	Ruling that the offered amendment was germane to the measure	925
19			Apr. 21, 1971	Ruling that members of the House who are lawyers and landlords may vote on the measure (Conflict of Interest)	1659
20	105th/1971	Regular Session	May 18, 1971	Remark* that the effect of an amendment which changes a bill to a Constitutional Amendment (Joint Rule 21 and House Rule 32) is properly before the body	2744
21			May 26, 1971	Ruling that the offered amendment was germane to the measure	3209-3210
22			May 26. 1971	Ruling that amendment was not in order pursuant to Joint Rule 21 and House Rule 32	3210

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23			June 9, 1971	Ruling by Speaker on previous question on whether it would carry through to	3792
24			June 17, 1971	Ruling that the offered amendment was not germane to the measure and not in order	4236
25	105th/1972	1st Special Session	Feb. 9, 1972	Ruling by the Speaker that questions which reflect upon the character or conduct of any member or Chief Executive would not be permitted	201
26			Feb. 17, 1972	Ruling that an offered amendment was not germane to the measure and out of order	318-319
27			Feb. 17, 1972	Appeal on Ruling of germaness of the amendment. Voted upon by the body and	319
28	106th/1973	Regular Session	Feb. 6, 1973	Ruling on which question is before the House	232
29			Feb. 6, 1973	Ruling that a vote is required to withdraw a motion	248
30	106th/1973	Regular Session	Feb. 13, 1973	Ruling that debate was not in order on tabling motion	339
31			Feb. 22, 1973	Ruling that debate on an amendment that was not presented was not in order and that the gentleman may	448
32			Feb. 23, 1973	Ruling that no conflict of interest existed.	473
33			Feb. 23, 1973	Ruling that Representative should confine his remarks without making reference to a member of the other body	483

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35			Mar. 12, 1973	Ruling that proper motion after a vote to reconsider was indefinite postponement	809
36			Mar. 15, 1973	Ruling that any changes of dollars and cents in a measure must be done by a vote of the legislators and not changed by the Clerk	908
37			Mar. 21, 1973	Ruling that the offered amendment was germane to the measure	1041
38			Mar. 21, 1973	Ruling that the commitment motion takes priority based on the order of priorities	1042
39			Mar. 21, 1973	Ruling that previous question motion applies only to the particular item under discussion at that time	1044
40	106th/1973	Regular Session	Mar. 21, 1973	Ruling that everyone sitting in his seat must vote (Rule19)	1048-1049
41			Mar. 21, 1973	Ruling that a person may not speak more than twice without unanimous consent of the House unless there is an intervening motion	1049
42			Apr. 9, 1973	Ruling that a motion to indefinitely postpone was properly worded	1468
43			April 9, 1973	Ruling that longer tabling time motion has precedence	1475
44			April 9, 1973	Ruling that tabling motion is out of order	1476

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45			May 4, 1973	Ruling that motion to adjourn is not debatable and out of order according to Mason's Manual on Legislative Procedure, Rule 206	2327
46			May 4, 1973	Ruling that motion to adjourn is in order	2327-2328
47			May 7, 1973	Ruling that no conflict of interest existed.	2386
48			May 9, 1973	Ruling on which motion was debatable. (A previous question motion applies only to the then pending question and that you may debate a further question on the same bill subsequently)	2505-2506
49			May 11, 1973	Ruling that amendment must be acted upon...before the major bill itself may be taken up. So the motion (to recommit the bill) is out of	2702
50	106th/1973	Regular Session	May 31, 1973	Ruling that no conflict of interest existed. (Joint Rule	3559
51	106th/1974	1st Special Session	Jan. 25, 1974	Ruling that tabling motion is out of order	372
52			Feb. 7, 1974	Ruling that request to strike debate from the record was out of order	566
53			Feb. 26, 1974	Ruling on whether an offered amendment was germane to the measure (House Rule 32)	952
54			Feb. 26, 1974	Ruling that the amendment is not before the body until the bill is reconsidered	953
55			Feb. 28, 1974	Ruling clarifying that an amendment was previously ruled not germane	1016-1017

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57			Mar. 8, 1974	Ruling that a unanimous vote was not required by the gentleman to have his remarks stricken from the	1320
58			Mar. 11, 1974	Ruling that only a majority vote is required for the addition of a new rule	1386
59			Mar. 13, 1974	Ruling that the correct motion before the House is to recede which is debatable	1541
60			Mar. 14, 1974	Ruling that an offered amendment was not germane to the measure	1633
61	106th1974	1st Special Session	Mar. 14, 1974	Ruling that a motion to recede and concur was in order after a ruling that an amendment was not germane	1633
62			Mar. 15, 1974	Ruling that the previous days ruling on the motion to recede and concur cannot stand and is not in order	1697
63			Mar. 15, 1974	Ruling that a measure could be reconsidered again after having been over to the other body and returned	1699
64			Mar. 15, 1974	Ruling that a motion to recede takes priority over the motion to insists or adhere	1704
65			Mar. 19,1974	Ruling on the order of permissible motions after receding: recede and concur; insist and ask for a Committee of Conference and finally a motion to adhere	1789

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67			Mar. 19, 1974	Ruling on which motion would correctly put an amendment before the House	1791-1792
68			Mar. 20, 1974	Ruling that bill would be in its second reading the next legislative day after the amendment is adopted	1873
69			Mar. 20, 1974	Ruling as to where the bill was in relation to the other	1897
70	106th1974	1st Special Session	Mar. 20, 1974	Ruling as to status of House amendment "A" in relation to indefinite postponement	1897-1898
71			Mar. 20, 1974	Ruling that tabling motion for two days could not be made	1919
72			Mar. 20, 1974	Ruling that motion was that tabling motion was not in order because debate had not passed yet.	1920
73			Mar. 20, 1974	Ruling on the interpretation of Rule 19 on Yeas and Nays	1922
74			Mar. 20, 1974	Ruling that the Chair intended not to allow anyone to vote after the vote has been	1930
75			Mar. 21, 1974	Ruling that motion for reconsideration was not in order	1996
76			Mar.21, 1974	Ruling that after motion to Recede is made , a motion to indefinitely postpone would be in order	2012
77			Mar. 21, 1974	Ruling that the bill in consideration could be amended at engrossment and that the gentleman's motion for reconsideration could not be withdrawn	2026-2027

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78			Mar. 25, 1974	Ruling on whether a quorum was present in the House	2158
79			Mar.25, 1974	Ruling that the amendment to the bill was germane	2184
80	106th1974	1st Special Session	Mar. 26, 1974	Ruling on which motion (to recede or to recede and concur) on the Conference Committee Report would keep the bill alive and that a motion to appoint a second Committee of Conference was not in order at this time.	2223
81			Mar. 28, 1974	Ruling that the amendment was germane to the bill	2494
82	107th/1975	1st Regular Session	Mar. 11, 1975	Ruling on the necessity of a fiscal note requirement on a bill according to Rule 12.	B131
83			Mar. 12, 1975	Ruling on Rule 36 that for a motion to be offered required that the rules be suspended because more than one succeeding day has	B145
84			Mar. 12, 1975	Ruling that a 2/3rds vote was required to suspend the rules	B145
85			Mar. 19, 1975	Ruling that the pending amendment was germane to the bill	B211
86			May 5, 1975	Clarification by the Speaker on who would be able to make a motion to reconsider	B837
87			May 8, 1975	Ruling on whether and when a conflict of interest exist with an individual or a "class" of individuals	B918
88			May 21, 1975	Ruling not to influence this Body (House) by actions of another Body	B1190

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89	107th/1975	1st Regular Session	June 11, 1975	Ruling on whether a member is in conflict and may enter into debate and clarification on Rule 19.	B1838-B1839
90			June 18, 1975	Clarification by the Speaker on whether debate is appropriate during a motion	B2077
91			June 18, 1975	Ruling that on matters to be held , any member may move to reconsider at any time	B2077
92	107th/1976	2nd Regular Session	Feb. 3, 1976	Ruling that a referral to the Committee on Jobs would not make a report back to the Legislature	62
93			Feb. 6, 1976	Ruling pursuant to Joint Rule 28 that the pending bill should not have been let in	88
94			Feb. 9, 1976	Ruling pursuant to Joint Rule 28 that the pending order needs a majority vote to receive passage	99
95			Feb. 10, 1976	Ruling that the pending amendment was germane to the bill	127
96			Feb. 18, 1976	Ruling that motion to reconsider whereby bill failed of engrossment was proper motion at that time	174
97			Feb. 27, 1976	Ruling clarifying that if the House insisted on a committee referral then the bill would die if the other body insisted on a different	288
98	107th/1976	2nd Regular Session	Mar. 2, 1976	Ruling that identical bill which was allowed in, was not improperly before the Body and that question of germaneness should have been raised when it was allowed	325

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100			Mar. 15, 1976	Ruling that the pending motion of "Indefinite Postponement" would not in order but acceptance of the Majority Report	457
101			Mar. 22, 1976	Ruling that Legislation reported back from a Committee pursuant to an order was properly before the Body and not in violation of Joint Rule 82.	558-559
102			Mar. 22, 1976	Ruling that the pending bill was improperly before the Body pursuant to Joint Rule 7-E. Suspension of Joint Rule 7-E would bring the bill properly before the Body.	561
103			Mar. 22, 1976	Ruling that motion for Indefinite Postponement would not be in order.	564
104			Mar. 22, 1976	Ruling on Constitutional language that the present Legislature cannot raise its salary but may reduce it.	564
105			Mar. 23, 1976	Ruling that under Joint Rule 19 no conflict existed for Legislator	590
106	107th/1976	2nd Regular Session	Mar. 24, 1976	Ruling under Joint Rule 21 that portion of bill was in violation of the rule with the options of tabling or eliminating the section in	646
107			Mar. 25, 1976	Ruling that Majority Report "ONTP-ND" was germane	668
108			Mar. 26, 1976	Ruling that amendment was not germane	732

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110			Mar. 30, 1976	Ruling that amendment was not germane	798
111			Mar.30, 1976	Ruling on the applicability of Joint Rule 28 to Legislation to legislation in question	809
112			Mar. 30, 1976	Ruling on Joint Rule 21 on the "three day notice" on rejected legislation	809
113			Mar. 30, 1976	Ruling on House Rule 19 for request to be excused from voting	811
114			Mar. 31, 1976	Ruling that an amendment in direct conflict to pending legislation could be proposed if the pending amendment passed	843
115			Mar. 31, 1976	Ruling that proposed amendment violates both Joint Rules 28 and 21	861
116			Apr. 1, 1976	Ruling that pending matter is not in violation of Joint Rule	889
117			Apr. 2, 1976	Ruling that motion to adhere would not kill the pending legislation	908
118	107th/1976	2nd Regular Session	April 2, 1976	Ruling that by adhering , the House would not be able to put a Senate amendment onto the bill	909
119			Apr. 2, 1976	Ruling that by insisting there would be a Committee of Conference formed, whose report could be rejected but that the position to adhere to the House's previous position would be lost.	909

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120			Apr. 2, 1976	Ruling that the motion to indefinitely postpone was in order provided that the Rules were suspended and that the motion to suspend was not debatable	920
121			Apr. 5, 1976	Ruling that House amendment "C" was not germane to the pending legislation due to it containing amending language not contained in the	937
122			Apr. 5, 1976	Ruling that on motion to recede anything within the bill is debatable	948
123			Apr. 5, 1976	Ruling that there was no process to order resolutions or orders out of order	953
124			Apr. 6, 1976	Ruling that motion to recede would be the proper motion , then take action on	988
125			Apr. 7, 1976	Ruling that amendment was not germane	1017
126	107th/1976	2nd Regular Session	Apr. 7, 1976	Ruling that motion to recede and concur would be proper or adhere but not to insists	1023
127			Apr. 7, 1976	Ruling that if motion to adhere were passed the bill would be dead	1024
128			Apr. 7, 1976	Ruling that if House failed to recede with the other body , that motion to recommit could not be made at this	1024
129			Apr. 7, 1976	Ruling that available motions to the House would be to adhere or recede and concur.	1024
130			Apr. 14, 1976	Ruling that amendment was germane	1142

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131			Apr. 15, 1976	Ruling that the House would have to kill Senate amendment and reinstitute a House amendment and that the amendment offered at this time was improper and could not be offered	1159
132			Apr. 27, 1976	Ruling that the present matter may be debated	1197
133			Apr. 28, 1976	Ruling that if a Joint Rule is amended it must lie on the table for a period of time unless the rules are	1227
134			Apr. 28, 1976	Ruling that the pending motion is to recede and concur and that this motion would mean final enactment	1229
135			Apr.29, 1976	Ruling that proposed order would not be necessary if the bill was not enacted	1249
136	108th/1977	1st Regular Session	Feb. 4, 1977	Ruling that that the correct motion before the House is "shall the main question be put now?". If the motion "ought not to Pass" would close off other options	171
137			Feb. 4, 1977	Ruling that gentlemen was out of order in raising question of earlier Ruling of	177
138			Feb. 24, 1977	Ruling that if a Legislator has a question of ethics on any member, he should file a request with the Ethics Commission and to refrain his remarks to the pending Legislation	178
139			Mar. 10, 1977	Ruling clarifying question on item being removed from the supplement	248

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141			May 23, 1977	Ruling that the gentleman restrict his remarks to the pending bill	1187
142			June 8, 1977	Ruling that a fiscal note is required under Joint Rule 28	1528
143			June 8, 1977	Ruling that amendment was germane	1532
144			June 9, 1977	Further comments on the need for a fiscal note Ruled on June 8th	1560
145	108th/1978	2nd Regular Session	Feb. 14, 1978	Ruling that amendment was not germane	221
146	108th/1978	2nd Regular Session	Feb. 14, 1978	Clarification on the method that could be used to introduce an amendment to	222
147			Feb. 14, 1978	Ruling that the same amendment may not be brought before the body the next day	222
148			Mar. 7, 1978	Ruling that it would not be proper to discuss the amendments themselves but that the relationship of the amendments to the bill could be discussed	474
149			Mar. 8, 1978	Ruling that a tabling motion could be made but the gentleman requesting was not in a position to do so	491
150	109th/1979	1st Regular Session	Mar. 5, 1979	Ruling that order from the other body was in violation of Joint Rule 35	287-288
151			Mar. 8, 1979	Ruling that any amendment to the House Rules provides for the tabling of one legislative day. The Joint Rules do not carry that	333

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153	109th/1979	1st Regular Session	Mar. 13, 1979	Ruling that the Chair is not in a position to rule that the amendment is not properly before the body and would have to allow the amendment to proceed in normal fashion.	373
154			Mar. 13, 1979	Ruling that motion to recommit bill and all its papers to the Committee was in order under House Rule 51	375-376
155			Apr. 24, 1979	Ruling on House Rule 35 on motion to reconsider matter twice on the same question. Ruling challenge and	852-853
156			June 7, 1979	Ruling that amendment was germane	1745-1746
157	109th/1980	2nd Regular Session	Mar. 13, 1980	Ruling on Joint Rule 37 that the pending matter is germane and discussion on the meaning of the word	422-423
158	110th/1981	1st Regular Session	Mar. 11, 1981	Ruling that a fiscal note is required of the bill and that it must be tabled or the Speaker will rule that the bill not be before the body	373
159			Mar. 26, 1981	Ruling that gentleman's remarks were in order and germane to the question	507
160			May 21, 1981	Ruling that the new draft of a prior bill is not germane	1281 and 1287
161	110th/1981	1st Regular Session	June 3, 1981	Ruling that in order for the amendment from the Senate to be adopted, the rule (19-A) will have to be suspended	1504-1505
162	110th/1982	2nd Regular Session	Mar. 3, 1982	Ruling that amendment is germane to the bill	226

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165			Mar. 18, 1982	Ruling that such an order would require a two-thirds vote according to Rules 25 and 26	283
166			Mar. 18, 1982	Ruling that all bills after cloture must be introduced through the Legislative Council and that to circumvent this would	283
167			Mar. 18, 1982	Ruling that a question that a decision of the chair be sustained is not debatable	283
168			Mar. 23, 1982	Ruling that amendment is germane to the bill	316
169			Mar. 24, 1982	Ruling that a member is not precluded from voting if he/she is a member of a class (Rule 19)	345
170	110th/1982	2nd Regular Session	Mar.30, 1982	Ruling that bill which was enacted by the House was properly before the House and had not been rejected	426
171			Mar. 31, 1982	Ruling that bill would be tabled until a fiscal note could be added	473
172			April 1, 1982	Ruling that a request for germaneness of an amendment was not proper at this time because the amendment was not before the House	498

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174			April 5, 1982	Ruling that amendment before the House was	551
175			April 6, 1982	Ruling that if a committee of conference report was rejected that that the bill would not be dead	581
176	111th/1983	1st Regular Session	Feb. 10, 1983	Ruling that Senate Amendment is germane to the bill	135
177			Mar. 9, 1983	Ruling that if the matter is indefinitely postponed, it will not be able to be reconsidered by the committee and that the language will not be able to become part of any other package that comes out of the committee	297
178			Mar. 16, 1983	Ruling pursuant to Joint Rule 21 that the amendment is in violation of the rules lacking a fiscal note	345
179	111th/1983	1st Regular Session	Mar. 29, 1983	Ruling that employers who are Representatives would have a conflict and that the gentleman could proceed any way he wanted to	444
180			Apr. 14, 1983	Ruling that gentleman must discuss the issue before the House and not cast aspersions on individuals that are members or not members of this body	681
181			May 11, 1983	Ruling that Joint Resolutions was not properly before the body because it required the approval of the Legislative Council	823

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182			May 11, 1983	Ruling that Joint Resolution requires a "suspension of the rules" to be properly before the body	823
183			June 9, 1983	Ruling that a ruling from the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices provides guidance on the issue of "conflicts" of a Representative. The Speaker rules that he believes the	1225-1226
184			June 22, 1983	Ruling based on previous rulings by the Chair on matters which have been defeated, only those matters which have been reintroduced by the Governor can be taken under consideration by the same session unless that Bill is in by two-thirds vote. The Chair would rule that the amendment is improperly	1363
185	112th/1985	1st Regular Session	Dec., 5, 1984	Ruling that the Chair was not in a position to make a determination on whether a conflict existed	18
186	112th/1985	1st Regular Session	Feb. 28, 1985	Ruling that request on the existence of a conflict lies with a determination by the Governmental Ethics Commission and that any member who feels he has a conflict will be excused from voting.	204
187			Mar. 21, 1985	Ruling that bill did not require a fiscal note because it did not impact the state budget but the county budget	298-299

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189			June 5, 1985	Ruling that amendment is properly before the body	1025
190			June 10, 1985	Ruling of the Chair on conflict of interest pursuant to House Rule 19 and Joint Rule 10 that members are allowed to vote on the	1108-1109
191			June 13, 1985	Ruling pursuant to House Rule 1 and 2 correcting a previous statement by a member of the body concerning the voting rights of the Indian Representatives	1206
192	112th/1986	2nd Regular Session	Jan. 25, 1986	Ruling that L.D. was in violation of Joint Rule 37 and is presently under study by the Legislative Council	161
193	112th/1986	2nd Regular Session	Jan. 25, 1986	Ruling that L.D. 1825 substantially differs from original L.D. and is germane and properly before the body pursuant to Joint Rule 37	161
194			Jan. 25, 1986	Ruling that L.D. 1831 is not in violation of Joint Rule 37 and is distinct from the previously considered bill.	161
195			Mar. 4, 1986	Ruling that L.D. 1265 was in violation of Joint Rule 37. The bill is substantially the same as the prior bill which was defeated.	475

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197			Mar. 18, 1986	Ruling that the pending bill was in violation of Joint Rule 37 and was improperly before the body	736
198			Mar. 31, 1986	Ruling that additional language in the new draft of an L.D. was germane to the	930
199	113th/1987	1st Regular Session	May 5, 1987	Ruling that amendment was not germane	726
200			May 6, 1987	Ruling that amendment was not germane	750
201			May 18, 1987	Ruling that that Governor's bill was not in violation of Joint Rule 24	860
202	113th/1987	1st Regular Session	May 18, 1987	Ruling that corrected bill previously ruled improperly introduced was now properly before the body	860
203			May 18, 1987	Ruling that that Governor's bill was not in violation of Joint Rule 24	860
204			May 18, 1987	Ruling that bill was in violation of Joint Rule 24 and was not properly before the	860
205			May 18, 1987	Ruling that bill was in violation of Joint Rule 24 and was not properly before the	
206			May 19, 1987	Ruling that bill is properly before the body and not in violation of Joint Rule 24	895
207			May 21, 1987	Ruling that bill was in violation of Joint Rule 21 and no longer before the body	966

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209			May 28, 1987	Ruling that amendment was germane	1095
210			June 3, 1987	Ruling that amendment was germane	1250
211			June 4, 1987	Ruling that amendment was not germane	1287-1288
212			June 9, 1987	Ruling that amendment was not germane	1402-1403
213	113th/1987	1st Regular Session	June 9, 1987	Ruling that discussion of the "minority report" was in order	1409
214			June 10, 1987	Ruling that the new draft of the original bill is in violation of the rules and is not	1450-1451
215			June 15, 1987	Ruling that the bill did not require a fiscal note	1617
216	113th/1988	2nd Regular Session	Feb. 15, 1988	Ruling that the bill is not properly before the body in violation of Joint Rule 27	215
217			Mar. 1, 1988	Ruling that amendment was not germane to the bill	303
218			Mar. 2, 1988	Ruling clarifying Joint Rule 10 governing a legislator's conflict of interest and the conflict between "public interest" and "private right"	313-314
219			Mar. 2, 1988	Ruling that the pending bill was not in violation of Joint	314
220			Mar. 21, 1988	Ruling that a fiscal note is necessary to the intent of the bill	485

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221			Mar. 29, 1988	Ruling that a fiscal note is necessary and that the bill is tabled until an amendment with a fiscal note is placed on the bill	629
222			Apr. 6, 1988	Ruling that amendment is properly before the body.	775
223	115th/1991	1st Regular Session	Mar. 25, 1991	Ruling that Joint Resolution is improperly before the body	H-385
224			Apr. 4, 1991	Clarification of Joint Rule 15	H-443
225	115th/1992	2nd Regular Session	Mar. 25, 1992	Ruling that the pending bill is improperly before the body	H-596
226			Mar.26, 1992	Ruling that the Committee amendment is not germane	H-660
227			Mar. 30, 1992	Ruling that offer of an amendment at that time was out of order	H-782
228			Mar. 30, 1992	Challenge to the ruling and that the offer of the amendment was improper was not debatable and was voted upon. The Ruling was sustained.	H-782
229	116th/1994	2nd Regular Session	Jan. 11, 1994	Ruling that the bill was not properly before the body pursuant to Joint Rule 37	H-1480- H-1481
230			Apr. 6, 1994	Ruling pursuant to Joint Rule 37 that the four pending bills submitted by the Governor were exempted from the Joint Rule and were properly before the body	H-2068 - H-2069
231	117th/1995	1st Regular Session	Feb. 23, 1995	Ruling that amendment is not germane pursuant to House Rule 31	H-166- H-167

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232			Mar. 14, 1995	Ruling that paring of votes would not be allowed for items requiring a two-thirds or "super majority" vote pursuant to House Rule 7	H-212
233			Mar. 30, 1995	Ruling that L.D. was not properly before the body	H-308
234			May 31, 1995	Ruling that amendment was germane to the pending bill	H-813
235	117th/1995	1st Regular Session	Nov. 29, 1995	Ruling that amendment was properly before the House and germane to the bill pursuant to House Rule 31	H-1504
236	117th/1996	2nd Regular Session	Mar. 28, 1996	Ruling that L.D. is not in violation of Joint Rule 22 and is not a mandate	H-1916
237			Apr. 3, 1996	Ruling that L.D. was not in violation of Joint Rule 217 and was properly before the	H-2138 - H-2139
238			Sept. 6, 1996	Ruling that the bill was properly before the body pursuant to Title 21-A MRSA section 906	H-2199
239	118th/1997	1st Regular Session	Feb. 13, 1997	Ruling that pending bill was not a mandate	H-134
240			Mar. 25, 1997	Ruling that House amendment was germane	H-320
241			Mar. 25, 1997	Ruling that the current debate was germane to the enactment of the bill	H-329
242			Mar. 26, 1997	Ruling that the current discussion was germane to the bill	H-339

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243			Apr. 8, 1997	Ruling that according to Mason's Manual section 242, paragraph 1: "It is not the presiding officer's right to rule upon the constitutionality or legal effect or expediency of a proposed bill since that authority belongs to the	H-420
244	118th/1997	1st Regular Session	Apr. 17, 1997	Ruling that the bill was not a conflict of interest	H-524
245			May 19, 1997	Ruling that the bill constituted a mandate	H-924
246			May 20, 1997	Ruling that a roll call is required pursuant to the Constitution	H-969
247			May 23, 1997	Ruling that the bill was not a mandate	H-1105
248			May 28, 1997	Ruling that amendment was not germane and not properly before the body	H-1194
249			June 20, 1997	Ruling that the amendment was germane	H-1386
250			June 20, 1997	Ruling on appeal on ruling of the chair on germaness of amendment was out of order because the House had taken subsequent action after the chair's ruling	H-1388-1389
251	118th/1998	2nd Regular Session	Feb. 9, 1998	Ruling that it was improper for the Chair to rule on the constitutionality of proposed legislation and that the bill was permissive and therefore not a mandate	H-1479
252			Mar. 23, 1998	Ruling that the amendment was not germane to the bill	H-1826
253			Mar. 24, 1998	Ruling that the bill was properly before the body	H-1885

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254			Apr. 1, 1998	Appeal of ruling of the chair	H-2132
255	118th/1998	2nd Regular Session	Apr. 7, 1998	Ruling that the question posed was not appropriate at that time	H-2224
256			Apr. 7, 1998	Ruling that Senate amendment was not germane to the bill and was not properly before the body	H-2225
257	119th/1999	1st Regular Session	Mar. 2, 1999	Ruling that under House Rule 107 that the bill was not properly before the body as interpreted under the Maine Constitution Article 4, Part 1 section 7 and Mason's Manual of Legislative Procedure Section 3, Part 4.	H-254-H-258
258			Mar. 4, 1999	Ruling that LD 1104 and LD 1146 were not properly before the body pursuant to House Rule 107	H-281-H-282
259			Mar. 11, 1999	Ruling that the pending bill was properly before the body	H-336
260			Mar. 18, 1999	Ruling that under House Rule 107 based upon Maine Constitution Article 4, Part 3, section 4 and Mason's Manual of Legislative Procedure section 3, Part 4 the bill was not properly	H-369-H-370
261			May 11, 1999	Ruling that pursuant to Maine Constitution Article 4, Part 3, section 9 which requires that all bills for raising revenue originate in the House of Representatives that Senate bill was not properly before the body	H-921
262			May 17, 1999	Ruling that committee amendment was germane to the bill	H-1124

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263	119th/1999	1st Regular Session	May 18, 1999	Ruling that committee amendment was germane to the bill under section 404 of Mason's Legislative Manual	H-1185
264			May 20, 1999	Ruling that committee amendment was not germane to the bill	H-1221
265			May 25, 1999	Ruling that committee amendment was germane to the bill under House Rule 506 and Mason's Manual of Legislative Procedure section 402	H-1357
266			June 3, 1999	Ruling that pursuant to House Rule 401.12 and that the Legislature is not taking final action on the issue members could vote	H-1566
267			June 5, 1999	Ruling that Joint Order was not properly before the body due to the Joint Order would involve the other body being involved in making determination with respect to the proceedings of the House	H-1612
268	119th/2000	2nd Regular Session	Apr. 6, 2000	Ruling that House amendment was not germane	H-2322
269			Apr. 7, 2000	Ruling that in reference to Mason's Manual, Rule 111, section 3 that the Representative was not out of order by simply referencing a pending lawsuit	H-2403
270			May 11, 2000	Ruling that pursuant to House Rule 506 and Rule 402 of Mason's Manual the Senate amendment was germane	H-2737

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271	120th/2001	1st Regular Session	Mar. 5, 2001	Ruling that pursuant to House Rule 107, the pending bill (LD 551) was not properly before the House by it attempting to alter House procedure by statute.	H-243
272			Mar. 5, 2001	Ruling that pursuant to House Rule 107, the pending bill (LD 651) was not properly before the House by it attempting to alter House procedure by statute.	H-243-H-244
273			May 1, 2001	Ruling that pursuant to House Rule 107, the pending bill (LD 1445) was not properly before the House by it attempting to alter House procedure by statute that would be binding on a	H-563-H-564
274			May 29, 2001	Ruling that the pending legislation was not a a	H-1092
275			June 21, 2001	Ruling that according to section 1 of Mason's Rules of Parliamentary Procedure, a two-thirds majority is not required for passage	H-1545
276	120th/2002	2nd Regular Session	Feb. 14, 2002	Ruling that the Joint Order was properly before the body	H-1678
277			Mar. 26, 2002	Ruling that the bill was not a mandate and was properly before the body	H-1976
278	121st/2003	1st Regular Session	Feb.14, 2003	Ruling that the bill was not properly before the body pursuant to House Rule 107	H-151
279			Apr. 30, 2003	Ruling that committee amendment was not germane to the bill	H-439

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280	121st/2003	1st Regular Session	May 21, 2003	Ruling that the bill was properly before the body	H-711
281			June 14, 2003	Ruling that the sale of certain state land did not require a two-thirds vote	H-1025
282	121st/2004	2nd Regular Session	Jan. 30, 2004	Ruling that House proceedings were not in violation of Mason's Manual section 21, paragraph 2	H-1190
283			Apr. 13, 2004	Ruling that Representative's remarks were germane in accordance with the order before us and germane	H-1617
284			Apr. 16, 2004	Ruling that the amendment was properly before the body pursuant to section 402 Mason's Manual and House Rule 506	H-1716-H-1717
285	122nd/2005	1st Special Session	May 9, 2005	Ruling that resolve was not properly before the body pursuant to Joint Rule 217	H-491
286			May 18, 2005	Ruling that the roll call was properly before the body pursuant to Joint Rule 510	H-620
287			June 2, 2005	Ruling that Committee amendment was not germane to the original bill and thus not properly before the body	H-986
288			June 13, 2005	Ruling that the bill was properly before the body pursuant to House Rule 107	H-986
289			June 18, 2005	Ruling that a quorum was present	H-1083
290	122nd/2005	2nd Special Session	July 29, 2005	Ruling that the amendment was not properly before the body	H-1108
291	122nd/2006	2nd Regular Session	Jan. 12, 2006	Ruling the Joint Order was properly before the body	H-1152

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292			Mar. 22, 2006	Ruling that the motion was out of order	H-1338
293			Apr. 10, 2006	Ruling that house amendment was not germane to the bill	H-1515
294			Apr. 11, 2006	Ruling that house amendment was not germane to the bill	H-1552
295			Apr. 11, 2006	Ruling that house amendment was germane to the bill	H-1556
296			Apr. 12, 2006	Ruling that the bill was germane	H-1567-H-1568
297			Apr. 26, 2006	Ruling that house amendment was germane to the bill	H-1652-H-1653
298	122nd/2006	2nd Regular Session	Apr. 28, 2006	Ruling that the Constitutional Resolution was properly before the body	H-1722
299			May 22, 2006	Ruling that the bill was properly before the body	H-1742-H-1743
300			May 23, 2006	Ruling that the committee amendment was germane to the bill	H-1785
301			May 24, 2006	Ruling that the motion was properly before the body	H-1800
302			May 24, 2006	Ruling that the bill was properly before the body	H-1800
303	123rd/2007	1st Regular Session	May 10, 2007	Ruling that the pending question was not debatable during the vote	H-490
304			June 6, 2007	Ruling that committee amendment was not germane and not properly before the body pursuant to House Rule 506 and Mason's Manual of Legislative Procedure, section 402	H-705
305			June 7, 2007	Ruling that remarks were germane to the pending question	H-715-H-716
306	123rd/2008	2nd Regular Session	March 5, 2008	Communication was not properly before the body	H-1139

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307			March 31,2008	Ruling that the bill was properly before the body	H-1346-H-1347
308	124th/2009	1st Regular Session	May 20, 2009	Ruling that remarks were not germane to the Ought Not to Pass Report of the pending	H-540
309			May 28, 2009	Ruling that remarks should as close as possible to the pending question	H-616
310			May 28, 2009	Ruling that remarks should as close as possible to the pending question	H-640
312			June 8, 2009	Ruling that house amendment was not germane to the bill	H-833, H-835-H-836
313			June 11, 2009	Ruling that a committee of conference report could not be amended at this time	H-898
314			June 11, 2009	Ruling that one option would be to request a second committee of conference or that after the Report returns from the other body and is at Enactement , then one could back it up and propose amendnents to the Report	H-898
315			June 12, 2009	Ruling that debate should be on the Motion to Reconsider	H-917
316			June 12, 2009	Ruling that remarks were not german to the pending	H-917
317	124th/2010	2nd Regular Session	March 23, 2010	Ruling that the Bill was properly before the body and that Joint Rule 217 does not apply to the pending bill	H-1212
318			April 5, 2010	Ruling that remarks should as close as possible to the pending question	H-1373
319	125th/2011	1st Regular Session	March 16, 2011	Ruling that the Bill (LD 846) and accompanying papers was not properly before the body in concurrence	H-187

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320			May 5, 2011	Ruling that Committee Amendment "A" (LD 1333) was in compliance with Joint Rule 310.	H-386
321			May 25, 2011	Ruling that remarks were germane to the pending question.	H-602
322			June 28, 2011	Ruling that Amendment S-220 (LD 856) was germane to the bill.	H-839
323	125th/2012	2nd Regular Session	April 12, 2012	Ruling that a Joint Order, HP 1416, was properly before the body.	H-1503
324	126th/2013	1st Regular Session	May 21, 2013	Ruling that LD 1546, having more than one subject matter, is properly before the body.	H-560-H-561
325			June 5, 2013	Ruling that motion to move the question is in order before the body.	H-766
326			June 6, 2013	Ruling that motion to Insist and Ask for Committee of Conference was in order	H-801-H-802
327			June 19, 2013	Ruling that a motion to reconsider a veto vote (LD 1066) is allowable under Mason's § 458.	H-1125
328			June 19, 2013	Ruling that the time had passed to appeal the chair's earlier decision on reconsideration. The ruling was not out of order. The matter was no longer before	H-1127
329	126th/2014	2nd Regular Session	Jan. 30, 2014	Ruling that resolution to amend the Constitution was properly before the body as it was committed back to committee at the end of the first session by Joint Order.	H-1361

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330			Mar. 26, 2014	Ruling that both House Amendments A and B (LD 222) are properly before the body although enactment of both would require reconsideration of A. A motion to Indefinitely Postpone is properly before	H-1705
331			April 3, 2014	Ruling that comments by Rep. Harvell, re: "welfare state", are germane	H-1814-H-1815
332			April 4, 2014	Ruling that motion to insist and ask for a Committee of Conference is out of order.	H-1835
333			April 8, 2014	Ruling that only motion before body is Recede and	H-1882
334	127th/2015	1st Regular Session	May 12, 2015	Ruling that fiscal note is attached so bill is properly before the body.	H-410
335			June 23, 2015	Ruling that motion to table was out of order because Representative made an argument prior to presenting tabling motion	H-1096
336			June 30, 2015	Ruling that motion to indefinitely postpone is out of order because motion to commit is of a higher order	H-1144
337			July 16, 2015	Ruling that the Resolve has gone through First and Second Readings and was properly before the body.	H-1177
338	127th/2016	2nd Regular Session	Jan. 14, 2016	Ruling that remarks were germane to the pending motion for Indefinite	H-1230
339			March 8, 2016	Ruling that bill is properly before the body.	H-1343

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340			March 24, 2016	Ruling allowing continued speaking on a Majority ONTP Report in regards to a concept draft.	H-1455 - H-1456
341			March 28, 2016	Ruling that a role call is in order	H-1465
342	128th/2017	1st Regular Sesssion	March 2, 2017	Ruling that remarks were germane to the pending question.	H-176
343			June 6, 2017	Ruling that the motion was out of order	H-773
344			August 2, 2017	Ruling that bill (LD 1373) is properly before the body.	H-1140
345			August 2, 2017	Ruling that bill (LD 1504) is properly before the body.	H-1162
346	128th/2017	1st Special Session	October 23, 2017	Ruling that the motion was out of order	H-1198
347			October 23, 2017	Ruling that the motion was out of order	H-1199
348	128th/2018	2nd Regular Session	February 6, 2018	Ruling that the motion was out of order	H-1270
349			March 1, 2018	Ruling denying the request of a member to be recused/excused from a vote pursuant to House Rule 401.12	H-1351
350			April 5, 2018	Ruling that the motion was out of order	H-1553
351			April 19, 2018	Ruling that Representative Fredette of Newport did not voice objection to extending the session beyond midnight	H-1711
352	129th/2019	1st Regular Session	April 11, 2019	Ruling that remarks were germane to the pending question.	H-346
353			June 13, 2019	Ruling that bill (LD 240) is properly before the body.	H-955

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354			June 13, 2019	Appeal on ruling that bill (LD 240) was properly before the body. Voted upon by the body and sustained.	H-955 - H-956
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