

ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION
8th Legislative Day
Thursday, January 26, 2012

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

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

Prayer by Reverend Robert M. Celeste, American Christian Patriot, Harrison.

National Anthem by Lake Region Middle School Band, Naples.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Doctor of the day, Barbara Moss, D.O., Manchester.

The Journal of Tuesday, January 24, 2012 was read and approved.

January 23, 2012

The Honorable Robert W. Nutting

Speaker of the House

2 State House Station

Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Speaker Nutting:

This is to inform you that I am today nominating the Honorable Vinton E. Cassidy of Calais for appointment to the State Board of Corrections.

Pursuant to Title 34-A, MRSA §1802, this appointment is contingent on the Maine Senate confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety.

Sincerely,

S/Paul R. LePage

Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: (H.C. 290)

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Dear Speaker Nutting:

This is to inform you that I am today nominating Brian H. Noyes of South Freeport for appointment to the Board of Trustees, Maine Public Employees Retirement System.

Pursuant to Title 5, MRSA §17102, this appointment is contingent on the Maine Senate confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs.

Sincerely,

S/Paul R. LePage

Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

ORDERS

On motion of Representative KNIGHT of Livermore Falls, the following Joint Order: (H.P. 1324)

ORDERED, the Senate concurring, that the Joint Standing Committee on Taxation shall submit, to the House, a Bill, "An Act to Review and Repeal Income Tax Return Checkoffs."

READ and PASSED.

Sent for concurrence.

On motion of Representative HAMPER of Oxford, the following House Order: (H.O. 36)

ORDERED, that Representative Sheryl J. Briggs of Mexico be excused January 17 for personal reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Linda M. Valentino of Saco be excused January 17 for personal reasons.

READ and PASSED.

SPECIAL SENTIMENT CALENDAR

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

Recognizing:

Denny Olsen, of Kingfield, on his retirement after 29 years of teaching in the State's school system. Mr. Olsen began teaching in Rumford and Augusta, and he is retiring from School Administrative District No. 58, where he started in 1995 as a physical education instructor. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. Olsen on his retirement;

(SLS 546)

On **OBJECTION** of Representative OLSEN of Phippsburg, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

READ.

The **SPEAKER:** The Chair recognizes the Representative from Phippsburg, Representative Olsen.

Representative **OLSEN:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I would be remiss if I weren't to stand and speak. This is my father-in-law. He has spent most of his lifetime impacting children and adults, and I'm learning every day that his reach is very broad. He has had dealings with people that we never knew that we actually serve with right here in the House. He is the Pied Piper of teachers,

The Following Communication: (H.C. 291)

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Speaker of the House

2 State House Station

Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Speaker Nutting:

This is to inform you that I am today nominating Barbara J. Dresser, Esq. of Saco for appointment to the Gambling Control Board.

Pursuant to Title 8, MRSA §1002, this appointment is contingent on the Maine Senate confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs.

Sincerely,

S/Paul R. LePage

Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 292)

has loved and will continue to affect children, and often would use my own children as sounding boards for new lessons and fun activities to do with his students in school. I know that he'll be very missed, but is presently having a grand old time in Salt Lake as a ski bum. So my best wishes go out to my father-in-law Denny Olsen. Thank you.

Subsequently, the Sentiment was **PASSED** in concurrence.

Recognizing:

Adam Parker Thebeau, of Lisbon Falls, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 109, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. This is the highest award in Boy Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. For his Eagle Scout service project, Adam conducted an environmental impact study of a potential vernal pool in Lisbon. We extend our congratulations to him on this achievement;

(HLS 954)

Presented by Representative ESPLING of New Gloucester.

Cosponsored by Senator MASON of Androscoggin, Representative CRAFTS of Lisbon.

On **OBJECTION** of Representative ESPLING of New Gloucester, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

READ.

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

Refer to the Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

Pursuant to Resolve

Representative EDGECOMB for the **Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry** on Bill "An Act To Reform Land Use Planning in the Unorganized Territory"

(H.P. 1325) (L.D. 1798)

Reporting that it be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** pursuant to Resolve 2011, chapter 113, section 9.

Report was **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **REFERRED** to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY**.

Sent for concurrence.

CONSENT CALENDAR

First Day

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

(S.P. 64) (L.D. 213) Bill "An Act To Provide Funding for the Fish Stocking Program" Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "B" (S-372)**

(H.P. 1197) (L.D. 1592) Bill "An Act To Update the Laws Concerning the Maine School of Science and Mathematics" Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** reporting **Ought to Pass**

(H.P. 1229) (L.D. 1639) Bill "An Act To Allow the Adjutant General To Address a Joint Session of the Legislature" (EMERGENCY) Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** reporting **Ought to Pass**

(H.P. 1127) (L.D. 1535) Bill "An Act Relating to Fiscal Notes on Proposed Legislation" Committee on **TAXATION** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-685)**

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. 350) (L.D. 1150) Bill "An Act To Improve the Administration of the Legislative Ethics Laws"

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

SENATE PAPERS

The following Joint Order: (S.P. 620)

ORDERED, the House concurring, that when the House and Senate adjourn, they do so until Tuesday, January 31, 2012, at 10:00 in the morning.

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

READ and **PASSED** in concurrence.

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

On motion of Representative HAYES of Buckfield, the House adjourned at 10:36 a.m., until 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, January 31, 2012 pursuant to the Joint Order (S.P. 620).