

**STATE OF MAINE  
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In Senate Chamber  
Monday  
March 28, 2005

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

Prayer by Reverend Susan Kingman of the Sanford Unitarian Universalist Church.

**REVEREND KINGMAN:** Let us join our hearts in the spirit of prayer and meditation. Spirit of life and love, in this spring season of rebirth and renewal, a grace can appear in the world on mornings such as these when, together, women and men gather, when we gently warm this place by our presence, when the simple beauty of being human can unfold like spring. Who, after this long Maine winter, is not ready for the poetry of spring, the forsythia that blooms overnight, the surprise of the lengthening days, the first green shoot of a crocus or daffodil. As we come together this morning, let us remind one another to savor the air as it grows warmer and easier to breathe, to love the earth again, to have the patience of a spring flower bulb, and while we wait once more for the sun to show its strength, let us remember in our hearts each other. Keep us mindful as we take to heart our obligation to one another during our discussions this morning, especially as we find ourselves in the midst of exploring tough issues. We must remember the spiritual light that calls us to be compassionate and loving human beings. We must remember that the women and men with whom we may disagree are no less human, no less worthy than ourselves. Bring us to understand that our political views express what we strive for, what we are afraid of, what we are trying to protect, what we are defending against, what we are angry about, and what we have given up on. Our passion is grounded in our experience. So today give us strength to better understand one another and grant us the gift of empathy so that we hear more than just view points and arguments, that we also listen for the pain and yearning behind them. Blessed be and Amen.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Senator Elizabeth M. Schneider of Penobscot County.

Reading of the Journal of Thursday, March 24, 2005.

Off Record Remarks

**PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE**

**Non-Concurrent Matter**

HOUSE REPORTS - from the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** on "Resolve, To Require That the Department of Transportation Install a Traffic Light in West Enfield"

H.P. 164 L.D. 213

Majority - **Ought Not to Pass** (10 members)

Minority - **Ought to Pass** (3 members)

In House, March 17, 2005, the Minority **OUGHT TO PASS** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**.

In Senate, March 24, 2005, the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

Comes from the House, that Body **INSISTED** and **ASKED FOR A COMMITTEE OF CONFERENCE**.

On motion by Senator **DAMON** of Hancock, the Senate **INSISTED** and **JOINED IN A COMMITTEE OF CONFERENCE**.

The Chair appointed as conferees on the part of the Senate the following:

Senator **DAMON** of Hancock  
Senator **DIAMOND** of Cumberland  
Senator **SAVAGE** of Knox

**COMMUNICATIONS**

The Following Communication: S.P. 514

**122<sup>nd</sup> MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE  
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333**

March 24, 2005

Sen. Nancy B. Sullivan  
Senate Chair, Joint Standing Committee on Insurance and Financial Services  
Rep. Anne C. Perry  
House Chair, Joint Standing Committee on Insurance and Financial Services  
122<sup>nd</sup> Legislature  
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Senator Sullivan and Representative Perry:

Please be advised that Governor John E. Baldacci has nominated Lloyd P. LaFountain III of Biddeford for appointment as the Superintendent of the Bureau of Financial Services.

Pursuant to Title 9-B M.R.S.A. §211, this nomination will require review by the Joint Standing Committee on Insurance and Financial Services.

Sincerely,

S/Beth Edmonds  
President of the Senate

S/John Richardson  
Speaker of the House

Honorable Beth Edmonds, President of the Senate  
Honorable John Richardson, Speaker of the House  
122nd Maine Legislature  
State House  
Augusta, Maine 04333

**READ and REFERRED** to the Committee on **INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Dear President Edmonds and Speaker Richardson:

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government has voted unanimously to report the following bill out "Ought Not to Pass":

The Following Communication: S.C. 119

L.D. 474 An Act To Clarify the Authority of a County To Fund Its County Communications Center through the County Tax or Fee-for-service Agreements

**MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE  
COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS, RESEARCH  
AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333**

March 21, 2005

Honorable Beth Edmonds, President of the Senate  
Honorable John Richardson, Speaker of the House  
122nd Maine Legislature  
State House  
Augusta, Maine 04333

We have also notified the sponsor and cosponsors of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Elizabeth M. Schneider  
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Christopher R. Barstow  
House Chair

Dear President Edmonds and Speaker Richardson:

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that the Joint Standing Committee on Business, Research and Economic Development has voted unanimously to report the following bill out "Ought Not to Pass":

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

L.D. 689 An Act To Exempt from License Fees Small Businesses That Collect Returnable Bottles

The Following Communication: S.C. 122

**MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE  
COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION  
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333**

We have also notified the sponsor and cosponsors of the Committee's action.

March 24, 2005

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Lynn Bromley  
Senate Chair

Honorable Beth Edmonds, President of the Senate  
Honorable John Richardson, Speaker of the House  
122nd Maine Legislature  
State House  
Augusta, Maine 04333

S/Rep. Nancy E. Smith  
House Chair

Dear President Edmonds and Speaker Richardson:

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

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation has voted unanimously to report the following bills out "Ought Not to Pass":

The Following Communication: S.C. 120

**MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE  
COMMITTEE ON STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT  
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333**

L.D. 899 Resolve, Directing the Department of Transportation To Erect Signs on the Maine Turnpike Directing Motorists to "Historic Downtown Saco"

March 21, 2005

L.D. 930 An Act To Amend the Procedure for Election of the Casco Bay Island Transit District Board

We have also notified the sponsors and cosponsors of each bill listed of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Dennis Damon  
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Boyd P. Marley  
House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 123

**MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE  
COMMITTEE ON TAXATION  
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333**

March 24, 2005

Honorable Beth Edmonds, President of the Senate  
Honorable John Richardson, Speaker of the House  
122nd Maine Legislature  
State House  
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Edmonds and Speaker Richardson:

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that the Joint Standing Committee on Taxation has voted unanimously to report the following bills out "Ought Not to Pass":

- L.D. 320 An Act To Limit Property Acquired by Municipalities due to Tax Delinquency
- L.D. 571 An Act To Allow a Trade-in Credit in the Calculation of the Automobile Excise Tax
- L.D. 709 An Act Promoting Excise Tax Fairness by Allowing Refunds for Excise Taxes Paid on Vehicles
- L.D. 746 An Act To Exempt Tax on Leased Property Used by Maine's Public Higher Education Institutions

We have also notified the sponsors and cosponsors of each bill listed of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Joseph Charles Perry  
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Richard G. Woodbury  
House Chair

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

**SENATE PAPERS**

Bill "An Act To Prevent Domestic Abuse by Reinstating the Death Penalty for Persons Who Murder Family or Household Members"  
S.P. 519 L.D. 1501

Sponsored by Senator COURTNEY of York.

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

On motion by Senator **DIAMOND** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Related to Health Insurance and Confidentiality of Property and Casualty Filings"  
S.P. 517 L.D. 1499

Sponsored by Senator SULLIVAN of York.  
Cosponsored by Representative PERRY of Calais and Senator: MAYO of Sagadahoc, Representative: BRAUTIGAM of Falmouth.  
Submitted by the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

On motion by Senator **SULLIVAN** of York, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Improve Campaign Financing and Reporting and the Administration of the Maine Clean Election Act"  
S.P. 518 L.D. 1500

Sponsored by Senator GAGNON of Kennebec.  
Cosponsored by Representative PATRICK of Rumford.  
Submitted by the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

On motion by Senator **GAGNON** of Kennebec, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LEGAL AND VETERANS AFFAIRS** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Water Quality Standards for Ragged and Seboomook Lakes"  
S.P. 515 L.D. 1497

Sponsored by Senator MARTIN of Aroostook.  
Cosponsored by Senator: DAVIS of Piscataquis, Representatives: CARR of Lincoln, CLARK of Millinocket.  
Submitted by the Department of Environmental Protection pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

On motion by Senator **COWGER** of Kennebec, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **NATURAL RESOURCES** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

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Resolve, To Establish the Committee To Study the Establishment of a Memorial for Emergency Medical Services Personnel and To Set Aside Space for That Memorial (EMERGENCY)  
S.P. 516 L.D. 1498

Sponsored by Senator COWGER of Kennebec.  
Cosponsored by Representative McKENNEY of Cumberland and Senators: CLUKEY of Aroostook, HASTINGS of Oxford, MITCHELL of Kennebec, NASS of York, RAYE of Washington, SAVAGE of Knox, SCHNEIDER of Penobscot, SNOWE-MELLO of Androscoggin, Representatives: AUSTIN of Gray, BARSTOW of Gorham, BEAUDETTE of Biddeford, BISHOP of Boothbay, CROSBY of Topsham, FLETCHER of Winslow, MOORE of Standish, RECTOR of Thomaston, THOMPSON of China, WHEELER of Kittery.

On motion by Senator **SCHNEIDER** of Penobscot, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

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

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**ORDERS**

**Joint Orders**

Expressions of Legislative Sentiment recognizing:

Andrea Paul, of New Gloucester, on the occasion of her retirement after over 25 years of dedicated public service. Ms. Paul started as Resource Coordinator and Regional Administrator for the Bureau of Mental Retardation in 1975. In 1990, she became the Project Director for the Office of Substance Abuse Services, a position she held until 1997 when she became Regional Executive of the Department of Human Services. Since 2004, Ms. Paul has been Regional Director of the Department of Health and Human Services. We acknowledge her commitment to her profession and to the citizens of Maine, especially in

helping people with disabilities. We extend our thanks, our congratulations and our best wishes to her on her retirement;  
SLS 207

Sponsored by Senator BRENNAN of Cumberland.  
Cosponsored by Senator: SNOWE-MELLO of Androscoggin, Representative: VAUGHAN of Durham.

**READ.**

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

Senator **BRENNAN:** Thank you, Madame President and men and women of the Senate. I'm very pleased today to recognize, and I'm sure that you will join with me in recognizing Andrea Paul from New Gloucester who is retiring after 25 years of service in the Department of Health and Human Services. I've known Andrea for the last 10 years and she truly, truly, truly is an outstanding example of public service. She's creative. She's intelligent. Most of all, she's an outstanding problem solver. Every time I've had to call her with an issue regarding the Department while trying to help a constituent, she always had a creative solution and she could always think through the problem in a way that, again, was creative and resolve the problem in a way that was beneficial to everybody. Again, I'd like to just note the fact that she will be missed in public service, but we also wish her well in her new endeavors with Youth Alternatives. Thank you.

**PASSED.**

**THE PRESIDENT:** The Chair would like to welcome in the rear of the chamber Andrea Paul of New Gloucester. Would she please stand and receive the greetings of the Maine Senate.

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**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

**House**

**Ought to Pass As Amended**

The Committee on **LABOR** on Bill "An Act To Provide Equal Treatment for All Veterans in the Laws Governing the Maine State Retirement System"

H.P. 263 L.D. 350

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-32).**

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-32).**

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

**READ ONCE.**

Committee Amendment "A" (H-32) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

**ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.**

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The Committee on **LABOR** on Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Relating to Unemployment Compensation"

H.P. 310 L.D. 425

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-31).**

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-31).**

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

**READ ONCE.**

Committee Amendment "A" (H-31) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

**ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.**

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The Committee on **LEGAL AND VETERANS AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act To Allow Small Stores To Conduct Wine Taste Testings"

H.P. 203 L.D. 278

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-42).**

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-42).**

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

**READ ONCE.**

Committee Amendment "A" (H-42) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

**ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.**

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The Committee on **MARINE RESOURCES** on Bill "An Act To Provide for a Limited Sea Cucumber Fishery"

H.P. 435 L.D. 602

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-38).**

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-38).**

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

**READ ONCE.**

Committee Amendment "A" (H-38) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

**ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.**

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The Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** on Resolve, Authorizing the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services To Place under Option or Right of First Refusal Certain Property along State Street, Augusta, Maine

H.P. 364 L.D. 489

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-40).**

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-40).**

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

**READ ONCE.**

Committee Amendment "A" (H-40) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

**ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.**

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The Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** on Resolve, Authorizing the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services To Sell or Lease the Interests of the State in Certain Real Estate Located along the New Belgrade Road in Augusta

H.P. 379 L.D. 504

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-41).**

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-41).**

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

**READ ONCE.**

Committee Amendment "A" (H-41) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

**ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.**

The Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** on Bill "An Act Making Unified Appropriations and Allocations for the Expenditures of State Government, Highway Funds and Changing Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2006 and June 30, 2007" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 534 L.D. 739

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-72)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-72)**.

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

**READ ONCE.**

Committee Amendment "A" (H-72) **READ**,

On motion by Senator **DAMON** of Hancock, Senate Amendment "A" (S-42) to Committee Amendment "A" (H-72) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-72) as Amended by Senate Amendment "A" (S-42) thereto, **ADOPTED**, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-72) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-42)** thereto, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

Ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

**Divided Report**

The Majority of the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** on Bill "An Act To Amend the Law Governing Construction Flaggers" H.P. 110 L.D. 132

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

Signed:

Senators:  
DIAMOND of Cumberland  
SAVAGE of Knox

Representatives:  
FISHER of Brewer  
SAMPSON of Auburn  
MAZUREK of Rockland  
COLLINS of Wells  
BROWNE of Vassalboro  
THOMAS of Ripley

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-47)**.

Signed:

Senator:  
DAMON of Hancock

Representatives:  
MARLEY of Portland  
PARADIS of Frenchville

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

Reports **READ**.

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

**Divided Report**

The Majority of the Committee on **UTILITIES AND ENERGY** on Bill "An Act To Limit Increases in Telephone or Electric Service Rates to a Maximum of 3% Annually"

H.P. 482 L.D. 662

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

Signed:

Senators:  
BARTLETT of Cumberland  
COWGER of Kennebec  
WESTON of Waldo

Representatives:  
BLISS of South Portland  
FITTS of Pittsfield  
BABBIDGE of Kennebunk  
CURTIS of Madison  
BRAUTIGAM of Falmouth  
FLETCHER of Winslow  
McLEOD of Lee  
RICHARDSON of Skowhegan  
RINES of Wiscasset

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass**.

Signed:

Representative:  
ADAMS of Portland

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

Reports **READ**.

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

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**Divided Report**

Eight members of the Committee on **MARINE RESOURCES** on  
Bill "An Act To Clarify Maine's Authority To Enforce Its Marine  
Resources Laws"

H.P. 319 L.D. 434

Reported in Report "A" that the same **Ought to Pass**.

Signed:

Senators:

DAMON of Hancock  
SULLIVAN of York  
ANDREWS of York

Representatives:

PERCY of Phippsburg  
SEAVEY of Kennebunkport  
DUGAY of Cherryfield  
EDER of Portland  
ADAMS of Portland

Two members of the same Committee on the same subject  
reported in Report "B" that the same **Ought to Pass as  
Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-37)**.

Signed:

Representatives:

FLETCHER of Winslow  
CRESSEY of Cornish

One member of the same Committee on the same subject  
reported in Report "C" that the same **Ought Not to Pass**.

Signed:

Representative:

ASH of Belfast

Comes from the House with Report "A", **OUGHT TO PASS  
READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE  
ENGROSSED**.

Reports **READ**.

On motion by Senator **DAMON** of Hancock, Report "A", **OUGHT  
TO PASS ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

**READ ONCE**.

**ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE  
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**Senate**

**Ought to Pass**

Senator BROMLEY for the Committee on **BUSINESS,  
RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** on Bill "An Act  
To Clarify the Authority of Podiatrists To Use Assistants"  
(EMERGENCY)

S.P. 248 L.D. 750

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass**.

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

**READ ONCE**.

**ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE  
DAY**.

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Senator BROMLEY for the Committee on **BUSINESS,  
RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** on Bill "An Act  
To Amend the Laws Regarding the Licensure of Dentists, Dental  
Hygienists and Denturists"

S.P. 314 L.D. 906

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass**.

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

**READ ONCE**.

**ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE  
DAY**.

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**Ought to Pass As Amended**

Senator SCHNEIDER for the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL  
GOVERNMENT** on Bill "An Act To Make Technical Changes to  
the Laws Establishing the Lincoln and Sagadahoc Multicounty Jail  
Authority" (EMERGENCY)

S.P. 242 L.D. 744

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by  
Committee Amendment "A" (S-31)**.

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

**READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-31) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

**ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE  
DAY**.

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**Divided Report**

Nine members of the Committee on **JUDICIARY** on Bill "An Act To Extend Civil Rights Protections to All People Regardless of Sexual Orientation"

S.P. 413 L.D. 1196

Reported in Report "**A**" that the same **Ought to Pass**.

Signed:

Senators:

HOBBS of York  
BROMLEY of Cumberland  
HASTINGS of Oxford

Representatives:

PELLETIER-SIMPSON of Auburn  
FAIRCLOTH of Bangor  
GERZOFKY of Brunswick  
CANAVAN of Waterville  
BRYANT of Windham  
DUNN of Bangor

Three members of the same Committee on the same subject reported in Report "**B**" that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-38)**.

Signed:

Representatives:

SHERMAN of Hodgdon  
BRYANT-DESCHENES of Turner  
NASS of Acton

One member of the same Committee on the same subject reported in Report "**C**" that the same **Ought Not to Pass**.

Signed:

Representative:

CARR of Lincoln

Reports **READ**.

Senator **HOBBS** of York moved the Senate **ACCEPT** Report "**A**", **OUGHT TO PASS**.

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

Senator **TURNER:** Thank you, Madame President, ladies and gentlemen of the Senate. I rise in support of the motion put forth by the good Senator from York, Senator Hobbs. I'd like to start by summarizing this bill as concisely as I can. If enacted, it would prohibit discrimination in five areas; housing, public accommodations, employment, credit, and education. Within that context it does provide a carve-out for religious organizations in three of those five areas; namely employment, housing, and education.

I don't have intimate knowledge of all five of these areas, so let me just touch upon two of them. The first would be

employment. I've had the privilege to work for lots of organizations over the years. I've had the opportunity to hire people, and regrettably, I've had to fire people in the course of executing my responsibilities as a manager and as an executive. I think there is one basis only for deciding whether to hire somebody and that rests with their qualifications to do the job. Period. Your decision to fire somebody, on the other hand, would be based on their ability to execute their job responsibilities and that should be the only basis with respect to that area of our employment practices. Regrettably, in Maine that does not hold true because, based on your sexual orientation, you can be denied employment, and based on your sexual orientation, you can be fired. From my perspective, that is flat wrong. Let me say it again, flat wrong. There is no place in our society for discrimination of any type.

Let me talk about our second area, credit. At various times I've had credit authority going up to \$1 million. There are appropriate bases for deciding, from a business perspective, how you should extend credit. The quality of your credit report, your capacity to pay on a go-forward basis to satisfy the tenants of a loan document, and possibly a third, the assets that you can pledge to secure whatever loan agreement is before you. From my perspective, as a former lender, those are the only basis on which you should extend credit and the only basis on which you should deny credit. Regrettably, in Maine today, as we stand or sit in this chamber, you can be denied credit on the basis of your sexual orientation. I don't think that is right. I don't think that is fair. It should not stand.

I would strongly urge all of my fellow Senators, on both sides of the aisles, to support the motion that is before us. Thank you, Madame President.

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

Senator **DOW:** Thank you, Madame President, ladies and gentlemen of the Senate. I guess this issue has a lot to do with how you were brought up. I'm going to give you a little bit of history and I need my constituents to know why I'm going to support this bill passionately.

I grew up in a household where not a word of prejudice or discrimination was spoken against any group of people. I guess I'd like to start with my father and grandfather. This has to do with the American Indians. You may wonder what this has to do with the bill, but it has plenty to do with it. My grandfather, who grew up in Aroostook County and I'm sure was chummy with a lot of Maine Indians, would tell me some great stories about Indians. One of the ones I remember was the Indian chief that was standing on an ant mound in the spring, covered with ants, naked. There was a particularly good reason for all of that, and I'm not going to go into the details of that. I grew up with all kinds of stories about American Indians. Some were from my father as well as my grandfather. As we'd travel back and forth to Aroostook County, I can remember two times that he took a detour and took me into Indian Island and let me take a look around as we drove around. My father had told me many other stories about the Maine Indians and some were quite sad. I had a hard time stomaching some of them. I saw a story in the Bangor paper within the last five years that had to do with a death of some Indians because frequently some of the Indians would die from drinking canned heat. Canned heat, as the story goes, is a material you can use that has alcohol in it but it also has poison



in it. Everybody thought that if you heated it up, melted it down, and strained it through a loaf of bread that you could get the poison out. What would really happen is, if it didn't make you go blind, it would kill you. I can remember stories of Maine Indians that had died from this canned heat poisoning. I remember stories just a few years ago that came out of Aroostook County, another incident. This was always on my mind, about what it was that caused American or Maine Indians to be treated in this way that they ended up dead from this when no one else did, until I went onto Indian Island with my father. It was then that I realized what it meant to be a second-class citizen. It wasn't always a pretty picture that I saw. So my father, without saying a word, had a way of teaching me about discrimination and how discrimination and prejudice can eat at the very heart of a nation and eat at the soul of a person.

This was of course true when I went into teaching. When I went to teach in the middle 1970's I was fortunate because we were coming into the period of Title 9. Title 9 was an equal rights amendment that guaranteed women equal access to sports in the schools. It has had a dramatic effect on equality in the school system. It is just another example where we've had to come a long way from the old days. I don't think any of us were around when the right to vote for women was brought in. I know I wasn't. It sure has had a great effect. When I look back at my father's Senate picture from the 59<sup>th</sup> Legislature, he was Senator number 32 from Lincoln County and sat right over where the good Senator from Sagadahoc, Senator Mayo, does for eight years, there is something missing from that picture. Senator Mitchell is missing. Senator Schneider is missing. Senator Savage and Senator Weston and especially you, Madame President, is missing. There are no women in that picture. Not only do we need to take and pass discrimination laws, but also it takes a long time to realize the effects of them as we progress as a nation. We certainly just can't discount the role that women have played in society and in this Senate and in the House. I guess that is lesson number two as I grew up.

The third big lesson that we all grew up with was the discrimination of African Americans. We grew up in a time of turmoil; when Blacks were discriminated against; when they were second-class citizens; when they, like the American Indians, had their own Trail of Tears in history that they had to follow. I'm sad to say that we haven't come as far as we need to on that area either. I point to my own industry, the furniture industry. When I sit as president of my furniture company, I don't have a single African American salesman that comes through the door. We've got a long way to go. When I go to High Point, the big national furniture show, I don't see many African Americans that are owners of companies. Not many salesmen. Oh I see them, they are serving food still and shining shoes. That is the truth. It upsets me because discrimination and prejudice eats away at the heart of the nation and of the state. While we pass these laws, it still takes a while for society to come along and embrace these ideas.

I guess the biggest influence on my life, at least in my later years, is my religious beliefs. Many of you know, of course, I own a furniture store. Many of you know I was a schoolteacher. Most of you don't know I went to seminary for a while. I didn't finish it. I'm not a minister. I'm a teacher. I use those skills to teach in bible studies. I went to Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, criticized by the liberals because it is too conservative and criticized by the conservatives because it's too scholarly and they teach us to think too much. At Gordon-Conwell I guess I learned

to think about biblical issues and what it really means. I owe a great debt to a particular professor, Dr. Gordon Phee, Professor of New Testament at Gordon-Conwell. I learned, going through the years there and afterwards, that discrimination and prejudice eats at the heart of a nation. It eats at the heart of individuals. I think of the story of Zacchaeus. I think most of you know the story of Zacchaeus in the bible. He was that sawed-off runt of a tax collector that lived in the town. He had to climb the tree in order to see Christ. You can be sure that he was discriminated against every day because he collected the taxes for the Romans and they protected him. So you can be sure not a week went by when he was told to repent, repent, repent. All of that good will repentance didn't do him any good, but Christ came along and accepted him the way he was and invited him to dinner. It changed his heart. Total acceptance changed him. That is true with anything we do in life. Acceptance has a way of changing the heart. The money changes in the temple in Jerusalem. A most misunderstood story, the temple was designed in concentric circles and you could enter certain circles but you kept getting more discriminating as you got closer to the inner chambers. It just so happened that these money changer tables were set up in the court of the gentiles, the one place in the temple where anyone could go; men, women, Jews, Roman soldiers, gentiles. This was the one place in the temple that was open to all and Christ was disgusted at it because it had been contaminated. In the one area that was free of discrimination and prejudice, he carried out his Godly anger just at that, just to remind us, all of us, that we are all free to go to God and there are no exceptions. This had had a big effect on my life. When people ask me why I'm going to support this bill, it is for those reasons. The bible tells me so. The bible teaches against prejudice and discrimination. If we want to discriminate against women again, we might as well rip the entire Gospel of Luke completely out of the book. If we want to build up walls, we want to rip out the Book of Ephesians. If you come into church you will find me reading that book quite often. That book has to do with breaking down walls. The wall that is mentioned there at the time was the biggest wall in history, it was the wall of division between Jews and Gentiles. What Paul says in that book is that God has destroyed that wall and that His means of destruction is to be the church. A church of peace, full of love and grace, lacking in discrimination and prejudice.

So I believe that not only do I stand on good firm ground from my upbringing with my family; teaching in school; seeing the rights of women develop, and we're not there yet; and seeing the changes that have come in African Americans, and we've got a long way to go on that. I am going to vote yes for this bill but there needs to be one asterisk beside my name. There should be a footnote somewhere that says that 'Senator Wilmot S. Dow, Senator #32 from Lincoln County of the 56<sup>th</sup>, 57<sup>th</sup>, 58<sup>th</sup>, and 59<sup>th</sup> Legislature votes yes on this bill.' Thank you.

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

Senator **COWGER:** Thank you, Madame President and colleagues of the Senate. It's difficult to follow such passionate and eloquent testimony but I'd like to say a few words on this bill as well. I hope you will join me in supporting the pending motion.

I believe this is legislation that is good for the State of Maine. It's good for our businesses and it's very good for our individuals. It's good for the State of Maine because it reflects our proud history and heritage of tolerance in our history. It's good for

Maine because our logo, our state seal, has the word 'Dirigo' on it that says 'To Lead'. In this case, as you can see by the handout that I've passed around, we are not leading. We are, in fact, following. I think that is unfortunate. I think it's far past due time that we join the rest of our neighbors in New England and beyond in this country and all our neighbors in Canada that surround us in passing anti-discrimination laws based on sexual orientation. I believe it is good for business because our economy in this state is based largely on tourism. We don't need to send a message to the rest of the country that we're a state that will discriminate based on someone's real or even perceived sexual orientation. It's time that Maine stepped up to the plate and welcomed everyone into our state and be proud of this as part of our business philosophy.

I also believe it is good for individuals. As a gay man myself, I know personally the need for this bill. I've known people who have been fired from their jobs just because of their sexual orientation. That's hard to believe, but this perfectly legal under current Maine law. The good Senator from Cumberland, Senator Turner, stated it well. Nobody should be fired from their jobs because they are gay or Lesbian or even perceived to be gay or Lesbian.

I've known visitors to our state and we've heard stories before the Judiciary Committee, where people have been denied overnight accommodations because of their perceived or real sexual orientation. People have also been denied apartments in the State of Maine in this regard. It's time to put that practice to an end.

Finally, regarding education. It's sad to know that some youth in our state have actually committed suicide because they have not felt comfortable in coming to grips with their sexual orientation. Our students need to feel secure when they are getting an education that they can be who they are and feel comfortable with that and be supported with that. I'm excited that this is the first time that this legislation has included provisions for education.

The time has come to adopt this legislation. We've tried before. I think we have broad support now. We need to take our responsibilities seriously. We don't need to send this out to the voters. We need to take action to move Maine ahead and do it now. I urge my colleagues on both sides of the aisle, both physically and philosophically since I'm over here, to join me in voting for the pending motion and let's have a strong vote on this motion before we send it down to the other body. Thank you, Madame President.

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

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

Senator **HOBBINS:** Thank you, Madame President and members of the Senate. I want to thank all of those who have spoken today so eloquently about this very important piece of legislation. Last Wednesday was about the 12<sup>th</sup> or 13<sup>th</sup> time there has been a public hearing on similar pieces of legislation or issues that relate to discrimination. Last week's work session and last week's public hearing were different than before. We saw individuals come forward courageously and explain in emotional terms how their lives have been discriminated against because of

their sexual orientation. These weren't just abstract examples. These were individuals who looked us in the eye, who explained to all of us how the lack of a piece of legislation and a law has meant hardship to them and to their families. We received some of the strongest testimony last week and I think it comes down to a simple question. The bill really is based on two questions and where you stand depends on how you answer these two questions. First, do you believe there is discrimination in Maine based on sexual orientation in the areas of employment, housing, or public accommodations? The second question is if this discrimination exists, do you think the State of Maine should make it illegal, just like discrimination on race, religion, gender, and mental and physical disability is illegal, by including sexual orientation in the Maine Human Rights Act? If you answered yes to these questions, you should support the Majority Report of the Judiciary Committee on L.D. 1196. This law is a matter of fairness. Thank you.

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

Senator **PLOWMAN:** Thank you, Madame President. This issue has been before the voters three times in the last four or five years and they have made their decision consistently, the same one. I think this bill really needs to go back out to the public. I'd also like to comment on how this bill was handled. I don't think I've seen a bill fast track through this place quite as quickly unless it was an emergency bill. I remember my first term, we stayed here all day our first day for a Governor's bill to help with an economic problem. Nobody wants to use the word 'special', but it sure got treated that way. The hearing was heard on March 23<sup>rd</sup>. The work session was held March 24<sup>th</sup>. It's on your calendar March 28<sup>th</sup>. It needed no revisions. I don't see many bills like that come through my committee. I don't think that you can sit here and tell the people of the State of Maine that it didn't get preferential treatment. When a bill gets preferential treatment people want to know why. We're not known for acting fast. Why are we suddenly? So I'd like to send this back out to the voters and we will have an opportunity to vote on that later. I also wanted to go on the record stating the concerns that I have heard about how this bill was handled. Thank you.

**THE PRESIDENT:** The Chair recognizes the Senator from Oxford, Senator Hastings.

Senator **HASTINGS:** Madame President, ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, I just briefly want to follow up with some of the things that have been said. Having sat through the Judiciary hearing on this, I understand that it was fast tracked. Sometimes the politics of this goes over my head, being new like this, but if there were politics involved, I don't know. I am still struck with the point that was ultimately made at the hearing, and at the work session that followed, that most people have given great thought to this and probably their minds are well made up. The one thing that occurred to me during our work session was, and I think it's a short hand that it's almost a mistake to make, some members of the committee would speak of this as extending rights. I think we have to be very clear about that because if I thought this was a bill about extending rights over and above those rights enjoyed by other members of the state, I would think much differently about this. This bill is not about creating a right for the benefit of anybody. It is solely about discrimination. It's solely about

whether or not you believe, or we believe, that this grouping, which is based on sexual orientation, is entitled to protection from discrimination, not that this group is entitled to any new or different rights than any of us now enjoy. Once I made that thought process the vote, to me, became simple because I do believe this is a portion of our society that is entitled to protection from discrimination in the basic functions of our lives. I do urge all of you to support this bill as proposed. Thank you.

**THE PRESIDENT:** The Chair recognizes the Senator from Franklin, Senator Woodcock.

Senator **WOODCOCK:** Thank you, Madame President, ladies and gentlemen of the Senate. This is a very passionate issue for everybody. I will be opposing the motion today and always have opposed this particular attempt for a variety of reasons.

I'm very concerned about the process that took place for this bill to be presented before us today, as has been stated already. I think the people of Maine have quite clearly rendered their decision two times already regarding this issue.

I'm certain they will have a chance to render it again if it goes through. There is a portion in the wording of this bill that particularly concerns me. It has to do with the perception of expression of gender identity. I'm not exactly sure what that means. I'm a male. I'm always going to be one. I'm the father of four children. I've been a teacher for 26 years. I did a little coaching in my time.

I've had plenty of experience in the field of religion. I appreciate the good Senator from Lincoln, Senator Dow's speech this morning where he identified his prior service with the church and his attendance in a seminary. I'm not sure that it is very well known about me that I was also on the steps of a seminary. I chose not to enter that day, at the Andover-Newton Theological Seminary, for very personal reasons. I sometimes have regretted that decision but it was a decision that was made. I've heard the bible quoted a great deal today. There are, obviously, many interpretations of that particular book as well as interpretations of the guidance from other faiths.

It is impossible for me to separate myself from my upbringing, from my teachings of members of my family. At no time during those discussions do I remember the term 'discrimination' coming up. For us, it was a matter of our core belief. Gender identity, and the expression thereof, is a very troubling expression to me in this particular bill. I'm concerned about it. I'm concerned about it for the field of education, frankly. In my 26 years in the profession I have taught with people who come from the Gay community. Some of them were fairly open about it. I have had students who were members of the Gay community. There were quite open about it, some of them. At no time did I ever feel, as a human being, that if their job was in jeopardy, if their concerns about being Gay created a situation for the student whereby they might be considering an act that I would feel very uncomfortable with, did I feel that they didn't have recourse for their being gay. I still feel very strongly about that.

This bill, for me, is not necessary. The passions that you are going to hear about today, and I'm sure many of us in this chamber will feel, are honest passions. The good Senator from Cumberland, Senator Turner, and I came in this legislature together. I don't use the word 'friend' very often, but Karl is a friend of mine. He is going to remain a friend of mine. As we stand here today and hear these words of passion, let us not consider that those words of passion come from anything else

other than a Senator. The human side of it we must be very cautious about. My opposition to this motion and this bill remains. Thank you, Madame President.

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

Senator **GAGNON:** Thank you, Madame President, men and women of the Senate. I don't think I'm particular qualified to speak on the bible or its readings. I don't think I'm particularly qualified with any experiences I may have had or friends of mine may have had having to do with discrimination in this state. I have a little bit of experience in terms of process. I just wanted to speak a little bit because that was brought up earlier in debate. In fact, I harp on process quite a bit in this body, much to the chagrin of the President and other leaders at times. I am somewhat of a process wonk and I can assure you and I can assure the people of Maine that this bill went through the appropriate process. Fast track. We don't have a fast track process here. The bill was introduced. The Chief Executive had announced his plans to present this bill. It received considerable play in the press right up through when the bill was referred. The committee accepted the bill. They announced their public hearing. It received a two-week notice like any other bill. The work session was well attended. It was announced well in advance. The process moved forward as it would with any other bill. Was it set up as a priority in the committee? We do that every day in committees. Setting priorities. Today it is appearing on the printed calendar. It's not a supplement today. It is on the printed calendar that was printed last evening. It's an old game. If you can't attack the merits of an issue then you attack the process. There are no flaws in the process of this bill. We, in fact, had a public hearing on a bill on which the public came and spoke at length on a bill that we never even referred to the committee. It sat on the table here in the Senate while people were debating it down in committee. I had a problem with that process, but that has happened. That did not happen with this bill. The process was sound. It is exactly what our rules called for and it's here today for us to vote on. Let's stick with the merits of the bill. Thank you, Madame President.

**THE PRESIDENT:** The pending question before the Senate is the motion by the Senator from York, Senator Hobbins to Accept Report "A", Ought to Pass. A Roll Call has been ordered. Is the Senate ready for the question?

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

#### ROLL CALL (#28)

YEAS: Senators: BARTLETT, BRENNAN, BROMLEY, BRYANT, COWGER, DAMON, DIAMOND, DOW, GAGNON, HASTINGS, HOBBSINS, MARTIN, MAYO, MILLS, MITCHELL, NUTTING, PERRY, RAYE, ROSEN, ROTUNDO, SCHNEIDER, STRIMLING, SULLIVAN, TURNER, THE PRESIDENT - BETH G. EDMONDS

NAYS: Senators: ANDREWS, CLUKEY, COURTNEY, DAVIS, NASS, PLOWMAN, SAVAGE, SNOWE-MELLO, WESTON, WOODCOCK

25 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 10 Senators having voted in the negative, the motion by Senator **HOBBS** of York to **ACCEPT** Report "A", **OUGHT TO PASS, PREVAILED.**

**READ ONCE.**

**ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.**

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**SECOND READERS**

The Committee on **Bills in the Second Reading** reported the following:

**House**

Bill "An Act To Amend the Process for Review of Hearing Officer Decisions by the Workers' Compensation Board"  
H.P. 245 L.D. 322

Bill "An Act To Require Agricultural Representation on the Maine Tourism Commission"  
H.P. 493 L.D. 673

Bill "An Act To Codify Unallocated Law Regarding the Maine State Retirement System"  
H.P. 672 L.D. 962

**READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**, in concurrence.

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**House As Amended**

Bill "An Act To Require Advance Notice for Decreases in Wage or Salary Levels"  
H.P. 196 L.D. 257  
(C "A" H-30)

Bill "An Act To Revise the Salary Range of Certain Public Utilities Commission Employees"  
H.P. 476 L.D. 656  
(C "A" H-25)

**READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED**, in concurrence.

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**Senate as Amended**

Bill "An Act Limiting Recovery of Disability Benefits Subject to Offsets"  
S.P. 132 L.D. 408  
(C "A" S-23)

Bill "An Act To Clarify the Superintendent of Insurance's Authority To Assess Civil Penalties"  
S.P. 133 L.D. 409  
(C "A" S-22)

Bill "An Act To Prohibit Certain Uses of a Financial Institution's Name"  
S.P. 151 L.D. 464  
(C "A" S-24)

**READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED.**

Sent down for concurrence.

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

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**ENACTORS**

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

**Emergency Measure**

An Act To Make Additional Allocations from the Highway Fund and Other Funds for the Expenditures of State Government and To Change Certain Provisions of State Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2005  
H.P. 533 L.D. 738  
(C "A" H-46)

This being an Emergency Measure and having received the affirmative vote of 35 Members of the Senate, with no Senators having voted in the negative, and 35 being more than two-thirds of the entire elected Membership of the Senate, was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED** and having been signed by the President, was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for his approval.

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**Act**

An Act To Redefine the Boundaries of the Fairfield Sanctuary  
S.P. 50 L.D. 144

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

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

**PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE**

**House Paper**

Bill "An Act To Increase Faculty in Maine Nursing Education Programs"

H.P. 1051 L.D. 1494

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **BUSINESS, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator **BROMLEY** of Cumberland, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending **REFERENCE**.

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

**PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE**

**House Paper**

Bill "An Act To Give Parents Control over the Sex Education of Their Children"

H.P. 1045 L.D. 1488

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator **MITCHELL** of Kennebec, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

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

**PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE**

**House Paper**

Bill "An Act To Permit the Department of Health and Human Services To Charge Fees to Homestead Facility Residents"

H.P. 1049 L.D. 1492

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator **MAYO** of Sagadahoc, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

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

**PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE**

**House Papers**

Bill "An Act To Create a Nonprofit State-run Insurance Plan"  
H.P. 1047 L.D. 1490

Bill "An Act To Reduce Maine's Health Insurance Rates and Expand Consumer Choice"

H.P. 1053 L.D. 1496

Come from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator **SULLIVAN** of York, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

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

**PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE**

**House Paper**

Bill "An Act To Limit Corporate Influence Over the Political Process"

H.P. 1052 L.D. 1495

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LEGAL AND VETERANS AFFAIRS** and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator **GAGNON** of Kennebec, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LEGAL AND VETERANS AFFAIRS** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

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

**PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE**

**House Paper**

Bill "An Act To Establish Citizen Ownership of Maine's Groundwater"

H.P. 1046 L.D. 1489

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **NATURAL RESOURCES** and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator **COWGER** of Kennebec, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **NATURAL RESOURCES** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

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

**PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE**

**House Papers**

Bill "An Act Requiring a Municipality To Provide Proof of Ownership before Selling Acquired Property"  
H.P. 1048 L.D. 1491

Resolve, Directing the Secretary of State To Request That the United States Secretary of Transportation Place Maine in the Atlantic Standard Time Zone  
H.P. 1050 L.D. 1493

Come from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator **SCHNEIDER** of Penobscot, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

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

**PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE**

**House Paper**

**Pursuant to Statute  
Family Law Advisory Commission**

The **Family Law Advisory Commission**, pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 19-A, section 354, subsection 2 asked leave to report that the accompanying Bill "An Act To Implement Recommendations of the Family Law Advisory Commission"  
H.P. 1054 L.D. 1502

Be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

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

On motion by Senator **HOBBS** of York, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218, in concurrence.

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

**ENACTORS**

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

**Emergency Measure**

An Act To Establish the Administrative Operating Budget for the Maine State Retirement System for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2006

H.P. 34 L.D. 31  
(C "A" H-29)

This being an Emergency Measure and having received the affirmative vote of 35 Members of the Senate, with no Senators having voted in the negative, and 35 being more than two-thirds of the entire elected Membership of the Senate, was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED** and having been signed by the President, was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for his approval.

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

**ENACTORS**

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

**Acts**

An Act Relating to the Treatment of Employers and Military Personnel in Connection with "Call to Duty" Activity  
H.P. 141 L.D. 190  
(C "A" H-26)

An Act To Create a Family Reunion Day in August  
S.P. 76 L.D. 223

An Act To Amend the Applied Technology Development Centers Statutes  
S.P. 79 L.D. 226

An Act To Make Allocations from Maine Turnpike Authority Funds for the Maine Turnpike Authority for the Calendar Year Ending December 31, 2006  
S.P. 123 L.D. 375

An Act To Amend the Budget Timetable for Oxford County  
H.P. 406 L.D. 551

An Act To Promote Education in the Unorganized Territory  
H.P. 427 L.D. 594

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

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**ORDERS OF THE DAY**

**Unfinished Business**

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

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later (2/22/05) Assigned matter:

Resolve, To Prevent the Upstream Migration of Exotic Species past the Fish River Falls and into the Fish River Watershed  
S.P. 285 L.D. 877

Tabled - February 22, 2005, by Senator **DAMON** of Hancock

Pending - **REFERENCE**

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

Senator **MARTIN** of Aroostook moved to **INDEFINITELY POSTPONE** the Resolve and accompanying papers.

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

Senator **MARTIN:** Thank you, Madame President and members of the Senate. This bill, basically, is being replaced by a corrected bill that is now in the process.

On motion by Senator **MARTIN** of Aroostook, Resolve and accompanying papers **INDEFINITELY POSTPONED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

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The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later (3/22/05) Assigned matter:

Bill "An Act To Assist in the Investigation and Prosecution of Theft Offenses"

H.P. 973 L.D. 1409

Tabled - March 22, 2005, by Senator **SCHNEIDER** of Penobscot

Pending - **REFERENCE**

(In House, March 22, 2005, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** and ordered printed.)

On motion by Senator **SCHNEIDER** of Penobscot, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY**, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

Sent down for concurrence.

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The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later (3/23/05) Assigned matter:

JOINT RESOLUTION - Requesting Maine's Congressional Delegation To Submit Legislation To Secure The Consent Of Congress Regarding Greenhouse Gas Reductions  
H.P. 970

Tabled - March 23, 2005, by Senator **GAGNON** of Kennebec

Pending - **ADOPTION**, in concurrence

(In House, March 22, 2005, **READ** and **ADOPTED**.)

(In Senate, March 23, 2005, **READ**.)

On motion by Senator **COWGER** of Kennebec, the Joint Resolution **INDEFINITELY POSTPONED**, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

Sent down for concurrence.

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The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled Unassigned matter:

Resolve, To Ensure the Effective Implementation of Alewife Restoration on the Sebec River Watershed  
H.P. 921 L.D. 1322

Tabled - March 23, 2005, by Senator **DAMON** of Hancock

Pending - motion by same Senator to **ADHERE**

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

(In House, March 22, 2005, that Body **ADHERED** to **REFERENCE** to the Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE**.)

(In Senate, March 23, 2005, **ADHERED** to **REFERENCE** to the Committee on **MARINE RESOURCES**. **RECONSIDERED**.)

On motion by Senator **DAMON** of Hancock, the Senate **ADHERED**.

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

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

#### **ENACTORS**

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

**Acts**

Pending - **ENACTMENT**, in concurrence

An Act To Amend the Definition of Authorized Emergency Vehicle  
S.P. 19 L.D. 39  
(C "A" S-16)

(In Senate, March 22, 2005, **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-18).**)

(In House, March 28, 2005, **PASSED TO BE ENACTED.**)

An Act To Require Valid Identification for Purchases of Liquor  
H.P. 73 L.D. 77  
(C "A" H-28)

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

An Act To Support the Department of Conservation, Bureau of Forestry's Aerial Fire Suppression Program  
S.P. 37 L.D. 95  
(C "A" S-17)

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

An Act To Allow Animal Control Officers and Individuals Who Collect Trash To Use Flashing Amber Lights on Their Vehicles  
H.P. 89 L.D. 113

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On motion by Senator **BRENNAN** of Cumberland, **ADJOURNED**, to Tuesday, March 29, 2005, at 10:00 in the morning.

An Act Concerning Appeal Rights under the Maine Enterprise Option Program  
S.P. 51 L.D. 145

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

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An Act To Allow Administrative Penalties Imposed by the Public Utilities Commission To Be Applied To Benefit Customers  
S.P. 36 L.D. 94  
(C "A" S-18)

On motion by Senator **GAGNON** of Kennebec, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending **ENACTMENT**, in concurrence.

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

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Senate at Ease.

Senate called to order by the President.

**ORDERS OF THE DAY**

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later Today Assigned matter:

An Act To Allow Administrative Penalties Imposed by the Public Utilities Commission To Be Applied To Benefit Customers  
S.P. 36 L.D. 94  
(C "A" S-18)

Tabled - March 28, 2005, by Senator **GAGNON** of Kennebec