

ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION
16th Legislative Day
Thursday, February 21, 2019

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

Prayer by Pastor Scott Wilson, Rangeley Free Baptist Church.

National Anthem by Angela Pitteroff, Augusta.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Doctor of the day, Lisa Ryan, D.O., Naples.

The Journal of Tuesday, February 19, 2019 was read and approved.

SENATE PAPERS

Non-Concurrent Matter

Expression of Legislative Sentiment Recognizing the Gardiner Area High School Varsity Field Hockey Team

(HLS 64)

READ and **PASSED** in the House on February 14, 2019.

Came from the Senate **READ** and **INDEFINITELY POSTPONED** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

The House voted to **RECEDE AND CONCUR**.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: (H.C. 89)

STATE OF MAINE

129TH MAINE LEGISLATURE

February 5, 2019

Chief Justice Leigh I. Saufley

Maine Supreme Judicial Court

205 Newberry Street, Room 139

Portland, Maine 04101

Dear Chief Justice Saufley:

We are pleased to invite you to address a Joint Session of the 129th Maine Legislature on Tuesday, February 26 at 11:00 a.m. concerning the State of the Judiciary and any other matters that you may care to bring to our attention.

We look forward to seeing you then.

Sincerely,

S/Troy D. Jackson

President of the Senate

S/Sara Gideon

Speaker of the House

READ and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 90)

STATE OF MAINE

SUPREME JUDICIAL COURT

CUMBERLAND COUNTY COURTHOUSE

205 NEWBURY STREET, ROOM 139

PORTLAND, MAINE 04101-4125

February 6, 2019

Honorable Troy D. Jackson

President of the Senate

3 State House Station

Augusta, Maine 04333

Honorable Sara Gideon

Speaker of the House

2 State House Station

Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Gideon:

I am pleased to accept your invitation to address a Joint Session of the 129th Maine Legislature on Tuesday, February 26, 2019, at 11:00 a.m. I appreciate the courtesy of the Legislative Branch of government in inviting me to address the cause of justice in Maine.

I look forward to seeing you on February 26, 2019.

Sincerely,

S/Leigh I. Saufley

Chief Justice

READ and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 91)

STATE OF MAINE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SPEAKER'S OFFICE

AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0002

February 15, 2019

Honorable Robert B. Hunt

Clerk of the House

2 State House Station

Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Clerk Hunt:

Pursuant to my authority under Title 10, MRSA, Part 1, Ch. 1-A, §11.4-A2, I am pleased to appoint the Honorable John Patrick of Rumford to the Citizen Trade Policy Commission.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,

S/Sara Gideon

Speaker of the House

READ and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 92)

STATE OF MAINE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SPEAKER'S OFFICE

AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0002

February 19, 2019

Honorable Robert B. Hunt

Clerk of the House

2 State House Station

Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Clerk Hunt:

Pursuant to my authority under House Rule 201.1 (l) (a), I have appointed Representative Harold L. Stewart, III of Presque Isle to the Joint Standing Committee on Taxation, replacing Representative Philip A. Curtis of Madison, effective February 20, 2019.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

S/Sara Gideon

Speaker of the House

READ and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 93)

STATE OF MAINE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SPEAKER'S OFFICE

AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0002

February 19, 2019
Honorable Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Clerk Hunt:

Pursuant to my authority under House Rule 201.1 (l) (a), I have appointed Representative Philip A. Curtis of Madison to the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary, replacing Representative Richard T. Bradstreet of Vassalboro, effective February 20, 2019.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,
S/Sara Gideon
Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 94)

**STATE OF MAINE
CLERK'S OFFICE
2 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0002**

February 21, 2019

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

Dear Speaker Gideon:

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, the following Joint Standing Committees have voted unanimously to report the following bills out "Ought Not to Pass:"

Criminal Justice and Public Safety

L.D. 94 An Act To Prohibit the Dissemination of
Obscene Material by Public Schools

Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services

L.D. 189 An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Long-term
Care Insurance

Sincerely,
S/Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of House

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

The Following Communication: (H.C. 95)

**STATE OF MAINE
CLERK'S OFFICE
2 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0002**

February 21, 2019

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

Dear Speaker Gideon:

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, the Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business has approved the request by the sponsor, Representative Tepler of Topsham, to report the following "Leave to Withdraw":

L.D. 288 Resolve, Establishing the Commission To
Create a Statewide Economic Development
Plan (EMERGENCY)

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, the Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs has approved the request by the sponsor, Representative Fecteau of Biddeford, to report the following "Leave to Withdraw":

L.D. 845 An Act To Secure the Integrity of Elections
When the Secretary of State Is a Candidate

Sincerely,
S/Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House

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

The Following Communication: (S.C. 140)

**MAINE SENATE
129TH LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY**

February 19, 2019

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

Dear Speaker Gideon:

In accordance with 3 MRSA §158 and Joint Rule 506 of the 129th Maine Legislature, please be advised that the Senate today confirmed the following nomination:

Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, the nomination of Amanda Eleanor Beal of Warren for appointment as the Commissioner of the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry.

Best Regards,

S/Darek M. Grant

Secretary of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

**PETITIONS, BILLS AND RESOLVES REQUIRING
REFERENCE**

Bill "An Act To Establish the Fund To Support Local Fruits
and Vegetables Purchasing"

(H.P. 675) (L.D. 920)

Sponsored by Representative PLUECKER of Warren.

Cosponsored by President JACKSON of Aroostook and Representatives: COREY of Windham, DUNPHY of Old Town, HICKMAN of Winthrop, MAXMIN of Nobleboro, McCREA of Fort Fairfield, O'NEIL of Saco, ROBERTS-LOVELL of South Berwick, Senator: DILL of Penobscot.

Bill "An Act Regarding the Regulation of Rabbit
Production for Local Consumption"

(H.P. 694) (L.D. 939)

Sponsored by Representative DAUGHTRY of Brunswick.

Cosponsored by Representatives: ACKLEY of Monmouth, HICKMAN of Winthrop, MADIGAN of Waterville, RYKERSON of Kittery, STEARNS of Guilford, TEPLER of Topsham.

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

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

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Further Define the Monhegan Lobster
Conservation Area"

(H.P. 696) (L.D. 941)

Sponsored by Representative DEVIN of Newcastle.

Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** suggested.

On motion of Representative HICKMAN of Winthrop, the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **MARINE RESOURCES**, ordered printed and sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Upgrade Municipal Culverts at Stream Crossings"

(H.P. 678) (L.D. 923)

Sponsored by Speaker GIDEON of Freeport.

Cosponsored by Senator FARRIN of Somerset and Representatives: BRYANT of Windham, FAY of Raymond, LANDRY of Farmington, MARTIN of Greene, McLEAN of Gorham, NADEAU of Winslow, Senators: BLACK of Franklin, DIAMOND of Cumberland.

Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** suggested and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed.

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Increase Funding for the Maine Lakes Society 'LakeSmart' Program and the Lake Stewards of Maine Volunteer Lake Monitoring Program"

(H.P. 714) (L.D. 959)

Sponsored by Representative KESCHL of Belgrade.

Cosponsored by Representatives: GATTINE of Westbrook, JORGENSEN of Portland, MARTIN of Eagle Lake, MILLETT of Waterford, WADSWORTH of Hiram.

Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** suggested.

On motion of Representative GATTINE of Westbrook, the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES**, ordered printed and sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act Requiring the Department of Corrections To Fully Fund County Jails for Individuals Sentenced to County Jails for More Than 6 Months and Individuals Held for Probation or Parole Violations"

(H.P. 680) (L.D. 925)

Sponsored by Representative STANLEY of Medway.

Bill "An Act To Protect Hospital Employees from Assault"

(H.P. 681) (L.D. 926)

Sponsored by Representative HANLEY of Pittston.

Cosponsored by Senator DOW of Lincoln and Representatives: HANINGTON of Lincoln, KRYZAK of Acton, MAREAN of Hollis, SKOLFIELD of Weld, STETKIS of Canaan, SWALLOW of Houlton, Senator: TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin.

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

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

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act Regarding the Sale and Release or Abandonment of Balloons"

(H.P. 692) (L.D. 937)

Sponsored by Representative DEVIN of Newcastle.

Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** suggested.

On motion of Representative WARREN of Hallowell, the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES**, ordered printed and sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Give Maine Schools Additional Options To Make Up Missed School Days"

(H.P. 685) (L.D. 930)

Sponsored by Representative PIERCE of Falmouth.

Cosponsored by Senator BREEN of Cumberland and Representatives: ACKLEY of Monmouth, JORGENSEN of Portland.

Bill "An Act To Ban Native American Mascots in All Public Schools"

(H.P. 699) (L.D. 944)

Sponsored by Representative COLLINGS of Portland.

Cosponsored by Senator VITELLI of Sagadahoc and Representatives: BABBIDGE of Kennebunk, BROOKS of Lewiston, EVANGELOS of Friendship, GROHOSKI of Ellsworth, MAXMIN of Nobleboro, McDONALD of Stonington, RECKITT of South Portland, TALBOT ROSS of Portland.

Bill "An Act To Restrict Cell Phone Use by Students While in School"

(H.P. 720) (L.D. 965)

Sponsored by Representative SAMPSON of Alfred.

Cosponsored by Senator DIAMOND of Cumberland and Representatives: CAMPBELL of Orrington, DOLLOFF of Rumford, HAGGAN of Hampden, HARRINGTON of Sanford, O'CONNOR of Berwick, STEARNS of Guilford, TUELL of East Machias.

Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** suggested and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed.

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Develop a State Energy Plan To Provide a Pathway to an Energy Portfolio Free of Fossil Fuels"

(H.P. 705) (L.D. 950)

Sponsored by Representative DEVIN of Newcastle.

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

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

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Prohibit Offshore Oil and Natural Gas Drilling and Exploration"

(H.P. 710) (L.D. 955)

Sponsored by Representative DEVIN of Newcastle.

Cosponsored by Senator CHENETTE of York, Senator FOLEY of York and Representatives: ACKLEY of Monmouth, ALLEY of Beals, AUSTIN of Skowhegan, BABBIDGE of Kennebunk, BABINE of Scarborough, BAILEY of Saco, BEEBE-CENTER of Rockland, BERRY of Bowdoinham, BLUME of York, BRENNAN of Portland, BROOKS of Lewiston, BRYANT of Windham, CARDONE of Bangor, CARNEY of Cape Elizabeth, COLLINGS of Portland, COOPER of Yarmouth, DAUGHTRY of Brunswick, DENK of Kennebunk, DODGE of Belfast, DOORE of Augusta, DUNPHY of Old Town, EVANGELOS of

Friendship, FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor, FAY of Raymond, FECTEAU of Biddeford, FOLEY of Biddeford, Speaker GIDEON of Freeport, GROHOSKI of Ellsworth, HANDY of Lewiston, HARNETT of Gardiner, HEPLER of Woolwich, HOBBS of Wells, HUBBELL of Bar Harbor, HYMANSON of York, JORGENSEN of Portland, KORNFELD of Bangor, LANDRY of Farmington, MADIGAN of Waterville, MAREAN of Hollis, McCREA of Fort Fairfield, McCREIGHT of Harpswell, McDONALD of Stonington, MEYER of Eliot, MOONEN of Portland, NEWELL of the Passamaquoddy Tribe, O'NEIL of Saco, PEBWORTH of Blue Hill, PERRY of Calais, PIERCE of Falmouth, PLUECKER of Warren, RISEMAN of Harrison, ROBERTS-LOVELL of South Berwick, RYKERSON of Kittery, SHARPE of Durham, SHEATS of Auburn, STANLEY of Medway, STOVER of Boothbay, SYLVESTER of Portland, TEPLER of Topsham, TUCKER of Brunswick, TUELL of East Machias, VEROW of Brewer, ZEIGLER of Montville, Senators: BELLOWS of Kennebec, CARSON of Cumberland, CHIPMAN of Cumberland, DOW of Lincoln, GRATWICK of Penobscot, LAWRENCE of York, LIBBY of Androscoggin, MILLETT of Cumberland, MIRAMANT of Knox, SANBORN, H. of Cumberland, SANBORN, L. of Cumberland.

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

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

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act Concerning the Department of Health and Human Services"

(H.P. 686) (L.D. 931)

Sponsored by Representative HYMANSON of York.

Resolve, To Review the Implementation of the Maine Background Check Center Act

(H.P. 689) (L.D. 934)

Sponsored by Representative PERRY of Calais.

Cosponsored by Senator CLAXTON of Androscoggin and Representatives: BRENNAN of Portland, CRAVEN of Lewiston, MADIGAN of Waterville, McCREIGHT of Harpswell.

Bill "An Act To Increase the Viability of Assisted Living Facilities by Increasing the Rate of Reimbursement"

(H.P. 690) (L.D. 935)

Sponsored by Representative PERRY of Calais.

Cosponsored by Senator CLAXTON of Androscoggin and Representatives: BRENNAN of Portland, MADIGAN of Waterville.

Bill "An Act To Prevent Overdose Deaths"

(H.P. 704) (L.D. 949)

Sponsored by Representative SYLVESTER of Portland.

Cosponsored by Representatives: CARDONE of Bangor, FECTEAU of Biddeford, HANDY of Lewiston, MADIGAN of Waterville, McCREIGHT of Harpswell, MOONEN of Portland, TALBOT ROSS of Portland, WARREN of Hallowell.

Resolve, To Study Housing Options for Persons with Mental Health Challenges and Substance Use Disorder

(H.P. 719) (L.D. 964)

Sponsored by Representative BEEBE-CENTER of Rockland.

Cosponsored by Senator MOORE of Washington and Representatives: COREY of Windham, EVANGELOS of Friendship, HYMANSON of York, MADIGAN of Waterville, STOVER of Boothbay, SYLVESTER of Portland, Senator: ROSEN of Hancock.

Bill "An Act To Ensure Safer Childhood Vaccines"

(H.P. 721) (L.D. 966)

Sponsored by Representative HARRINGTON of Sanford. (BY REQUEST)

Cosponsored by Representative: SAMPSON of Alfred.

Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** suggested and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** and ordered printed.

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Require Reimbursement for Medical Marijuana"

(H.P. 697) (L.D. 942)

Sponsored by Representative COLLINGS of Portland.

Cosponsored by Senator DILL of Penobscot and Representatives: BROOKS of Lewiston, HARNETT of Gardiner, KESSLER of South Portland, LANDRY of Farmington, MAXMIN of Nobleboro, McDONALD of Stonington, STANLEY of Medway, WARREN of Hallowell.

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

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

Bill "An Act to Allow Laser Spine Surgery in the State"

(H.P. 698) (L. D. 943)

Sponsored by Representative STANLEY of Medway.

Cosponsored by Representatives: COLLINGS of Portland, HIGGINS of Dover-Foxcroft, VEROW of Brewer.

Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES**, suggested and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** and ordered printed.

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Remove the Background Check Requirement for Maine Guides Who Are at Least 70 Years of Age and Hold a Lifetime Hunting or Fishing License"

(H.P. 679) (L.D. 924)

Sponsored by Representative MARTIN of Greene.

Cosponsored by Representatives: JOHANSEN of Monticello, MARTIN of Eagle Lake, PERKINS of Oakland, THERIAULT of China, Senators: DAVIS of Piscataquis, DILL of Penobscot.

Bill "An Act To Minimize the Propagation of Invasive Aquatic Plants" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 682) (L.D. 927)

Sponsored by Representative ACKLEY of Monmouth.

Cosponsored by Representatives: FAY of Raymond, RISEMAN of Harrison, TUCKER of Brunswick.

Bill "An Act Regarding Moose Permit Subpermittees"

(H.P. 687) (L.D. 932)

Sponsored by Representative PICKETT of Dixfield. (BY REQUEST)

Cosponsored by Senator DAVIS of Piscataquis and Representatives: ANDREWS of Paris, MARTIN of Eagle Lake, MASON of Lisbon, NADEAU of Winslow, ORDWAY of Standish, STEARNS of Guilford, STEWART of Presque Isle, THERIAULT of China.

Bill "An Act To Reduce the Spread of Invasive Aquatic Plants by Prohibiting Seine Fishing in Great Ponds"

(H.P. 722) (L.D. 967)

Sponsored by Representative ACKLEY of Monmouth.

Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** suggested and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** and ordered printed.

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Rescind An Act To Implement the Maine Indian Claims Settlement"

(H.P. 709) (L.D. 954)

Sponsored by Representative COLLINGS of Portland.

Cosponsored by President JACKSON of Aroostook and Representatives: BLUME of York, BRENNAN of Portland, DENK of Kennebunk, EVANGELOS of Friendship, PEOPLES of Westbrook, RECKITT of South Portland, TIPPING of Orono, ZEIGLER of Montville.

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

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

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Allow Municipalities To Adopt Stricter Building and Energy Code Standards Than the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code"

(H.P. 676) (L.D. 921)

Sponsored by Representative KESSLER of South Portland.

Cosponsored by Representative INGWERSEN of Arundel, Senator CHIPMAN of Cumberland and Representatives: CAIAZZO of Scarborough, FECTEAU of Biddeford, RYKERSON of Kittery.

Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** suggested.

On motion of Representative SYLVESTER of Portland, **TABLED** pending **REFERENCE** and later today assigned.

Resolve, Establishing a Commission To Study the Existing and Potential Effects of Freshwater and Marine Debris on Maine's Freshwater and Coastal Habitats and Species (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 691) (L.D. 936)

Sponsored by Representative DEVIN of Newcastle.

Bill "An Act To Allow Student License Holders To Fish for or Take Lobsters during a Closed Season"

(H.P. 711) (L.D. 956)

Sponsored by Representative DEVIN of Newcastle.

Bill "An Act Regarding Size Requirements for Soft-shell Clams and the Creation of a Spat Collection Permit"

(H.P. 715) (L.D. 960)

Sponsored by Representative McCREIGHT of Harpswell.

Bill "An Act To Create a Research Fund for Maine's Clam Fishery"

(H.P. 716) (L.D. 961)

Sponsored by Representative McCREIGHT of Harpswell.

Bill "An Act To Protect Shellfish in the Intertidal Zone by Including within the Definition of 'Fish' the Taking of Spat and Seed"

(H.P. 717) (L.D. 962)

Sponsored by Representative McCREIGHT of Harpswell.

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

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

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Create a Process To Preempt the Implementation of Powers Delegated by the Legislature"

(H.P. 683) (L.D. 928)

Sponsored by Representative ACKLEY of Monmouth.

Resolve, Authorizing Certain Persons To Sue the Town of Kittery

(H.P. 688) (L.D. 933)

Sponsored by Representative RYKERSON of Kittery.

Cosponsored by Senator LAWRENCE of York and Representative: MEYER of Eliot.

Bill "An Act To Increase the Number of Franklin County Commissioners"

(H.P. 695) (L.D. 940)

Sponsored by Representative RILEY of Jay.

Cosponsored by Senator BLACK of Franklin and Representatives: HALL of Wilton, HEAD of Bethel, LANDRY of Farmington, SKOLFIELD of Weld.

Bill "An Act To Restrict Ordinances That Affect the Posting of Property for Municipal and Private Land"

(H.P. 703) (L.D. 948)

Sponsored by Representative COREY of Windham.

Cosponsored by Senator KEIM of Oxford and Representatives: AUSTIN of Gray, FAY of Raymond, KESCHL of Belgrade, KINNEY of Knox, NADEAU of Winslow, O'CONNOR of Berwick, STANLEY of Medway, VEROW of Brewer.

Bill "An Act To Enact a Vehicle Use Ordinance for Monhegan Plantation"

(H.P. 708) (L.D. 953)

Sponsored by Representative DEVIN of Newcastle.

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

REFERRED to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** and ordered printed.

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Improve the Research Capabilities of State Agencies"

(H.P. 706) (L.D. 951)

Sponsored by Representative DEVIN of Newcastle.

Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** suggested.

On motion of Representative BRYANT of Windham, the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES**, ordered printed and sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Coordinate and Standardize Data Collection Protocols"

(H.P. 707) (L.D. 952)

Sponsored by Representative DEVIN of Newcastle.

Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** suggested.

On motion of Representative BRYANT of Windham, the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES**, ordered printed and sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Provide a Property Tax Exemption for Renewable Energy Fixtures"

(H.P. 677) (L.D. 922)

Sponsored by Representative COOPER of Yarmouth.
Cosponsored by Senator MIRAMANT of Knox and Representative: HANDY of Lewiston.

Bill "An Act To Increase the Property Tax Fairness Credit"

(H.P. 712) (L.D. 957)

Sponsored by Representative INGWERSEN of Arundel.
Cosponsored by Senator POULIOT of Kennebec and Representatives: DENK of Kennebunk, HEPLER of Woolwich, MAXMIN of Nobleboro, McCREA of Fort Fairfield, NADEAU of Winslow, PLUECKER of Warren, TIPPING of Orono.

Bill "An Act To Amend the Maine Income Tax Laws"

(H.P. 713) (L.D. 958)

Sponsored by Representative TIPPING of Orono.

Bill "An Act To Exempt Overtime Pay from Individual Income Tax"

(H.P. 718) (L.D. 963)

Sponsored by Representative GRIGNON of Athens.
Cosponsored by Senator FARRIN of Somerset and Representatives: AUSTIN of Gray, CEBRA of Naples, DILLINGHAM of Oxford, HANLEY of Pittston, HARRINGTON of Sanford, MARTIN of Greene, ORDMAN of Standish, STETKIS of Canaan.

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

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

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Provide for Sustainable Transportation in Maine"

(H.P. 693) (L.D. 938)

Sponsored by Representative McLEAN of Gorham.

Bill "An Act To Establish a Blue Ribbon Commission To Study and Recommend Funding Solutions for the State's Transportation Systems"

(H.P. 700) (L.D. 945)

Sponsored by Representative MARTIN of Greene.
Cosponsored by Senator DIAMOND of Cumberland and Representative: McLEAN of Gorham, Senator: FARRIN of Somerset.

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

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

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act Regarding the Use of Maine Clean Election Act Funds for Salaries"

(H.P. 684) (L.D. 929)

Sponsored by Representative COOPER of Yarmouth.
Cosponsored by Senator CARPENTER of Aroostook.

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

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

Sent for concurrence.

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

ORDERS

On motion of Representative FARNSWORTH of Portland, the following House Order: (H.O. 15)

ORDERED, that Representative Diane M. Denk of Kennebunk be excused February 14 for personal reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Kathleen R. J. Dillingham of Oxford be excused February 5 for personal reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Donna R. Doore of Augusta be excused February 7 for health reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Billy Bob Faulkingham of Winter Harbor be excused February 14 for health reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Chad Wayne Grignon of Athens be excused February 7 for health reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative David G. Haggan of Hampden be excused January 9, 15, 17, 24, 29 and 31, and February 7 for personal reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Peter A. Lyford of Eddington be excused February 11 for personal reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Genevieve McDonald of Stonington be excused January 9 for personal reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Anne C. Perry of Calais be excused February 14 for personal reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Lois Galgay Reckitt of South Portland be excused February 7 for personal reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative William R. Tuell of East Machias be excused January 9 for health reasons.

READ and PASSED.

SPECIAL SENTIMENT CALENDAR

In accordance with House Rule 519 and Joint Rule 213, the following items:

Recognizing:

the Honorable Michael Cantara, of Biddeford, who is retiring as a judge of the District Court after many years of public service. Judge Cantara was an Assistant District Attorney in York County in 1984, Mayor of Biddeford in 1988, District Attorney in York County from 1991 to 2003, Commissioner of Public Safety from 2003 to 2007 and a District Court Judge from 2007 to the present. His prosecutorial and judicial careers have been marked by a commitment to treating all who came before him with fairness and respect. He has been a champion of justice and safety for victims of domestic violence and their children and a leader in that area of jurisprudence in the State. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

(SLS 87)

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

READ.

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

Representative **RECKITT**: Thank you, Madam Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. You may think it a little

odd that the Representative from South Portland would be speaking to this sentiment for a retiring judge in the City of Biddeford. I have to tell you that Judge Cantara and I have been collaborators and friends for more than 20 years. I have worked with him; we met on a plane going to San Diego to a conference where neither of us knew each other and immediately hit it off. Since that day in the early 1990s, we have worked together to try to move forward the position of abused women and children in this state and he was a huge and vital collaborator in that effort. Once he became a district court judge, our paths were a little different, but he is still one of my dearest friends in the world and I still admire the work that he has done in York County and I know that his retirement will be a huge loss to the domestic violence program and the sexual assault program and every other person who's seeking fairness and justice in York County. He's an extraordinary man. I always say to people if you want to know what a gentleman is like, just follow Mike Cantara around for a day and you'll know exactly who that is. So, I want to thank the Speaker for allowing me to speak and I am really endeavoring not to tear up because this man is a wonderful human being and one of my dearest friends and thank you ladies and gentlemen for recognizing him today in the House. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Kennebunk, Representative Babbidge.

Representative BABBIDGE: Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. I just wanted to take this opportunity to mention that when my professional career brought me from Piscataquis County to York County nearly four decades ago, Mike Cantara was an outstanding young, at that time, public servant and I want to lend my name to the congratulations for his service not only to York County but to the people of the State of Maine. Thank you.

Subsequently, this Expression of Legislative Sentiment was PASSED in concurrence.

Recognizing:

The Row House, Inc., of Hallowell, which is celebrating its 50th Anniversary. Row House, the steward of historic preservation in Hallowell, had its beginnings in the preservation of the Gage Block and its successful creation of the city's 207-acre historic district. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

(HLS 79)

Presented by Representative WARREN of Hallowell.

Cosponsored by Senator BELLOWES of Kennebec.

On OBJECTION of Representative WARREN of Hallowell, was REMOVED from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

READ.

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

First Day

In accordance with House Rule 519, the following items appeared on the Consent Calendar for the First Day:

(H.P. 24) (L.D. 23) Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 3: Maine Clean Election Act and Related Provisions, a Major Substantive Rule of the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices (EMERGENCY) Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** reporting **Ought to Pass**

(H.P. 40) (L.D. 39) Resolve, To Designate a Bridge in Waterville as the Specialist Wade A. Slack Memorial Bridge Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** reporting **Ought to Pass**

There being no objections, the above items were ordered to appear on the Consent Calendar tomorrow under the listing of Second Day.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Second Day

In accordance with House Rule 519, the following item appeared on the Consent Calendar for the Second Day:

(S.P. 54) (L.D. 242) Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Multiple-party Accounts with Financial Institutions" (EMERGENCY)

No objections having been noted at the end of the Second Legislative Day, the Senate Paper was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED** in concurrence.

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

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The following matters, in the consideration of which the House was engaged at the time of adjournment, Tuesday, February 19, 2019, had preference in the Orders of the Day and continued with such preference until disposed of as provided by House Rule 502.

Bill "An Act To Allow Holders of Gold Star Family Registration Plates To Be Issued Complimentary Licenses To Hunt, Trap and Fish and To Exempt Them from Vehicle Registration Fees"

(H.P. 484) (L.D. 663)

- In House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** on February 7, 2019.

- In Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

TABLED - February 14, 2019 (Till Later Today) by Representative MOONEN of Portland.

PENDING - **FURTHER CONSIDERATION**.

Subsequently, on motion of Representative FECTEAU of Augusta, the House voted to **RECEDE**.

On further motion of the same Representative, the Bill and all accompanying papers were **INDEFINITELY POSTPONED** in **NON-CONCURRENCE** and sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Equalize the Distribution of Gasoline Tax Revenues between Snowmobiles and All-terrain Vehicles" (H.P. 651) (L.D. 877)

(Committee on **TAXATION** suggested)
TABLED - February 19, 2019 (Till Later Today) by Representative TIPPING of Orono.
PENDING - **REFERENCE**.

Subsequently, on motion of Representative ACKLEY of Monmouth, the Bill and all accompanying papers were **INDEFINITELY POSTPONED** and sent for concurrence.

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

On motion of Representative REED of Carmel, the House adjourned at 10:53 a.m., until 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, February 26, 2019, pursuant to the Joint Order (S.P. 270).

SENATE PAPERS

The following Joint Order: (S.P. 270)

ORDERED, the House concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourn, they do so until Tuesday, February 26, 2019 at 10:00 in the morning.

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

Bill "An Act Regarding Utility Line Extensions" (S.P. 273) (L.D. 918)

Bill "An Act To Protect the Privacy of Online Customer Information" (S.P. 275) (L.D. 946)

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

REFERRED to the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Improve the Child Protective Court System" (S.P. 271) (L.D. 916)

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

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

Bill "An Act To Establish a Minimum Mileage Reimbursement Rate for Traveling Sales Representatives" (S.P. 274) (L.D. 919)

Bill "An Act To Extend the Notice of Injury Period in the Maine Workers' Compensation Act of 1992" (S.P. 276) (L.D. 947)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act Increasing Municipal Agent Fees for Motor Vehicle, All-terrain Vehicle, Snowmobile and Watercraft Registrations" (S.P. 272) (L.D. 917)

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

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