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Pursuant to the Provisions of the Constitution and the laws of the State of Maine, the Senators-elect of the One-Hundred and Twenty-Ninth Legislature convened in the Senate Chamber and were called to order by **HEATHER J.R. PRIEST**, Secretary of the Senate of the One-Hundred and Twenty-Eighth Legislature.

Prayer by Pastor Gary Gardner of Mountain View Bible Church in Eagle Lake.

PASTOR GARDNER: Well, thank you very much. I feel like the Apostle Paul when he was in Athens and the philosophers were looking at him and saying, 'What will this babbler say?' I didn't want to get up here and open - this is a tremendous event and I didn't want to open up by babbling. I got a phone call from Troy a couple of weeks ago and he asked me if I would open in prayer for this session and I was in Wyoming with my son and he said, 'Dad, who was that?' and I said, 'Troy Jackson, he's going to be the Senate President and he asked me if I would open in prayer.' He said, 'That's really something.' I said, 'Ya, it is. Kind of nervous about that. I don't know what to say.'

To me Troy's just a kid for Allagash. You know what I mean? He's just - but here he is, Senate President. You know, somebody from Allagash. People say that's the end of the road but it's not. It's the beginning of the road. That's where it starts. Right now he's stopped here for a while. So that's quite a thing. I really appreciate Troy and the prayer is - it's just an ongoing prayer here. I pray Troy's good for the State and that Troy's able to accomplish things with all of you that are Senators here from all over the State of Maine. We have a tremendous state and it deserves our best, doesn't it?

You know, I'm from Allagash originally, spent 18 years there, and I didn't know much about state history. We weren't taught state history. I don't know what happened. I don't know if our teacher was drinking or, I don't know. I don't know if the truck carrying the books on state history left Kittery and by the time it got to the Saint John Valley they ran out of books. I don't know what happened. But I'll tell you how I learned state history and how I learned about the people from the State of Maine being from Allagash. On a school bus because we were from a small school and we had to play basketball and the closest community to us that would play a small school was Hodgdon. Is there a Senator here representing Hodgdon? So we had to go down there and play Hodgdon and they treated us well. We got along well with those boys. So I learned about the people from Hodgdon and we would go out and have a cigarette before the game, you know with the guys. That was good. Sometimes we'd beat them, sometimes they'd beat us. You know, back and forth. Then we played Danforth and Island Falls. Even Wytovitlock had a high school. That's a long time ago. That's ancient history. Then we went down to the coast and we played Beals Island. Listen, that's the first time we saw the ocean and we played Beals

Island and we got to know the fishermen down there on the island and what they were like, and we got along well with them and they had us in their homes, we spent the night, and then we'd go down and play Vinalhaven. Is there a Senator here that represents Vinalhaven? North Haven? So we'd go out to Vinalhaven, the ferry boat out there, and it's Friday night, we'd play them and we got to know those folks. They treated us well. They put us up overnight, fed us. People from Maine, from the coast. The next morning the lobster boats come over from North Haven, take us over, we'd play North Haven and come back on the ferry boat. Then we'd go to Western Maine, to Rangeley. Is there a Senator here from Rangeley, that represents Rangeley? So we'd play Rangeley and they treated us well over there. You know, and got along well with those folks and then we went over to Jackman, played Jackman. Is there somebody that represents Jackman here? Oh, Jackman, they're just like us. There was a cop there that spent half the night looking for us and we never met him, which is good, but that's Maine. We got to know Maine by meeting the people of Maine.

You people, you Senators, I pray for you, not because Troy's your Senate President but because you have a tremendous responsibility to represent the people of this state. We want to live here and die here, and there are people that moved here that want to live here and die here, and you have to set policy and laws in relation to that. So when we pray, and it's going to be very short, let's pray that you have wisdom and that you respect one another and that you get things accomplished and that you be an example to the rest of the country of what can be done.

Let's just bow for a minute. Father, we thank You. We thank You for our state. We thank You for its people. We thank You for these Senators. Father, it's quite an accomplishment for them to be here today and we pray for them, pray for wisdom for them, and we thank You for them. We thank You. In Jesus' name, Amen.

National Anthem performed by Joel T. Crowley, Technical Sergeant of the Maine Air National Guard.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Senator-elect Geoffrey M. Gratwick of Penobscot County.

Doctor of the day, Robert Schlager, M.D. of Newport.

Off Record Remarks

The Following Senate Communication: S.C. 1

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE**

December 3, 2018

To Heather J.R. Priest, Secretary of the Senate in the One Hundred and Twenty-eighth Legislature:

I, Matthew Dunlap, Secretary of State, pursuant to the provisions of Title 3 MRSA, Section 1, hereby certify that the following are the names and residences of the Senators-elect to the One Hundred and Twenty-ninth Legislature, in accordance with the tabulation submitted to the Governor on November 26, 2018:

- District 1 Jackson, Troy Dale, Allagash
- District 2 Carpenter, Michael E., Houlton
- District 3 Farrin, Bradley Thomas, Norridgewock
- District 4 Davis, Paul T. Sr., Sangerville
- District 5 Dill, James F., Old Town
- District 6 Moore, Marianne, Calais
- District 7 Luchini, Louis Joseph, Ellsworth
- District 8 Rosen, Kimberley C., Bucksport
- District 9 Gratwick, Geoffrey M., Bangor
- District 10 Guerin, Stacey K., Glenburn
- District 11 Herbig, Erin D., Belfast
- District 12 Miramant, David R., Camden
- District 13 Dow, Dana L., Waldoboro
- District 14 Bellows, Shenna, Manchester
- District 15 Pouliot, Matthew, Augusta
- District 16 Cyrway, Scott W., Albion
- District 17 Black, Russell, Wilton
- District 18 Keim, Lisa M., Dixfield
- District 19 Hamper, James M., Oxford
- District 20 Claxton, Ned, Auburn
- District 21 Libby, Nathan L., Lewiston
- District 22 Timberlake, Jeffrey L., Turner
- District 23 Vitelli, Eloise A., Arrowsic
- District 24 Carson, Everett Brownie, Harpswell
- District 25 Breen, Catherine E., Falmouth
- District 26 Diamond, G. William, Windham
- District 27 Chipman, Benjamin M., Portland
- District 28 Sanborn, Heather B., Portland
- District 29 Millett, Rebecca J., Cape Elizabeth
- District 30 Sanborn, Linda F., Gorham
- District 31 Chenette, Justin M., Saco
- District 32 Deschambault, Susan A., Biddeford
- District 33 Woodsome, David, Waterboro
- District 34 Foley, Robert A., Wells
- District 35 Lawrence, Mark W., Eliot

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

S/MATTHEW DUNLAP
Secretary of State

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Chair noted the absence of the Senator from Franklin, Senator **BLACK**, and further excused the same Senators from today's Roll Call votes.

QUORUM CALL

32 Senators-elect having answered the Call, the Secretary declared a quorum present.

Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, on motion by Senator-elect **LIBBY** of Androscoggin, the following Senate Order:

S.O. 1

Ordered, that a message be sent to Governor Paul R. LePage, informing him that a quorum of Senators-elect is present in the Senate Chamber, ready to take and subscribe to the oaths of office required by the Constitution to qualify them to enter upon the discharge of their official duties.

READ and PASSED.

The Chair appointed the Senator-elect from Androscoggin, Senator-elect **LIBBY**, to deliver the message to the Governor. The Senator-elect was escorted to the Governor's Office.

Senate at Ease.

The Senate was called to order by the Secretary.

Off Record Remarks

Subsequently, the Senator-elect from Androscoggin, Senator-elect **LIBBY**, reported that he had delivered the message with which he was charged.

ORGANIZATION OF THE SENATE

The Honorable Chief Justice Leigh Ingalls Saufley enters and addresses the Senate.

CHIEF JUSTICE SAUFLEY: Good morning, everyone. Please have a seat. I am so delighted to be here today, and I will probably keep telling you that for the next 15 minutes. I am absolutely delighted, and I will talk to you a little bit about the Constitutional issue that brings me here today. But first I want to welcome all of the friends and family and about-to-be-sworn-in Senators to the Chamber this morning. This is a truly wonderful day. So to be official, we are gathered in the Senate Chamber today for each of you to take your oath of office as a Senator of the great State of Maine, and I have to begin today by acknowledging the passing of President George Herbert Walker Bush. Although today has actually been declared to be a national day of mourning, I prefer to think of it as a day to celebrate an extraordinary life well lived. After all, this was a man who served

his country as a fighter pilot, Director of the CIA, President of the United States, and a senior Statesman, and President Bush loved Maine. Even better, he loved and valued his family and he never hesitated to show that. Regardless of politics, you have to admire him in so many ways, not the least of which was his amazing courage. He participated in his last parachute jump at the age of 90. I am now in my 60s, I'm afraid of falling on the ice and he was throwing himself out of planes in his 70s, 80s, and at 90.

So courage really is a great theme for today. These are very challenging times to be a member of government. The demands are constant and sometimes unrealistic, and the criticisms are instant and ripple everywhere across the internet, and yet here you all are, ready to take on those challenges and serve your state. That's courage and I am grateful that you have all shown the courage and commitment that it takes to step up and be part of government. And so it is an honor and a privilege to have this opportunity to administer the oath to you today. As you know, oaths of office to Legislators in Maine are ordinarily presented by the Governor. In fact, we cannot find a time in recent history when the Chief Justice presided over these oaths. Unfortunately, Governor LePage is unavailable due to medical issues and Governor-elect Mills is not yet sworn into her new role. And in these limited and unique circumstances, the Maine Constitution, Article IX, Section 1, in case you're taking notes, provides that the Chief Justice is authorized to administer the oaths of office to the Maine Senate and Representatives. Although I am very sorry that Governor LePage is facing a medical challenge, I am selfishly absolutely delighted to be here today for the very first time.

But before you take your oaths of office I want to pause just a moment to consider the authority and responsibility about to be reposed in you by the citizens of this state. You've all worked very hard to be here. You and your families have made sacrifices along the way and I know that every one of you understands the truly momentous nature of the oaths you are about to take. In the context of our republic, our representative Constitutional democracy, you, the Maine citizens who will soon form the Senate of the 129th Maine Legislature, have been chosen by your neighbors to make the laws and provide the funding that will effect almost every aspect of life in Maine. The challenges are enormous but the opportunities are similarly vast. And as I look out at this room I know that you are up to the task. So I will leave you with a brief trilogy of advice. You didn't think I was going to get this podium and not provide a little advice this morning. First, as you begin to face the challenges and all of the work ahead, begin with the end in mind, and here I want to quote that famous scholar Forrest Gump: 'If you don't know where you're going you probably won't end up there.' Something to keep in mind. Second, set your priorities and keep them in mind always. You cannot fix everything and if you try you may find that you haven't fixed much. Knowing and returning to your priorities will help you manage your time and your energies in a job that could swallow you whole. Third, collaborate and don't be afraid of compromise. The Maine Senate has a well-earned reputation of demonstrating respect and collegiality even in times of the greatest conflict. Be proud of that reputation and remember always to show each other the respect that exists in this Chamber today. Look around room. The talent and the commitment is everywhere. You can accomplish so much if you leverage all that talent and show the courage, honor, and integrity that brought you here. In closing, my hope for all of you is that in the spring of 2020, when the 129th Legislature adjourns Sine Die, you will look back on this day,

December 5, 2018, with pride and with the knowledge that today began an extraordinary and successful session of the Maine Legislature. So, with that, are you ready? Is there anyone who would like to leave before the oath is administered? I will now officially ask all of you who have been elected to be Senators in the great State of Maine to stand and prepare to take the oath.

The Senators-elect take and subscribe to the oaths of office required by the Constitution.

Off Record Remarks

ELECTION OF SENATE OFFICERS

THE SECRETARY: Nominations are now in order for the Office of the President of the Senate of the 129th Legislature.

Senator **MILLETT** of Cumberland **NOMINATED** Senator **TROY D. JACKSON** of Aroostook for the Office of President of the Senate of the 129th Legislature.

THE SECRETARY: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Millett.

Senator **MILLETT:** Men and women of the Senate, family, and friends, I am honored to nominate Senator Troy Dale Jackson of Allagash for President of the Maine Senate. As a fifth generation logger with a distinguished history of service in the Legislature and steadfast principles and morals, I am confident he will serve us and the state well. Troy served in the Maine House of Representatives from 2002 to 2008 and then in the Maine Senate representing Northern Aroostook County from 2008 to 2014. He returned to the Senate in 2016. Troy is a lifelong resident of the Saint John River Valley. He attended Allagash Consolidated Community High School and graduated from the University of Maine at Fort Kent. Troy lives and breathes the struggles of hardworking Mainers. He knows what it's like for communities hurt by the economic downturn of the great recession, for those left behind by the digital economy, and for rural Maine. Troy also fully understands the depth and reach of Maine's resources and economic possibilities and he is prepared to bring all of us together so that the entire State of Maine may have a thriving future. With Troy's leadership we must commit ourselves to put to rest the damaging, stultifying, and divisive two Maines, North versus South, rural versus urban, argument because as we head into the next session this stakes are high and the challenges many, but the opportunities for prosperity are greater. I have had the privilege to work with Troy in the 126th and 128th Legislatures and I appreciate his ability to bring people together, find common ground, and advance policies that strengthen our economy and provide more opportunities to get ahead and stay ahead. This means good paying jobs, safe and warm homes, strong schools, and healthier lives. We all want this for Maine. These are our common goals. Last session Troy worked with the Governor and Republican Senators to ensure the passage of legislation to protect Maine seniors from losing their homes. In the end, the Maine Senate unanimously voted to enact the bill. As Senate President, Troy will go the extra mile, welcome everyone to the

table, work until the eleventh hour, and give everything he has to keep us focused on getting results for all of Maine's citizens. Troy's respect for this Chamber and its long standing rules of decorum is strong and unwavering and will serve us well in continuing our tradition of putting respect, professionalism, and service to the State of Maine above hyper-partisanship and petty politics. He is unequivocal in his commitment to fairness and respect for all members of both Chambers who are ready to work in good faith. Troy's approach to leadership is based on innate collegiality, respect, and recognition that we come from different communities, different backgrounds, different outlooks and temperaments, but with a shared commitment to public service and respect for our democratic institutions and processes. I ask for your unanimous support of Troy Dale Jackson for President.

Nomination seconded by Senator **LIBBY** of Androscoggin.

THE SECRETARY: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Androscoggin, Senator Libby.

Senator **LIBBY:** Thank you, Madame Secretary. Men and women of the Senate, guests, friends, and family, over the past two years I've worked closely with Troy as Minority Leaders of this Chamber. I've come to learn that he has the skills and the abilities to do the job, but he is also the sort of person that if you find yourself stuck in the trenches you're glad he's the one stuck there with you. And I've learned that despite he and I coming from very different parts of the state, from different generations, even from different heritages, there are key parts of our story that we share that play a big role in how we work together here at the State House. We both became Dads at a very young age, which fundamentally changed how we view ourselves and the world around us. We both worked our tails off as young people, earning standard wages to support our families. Both of us, and like many of us, lived through extraordinarily difficult life circumstances that made us better, stronger, and kinder people. Troy is a man of conviction and compassion. If it's an emotional issue he doesn't have much of poker face, and that's a good thing. He stands by his beliefs. He says what he means and he's not afraid to show you how he really feels. Troy is smart but, unlike many, he understands that part of being and acting smart means recognizing your own limitations and bringing others in to compliment your strengths. That means recognizing what others bring to the table and involving others in the decision making process. Troy is tough but Troy's also fair. When wrongs are committed he doesn't ignore them, but when there are difficult issues that need to be confronted he deals with them fairly because he knows what it's like to get beat down. Most of all, what makes Troy a good leader, the type of leader that we need here in the 129th Maine Senate, is that he's a fundamentally good human being. Madame Secretary, men and women of the Senate, honored guests, I am proud to second the nomination of the Honorable Troy Jackson of the small town of Allagash in the County of Aroostook at the northern most point in the great state of Maine, descended from the Jackson, McBrierty, O'Leary, and Pelletier families, the son of Joe and Colleen, the husband to Lana, father to Chase and Cam, for the office of President of the Maine Senate. Thank you, Madame Secretary.

THE SECRETARY: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Lincoln, Senator Dow.

Senator **DOW:** Madame Secretary, I move that nominations cease and further move that one ballot be cast on the part of the Senate in favor of Senator Jackson of Aroostook, a county very dear to my heart as it's my family roots, Island Falls and Presque Isle, my grandfather always calling it God's Country and who further had his own version of Genesis and proudly stated that in the beginning there was Aroostook County and the rest of the world formed around it. Senator Jackson of Aroostook for the office of President of the Senate of the 129th Legislature.

On motion by Senator **DOW** of Lincoln, nominations ceased.

On further motion by same Senator, one ballot was cast on the part of the Senate in favor of Senator **TROY D. JACKSON** of Aroostook for the Office of President of the Senate for the 129th Legislature.

This being done, Senator **TROY D. JACKSON** of Aroostook was duly elected President of the Senate of the 129th Legislature.

The Sergeant-At-Arms escorted the Senator from Aroostook, Senator **TROY D. JACKSON**, to the Rostrum.

Senator **TROY D. JACKSON** of Aroostook took and subscribed to the oaths of office required by the Constitution to qualify him to discharge his duties as President of the Senate, pursuant to the Rules of the Senate.

The Wearing of the Green was performed by Ursa Beckford of Liberty, Maine.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair would like to thank the Chief Justice for joining us this morning and administering the oaths of office. Would the Sergeant-At-Arms - she's already left. The Chair would like to thank Ursa Beckford for his rendition of Wearing of the Green.

Well, thank you everyone. I certainly want to start off by thanking Senator Millett for her unbelievable job, Senator Libby for his unbelievable job, and good friend, Senator Dow, for his job, unbelievable job. I can't tell you really how much I appreciate this and how much my heart is beating. So that is why we thought the bagpipes would be a good place for me to catch my breath. I've said it many times, and it's one of the things that I did not realize when I first joined the Legislature, that sense of comradery and family that I would feel from this institution. The people that you meet, the people that you serve with, how they truly do become part of your family and so, for being part of my family today, I honestly do thank you. I also have a number of other families here today that I want to take a minute to thank. Up in the gallery I have many of my labor family. My brothers and sisters that are here. I have personal friends; old friend, Senator Patrick, that has taught me so much through the years here. But what I do also have is my real family, my blood, that are all here today. I just want to say for all the time all of you put in helping me I can't thank you enough for that. Obviously, my wife's family, my in-laws, my sisters and brother-in-law, my nieces, my sister, my mother and father, my step-parents. Thank you so much for everything through the years that you've done. For my son, and

my other son that's not here but certainly to the one here, all the work that you put in, making me look a lot better than I am. And then, finally, my partner, Lana, who's sacrificed a lot. I really do thank you. I love you and I love you all. So thank you.

So being chosen to preside over this Body as Senate President is an honor so great that it can only be matched by the deep humility I feel today. Simple words of thanks only fail to convey the gratitude, respect, and friendship I feel towards the individuals in this Chamber. While I'm aware of the enormity of this distinction, I'm also very aware of the complex challenges that lay ahead. But I believe that I am at this rostrum today because I lead with my heart and that's what I intend to do this session. If you had told me 20 years ago that someday I would have the distinct honor of serving as President of the Maine Senate I wouldn't have believed you. For starters, I'd never had the desire to run for public office. When you grow up never expecting to go to college, never feeling like you fit in a suit, and never seeing yourself as anything but a working-class person, you certainly don't expect to find yourself here. This reality not only shapes my vision for our work but it also heightens my certainty that I must be a different leader for a different age. If buildings like this one, places where people with power make decisions for those without, had better served us in earlier days I would not be here today. If the government had succeeded in years past rather than scoffing at the issues affecting everyday people, I would have had no need to run for office. The reality is health care is too expensive in this state and in this country and property taxes are out of control and the cost of job training programs and higher education is out of reach for far too many Mainers. It shouldn't be this hard for people who want to work, earn a living, and have a good life. In a perfect world, one where Augusta and Washington, D.C. live up to the expectations of the people they are bound to serve, perhaps this place could only be of tradition and decorum. But so long as the pomp and circumstance is based solely on the aspiration of leaders to become leaders for the sake of status, our government will fail many more people.

I was 12 years old the day I stood behind my father at the Highlanding in Allagash as the woodworkers of our town were told by a private company to either fall in line or face a reality much worse. I was 13 years old when my mother got herself through college, started teaching, and began earning less than two-thirds of the salary I would make only five years later. This past October it's been 20 years since I stood with members of my profession and begged our government to enforce the laws that we felt were already on the books. These are clear moments in my life when the government failed the very people it was supposed to serve. This pattern reaches back through ages to countless people whose lives could have been better but, sadly, they were not and our goal here and now is to show people what government can and should be. We must do our part in this time we occupy to bend time so that distant futures not only look different than the checkered past but that they feel different too. And I truly hold no illusions that this will be easy and that change will happen overnight but I believe, wholeheartedly, that we are part of a changing consciousness, a realization that people all around this country are waking up to. Political power must rest in the hands of the many if people are to have control over their own lives.

These sentiments are shared by Mainers who choose to vote for Democrats and Republicans alike. So I am honored to enter this session with Senator Dow as a true friend, which gives me

great hope for the next two years. Where our respective politics fail to meet, I know that our culture and our shared value will bridge the gap, and that doesn't even include all the unique relationships that all of you have with each other. This really is a great moment as we begin the 129th Maine Senate with more goodwill between Democrats and Republicans than in recent memory. And like I said, that sense of family, I feel that today as much as I've ever felt and that could be more important given that division is one of the greatest crises of our time.

It's the inability of people to see each other as friends when we do not share the same backgrounds, culture, or beliefs. Divides are deepening in our society as the gulfs widen between rural and urban, progressive and conservative, and, in a broader sense, those who preferred the past and those that are eager for a new future. And if you're like me, you feel yourself pulled in so many directions by these divisions. With each bill there will be immense pressure to revert to hostility and division but we must not let ourselves buckle under that pressure. And that is why I've decided a decades-long tradition and removed the structural division that has existed in this Chamber. This session our seating arrangement will reflect the communities that we live in. We aren't siloed at home. We deal with everything, everyone, in our community as we should, as someone else said, as we care and think about. So my challenge to all of us here today is not let what makes this Senate Chamber so strong become its greatest weakness. The diversity of our backgrounds and identities is exactly what's called for in these days. It may be a volatile characteristic at times but it's only in the complexity of our perspectives that we will find a path forward in some of these tiring and hard days.

I come from some of the smallest communities in Maine. Senators Chipman and Sanborn represent a city with a population that dwarves all of them. In many ways those two worlds couldn't be more different but in what realm of thinking would we do anything but see this as an opportunity, an asset to celebrate? I refuse to see it any differently and I choose not to see two different Maines, but a unity in the many Maines that we all come from. And I urge you to join me in making that same choice throughout these two years.

Where the St. John River runs by my home in Allagash I know that the waters are either muddy from mistakes made up stream or pure as the springs from which it rises. And further down it collect waters from rivers I've never seen and streams that run through towns I've yet to visit. All I really know is that that river has something from everyplace it's passed through, the good and the bad, and wherever it ends up I hope those waters are at peace. And that is how I want our time here to work. We cannot control the past. We can only do our part here so that our friends, families, and neighbors will be better going on forward. If we succeed in conquering our divisions, and remain true to the spirit of change that defines this era, we'll end up with this session with Maine stronger than we found it. So today the St. John River sleeps under ice, yet beneath the ice it's rushing with currents strong and sure, with a certainty and a purpose. I am confident that we are like those waters, able to find our course amidst the rush. We can do this together and I look forward to the journey with all of you. Thank you very much, ladies and gentlemen.

At this point, the President noted the presence in the Senate Chamber of Senator-elect Franklin, Senator **BLACK**. In accordance with a long-standing and unique tradition of the Maine Senate, the Senator-elect from Franklin was absent "to stoke the State House furnaces."

The President requested the Senator from Piscataquis, Senator **DAVIS**, escort the Senator-elect from Franklin, Senator-elect **BLACK**, to the President's Office for the purpose of taking and subscribing to the oaths of office required by the Constitution.

The Senator and Senator-elect were escorted to the President's Office.

Senate at Ease.

The Senate was called to order by the President.

Subsequently, the Senator from Piscataquis, Senator **DAVIS**, reported that he had attended to the duties with which he was charged and was pleased to report the Senator from Franklin, Senator **BLACK**, had taken and subscribed to the oaths of office required by the Constitution.

Thereupon, Senator **BLACK** of Franklin took his seat in the Senate Chamber.

Senator **DILL** of Penobscot **NOMINATED DAREK M. GRANT** of Augusta for the Office of Secretary of the Senate of the 129th Legislature.

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

Senator **DILL:** Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, I was pleased and honored to be asked by Darek Grant to nominate him for Secretary of the Senate. I would highly recommend Darek for this position. The first thing I did was to sit down and to discuss his experiences, and he has lots of experience. Darek graduated from the University of Southern Maine with a degree in political science, go figure huh. He's been on the Augusta City Council where he worked on the child hunger awareness group, and I might add that he's very proud of that work. He's been on the Augusta School Board. Between those two positions, those have been for consecutive for the last 16 years. He's been an intern in the State House. He's been a member of the Chamber staff. He's been Assistant Sergeant-At-Arms. He's been a Legislative Aide. He's been Chief of Staff and Secretary of the Senate. With all of this experience there's only one conclusion that can be made. The man can't keep a job. So however, in spite of this, I hope that he will keep this job for many, many years to come. Darek has also had the opportunity to work closely as an aide or other positions with some prestigious members, and maybe some not so prestigious. You make your

own decisions on that one. To name a few, there's been Senators Gerzofsky, Hill, Diamond, Dill, Jackson, Hobbins, Alford, and Senate Secretary Joy O'Brien, many of whom have helped shape the individual he is and provided the knowledge base that Darek brings to this position. Darek's the son, and a native son, of Augusta. He went to Cony, that's enough said on that one. You know what that means. A father and a husband. I would be remiss if I didn't mention Darek's wife, Jenn. She had the good sense to work for me while she was in college and also had the good sense to marry Darek. So, again, the conclusion here must be that Darek, too, is a great guy. However, in all seriousness, Darek falls in a line of great Senate Secretaries. I'm sure, like them, Darek will know when to hold 'em and when to fold 'em. Darek's a man of intelligence, wisdom, and devotion. Devotion to his family, his colleagues, his Labs, the Red Sox, and, most importantly, the people of the state of Maine. Darek was my Legislative Aide and that's where I got to know him. He has a strong work ethic. Is very capable and hard working. I saw him work long and hard and work even harder to keep the new Senators on track which, as someone else has mentioned, is like herding cats. He knows the legislative process and certainly Mason's Manual. He'll work relentlessly in his role as Secretary to keep us on track, get our business done, and all in a timely manner. Some say you can't go back again, I say it's more like you never left. So please enthusiastically join me in supporting Darek Grant as Secretary of the Senate. Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator **BELLOWS:** Thank you, Mr. President. It is a great privilege to second this nomination because I can think of no one more qualified than Darek Grant to serve as the Secretary of the Senate for the 129th Legislature. Darek still has a certificate from the first day in 1993 when he was in middle school and served as an honorary page in the Maine House. He told the Kennebec Journal, 'I was instantly fascinated with the way it worked in this building. I wanted to be an honorary page every day.' It's an important reminder that what we do here goes beyond the issue of the day. When we do our jobs well we are inspiring and preparing the next generation for the future. Darek's career, as the good Senator from Penobscot shared, has been in service to the Legislature and this position. Growing up in Augusta. Going to Cony and then on to the University of Southern Maine where he interned for the Maine Senate under the Majority Leader Bev Daggett. Serving as a Chamber Staffer, a Legislative Aide, and he had the very best mentor and teacher one could hope for in the late Joy O'Brien, who stepped down to be Assistant Secretary in the last years of her life so that Darek could assume the role of Secretary in 2013 under her guidance. Darek's experience makes him expertly qualified and well prepared for the position of Secretary. He understands Mason's Rules inside and out, and not just because he brings the Manual to family gatherings to read in a spare moment but because he has served this Chamber, both in the Minority and the Majority, and has seen first-hand their application in almost every situation that anyone of us could imagine. With Darek as Secretary, we can have confidence that the process, the rule of law in this Body, will continue to be fairly and accurately implemented. We can also be assured that everyone will be treated with dignity, respect, and fairness because Darek's most extraordinary quality is his sense

of fairness. He treats everyone, from the most eager young page to the longest serving Senator, with courtesy and respect. He's a good listener and careful observer. Darek's work ethic is extraordinary. To his wife, Jenn; his daughter, Libby; his son, Callan, I can only say thank you. When Darek is working long hours here, late into the night, we are grateful and the people of Maine are grateful. Last week I read a wonderful letter to the editor in the Kennebec Journal. It was from Darek Grant, retiring due to term limits from his service as Ward 2 Councilor in Augusta. Darek talked about the work that has been done in Augusta to revitalize the downtown, to create senior housing, to address childhood hunger, and he said, and I quote, 'Most importantly, being a responsible steward of taxpayer dollars.' These are our goals in the 129th Legislature, to address issues that matter while being responsible stewards. I have confidence that together we will do great things in this session and we will do them better with the expert guidance and leadership of Darek Grant as our Secretary. I wholeheartedly ask you to vote and support of Darek Grant as Secretary of the Senate. Thank you, Mr. President.

Nomination seconded by Senator **BELLOWS** of Kennebec.

On motion by Senator **DOW** of Lincoln, nominations ceased.

On further motion by same Senator, one ballot was cast on the part of the Senate in favor of **DAREK M. GRANT** of Augusta for the Office of Secretary of the Senate for the 129th Legislature.

This being done, **DAREK M. GRANT** of Augusta was duly elected Secretary of the Senate of the 129th Legislature.

The Chair requested the Senator from Penobscot, Senator **DILL**, and the Senator from Kennebec, Senator **BELLOWS**, escort the Secretary-elect to the President's Office for the purpose of taking and subscribing to the necessary oaths of office required by the Constitution to qualify him to enter upon the discharge of the duties of the office of Secretary of the Senate.

The Senators and Secretary-elect were escorted to the President's Office.

Senate at Ease.

The Senate was called to order by the President.

Subsequently, the Senator from Penobscot, Senator **DILL**, reported that they had attended to the duties with which they were charged and were pleased to report that **DAREK M. GRANT** of Augusta had taken and subscribed to the necessary oaths of office to qualify him to enter upon the discharge of the duties of the Secretary of the Senate of the 129th Legislature.

Senator **LAWRENCE** of York **NOMINATED MARCIA J. HOMSTEAD** of Pittsfield for the Office of Assistant Secretary of the Senate of the 129th Legislature.

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

Senator **LAWRENCE:** Thank you, Mr. President. Men and women of the Senate, I sat down last night to write down my thoughts. I've known Marcia so long I had too many thoughts and I couldn't write them down. So I'm going to wing it. It's a dangerous thing for anyone who knows me. But like the person I'm nominating, I'm going to try to keep this short and sweet. This is a deep personal honor. I've known Marcia for 30 years. She's worked here a tremendously long time in the Legislature. I think she may have even started out as working as Chamber Staff for the Legislature. She's worked in a variety of positions. I had the honor of once being the Minority Leader when Democrats were thrown out of power after 60 years of being in power across this country, in Legislatures, and States Houses across this country and had been in power in the State House probably 20 years. I became the Minority Leader, which was a little bit like being selected Captain of the Titanic as it was sinking. I called - there were only three former Senate Presidents then, before term limits, and three former Senate Presidents Gerry Conley, Charlie Pray, and Duke Dutremble. I called each one of them, and I was only allowed to hire two people full time, and I asked them what I should do. To a person, they said hire Marcia. It's something that I have never regretted. She followed me into the Senate President's office. She served as my Executive Secretary. She served in that position wonderfully. You may say how does that apply to the Secretary of the Senate's position? The Secretary of the Senate's position is largely a clerical position, keeping track of the records of the Senate, but anybody who's served here, and for those members who are new in the Legislature, this is a crazy place. It's a little bit like that episode in *Percy Jackson and Lightning Thief* where they go into a casino and they can't get out. You come in here and it's like it's a time warp and you can't get out and you have to put all your other life on hold. All the other things going on on hold. Your bank account will be overdrawn. You'll show up at the State House without a belt on. You'll suddenly, you know, have kids showing up at the State House that you don't remember were invited from your district. The role of the Secretary of the Senate is to keep things together for you. They become a confessor, somebody you could go to and talk to when things get tough here in the State House. I can't think of a greater person who could serve that role better than Marcia. She is quite a confidant. I remember having been - as I'm sure the Senate President is going to find out, it's a stressful role. Getting yelled at by Governors. Having to deal with 35 Senators who all believe they should be Governor, including myself, and deal with all those egos and all the other members. I remember walking into the Senate President's office and sitting down and saying - channeling the *Brady Bunch* and saying 'Marcia, Marcia, Marcia.' She would look at me and say, 'Mark, Mark, Mark', and she would hand me some chocolate and we would talk out the day's events and it would work. It would work. Marcia's that type of person. She's going to be somebody each and every one of us can go to when things get difficult, trying to make our lives work with being in the Legislature and being a person outside the Legislature. She's truly a unique person. She knows probably more than anyone I can think of about this State House and about State government and we are honored to have her willing to serve as our Assistant Secretary of the Senate and I'm pleased to nominate her.

Nomination seconded by Senator **BREEN** of Cumberland.

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

Senator **BREEN:** Thank you, Mr. President. Mr. President, men and women of the Senate, I, too, am honored to be part of nominating Marcia Homstead to serve as Assistant Secretary in this Body. Everybody knows when you meet Marcia Homstead you meet a friend and I want to take a minute to tell you the story of how I first met Marcia Homstead. As some of you know, my entry into the Senate in the 127th was a little odd. There was a bit of a hiccup. So I wasn't sworn in until January. So all this orientation and all of this teaching and training everybody's been going through I missed. So it's like when you've spent all summer and you go on to get your school clothes and your pencils are sharpened and you're ready to go and then you start school on October 1st. That's how it felt. So I knew immediately I was the newest - only member of my caucus who's entirely new to the Legislature and I knew I needed to find a friend and someone who really ran the place, and that's what you have in Marcia Homstead. She started in 1984 as Chamber Staff. In 1990 she became Secretary to the Senate President. She's been in the Senate Democratic Office ever since. But there's not a person who's ever worked in the State House in Maine, Republican, Democrat, Independent, House or Senate, who doesn't know when you walk into Marcia's office you get chocolate and a smile and you get answers because she knows everything. The other thing about Marcia is that she loves the process. You don't stay in a job like this if you don't love the process. She reveres this institution, as we all do. She loves the people no matter their political sway. And, to her daughter, Patti, you might not know this but she's very proud of you. We get to hear all about Patti and David and Little David. All great. Some antics, but all good. So it's with great humility and great excitement that I second the nomination of Marcia Homstead to serve as Assistant Secretary. Thank you, Mr. President.

On motion by Senator **DOW** of Lincoln, nominations ceased.

On further motion by same Senator, one ballot was cast on the part of the Senate in favor of **MARCIA J. HOMSTEAD** of Pittsfield for the Office of Assistant Secretary of the Senate for the 129th Legislature.

This being done, **MARCIA J. HOMSTEAD** of Pittsfield was duly elected Assistant Secretary of the Senate of the 129th Legislature.

The Chair requested the Senator from York, Senator **LAWRENCE**, and the Senator from Cumberland, Senator **BREEN**, escort the Assistant Secretary-elect to the President's Office for the purpose of taking and subscribing to the necessary oaths of office required by the Constitution to qualify her to enter upon the discharge of the duties of the office of Assistant Secretary of the Senate.

The Senators and Assistant Secretary-elect were escorted to the President's Office.

Senate at Ease.

The Senate was called to order by the President.

Subsequently, the Senator from York, Senator **LAWRENCE**, reported that they had attended to the duties with which they were charged and were pleased to report that **MARCIA J. HOMSTEAD** of Pittsfield had taken and subscribed to the necessary oaths of office to qualify her to enter upon the discharge of the duties of the Assistant Secretary of the Senate of the 129th Legislature.

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

ORDERS

Senate Order

On motion by Senator **LIBBY** of Androscoggin, the following Senate Order:

S.O. 2

Ordered, that a message be sent to the House of Representatives, informing that Body that the Senate has organized by the choice of Troy D. Jackson of Aroostook County as President; Darek M. Grant of Augusta as Secretary of the Senate; and Marcia J. Homstead of Pittsfield as Assistant Secretary of the Senate of the 129th Legislature. And is assembled, ready to transact such business as may come before the Senate.

READ and PASSED.

The Chair appointed the Senator from Androscoggin, Senator **LIBBY**, to deliver the message to the House of Representatives. The Senator was escorted to the House of Representatives.

Senate at Ease.

The Senate was called to order by the President.

Subsequently, the Senator from Androscoggin, Senator **LIBBY**, reported that he had delivered the message with which he was charged.

Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, on motion by Senator **VITELLI** of Sagadahoc, the following Senate Order:

S.O. 3

Ordered, that a committee of seven be appointed by the President to whom the returns of votes for Senators for the political years of 2019 and 2020 shall be referred for examination and report.

READ and PASSED.

Senate at Ease.

The Senate was called to order by the President.

Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, on motion by Senator **LIBBY** of Androscoggin, the following Senate Order:

S.O. 4

Ordered, that a message be sent to the House of Representatives proposing a Convention of the two branches of the Legislature in the Hall of the House, for the purpose of electing a Secretary of State for the political years 2019 and 2020, a State Treasurer for the political years 2019 and 2020, an Attorney General for the political years 2019 and 2020 at 2:00 in the afternoon.

READ and PASSED.

The Chair appointed the Senator from Androscoggin, Senator **LIBBY**, to deliver the message to the House of Representatives. The Senator was escorted to the House of Representatives.

Subsequently, the Senator from Androscoggin, Senator **LIBBY**, reported that he had delivered the message with which he was charged.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: S.C. 2

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE**

December 3, 2018

To the President of the Senate in the One Hundred and Twenty-ninth Legislature:

I, Matthew Dunlap, Secretary of State, in accordance with the Constitution and laws of the State of Maine, having tabulated the returns of the votes cast for State Senators at the General Election held on the sixth day of November in the year Two Thousand and Eighteen;

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

<u>District 1</u>	Jackson, Troy Dale, Allagash	8,793
	Nadeau, A. Michael, Fort Kent	5,683
<u>District 2</u>	Carpenter, Michael E., Houlton	7,433
	Reynolds, Karen Ann, Fort Fairfield	7,226
<u>District 3</u>	Farrin, Bradlee Thomas, Norridgewock	8,876
	Johnson, Jeffrey B., Norridgewock	5,827
<u>District 4</u>	Davis, Paul T. Sr., Sangerville	9,895
	Mackey Andrews, Susan D., Dover-Foxcroft	5,112
<u>District 5</u>	Dendinger, Maia R., Orono	1,124
	Dill, James F., Old Town	8,789
	Perkins, Debbi J., Millinocket	5,855
<u>District 6</u>	Moore, Marianne, Calais	8,979
	Therrien, Christina Marie, Machias	5,661
<u>District 7</u>	Luchini, Louis Joseph, Ellsworth	13,363
	Malaby, Richard S., Hancock	7,486
<u>District 8</u>	Rosen, Kimberley C., Bucksport	10,521
	Uhlenhake, Beverly B., Brewer	7,458
<u>District 9</u>	Gratwick, Geoffrey M., Bangor	9,203
	LaBrecque, James C., Bangor	5,990
<u>District 10</u>	Guerin, Stacey K., Glenburn	10,431
	Lippincott, William J., Hampden	5,336
<u>District 11</u>	Giles, Jayne Crosby, Belfast	8,100
	Herbig, Erin D., Belfast	11,659
	Greenier, Joseph H., Stockton Springs	7
<u>District 12</u>	Miramant, David R., Camden	12,467
	Pelletier, Wendy P., Hope	7,192
<u>District 13</u>	Dow, Dana L., Waldoboro	10,266
	Fortman, Laura A., Nobleboro	9,881
<u>District 14</u>	Bellows, Shenna, Manchester	10,790
	Stone, Matthew William, West Gardiner	7,850
<u>District 15</u>	Julia, Kellie, China	7,197
	Pouliot, Matthew, Augusta	9,497

<u>District 16</u>	
Cyrway, Scott W., Albion	7,902
Kusiak, Karen, Fairfield	7,778
<u>District 17</u>	
Black, Russell, Wilton	9,715
Collins, Jan M., Wilton	8,105
<u>District 18</u>	
Keim, Lisa M., Dixfield	10,966
Wilfong, James F., Stow	5,789
<u>District 19</u>	
Hamper, James M., Oxford	10,167
McKinney, Michael A., Hiram	7,317
<u>District 20</u>	
Claxton, Ned, Auburn	8,993
Espling, Eleanor, New Gloucester	8,758
<u>District 21</u>	
Libby, Nathan L., Lewiston	8,210
Peters, Nelson M. J. Jr., Lewiston	5,378
<u>District 22</u>	
Kilby-Chesley, Lois E., Durham	6,277
Timberlake, Jeffrey L., Turner	10,572
<u>District 23</u>	
Donaldson, Richard W., Georgetown	8,490
Vitelli, Eloise A., Arrowsic	11,580
<u>District 24</u>	
Carson, Everett Brownie, Harpswell	15,374
Garcia, Diana, Brunswick	7,315
<u>District 25</u>	
Breen, Catherine E., Falmouth	15,348
Nichols, Cathleen M., Falmouth	9,448
<u>District 26</u>	
Diamond, G. William, Windham	14,743
<u>District 27</u>	
Canney, Crystal, Portland	4,975
Chipman, Benjamin M., Portland	14,858
<u>District 28</u>	
Sanborn, Heather B., Portland	15,940
<u>District 29</u>	
Millett, Rebecca J., Cape Elizabeth	15,077
Van Syckel, George Willard, South Portland	5,215
<u>District 30</u>	
Sanborn, Linda F., Gorham	11,170
Volk, Amy Fern, Scarborough	10,975
<u>District 31</u>	
Chenette, Justin M., Saco	12,122
Mendros, Stavros J., Hollis	6,113

<u>District 32</u>	
Deschambault, Susan A., Biddeford	10,620
Normandeau, Scott Wageman, Arundel	6,338
<u>District 33</u>	
Tuttle, John L. Jr., Sanford	6,298
Woodsome, David, Waterboro	9,030
<u>District 34</u>	
Foley, Robert A., Wells	10,456
Wright, Thomas J., Berwick	9,776
<u>District 35</u>	
Estes, Michael L., York	8,050
Lawrence, Mark W., Eliot	13,408

I, Matthew Dunlap, Secretary of State, hereby certify that the foregoing report is a true tabulation of the votes cast for State Senators at the General Election, as reported to me on the returns from the cities, towns, and plantations of the State.

S/Matthew Dunlap
Secretary of State

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 3

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE
BUREAU OF CORPORATIONS, ELECTIONS AND
COMMISSIONS**

December 3, 2018

Honorable Michael D. Thibodeau
President of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear President Thibodeau,

The following is a summary of the results of the November 6, 2018 Referendum Election, which were submitted to the Governor on November 26, 2018.

Question 1: Citizen Initiative	
Number of Votes in Favor	235,679
Number of Votes Opposed	398,819
Question 2: Bond Issue	
Number of Votes in Favor	344,507
Number of Votes Opposed	286,248
Question 3: Bond Issue	
Number of Votes in Favor	427,357
Number of Votes Opposed	203,780

Question 4: Bond Issue
Number of Votes in Favor 340,743
Number of Votes Opposed 288,455

Question 5: Bond Issue
Number of Votes in Favor 410,288
Number of Votes Opposed 221,947

Sincerely,

S/Matthew Dunlap
Secretary of State

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

ORDERS

Senate Orders

On motion by Senator **VITELLI** of Sagadahoc, the following Senate Order:

S.O. 5

Ordered, that the Rules of Senate of the 128th Legislature shall be the Rules of the Senate of the 129th Legislature. Amendments to the Senate Rules may be adopted by a majority vote on or before the third Friday in January of 2019.

READ and PASSED.

On motion by Senator **BREEN** of Cumberland, the following Senate Order:

S.O. 6

Ordered, that the Secretary of the Senate be authorized to invite the clergy to officiate as Chaplains of the Senate as requested by any member of the Senate; and be it further

Ordered, that all clergy acting as Chaplains of the Senate shall receive \$30 for each officiation. The same is to be approved by the Secretary of the Senate.

READ and PASSED.

On motion by Senator **VITELLI** of Sagadahoc, the following Senate Order:

S.O. 7

Ordered, that all Bills and Resolves carrying or requiring an appropriation or involving a loss of revenue that are in order to be passed to be enacted, or finally passed, shall, at the request of a member of the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs or the Presiding Officer, be placed on a special calendar to be called up for consideration only by the same.

READ and PASSED.

On motion by Senator **VITELLI** of Sagadahoc, the following Senate Order:

S.O. 8

Ordered, that all Bills and Resolves carrying or requiring an appropriation of highway revenue or involving a loss of highway revenue that are in order to be passed to be enacted, or finally passed, shall, at the request of a member of the Committee on Transportation or the Presiding Officer, be placed on a special calendar to be called up for consideration only by the same.

READ and PASSED.

On motion by Senator **GRATWICK** of Penobscot, the following Senate Order:

S.O. 9

Ordered, that the President of the Senate is authorized, at his discretion, to permit radio or sound television film or live television, or any two or three of these communication media, on the floor of the Senate.

READ and PASSED.

Senate at Ease.

The Senate was called to order by the President.

Joint Orders

On motion by Senator **LIBBY** of Androscoggin, the following Joint Order:

S.P. 1

ORDERED, the House concurring, that the Joint Rules of the 128th Legislature are the Joint Rules of the 129th Legislature, except for the following changes.

Joint Rule 202 is amended by striking out all of the first paragraph and inserting the following:

All requests for bills and resolves submitted by Legislators for a first regular session must be submitted in complete form, as provided in Joint Rule 208, to the Revisor of Statutes by 4:00 p.m. on the 3rd Friday in December, except that for the First Regular Session of the 129th Legislature, the cloture date is December 31, 2018.

Joint Rule 301 is amended by striking out all of the last indented paragraph and inserting the following:

There are established 17 joint standing committees, which must be appointed at the commencement of the first regular session and which exercise jurisdiction in the following areas:

Agriculture, conservation and forestry
 Appropriations and financial affairs
 Criminal justice and public safety
 Education and cultural affairs
 Energy, utilities and technology
 Environment and natural resources
 Health and human services
 Health coverage, insurance and financial services
 Inland fisheries and wildlife
 Innovation, development, economic advancement and commerce
 Judiciary
 Labor and housing
 Marine resources
 State and local government
 Taxation
 Transportation
 Veterans and legal affairs

READ.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Lincoln, Senator Dow.

Senator **DOW:** Thank you, Mr. President. I wanted to speak on some of the changes in the committee names. We had a break-up of the LCRED Committee, formerly known at one time as two separate committees - Labor and then BRED, Business, Research and Economic Development. I served on both of those committees when I was here before and when they combined the two I think I was the only one in the State House that had served on both of them so I automatically got put on the new combined committee, LCRED. I never liked the name LCRED. I used to refer to it as LCRUD. What I didn't like about it is what I want to speak about. The name Business had been removed from the title and I thought that the name Business was a major, or the major emphasis of the entire department. Really it represents the 9 out of the 10 reasons that I'm here, to promote business in the State of Maine, so much that I feel it's important to speak about it at this time. I wish we had taken this new name, Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Commerce, which has a nice ring to it, IDEA, but I wish we would have put the word Business in front of it or we could have called it BID, Business Innovation and Development, or even BIDE, Business Innovation, Development and the Economy. Business is such an important part of this state. It brings in all the money because we all work for businesses and we all spend money at businesses. I hate to see the name left off any committee so that businesses in the state of Maine don't know where to hang their hat. I would like to have Business attached to this name somehow and so, in the future, I hope we can further the discussion. It's so important for businesses, whether you're a Big C corporation, an S corporation like my own and hundreds of others, sole proprietors, or just a single person, we all work and draw our income from businesses, whether we're owners or employees, and I just think it's so important. I look back at the problems that we have in this state; stagnant economy is due to business problems. Decrease in the school age population since 1970. We've lost 25% of our K-12 students. We used to have a maximum of 240,000 K-12 students

in 1970. Now we're under 180,000 and I think we're still dropping a little bit. There's a reason that we're the oldest state in the nation. Our young families have taken their kids and left the state to seek new opportunities in business. That's why I feel that this committee, the prime emphasis should be on business. I've even felt at time that the entire business department ought to be doubled in size so that we could send out oodles of people, secretaries and everything, into the business community to take a pulse of what's going on in the businesses in this entire state. I've watched with dismay as my, what I call my home, Northern Maine, lose a tremendous amount of population over the years and I think it's all due to a business climate. So I am hoping that we can come to some agreement shortly about adding the name Business right up to the front of this new committee name and, Mr. President, I thank you.

At this point, a message was received from the House of Representatives borne by Representative FECTION of Biddeford, informing the Senate that the House had organized by the choice of SARA GIDEON of Freeport, as Speaker of the House, ROBERT B. HUNT of Yarmouth, as Clerk of the House, and JENNIFER MCGOWAN of Hallowell, as Assistant Clerk of the House of the 129th Legislature and was ready to transact such business as might come before the House.

At this point a message was received from the House of Representatives, borne by Representative MOONEN of Portland, informing the Senate that the House concurred with the proposition for a Convention of the two branches of the Legislature to be held in the Hall of the House at 2:00 in the afternoon for the purpose of electing a Secretary of State for the political years 2019 and 2020, a State Treasurer for the political years 2019 and 2020, and an Attorney General for the political years 2019 and 2020.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Androscoggin, Senator Timberlake.

Senator **TIMBERLAKE:** Thank you, Mr. President and fellow members of the Senate. I rise to speak on item 4-6, the establishment of committees in the Joint Rules. I think it's important to point out that we have created a divide between employees and employers. I'm not convinced this is a good position for the State of Maine to take considering the fact that small business is the backbone of our economy. Let me explain. The Committee is currently referred to as the Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development Committee. We are now dividing that committee into a Labor and Housing as one committee and Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Commerce Committee as another. This sends a clear message to our employers and our employees that their destiny is not intertwined and that employer does not have the best interest of their employees at heart. As an owner of an 8th generation family farm that employs a number of community members in my district, I find this division disturbing and ask, Mr. President, that this Body take a step back and rethink this

position. My recommendation is that these committees remain as one and I ask you again, Mr. President, to reconsider this decision. Thank you.

The Joint Order was **PASSED**.

Ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

On motion by Senator **VITELLI** of Sagadahoc, the following Joint Order:

S.P. 2

Ordered, the House concurring, that when the House and Senate adjourn, they do so until Wednesday, January 2, 2019, at 10:00 in the morning.

READ and PASSED.

Ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

On motion by Senator **LIBBY** of Androscoggin, the following Joint Order:

S.P. 3

Ordered, the House concurring, that there be paid to the members of the Senate and the House of Representatives as advances on account of compensation established by statute, 12 payments on a biweekly basis commencing January 2, 2019, according to lists certified to the State Controller by the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House, respectively.

READ and PASSED.

Ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

On motion by Senator **BREEN** of Cumberland, the following Joint Order:

S.P. 4

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

Ordered, that the Executive Director of the Legislative Council be authorized and directed to provide the forms necessary for such purpose and provide suitable space in his office for the filing and

safekeeping of all such expense accounts and other papers and records pertaining thereto.

READ and PASSED.

Ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

On motion by Senator **VITELLI** of Sagadahoc, the following Joint Order:

S.P. 5

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

READ and PASSED.

Ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

On motion by Senator **LIBBY** of Androscoggin, the following Joint Order:

S.P. 6

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

READ and PASSED.

Ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

On motion by Senator **VITELLI** of Sagadahoc, the following Joint Order:

S.P. 7

Ordered, the House concurring, that a sufficient number of the Legislative Record for the 129th Legislature be printed, one copy for each of the members of the Senate and the House of Representatives who so desires, the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House. The remainder to be deposited with the State Law Librarian for exchange and library use; and be it further

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

READ and PASSED.

Ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

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

Off Record Remarks

RECESSED until 1:40 in the afternoon.

After Recess the Senate was called to order by the President.

At this point the Senate retired to the Hall of the House where a Joint Convention was formed.

Following the Joint Convention the Senate was called to order in the Senate Chamber by the President.

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

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

Joint Orders

The following Joint Order:

H.P. 1

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

Comes from the House, **READ** and **PASSED**.

READ and **PASSED**, in concurrence.

The following Joint Order:

H.P. 2

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

Comes from the House, **READ** and **PASSED**.

READ and **PASSED**, in concurrence.

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

Senate at Ease.

The Senate was called to order by the President.

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

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

Joint Resolution

The following Joint Resolution:

H.P. 3

**JOINT RESOLUTION
COMMEMORATING AND HONORING
PRESIDENT GEORGE H. W. BUSH**

WHEREAS, President George Herbert Walker Bush, the 41st President of the United States, worked throughout his life serving freedom and advancing the public good through service in the military, in Congress and in the White House; and

WHEREAS, President Bush enlisted in the United States Naval Reserve in 1942 on his 18th birthday, as soon as possible after the attack on Pearl Harbor in December 1941, becoming one of the youngest naval aviators, and was assigned to Torpedo Squadron VT-51 in September 1943, with which he participated in operations against Marcus and Wake Islands and in the Marianas; and

WHEREAS, President Bush was first elected to the House of Representatives in 1966 and was appointed Ambassador to the United Nations in 1971; and

WHEREAS, President Bush also served as Chairman of the Republican National Committee, Chief of the Liaison Office in China and Director of Central Intelligence; and

WHEREAS, President Bush was chosen as President Ronald Reagan's running mate in 1980 and served as Vice President for 2 terms, heading task forces on deregulation and the war on drugs; and

WHEREAS, in 1988 President Bush ran a successful campaign to become the first incumbent Vice President in 152 years to be elected President; and

WHEREAS, during his term in office President Bush consistently and vigorously demonstrated the values of courage, duty, honor and compassion that define our nation and his life, encouraging Americans to be a "thousand points of light" through service to others; and

WHEREAS, President Bush while in office oversaw military operations in Panama and the Persian Gulf, guided the nation through the fall of the Berlin Wall and the dissolution of the Soviet Union and signed the North American Free Trade Agreement and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990; and

WHEREAS, President Bush and his family were longtime summer residents at the family compound on Walker's Point in Kennebunkport, Maine, and the Anchor to Windward monument

was placed on Ocean Avenue by the town in appreciation of the Bush family's generosity and charitable local efforts; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Twenty-ninth Legislature now assembled in the First Regular Session, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to recognize President George Herbert Walker Bush's lifetime commitment to public service and to send our condolences to his family upon his passing; and be it further

RESOLVED: That suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the family of the late George Herbert Walker Bush.

Comes from the House, **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

READ and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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

Off Record Remarks

The Senate **ADJOURNED**, pursuant to the Joint Order, until Wednesday, January 2, 2019 at 10:00 in the morning in the morning in memory of and lasting tribute to President George H.W. Bush of Houston, Texas.