

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE
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In Senate Chamber
Thursday
February 7, 2019

Senate called to order by President Troy D. Jackson of Aroostook County.

Prayer by Pastor Robert Green, Bible Baptist Church in Wiscasset.

PASTOR GREEN: Let's bow before God. Father in Heaven, we come before You this morning. We thank You for being so gracious and so kind to us. We thank You for allowing us to live in these United States and in this great state of Maine. Lord, before me stand the men and women of the Senate of Maine that guide us, that direct us, and, Lord, I would ask that You would guide them and direct them today. Lord, we love our state, we love our people, and we know that You love us. We ask, Lord, that You'd give them wisdom, give them prudence, give them grace, give them patience. We ask these things in Jesus' name. Amen.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Senator Susan A. Deschambault of York County.

Reading of the Journal of Tuesday, February 5, 2019.

Doctor of the day, Ryan Best, M.D. of Westbrook.

Off Record Remarks

Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, on motion by Senator **LIBBY** of Androscoggin, the following Joint Order:
S.P. 206

Ordered, the House concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourn, they do so until Monday, February 11, 2019 at 6:15 in the evening.

READ and PASSED.

Ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

Non-Concurrent Matter

Bill "An Act To Reduce the Cost of Workers' Compensation Insurance for Small Employers"
H.P. 236 L.D. 312

Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** suggested and ordered printed.

In Senate, January 29, 2019, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

Comes from the House, that Body having **INSISTED** on its former action whereby the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator **BELLOWS** of Kennebec, the Senate **RECEDED** and **CONCURRED**.

House Papers

Bill "An Act To Create an Airplane Mechanic Education Program"
H.P. 414 L.D. 570

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

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

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

Bill "An Act To Eliminate the Subminimum Wage for Workers with Disabilities and Agricultural and Tipped Workers"
H.P. 319 L.D. 410

Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** suggested and ordered printed.

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

Senator **LIBBY** of Androscoggin moved to **INDEFINITELY POSTPONE** the Bill and accompanying papers, in concurrence.

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

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 34 Senators having voted in the negative, with 1 Senator being excused, and none being less than two-thirds of the Membership present and voting, it was the vote of the Senate that the Committee's recommendation be **ACCEPTED** and the nomination of the Honorable **John H. O'Neil, Jr.** of Kennebunk for reappointment as a Superior Court Justice was **CONFIRMED**.

The Secretary has so informed the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Off Record Remarks

The Following Communication: S.C. 122

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

January 23, 2019

Honorable Troy Dale Jackson, Senate President
Honorable Sara Gideon, Speaker of the House
129th Maine State Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Gideon,

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that we have approved the request by the bill sponsor Rep. Galgay Reckitt of South Portland, to report the following bill Leave to Withdraw:

L.D. 20 An Act To Provide Coverage for Abortion Services for MaineCare Members

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Geoff Gratwick S/Rep. Patty Hymanson
Senate Chair House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 123

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

January 24, 2019

Honorable Troy Dale Jackson, Senate President
Honorable Sara Gideon, Speaker of the House
129th Maine State Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Gideon,

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that we have approved the request by the bill sponsor Rep. Galgay Reckitt of South Portland, to report the following bill Leave to Withdraw:

L.D. 21 An Act To Prohibit the Use of Electroconvulsive Therapy for Certain Populations

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Geoff Gratwick S/Rep. Patty Hymanson
Senate Chair House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 119

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON HEALTH COVERAGE,
INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES**

February 1, 2019

Honorable Troy Dale Jackson, President of the Senate
Honorable Sara Gideon, Speaker of the House
129th Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Gideon:

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that the Joint Standing Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 2 An Act To Increase from \$25,000 to \$50,000 the Minimum Amount Motor Vehicle Liability Insurance Policies Must Cover for Damage to Property

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Heather B. Sanborn S/Rep. Denise A. Tepler
Senate Chair House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 120

**MAINE PORT AUTHORITY
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

January 31, 2019

Honorable Troy D. Jackson Honorable Sara Gideon
President of the Senate Speaker of the House
3 State House Station 2 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333 Augusta, Maine 04333

*Copy sent via email to:
quasiagencyreports@legislature.maine.gov*

In Re: Maine Port Authority Legislative Report

Dear Mr. President and Madam Speaker:

Pursuant to 5 M.R.S.A., Section 12023, the Maine Port Authority is pleased to submit the following report to the Legislature, due by February 1, 2019.

Please contact me directly at (207) 557-0923 if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

S/Jonathan Nass, CEO

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 121

**SUNRISE COUNTY ECONOMIC COUNCIL
CALAIS, MAINE**

February 1, 2019

Honorable Troy D. Jackson
President of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333

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

Dear Senator Jackson and Speaker Gideon:

Pursuant to MRSA Title 5, section 12023, the Sunrise County Economic Council (SCEC) is pleased to submit the Quasi-independent State Entity Report to the Legislature on behalf of the Washington County Development Authority (WCDA).

SCEC is a private, nonprofit, federally recognized economic development organization which works to create jobs and wealth in Washington County. We provide staff support for the WCDA and are partnering with the Authority in its effort to redevelop the former U.S. Navy base in Cutler.

As indicated in the enclosed report, the WCDA did not make any significant procurements, contributions or changes to policies and procedures in the past year. In March 2015, the Authority was given the commercial side of the former base by Cutler North, LLC, a private developer that had failed in its redevelopment effort. The WCDA now owns roughly 20 acres and five commercial buildings comprising 75,000 square feet. The Authority is working to bring these facilities back into productive use.

Please contact me with any questions or concerns. Thank you.

Sincerely,

S/Charles J. Rudelitch, Esq.
Executive Director

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 124

**MAINE'S PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES
UNIVERSITY OF MAINE SYSTEM
ORONO, MAINE**

1 February 2019

Honorable Troy Jackson
President of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333

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

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Gideon:

Pursuant to 5 M.R.S.A., Section 12023, please accept this letter of transmittal for the required Quasi-Independent State Entity Review Report from the University of Maine System due 1 February 2019.

The University has an estimated \$1.5 billion annual total statewide economic impact, including direct and indirect payroll, student and visitor spending and, increasingly, purchasing of goods and services from Maine-based businesses which in FY18 totaled \$54.3 million.

While competitive procurement is the University's standard, as provided in State law and corresponding University policy, there are legitimate reasons for waiving competitive procurement in

some circumstances. For example, within the report of FY18 sole source purchasing that follows, a majority of the expenses for which waivers from our competitive procurement process were granted involve the purchase of goods and services that were specifically named in a grant. In an effort to increase transparency and public accountability, new to this year's report is a description of each transaction as well as a review of this report by the UMS Board of Trustees prior to this submission.

Please contact me if you have any questions or need additional information.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

S/James H. Page, Chancellor
University of Maine System

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 125

**NORTHERN NEW ENGLAND
PASSENGER RAIL AUTHORITY
PORTLAND, MAINE**

January 29, 2019

Honorable Troy D. Jackson
President of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333-0003

RE: Statutory Citation P.L. 2011 c. 616: An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Office of Program Evaluation and Government Accountability and the Government Oversight Committee Regarding Quasi-Independent State Entities

Dear Senator Jackson:

Please find enclosed the Northern New England Passenger Rail Authority's annual report as required under section 12023 (2) "Ongoing Reports" of the Statutory Citation referenced above for NNEPRA's Fiscal Year 2018.

Required Reports:

2A. A list of all procurements exceeding \$10,000 in the preceding year (NNEPRA Fiscal Year 2018) for which competitive procurement was waived under the policies adopted pursuant to section 12022, subsection 3 - Attached.

2B. A list of all persons to which the entity made contributions greater than \$1,000 in the preceding year (NNEPRA Fiscal Year 2018) and the total amount contributed to each - Attached.

2C. There were changes made to NNEPRA's written Procurement Policy required by Section 12022 - Attached. There

were no changes to the procedures used by the governing body to monitor compliance with those policies and procedures.

Sincerely,

S/Mr. John Melrose
Chairman
Northern New England
Passenger Rail Authority

S/Ms. Patricia Quinn
Executive Director
Northern New England
Passenger Rail Authority

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

SENATE PAPERS

Bill "An Act Related to Community Reparations Boards"
S.P. 197 L.D. 635

Presented by Senator CARPENTER of Aroostook.

Bill "An Act To Require Law Enforcement Officers To Wear Body Cameras"
S.P. 198 L.D. 636

Presented by Senator DESCHAMBAULT of York.
Cosponsored by Representative PICKETT of Dixfield and Senators: CHIPMAN of Cumberland, CLAXTON of Androscoggin, MOORE of Washington, Representatives: DOORE of Augusta, RISEMAN of Harrison.

Bill "An Act Regarding Motor Vehicle Operation and Drug Use"
S.P. 199 L.D. 637

Presented by Senator CYRWAY of Kennebec.
Cosponsored by Representative RYKERSON of Kittery and Senators: CLAXTON of Androscoggin, FARRIN of Somerset, TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin, Representatives: ARATA of New Gloucester, BRADSTREET of Vassalboro, JOHANSEN of Monticello, PICKETT of Dixfield, STROM of Pittsfield.

On motion by Senator **DESCHAMBAULT** of York, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act Regarding Kindergarten Readiness for Children Who Are Deaf and Hard of Hearing"
S.P. 204 L.D. 642

Presented by Senator BREEN of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative PIERCE of Falmouth.

On motion by Senator **MILLETT** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Resolve, To Require a Study of Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reductions from the Proposed Central Maine Power Company Transmission Corridor (EMERGENCY)
S.P. 202 L.D. 640

Presented by Senator CARSON of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative RYKERSON of Kittery and Senators: BELLOWS of Kennebec, BLACK of Franklin, CLAXTON of Androscoggin, FARRIN of Somerset, FOLEY of York, Representatives: DODGE of Belfast, FAY of Raymond, TUCKER of Brunswick.

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

On motion by Senator **LAWRENCE** of York, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Amend the Charter of the Town of Madison's Department of Electric Works"
S.P. 207 L.D. 694

Presented by Senator FARRIN of Somerset.
Cosponsored by Representative CURTIS of Madison and Senator: DAVIS of Piscataquis, Representatives: AUSTIN of Skowhegan, BERRY of Bowdoinham, GRIGNON of Athens, NADEAU of Winslow.

On motion by Senator **LAWRENCE** of York, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Save Lives through Epinephrine Autoinjector Accessibility"
S.P. 203 L.D. 641

Presented by Senator BELLOWS of Kennebec.
Cosponsored by Representative ACKLEY of Monmouth and Senators: CARPENTER of Aroostook, CLAXTON of Androscoggin, HERBIG of Waldo, MIRAMANT of Knox, Representatives: FAY of Raymond, HARNETT of Gardiner, HICKMAN of Winthrop, MAXMIN of Nobleboro.

On motion by Senator **H. SANBORN** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Legalize the Use of Supplemental Minerals To Assist with Wildlife Nutrition"
S.P. 200 L.D. 638

Presented by Senator DAVIS of Piscataquis.

Bill "An Act To Require Biodegradable Hooks and Lures for Freshwater Fishing"
S.P. 208 L.D. 695

Presented by Senator DAVIS of Piscataquis.
Cosponsored by Representative MASON of Lisbon and Senators: BLACK of Franklin, DILL of Penobscot, Representatives: MARTIN of Sinclair, STEARNS of Guilford.

On motion by Senator **DILL** of Penobscot, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Protect Student Privacy"
S.P. 201 L.D. 639

Presented by Senator CARPENTER of Aroostook.
Cosponsored by Senator GRATWICK of Penobscot, Representative McCREA of Fort Fairfield and Senator: DILL of Penobscot, Representatives: HARNETT of Gardiner, NADEAU of Winslow.

On motion by Senator **CARPENTER** of Aroostook, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act Regarding Temporary Signs Related to an Event That Are Placed in the Public Right-of-way"
S.P. 205 L.D. 689

Presented by Senator CHIPMAN of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Senators: DIAMOND of Cumberland, FARRIN of Somerset, Representatives: BRYANT of Windham, SHEATS of Auburn, WHITE of Waterville, WHITE of Washburn.

On motion by Senator **DIAMOND** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

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

ORDERS

Joint Order

Expression of Legislative Sentiment recognizing:

Sam Rideout, of South Portland, who at 10 years of age has spent 3 years raising funds and donating toys to children at the Barbara Bush Children's Hospital, with \$6,371 in gifts and donations delivered this past year. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

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Sponsored by Senator MILLETT of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representatives: KESSLER of South Portland, MORALES of South Portland, RECKITT of South Portland.

The Joint Order was **READ**.

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

Senator **MILLETT:** Thank you, Mr. President. Mr. President and ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, we are joined this morning by an extraordinary young man, Sam "The Bottle Man" Rideout. Sam is a 4th grader and he's 10 years old. He is in his third year of raising funds and collecting toys for the Barbara Bush Children's Hospital. Sam started as a 2nd grader at 8 years old. Apparently the idea came to him when he saw a Toys for Tots bin at Toys 'R Us and he told his Mom he wanted to use his birthday money to buy toys to put in that bin. His Mom suggested instead to hold a drive of his own. So throughout December bottles could be dropped off at "Sam the Bottle Man" marked donation bins at South Portland Redemption Center and at Falmouth, Casco Bay and North Yarmouth hockey arenas. Sam has actually been spotted in his neon green "Sam the Bottle Man" sweatshirt collecting bottles at the redemption center on Saturdays. Bags of bottles are also delivered to his home and in his aunt's barn in Cape Elizabeth where he has helped in the mornings before school. Eventually Sam set up a bank account, under the name of "Sam the Bottle Man" of course, for people to donate money to the cause. Sam raised roughly \$900 his first year and \$2,000 his second year. That was more than enough for a Brady Buggy wagon which has a trailer hitch to tow a child's IV pole, allowing them to be mobile in the hospital, even during chemotherapy treatments. He raised enough for the wagon and smaller toys like Legos, dolls, arts and craft supplies. This year, this past Christmas, Sam knocked it out of the park. I guess I should have probably had a hockey reference, but he delivered a total of \$6,371 in gifts and donations to the hospital. Sam, I am inspired by your big heart, empathy for others, your determination, work ethic, and leadership. I would be remiss if we did not acknowledge the wonderful support of your family and community as you endeavor to be a bright light for sick children. You have all made our world better and kinder. Thank you, Mr. President.

The Joint Order was **PASSED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

THE PRESIDENT: The President is pleased to recognize in the rear of the Chamber Sam "The Bottle Man" Rideout and his family: Jaedra Rideout, Emery Rideout, Bennett Rideout, Caitlin Jordan, Chip Emery, and Vicki Emery, all of South Portland. They are the guests today of the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Millett. Will they please rise and accept the greetings of the Maine State Senate.

Senate at Ease.

The Senate was called to order by the President.

RECESSED until the sound of the bell.

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

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

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

House Papers

Bill "An Act To Improve Reporting of Operating Under the Influence Offenses"

H.P. 469 L.D. 648

Bill "An Act Regarding the Use of Seizure and Forfeitures by Law Enforcement"

H.P. 498 L.D. 677

Bill "An Act Requiring the State To Fund 20.25 Percent of the Cost of County Jails"

H.P. 499 L.D. 678

Bill "An Act Regarding County Jail Funding"

H.P. 511 L.D. 691

Bill "An Act To Create a Regional Pre-release Center"

H.P. 513 L.D. 693

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

On motion by Senator **DESCHAMBAULT** of York, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Promote Free, Appropriate Public Education"
H.P. 461 L.D. 632

Bill "An Act To Facilitate School Access to Federal Title I Funds and Improve the Delivery of Special Education Services"
H.P. 472 L.D. 651

Bill "An Act Regarding Instruction in Civics in Secondary Schools"
H.P. 475 L.D. 654

Bill "An Act To Count Study Abroad toward Secondary School Credit"
H.P. 483 L.D. 662

Bill "An Act To Organize Biannual County Meetings for Local School Boards"
H.P. 485 L.D. 664

Bill "An Act To Enact the Campus Free Expression Act"
H.P. 486 L.D. 665

Bill "An Act To Allow Local Flexibility in Teacher Assignment To Enhance Student Achievement"
H.P. 493 L.D. 672

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Maine School for Marine Science, Technology, Transportation and Engineering"
H.P. 506 L.D. 685

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

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

Resolve, To Direct a Plan for Energy Independence for Maine
H.P. 479 L.D. 658

Bill "An Act To Improve the E-9-1-1 System"
H.P. 495 L.D. 674

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

On motion by Senator **LAWRENCE** of York, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Create a Permanent Navigator Position within the Department of Health and Human Services"
H.P. 462 L.D. 633

Bill "An Act To Improve Trust with Regard to Home Visitation by the Department of Health and Human Services by Requiring That Certain Visits Be Videotaped"
H.P. 467 L.D. 646

Bill "An Act To Provide Social Workers to Persons with Mental Illness to Help Them Avoid Incarceration"
H.P. 504 L.D. 683

Resolve, Relating to the Prevention and Management of Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome
H.P. 505 L.D. 684

Resolve, To Address Reimbursement Rates for Licensed Clinical Social Workers under MaineCare
H.P. 512 L.D. 692

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

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

Bill "An Act Regarding the Use of Interchangeable Biological Products"
H.P. 480 L.D. 659

Bill "An Act To Set Maine Dental Provider Licensing Fees"
H.P. 509 L.D. 688

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

On motion by Senator **H. SANBORN** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Enhance Collaboration among State Agencies To Improve Landowner Relations"
H.P. 470 L.D. 649

Bill "An Act To Strengthen Maine's Landowner Relations Program"
H.P. 471 L.D. 650

Bill "An Act To Modify Maine's Ice Fishing Laws with Respect to Cusk Fishing"
H.P. 473 L.D. 652

Come from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator **DILL** of Penobscot, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Require Professional Licensure for Property Inspectors"
H.P. 492 L.D. 671

Bill "An Act Regarding the Licensing of Funeral Practitioners"
H.P. 500 L.D. 679

Bill "An Act To Amend the Maine Dental Education Loan
Program"
H.P. 502 L.D. 681

Bill "An Act To Ease Record-keeping Requirements for
Auctioneers"
H.P. 507 L.D. 686

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

On motion by Senator **HERBIG** of Waldo, **REFERRED** to the
Committee on **INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC
ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS** and ordered printed, in
concurrence.

Bill "An Act Regarding Implementation of Differentiated Case
Management in the Judicial Branch"
H.P. 463 L.D. 634

Bill "An Act To Improve Safety at State Courthouses"
H.P. 465 L.D. 644

Bill "An Act To Reorganize the Probate Courts"
H.P. 478 L.D. 657

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Circumstances of
Death That Must Be Reported to the Office of Chief Medical
Examiner"
H.P. 494 L.D. 673

Bill "An Act To Clarify the Intent of the Federal Maine Indian
Claims Settlement Act of 1980 To Ensure the Federal Principle of
Inherent Tribal Sovereignty"
H.P. 501 L.D. 680

Bill "An Act To Amend the Maine Uniform Probate Code
Regarding Claims for Personal Injury" (EMERGENCY)
H.P. 510 L.D. 690

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

On motion by Senator **CARPENTER** of Aroostook, **REFERRED**
to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** and ordered printed, in
concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Increase the Minimum Wage for Large Employers"
H.P. 491 L.D. 670

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on
LABOR AND HOUSING and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator **LIBBY** of Androscoggin, **REFERRED** to
the Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** and ordered printed,
in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Provide Equity in the Lobster Promotion License
Surcharge"
H.P. 496 L.D. 675

Bill "An Act To Simplify Maine's Lobster Licensing System"
H.P. 497 L.D. 676

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

On motion by Senator **MIRAMANT** of Knox, **REFERRED** to the
Committee on **MARINE RESOURCES** and ordered printed, in
concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Restore the Former State of Maine Flag"
H.P. 508 L.D. 687

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

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

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of
Maine To Cap the Property Tax on the Primary Residence of
Certain Residents Who Are 65 Years of Age or Older
H.P. 466 L.D. 645

Bill "An Act To Exempt Sales to Parent-Teacher Organizations
from the Sales Tax"
H.P. 481 L.D. 660

Bill "An Act To Provide Housing Relief for Maine Families and
Seniors"
H.P. 490 L.D. 669

Bill "An Act To Provide Seniors and Certain Persons with
Disabilities Assistance with Property Taxes through the Deferral
of Those Taxes"
H.P. 503 L.D. 682

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

On motion by Senator **CHIPMAN** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to
the Committee on **TAXATION** and ordered printed, in
concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Increase the Penalty for Passing a School Bus with Its Red Lights Flashing"

H.P. 477 L.D. 656

Resolve, Directing the Department of Transportation To Convene a Work Group To Study Improving Traffic Safety for Color-blind Drivers

H.P. 489 L.D. 668

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

On motion by Senator **DIAMOND** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

But in all seriousness, John has been a key figure for this institution and has served all of us so very well. It's been an honor to work with him over the years and I will deeply miss having the running banter back and forth about the English and the Scots. I do want to wish him and his wife, Pat, all the best in their second retirement and certainly hope that you will continue to stop and visit with us. Thank you so much, John, for all your work at the Maine State Senate.

On motion by Senator **LIBBY** of Androscoggin, **ADJOURNED**, pursuant to the Joint Order, until Monday, February 11, 2019 at 6:15 in the evening in honor and appreciation of Senate Doorkeeper John Seed and his wife, Pat, of Augusta.

Bill "An Act To Fund the Operations of the Tick Identification Laboratory in the University of Maine Cooperative Extension Diagnostic and Research Laboratory"

H.P. 460 L.D. 631

Bill "An Act To Increase Gaming Opportunities for Charitable Veterans' Organizations"

H.P. 482 L.D. 661

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Require That the Governor Be Elected by a Majority Vote

H.P. 488 L.D. 667

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

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

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

Off Record Remarks

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair would like to make one announcement. I'd like to take a moment to recognize a very special person to the entire Maine Senate. Tomorrow will be the last day of work for our trusty doorkeeper, Mr. John Seed. John has been a staple of the Maine State Senate since he joined the chamber staff back in 2010 in the 125th Legislature and he has been our doorkeeper ever since, working for both Republican and Democratic leaders. For 8-plus years John has welcomed thousands of visitors to this Chamber, greeted many Senators, legislators, and staff, all with the very same treatment. John has also greeted those who breached decorum or stood up during a vote, which I can personally attest to, usually with a different tone.