

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTIETH LEGISLATURE
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JOURNAL OF THE SENATE**

In Senate Chamber
Thursday
March 15, 2001

Senate called to order by Joy J. O'Brien, Secretary of the Senate.

Senator **CATHCART** of Penobscot was appointed to serve as President Pro Tem for the session.

The Secretary requested the Sergeant-At-Arms escort the Senator from Penobscot, Senator **CATHCART** to the rostrum where she assumed the duties as President Pro Tem.

Senate called to order by President Pro Tem **MARY R. CATHCART** of Penobscot County.

Prayer by Reverend J. John Keggi, SOSc, of St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Augusta.

REVEREND KEGGI: For us in the church, the Lenten season begins with Ash Wednesday when ashes are imposed with the words "remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return." It's a salutary reminder that all of our self-importance, our cleverness, our grand works, and our monuments will eventually crumble and it all will return to dust. Our moment on that stage of life, as Shakespeare had it, may be sound and fury, signifying nothing. And the psalm sings out "unless the Lord builds the house, the labor is in vain who build it. Unless the Lord watches over a city, in vain the watchman keeps his vigil. It is in vain that you rise so early and go to bed so late. Vain too to eat the bread of toil." And in our hymn 75 in our hymnal we sing "like the flowers of a field they perish like grass our works decay. The power and pomp of nations shall pass like a dream away. But the word of the Lord, God, endureth. The arm of the Lord is strong. He stands in the midst of nations and he will right the wrong. He shall feed his flock like a shepherd. The lambs he'll gently hold. To pastures of peace he'll lead them and bring them safe to his fold." You see, remember that we are dust and to dust we shall return. But it is stardust that we are made out of. It is stardust to what we return. We may be frail, we may be fallible, we may be often foolish. But we are creatures of God and the crown of His creation. We are humble but we are also lifted up to a meaningful life if we can set aside our self-will, our pride, our vanity in order to walk with God, to do the will of the Lord in humble and pray for discernment for what we are called to do. So let us pray.

Oh, God, a fountain of wisdom, whose will is good and gracious and whose law is truth, we beseech thee to guide and bless our Senators and Representatives in the legislature of this state, that they may enact such laws that shall please thee. To the glory of thy name and the welfare of these people. Amen.

Lord, grant us the strength and courage to do Your will. Amen.

Reading of the Journal of Tuesday, March 13, 2001.

Off Record Remarks

Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, on motion by Senator **SMALL** of Sagadahoc, the following Joint Order:
S.P. 522

ORDERED, the House concurring, that when the House and Senate Adjourn they do so until Tuesday, March 20, 2001, at 10:00 in the morning.

READ and PASSED.

Under suspension of the Rules, ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

Off Record Remarks

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

Non-Concurrent Matter

JOINT ORDER - relative to establishing a Special Legislative Oversight Committee for Regional Electricity Issues
H.P. 719

In House, February 15, 2001, **READ** and **REFERRED** to the Committee on **UTILITIES AND ENERGY**.

In Senate, February 20, 2001, **READ** and **FAILED PASSAGE**, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

Comes from the House, that Body **ADHERED**.

On motion by Senator **FERGUSON** of Oxford, the Senate **RECEDED** and **CONCURRED**.

House Papers

Bill "An Act to Provide for Public Access to Fish, Game and Wildlife Resources"

H.P. 1056 L.D. 1419

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

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE**.

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

Bill "An Act to Provide for the Disclosure of Company Information and Appointment of a Registered Agent in Maine by Persons or Business Entities Selling or Leasing Goods or Services via the Internet"

H.P. 913 L.D. 1227

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

REFERRED to the Committee on **BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Adopt the Uniform Computer Information Transactions Act"

H.P. 987 L.D. 1324

Committee on **BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** suggested and ordered printed.

Comes from the House, Bill and accompanying papers **INDEFINITELY POSTPONED**.

On motion by Senator **SHOREY** of Washington, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending **REFERENCE**, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

Joint Resolution

The following Joint Resolution: H.P. 1153

JOINT RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES TO ALLOW IMPROVED MEDICARE SUPPLEMENT INSURANCE POLICIES OFFERING PRESCRIPTION DRUG COVERAGE

WE, your Memorialists, the Members of the One Hundred and Twentieth Legislature of the State of Maine now assembled in the First Regular Session, most respectfully present and petition the Congress of the United States, as follows:

WHEREAS, prescription drugs provide essential treatment to all our citizens in this country; and

WHEREAS, retail expenditures on prescription drugs in most states have approximately doubled over the past 6 years; and

WHEREAS, citizens in the United States often pay the highest prices in the world for prescription drugs, and due to these excessive prescription drug prices, access to such prescription

drugs is often unobtainable to certain people confronting serious illnesses; and

WHEREAS, federal rules currently regulate uniform Medicare supplement insurance policies that are available for sale to people eligible for Medicare coverage; and

WHEREAS, coverage for prescription drugs through the federally regulated Medicare supplement insurance uniform A-J policies is very limited; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That, We, your Memorialists, request that the United States Congress make a change to federal rules and regulations to allow the development of Medicare supplement insurance policies offering greater prescription drug coverage than is currently available; and be it further

RESOLVED: That suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the Honorable George W. Bush, President of the United States, to the President of the United States Senate, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the United States and to each Member of the Maine Congressional Delegation.

Comes from the House, **READ** and **REFERRED** to the Committee on **BANKING AND INSURANCE**.

READ and **REFERRED** to the Committee on **BANKING AND INSURANCE**, in concurrence.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: S.P. 531

**STATE OF MAINE
120TH LEGISLATURE**

March 13, 2001

Hon. Betty Lou Mitchell
Senate Chair, Joint Standing Committee on
Education and Cultural Affairs
Hon. Shirley K. Richard
House Chair, Joint Standing Committee on
Education and Cultural Affairs
120th Legislature
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Senator Mitchell and Representative Richard:

Please be advised that Governor Angus S. King, Jr. has nominated Andrea C. Maker of North Yarmouth for appointment as a member of the Maine Public Broadcasting Board of Trustees.

Pursuant to P.L. 1998, Chapter 599, this nomination will require review by the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs and confirmation by the Senate.

Sincerely,

S/Michael H. Michaud
President of the Senate

S/Michael V. Saxl
Speaker of the House

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

Sent down for concurrence.

The Following Communication: S.C. 99

**120TH LEGISLATURE
JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON
EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS**

March 9, 2001

Honorable Michael H. Michaud, President of the Senate
Honorable Michael V. Saxl, Speaker of the House
120th Maine Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Michaud and Speaker Saxl:

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

L.D. 888 An Act Concerning the Benefits and Privileges of Tuition Students at Receiving Public and Private Schools

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

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Betty Lou Mitchell
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Shirley K. Richard
House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 100

**120TH LEGISLATURE
JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON CRIMINAL JUSTICE**

March 7, 2001

Honorable Michael H. Michaud, President of the Senate
Honorable Michael V. Saxl, Speaker of the House
120th Maine Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Michaud and Speaker Saxl:

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

L.D. 272 An Act to Seize the Cars of Habitual Offenders

L.D. 385 An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Bail

L.D. 407 An Act Relating to Out-of-state Travel for Work Purposes for Persons on Probation or on Supervised Release

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

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Michael J. McAlevey
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Edward J. Povich
House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 101

**120TH LEGISLATURE
JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES**

March 9, 2001

Honorable Michael H. Michaud, President of the Senate
Honorable Michael V. Saxl, Speaker of the House
120th Maine Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Michaud and Speaker Saxl:

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

L.D. 328 An Act to Lower the Sulfur Content of Gasoline Sold in the State

L.D. 584 An Act to Encourage Agricultural Development

L.D. 828 An Act to Encourage Proper Disposal of Propane Tanks

L.D. 1105 An Act to Reduce the Cost of Disposal for Municipalities and Encourage the Recycling of Electronic Equipment

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

Sincerely,

S/Sen. John L. Martin
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Scott W. Cowger
House Chair

March 7, 2001

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 102

**120TH LEGISLATURE
JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON
STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

March 9, 2001

Honorable Michael H. Michaud, President of the Senate
Honorable Michael V. Saxl, Speaker of the House
120th Maine Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Michaud and Speaker Saxl:

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 bills out "Ought Not to Pass":

- L.D. 352 An Act to Prohibit Personal Use of State Vehicles by State Employees
- L.D. 381 RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Provide for the Direct Election of the Secretary of State
- L.D. 389 RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Prohibit a Person Employed Full-time in the Judicial or Executive Branch of the State from Serving in the Legislature
- L.D. 597 An Act Concerning Fees Charged to State Agencies for the Review of Leases

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

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Peggy A. Pendleton
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Martha A. Bagley
House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 103

**120TH LEGISLATURE
JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON TAXATION**

Honorable Michael H. Michaud, President of the Senate
Honorable Michael V. Saxl, Speaker of the House
120th Maine Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

S/Sen. David L. Carpenter
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Matthew Dunlap
House Chair

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

Dear President Michaud and Speaker Saxl:

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. 311 An Act to Provide Tax Credits against the Maine State Income Tax for Qualifying Education Expenses of Dependent Children in Grades Kindergarten to 12

L.D. 320 An Act to Provide a Tax Credit to Certain Small Businesses

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

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Kenneth T. Gagnon
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Bonnie Green
House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 104

**120TH LEGISLATURE
JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON
INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE**

March 2, 2001

Honorable Michael H. Michaud, President of the Senate
Honorable Michael V. Saxl, Speaker of the House
120th Maine Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Michaud and Speaker Saxl:

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

L.D. 77 An Act to Allow a Hunter a 2nd Deer During the Muzzle-loading Hunting Season

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

Sincerely,

The Following Communication: S.C. 105

**120TH LEGISLATURE
SENATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT**

March 12, 2001

Honorable Joy J. O'Brien
Secretary of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Secretary O'Brien:

Pursuant to my authority under M.R.S.A. Title 5, §11710L, I have made the following appointments to the Commission on Performance Budgeting for a two-year term:

Senator Mary Cathcart of Penobscot County
Senator S. Peter Mills of Somerset County
Senator Peggy Pendleton of Cumberland County

Please let me know if you have any questions regarding these appointments.

Sincerely,

S/Michael H. Michaud
President of the Senate

READ and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

The Following Communication: S.C. 106

**120TH LEGISLATURE
SENATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT**

March 12, 2001

Honorable Joy J. O'Brien
Secretary of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Secretary O'Brien:

Please be advised that I have made the following appointments:

Advisory Committee on Medical Education: Pursuant to Chapters 830 and 832 of the Public Laws of 1992:

Bruce Rioux, CRNA of Millinocket Regional Hospital

Emergency Response Commission: Pursuant to 37-B M.R.S.A. §792:

Richard A. Johnson of Dover-Foxcroft

Please let me know if you have any questions regarding this appointment.

Sincerely,

S/Michael H. Michaud
President of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

SENATE PAPERS

Bill "An Act to Provide Statewide Access for Schools and Libraries to On-line Reference Materials and Periodicals"
S.P. 523 L.D. 1646

Sponsored by Senator EDMONDS of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative ROSEN of Bucksport and Senators: BROMLEY of Cumberland, SAWYER of Penobscot, Representative: NASS of Acton.

Bill "An Act to Expand Research and Development Facilities within the University of Maine System"
S.P. 537 L.D. 1668

Sponsored by President MICHAUD of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Speaker SAXL of Portland and Senators: CATHCART of Penobscot, SHOREY of Washington, Representatives: BRUNO of Raymond, JONES of Greenville, NORBERT of Portland, RICHARDSON of Brunswick, ROSEN of Bucksport, TESSIER of Fairfield.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Promote Healthy Lifestyles and to Reallocate the Cost of Health Care Insurance"
S.P. 529 L.D. 1652

Sponsored by Senator TURNER of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Senator: SAWYER of Penobscot, Representative: SHIELDS of Auburn.

REFERRED to the Committee on **BANKING AND INSURANCE** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Regulate Unused Property Markets"
S.P. 534 L.D. 1655

Sponsored by Senator KILKELLY of Lincoln.
Cosponsored by Senators: EDMONDS of Cumberland, GAGNON of Kennebec, MITCHELL of Penobscot, SHOREY of Washington, Representatives: BRYANT of Dixfield, CLARK of Millinocket, DUNLAP of Old Town, WHEELER of Eliot.

Bill "An Act to Increase Business Opportunities at the Port of Eastport"
S.P. 538 L.D. 1669

Sponsored by Senator SHOREY of Washington.
Cosponsored by Representative GOODWIN of Pembroke and Senator: TURNER of Cumberland, Representatives: BAGLEY of Machias, BUNKER of Kossuth Township, DUGAY of Cherryfield, MORRISON of Baileyville, SOCTOMAH of the Passamaquoddy Tribe.

Bill "An Act to Create the Washington County Development Authority"
S.P. 541 L.D. 1672

Sponsored by Senator SHOREY of Washington.
Cosponsored by Representative GOODWIN of Pembroke and Senator: TURNER of Cumberland, Representatives: BAGLEY of Machias, BUNKER of Kossuth Township, DUGAY of Cherryfield, MORRISON of Baileyville, SOCTOMAH of the Passamaquoddy Tribe.

REFERRED to the Committee on **BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Allow Averaging of Unallocated Balances Over 3% for School Budgets"
S.P. 524 L.D. 1647

Sponsored by Senator MITCHELL of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Representative RICHARD of Madison and Senators: NUTTING of Androscoggin, ROTUNDO of Androscoggin, Representatives: ANDREWS of York, CUMMINGS of Portland, LEDWIN of Holden, WESTON of Montville.

Bill "An Act to Expand Higher Educational Opportunities in Underserved Rural Areas"
S.P. 525 L.D. 1648

Sponsored by President Pro Tem BENNETT of Oxford.
Cosponsored by Senators: FERGUSON of Oxford, President MICHAUD of Penobscot, SHOREY of Washington, Representatives: CLARK of Millinocket, Speaker SAXL of Portland, WINSOR of Norway.

Bill "An Act to Simplify and Reform the School Funding Formula"
S.P. 535 L.D. 1656

Sponsored by Senator MILLS of Somerset.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Preserve Maine Pharmacies"
S.P. 528 L.D. 1651

Sponsored by Senator MITCHELL of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Representative FULLER of Manchester and
Senators: ABROMSON of Cumberland, LaFOUNTAIN of York,
TURNER of Cumberland, Representative: LOVETT of
Scarborough.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Require Substance Abuse Assessment and
Treatment for Parents of Children Referred to Child Protective
Services"
S.P. 527 L.D. 1650

Sponsored by Senator DAGGETT of Kennebec.
Cosponsored by Representative BRANNIGAN of Portland.

Bill "An Act Regarding Child Abandonment"
S.P. 539 L.D. 1670

Sponsored by Senator KILKELLY of Lincoln.
Cosponsored by Senators DAVIS of Piscataquis, LaFOUNTAIN
of York, Representatives ANDREWS of York, MacDOUGALL of
North Berwick, Representative O'BRIEN of Lewiston and
Senators: DAGGETT of Kennebec, DOUGLASS of Androscoggin,
MARTIN of Aroostook, MILLS of Somerset, MITCHELL of
Penobscot, O'GARA of Cumberland, Representative: SIMPSON
of Auburn.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Establish a Commercial Green Crab Fishing
License"
S.P. 526 L.D. 1649

Sponsored by Senator LEMONT of York.
Cosponsored by Representative LEMOINE of Old Orchard
Beach.
Submitted by the Department of Marine Resources pursuant to
Joint Rule 204.

Bill "An Act Making Technical Changes in the Marine Resources
Laws"

S.P. 530 L.D. 1653

Sponsored by Senator LEMONT of York.
Cosponsored by Representative LEMOINE of Old Orchard
Beach.
Submitted by the Department of Marine Resources pursuant to
Joint Rule 204.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Resolve, to Approve Conceptual Elements of the Augusta State
Facilities Master Plan

S.P. 536 L.D. 1667

Sponsored by Senator DAGGETT of Kennebec.
Cosponsored by Representative FULLER of Manchester and
Senator: ABROMSON of Cumberland, Representatives:
COLWELL of Gardiner, MADORE of Augusta.
Submitted by the Department of Administrative and Financial
Services pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Enhance and Protect Disclosure of Confidential
Property Tax Information"
S.P. 533 L.D. 1654

Sponsored by President Pro Tem BENNETT of Oxford.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Resolve, to Create the Commission to Study Combining the
Resources of the Maine Turnpike Authority and the Department of
Transportation

S.P. 540 L.D. 1671

Sponsored by Senator SHOREY of Washington.
Cosponsored by Senator: TURNER of Cumberland,
Representatives: DUGAY of Cherryfield, GOODWIN of
Pembroke, MORRISON of Baileyville.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Senate called to order by the President Pro Tem **MARY R. CATHCART** of Penobscot County.

ORDERS

Joint Order

On motion by Senator **MITCHELL** of Penobscot, the following Joint Order: S.P. 532

ORDERED, the House concurring, that the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs report out, to the Senate, a bill regarding teacher recruitment and retention.

READ and PASSED.

Sent down for concurrence.

Expressions of Legislative Sentiment recognizing:

Earland and Mary Gerry, of Newfield, on the occasion of their 60th Wedding Anniversary, March 15, 2001. Mr. & Mrs. Gerry have 6 children, 21 grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to them on this very special occasion. SLS 86

Sponsored by Senator McALEVEY of York.
Cosponsored by Representative NASS of Acton.

READ.

THE PRESIDENT PRO TEM: The Chair recognizes the Senator from York, Senator McAlevey.

Senator **McALEVEY:** Thank you, Madame President. Men and women of the Senate. As you know we, from time to time, have the honor to recognize special people for special and major accomplishments throughout this state. I'm pleased today that we have a couple from my district, from Newfield, who have reached a milestone in their lives that is seldom reached by many other people in this state which certainly deserves major recognition by this body. Earland and Mary Gerry were married 60 years ago today and they are here today with their family to share their celebration with us. I'm very pleased that they took the time to come up here to be recognized. In my career, my limited legislative career of 7 years, I can only think of two occasions where people have been honored for their 60th wedding anniversary. I commend them and congratulate them and before they leave today, I wish that they would tell me what their secret is. Thank you, Madame President.

PASSED.

Sent down for concurrence.

Senate at Ease.

John Morin, coach of the Massabesic High School football team, who has been named Football Coach of the Year by the Southern Maine Athletic Association. We extend our congratulations to Mr. Morin on his receiving this recognition;

SLS 88

Sponsored by Senator McALEVEY of York.
Cosponsored by Representative NASS of Acton.

READ.

THE PRESIDENT PRO TEM: The Chair recognizes the Senator from York, Senator McAlevey.

Senator **McALEVEY:** Thank you, Madame President. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate. Today I have for your consideration, unofficially, Massabesic Day in this chamber. It is my pleasure to honor Coach Morin for his award of being named Coach of the Year by the Southern Maine Athletic Association. We also have, which had appeared previously on this calendar, some other people from Massabesic High School, MSAD 57, who have also received some very special awards in this state. We have high school principal Jim Stevenson who received the Maine Principal of the Year award. We also have an individual who is a member of the team and who received the Fitzpatrick Award for Most Outstanding Athlete in the state. And of course we have, and I'm very pleased to present to you, the Class A State Championship Football team for last year from Massabesic. It's a major accomplishment. These young men are student scholars who work very hard in both the classroom and on the athletic field. Each and every one of these individuals are a good example of what role models for the rest of the students in the State of Maine are and should be. They conduct themselves and keep their lives unsullied and they present themselves in such a manner that I'm very pleased that they are here today. I'm very pleased for their accomplishments, not only on the field but off the field and in their actions in school and out of school. They typify what is best about our public education system. Thank you.

THE PRESIDENT PRO TEM: The Chair thanks the Senator from York, Senator McAlevey, and is pleased to recognize the Massabesic High School football team; Coach of the Year John Morin; Assistant Coaches Joe Bush, Andy Solati, and Kevin Poulin; Athletic Trainer Richard Labonte; Superintendent Fred Bechard; District Chair Lee Steele of the School Board; Headmaster James Stevenson, Principal of the Year; Team Captain Jason O'Tash, who received the Fitzpatrick Award; Ed Sharpe, representing the Boosters Club; Gloria Dyer of the school board; and joined by football boosters, parents and friends. We ask them to stand and receive the greetings of the Senate. They are the guests of the Senator from York, Senator McAlevey.

PASSED.

Sent down for concurrence.

Under suspension of the Rules, all matters thus acted upon were ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

House

Change of Committee

The Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** on Bill "An Act to Protect the Rights of Maine Citizens and Industries from Influences Outside of Maine" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 622 L.D. 822

Reported that the same be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY**.

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

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

Ought to Pass As Amended

The Committee on **TAXATION** on Bill "An Act to Increase the State Earned Income Tax Credit from 5% to 10% of the Federal Earned Income Credit"

H.P. 17 L.D. 17

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass As Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-13)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-13)**.

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

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-13) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

The Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** on Bill "An Act to Allow Funeral Escort Vehicles in a Funeral Procession to be Equipped With Flashing Purple Lights"

H.P. 37 L.D. 46

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass As Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-10)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-10)**.

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

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-10) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

The Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** on Bill "An Act to List the Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price on the Certificate of Title"

H.P. 65 L.D. 74

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass As Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-14)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-14)**.

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

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-14) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

The Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** on Bill "An Act to Remove the Weight Limit Restrictions on Vanity Registration Plates"

H.P. 109 L.D. 113

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass As Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-15)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-15)**.

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

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-15) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

The Committee on **UTILITIES AND ENERGY** on Bill "An Act to Amend the Charter of the South Berwick Sewer District"

H.P. 24 L.D. 24

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass As Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-9)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-9)**.

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

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-9) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

The Committee on **UTILITIES AND ENERGY** on Bill "An Act to Revise the Hampden Water District Charter"

H.P. 118 L.D. 122

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass As Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-8)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-8)**.

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

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-8) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act to Improve the Navigational Aids Program"

H.P. 38 L.D. 47

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

Signed:

Senators:

GOLDTHWAIT of Hancock
CATHCART of Penobscot
MILLS of Somerset

Representatives:

BERRY of Livermore
MAILHOT of Lewiston
BRANNIGAN of Portland
ETNIER of Harpswell
NASS of Acton
WINSOR of Norway
BELANGER of Caribou
ROSEN of Bucksport

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-11)**.

Signed:

Representatives:

TESSIER of Fairfield
JONES of Greenville

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

Reports **READ**.

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

Senate

Ought to Pass

Senator WOODCOCK for the Committee on **LEGAL AND VETERANS AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act to Enable Small Wineries to do Business in Maine"

S.P. 61 L.D. 225

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

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

READ ONCE.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

Ought to Pass As Amended

Senator FERGUSON for the Committee on **UTILITIES AND ENERGY** on Bill "An Act to Require Notice to Telephone Customers in Maine Prior to Price Increases"

S.P. 87 L.D. 314

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass As Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-7).**

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

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-7) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

Senator FERGUSON for the Committee on **UTILITIES AND ENERGY** on Bill "An Act to Authorize Representation by the Public Advocate of Consumer Interests on Regional Decision-making Bodies"

S.P. 89 L.D. 316

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass As Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-8).**

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

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-8) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

SECOND READERS

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

Senate

Bill "An Act to Facilitate State Park Campsite Reservations through the Internet"

S.P. 118 L.D. 394

Bill "An Act to Clarify the Substance Abuse Law"

S.P. 139 L.D. 462

Bill "An Act to Establish the State's Recycling and Waste Reduction Goals"

S.P. 160 L.D. 504

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Senate As Amended

Bill "An Act to Clarify Insurance Coverage for Victims of Domestic Violence"

S.P. 49 L.D. 217
(C "A" S-5)

Bill "An Act to Enhance Collectibility of the Penalty for Failure to File the Municipal Valuation Tax Return"

S.P. 99 L.D. 325
(C "A" S-6)

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

Sent down for concurrence.

ENACTORS

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

Acts

An Act to Allow the Transfer of a Valid Turkey Permit to a Juvenile or Senior Citizen

H.P. 45 L.D. 54

An Act to Designate the First Saturday in September as Colonel Freeman McGilvery Day

H.P. 108 L.D. 112

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

Resolve

Resolve, to Simplify the System of Licenses Issued by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

H.P. 67 L.D. 76

FINALLY PASSED and having been signed by the President Pro Tem was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for his approval.

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 (1/25/01) Assigned matter:

Bill "An Act to Include Analysis and Review of Information Practices in the State Government Evaluation Act Process"
S.P. 78 L.D. 298

Report - **Refer** to the Committee on **Business and Economic Development**

Tabled - January 25, 2001, by Senator **TREAT** of Kennebec

Pending - **ACCEPTANCE OF REPORT**

(Committee on **BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** suggested and ordered printed.)

(In Senate, January 25, 2001, Report from the **Blue Ribbon Commission To Establish A Comprehensive Internet Policy, READ.**)

On motion by Senator **SHOREY** of Washington, Bill and accompanying papers **INDEFINITELY POSTPONED.**

Sent down for concurrence.

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later (1/25/01) Assigned matter:

Bill "An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Blue Ribbon Commission to Establish a Comprehensive Internet Policy"

S.P. 79 L.D. 299

Report - **Refer** to the Committee on **Business and Economic Development**

Tabled - January 25, 2001, by Senator **TREAT** of Kennebec

Pending - **ACCEPTANCE OF REPORT**

(Committee on **BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** suggested and ordered printed.)

(In Senate, January 25, 2001, Report from the **Blue Ribbon Commission To Establish A Comprehensive Internet Policy, READ.**)

On motion by Senator **SHOREY** of Washington, Bill and accompanying papers **INDEFINITELY POSTPONED.**

Sent down for concurrence.

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later (2/22/01) Assigned matter:

Bill "An Act to Update the Maine Consumer Credit Code Regarding Rental-purchase Agreements"

H.P. 877 L.D. 1156

Tabled - March 5, 2001, by Senator **TREAT** of Kennebec

Pending - **REFERENCE**

(Committee on **BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** suggested and ordered printed.)

(In House, February 28, 2001, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **BANKING AND INSURANCE.**)

On motion by Senator **SHOREY** of Washington, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **BANKING AND INSURANCE** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

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

Bill "An Act to Adopt the Uniform Computer Information Transactions Act"

H.P. 987 L.D. 1324

Tabled - March 15, 2001, by Senator **SHOREY** of Washington

Pending - **REFERENCE**, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**

(Committee on **BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** suggested and ordered printed.)

(In House, March 13, 2001, Bill and accompanying papers **INDEFINITELY POSTPONED.**)

On motion by Senator **SHOREY** of Washington, Bill and accompanying papers **INDEFINITELY POSTPONED**, in concurrence.

Senate at Ease.

Senate called to order by President Pro Tem **MARY R. CATHCART** of Penobscot County.

Senator **GOLDTHWAIT** of Hancock was granted unanimous consent to address the Senate off the Record.

Senator **DAGGETT** of Kennebec was granted unanimous consent to address the Senate off the Record.

Senator **MITCHELL** of Penobscot was granted unanimous consent to address the Senate off the Record.

Senator **DAGGETT** of Kennebec was granted unanimous consent to address the Senate off the Record.

Off Record Remarks

Senator **ABROMSON** of Cumberland was granted unanimous consent to address the Senate off the Record.

Senator **SMALL** of Sagadahoc was granted unanimous consent to address the Senate off the Record.

Under suspension of the Rules, all matters thus acted upon were ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

RECESSED until the sound of the bell.

After Recess

Senate called to order by President Pro Tem
MARY R. CATHCART of Penobscot County.

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

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

House Papers

Bill "An Act to Encourage Independent 3rd-party Forest Management Certification for Small Woodlot Owners"
H.P. 1219 L.D. 1660

Bill "An Act to Establish the Maine Forest Certification Council"
H.P. 1229 L.D. 1676

Bill "An Act to Increase the Penalties for Animal Cruelty"
H.P. 1232 L.D. 1679

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

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

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

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

House Papers

Bill "An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue in the Amount of \$17,200,000 to Construct and Upgrade Water Pollution Control Facilities, to Remove Discharges, to Remediate Municipal Solid Waste Landfills, to Clean up Tire Stockpiles, to Make Drinking Water System Improvements and to Develop Municipal Digital Data Layers and Maps"
H.P. 1222 L.D. 1663

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

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

Bill "An Act to Provide for the 2001 and 2002 Allocations of the State Ceiling on Private Activity Bonds" (EMERGENCY)
H.P. 1233 L.D. 1680

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

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**.

REFERRED to the Committee on **BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

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

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

House Paper

Bill "An Act to Allow Boards of Professions to Grant Hardship Waivers"
H.P. 1227 L.D. 1674

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

REFERRED to the Committee on **BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

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

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

House Papers

Bill "An Act to Improve Emergency Medical Services by Expanding the Pool of Qualified Emergency Medical Services Personnel"

H.P. 1216 L.D. 1657

Resolve, to Study the Emergency Medical Services System (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 1221 L.D. 1662

Come from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE** and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

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

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

House Papers

Bill "An Act to Amend and Improve Education Laws"

H.P. 1212 L.D. 1644

Resolve, Establishing a Task Force to Study Alternative Secondary Education and the Unique Needs of Disenfranchised Students

H.P. 1218 L.D. 1659

Resolve, to Facilitate Attracting and Retaining a High Quality Work Force at the University of Maine System

H.P. 1228 L.D. 1675

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

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

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

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

House Papers

Bill "An Act to Address Confidentiality of Records in the Medical Examiner Act"

H.P. 1213 L.D. 1645

Bill "An Act Regarding Passamaquoddy Land in Township 19, M.D."

H.P. 1217 L.D. 1658

Come from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

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

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

House Papers

Bill "An Act to Further Reduce Mercury Emissions from Consumer Products"

H.P. 1224 L.D. 1665

Bill "An Act to Improve the Inspection and Maintenance of Underground Oil Storage Tanks"

H.P. 1225 L.D. 1666

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

REFERRED to the Committee on **NATURAL RESOURCES** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

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

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

House Papers

Bill "An Act to Restructure the Kennebec County Advisory Budget Committee"

H.P. 1226 L.D. 1673

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Establish the Legislative Compensation Commission

H.P. 1231 L.D. 1678

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

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

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

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

House Paper

Bill "An Act to Enhance Tourism Promotion and Increase State Revenues"

H.P. 1230 L.D. 1677

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

REFERRED to the Committee on **TAXATION** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

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

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

House Paper

Bill "An Act to Amend Certain Motor Vehicle Laws"
H.P. 1223 L.D. 1664

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

REFERRED to the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

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

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

House Paper

Bill "An Act to Amend the Charter of the Portland Water District to Permit the Extension of Water and Wastewater Service to the Town of Raymond" (EMERGENCY)
H.P. 1220 L.D. 1661

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **UTILITIES AND ENERGY** and ordered printed.

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

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

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

House Paper

**Pursuant to Joint Order
Committee on Judiciary**

The Committee on **JUDICIARY** pursuant to Joint Order H.P. 1154 asked leave to report that the accompanying Bill "An Act Relating to Personal Privacy and Governmental Information Practices"

H.P. 1234 L.D. 1681

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.

REFERRED to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218, in concurrence.

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

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

House Paper

**Pursuant to Public Law
Joint Standing Committee on Marine Resources**

The Committee on **MARINE RESOURCES** pursuant to Public Law 1997, chapter 685, section 15 asked leave to report that the accompanying Bill "An Act to Restructure the Sea Urchin Lottery"
H.P. 1235 L.D. 1682

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

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

REFERRED to the Committee on **MARINE RESOURCES** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218, in concurrence.

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

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

House Paper

**Pursuant to Public Law
Joint Standing Committee on Transportation**

The Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** pursuant to Public Law 1999, chapter 751 asked leave to report that the accompanying

Bill "An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Veterans Commemorative Decal Task Force"

H.P. 1238 L.D. 1683

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

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

REFERRED to the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218, in concurrence.

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

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

Joint Resolutions

The following Joint Resolution: H.P. 1215

JOINT RESOLUTION DESIGNATING MARCH AS IRISH HERITAGE MONTH

WHEREAS, over 150 years ago a massive blight struck Ireland's potato crop, which became known as the Great Hunger, forcing many Irish to immigrate, mostly to American shores; and

WHEREAS, these people came to America to seek a better life and escape the brutal poverty and starvation of their homeland, and by 1850 over a million people left Ireland; and

WHEREAS, in 1847 alone, 25,000 Irish immigrants arrived in Boston and many had started to arrive in Maine, so that the census figures of Maine indicated that Maine cities had 11 to 23% of their populations as Irish-born immigrants; and

WHEREAS, within a few years of their arrival in the United States and in Maine, these Irish immigrants took jobs as laborers, built railroads, canals and schools, and dedicated themselves to helping build this Nation and State, and this legacy remains a part of today's American landscape; and

WHEREAS, 4 signers of the Declaration of Independence were Irish-born and 9 signers were of Irish ancestry, and 19 Presidents of the United States proudly claim Irish heritage, included among them, George Washington, the father of our country; and

WHEREAS, the 44,000,000 Americans of Irish ancestry, like their forebears, continue to enrich all aspects of life in the United States, in science, education, art, agriculture, business, industry, literature, music, athletics, entertainment, military and government service; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That, We, the Members of the One Hundred and Twentieth Legislature, now assembled in the First Regular Session, do proclaim that March 2001 is Irish Heritage Month throughout the State of Maine, and urge the citizens of the State to commend and celebrate the integrity and richness of this culture; and be it further

RESOLVED: That a suitable copy of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the Honorable Sean O'Huiginn, the Irish Ambassador to the United States, on behalf of the people of the State of Maine.

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

READ and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

The following Joint Resolution: H.P. 1236

JOINT RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PERSIAN GULF WAR AND HONORING THE MAINE VETERANS WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE WAR

WHEREAS, on August 2, 1990, Iraqi military forces, on orders from President Saddam Hussein, invaded and occupied the small country of Kuwait, against the wishes and interests of the rest of the world; and

WHEREAS, the United Nations Security Council immediately passed several resolutions condemning the attack and closing Iraq from the international community and resolving to free Kuwait; and

WHEREAS, over 30 nations formed a military coalition to liberate Kuwait, including the United Kingdom, Canada, many North Atlantic Treaty Organization, NATO, countries and the United States; and

WHEREAS, military units and service members from Maine, representing the Maine Army and Air National Guard, Brunswick Naval Air Station, United States Marine Corps Reserves and United States Army Reserves were either activated or volunteered for service as part of the military coalition; and

WHEREAS, specific units stationed in Maine, the 101st Air Refueling Wing; the 3620th Transportation Detachment; the 286th Supply and Service Battalion; the 112th Medical Company, Air Ambulance; the Health Service Liaison Detachment of the 213th Medical Brigade; the 619th Transportation Company; the 1125th USAR Hospital; the 94th Military Police Company; the United States Marine Corps Reserve Weapons Company; the 101th Navy Hospital; the COMSC Navy Medical 201; and Patrol Squadron 8, were mobilized in support of Operation Desert Storm; and

WHEREAS, this brief but deadly war, which lasted from January 16, 1991 to February 28, 1991, was fought to stabilize the vital area of the Middle East and to liberate Kuwait, and cost the lives of thousands of soldiers and innocent people; and

WHEREAS, the ground war proved to be quick and decisive and American forces led a military coalition to a victory over the Iraqi forces, and each state provided a valuable contribution to the successful American presence; and

WHEREAS, the State of Maine, with its position of being the closest state to the Middle East, proved its value in spirit, personnel and patriotism towards the war effort; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Twentieth Legislature, now assembled in the First Regular Session, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the Persian Gulf War and Operation Desert Storm and to honor Maine citizens who contributed so greatly to the service of their State and Nation; and be it further

RESOLVED: That suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the United States Secretary of Defense, the United States Secretary of State and the Commissioner of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management on behalf of the people of Maine as a token of their esteem and affection.

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

READ and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

The following Joint Resolution: H.P. 1239

JOINT RESOLUTION TO HONOR ST. PATRICK'S DAY AND TO RECOGNIZE THE IRISH CONTRIBUTION TO MAINE AND TO THE UNITED STATES

WHEREAS, St. Patrick's Day is the only national holiday of a country that is given recognition outside its native land, which indicates the Irish influence throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, over 150 years ago a massive blight struck Ireland's potato crop, which forced millions of Irish people to emigrate to escape brutal poverty and starvation, and most of those people came to America; and

WHEREAS, tens of thousands of Irish immigrants arrived in New England and so many settled in Maine that the census figures in 1850 indicated that Maine cities had 11-23% of their populations as Irish-born immigrants; and

WHEREAS, within a few years of their arrival in the United States and in Maine, the Irish immigrants became part of American society and, while preserving the best of their own culture, dedicated themselves to helping build this Nation and this State; and

WHEREAS, the proud history of the Irish in America goes back to colonial times and there have been notable Americans with Irish ancestry from the Revolutionary War to modern times, including recent presidents John Fitzgerald Kennedy and Ronald Reagan; and

WHEREAS, the tradition of celebrating St. Patrick's Day is now a happy annual event no matter what one's heritage; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Twentieth Legislature, now assembled in the First Regular Session, encourage the celebration of St. Patrick's Day, recognize the valuable contribution to our State and to our Nation by all Irish-American citizens, and urge the citizens of the State to commend and celebrate the integrity and richness of this culture.

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

READ and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

Off Record Remarks

On motion by Senator **DAGGETT** of Kennebec, **ADJOURNED**, pursuant to the Joint Order, to Tuesday, March 20, 2001, at 10:00 in the morning.