

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE
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In Senate Chamber
Tuesday
February 14, 2017

Senate called to order by President Michael D. Thibodeau of
Waldo County.

Prayer by Bishop Robert Deeley, Roman Catholic Diocese of
Portland.

BISHOP DEELEY: It's wonderful to be with you this morning, on
this absolutely gorgeous Maine day. When I moved up here I
decided that I really loved winter, particularly the day after when
the sun comes out and the snow is beautiful. It was a beautiful
ride up this morning, so it's really nice to be with you and to have
this opportunity to pray with you and thanks for the service that
you give and the great contribution you make to life here in
Maine.

Lord, we give deep thanks this morning for the great blessing
that it is to be citizens of this great State of Maine and of the
United States of America. The distinguished men and women of
our State Senate, in their service to our state and our country,
daily confront difficult and even seemingly intractable public
issues, a burden that must, at time, seem overwhelming, but You
never leave us to work alone. Teach us this day not to fear but to
put our hand in Yours and resolutely seek Your guidance so that
we might do Your will. Bring us together in civic harmony and in
the common task of making real in our time the ideals and the
dreams that make us a great people. Fill our hearts with
compassion for the sick, the poor, and the weak. Do not let us be
distracted by mere selfish or partisan interests, but always be
guided by the common good. As these men and women of the
Maine Senate turn now to the work of this day, we ask for more
than human wisdom, we ask for the wisdom You granted
Solomon so that their work here might be for Your greater glory.
Amen.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Senator Catherine E. Breen of
Cumberland County.

Reading of the Journals of Tuesday, February 7, 2017 and
Thursday, February 9, 2017.

Doctor of the day, Connie Adler, M.D. of Chesterville.

Off Record Remarks

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

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

Non-Concurrent Matter

Bill "An Act To Support Workforce Development by Increasing
Engineering Capacity"

S.P. 100 L.D. 312

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

In Senate, February 2, 2017, on motion by Senator **VOLK** of
Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LABOR,
COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**
and ordered printed.

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on
EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS in **NON-
CONCURRENCE**.

On motion by Senator **LANGLEY** of Hancock, the Senate
RECEDED and **CONCURRED**.

House Paper

Bill "An Act To Ensure the 3 Percent Tax on Incomes over
\$200,000 Is Distributed Proportionally Based on Student Counts"
H.P. 288 L.D. 397

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

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

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: S.C. 120

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS**

February 6, 2017

The Honorable Michael D. Thibodeau
President of the Senate of Maine
128th Maine State Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333-0003

ROLL CALL (#19)

YEAS: Senators: None
NAYS: Senators: BELLOWS, BRAKEY, BREEN, CARSON, CHENETTE, CHIPMAN, COLLINS, CUSHING, CYRWAY, DAVIS, DESCHAMBAULT, DIAMOND, DILL, DION, DOW, GRATWICK, HAMPER, HILL, JACKSON, KATZ, KEIM, LANGLEY, LIBBY, MAKER, MASON, MILLETT, MIRAMANT, ROSEN, SAVIELLO, VITELLI, VOLK, WHITEMORE, WOODSOME, PRESIDENT THIBODEAU

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Section 157, and with Joint Rule 505 of the Maine Legislature, the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs has had under consideration the nomination of David M. MacMahon, Ph.D. of Poland, for reappointment to the Maine Community College System, Board of Trustees.

EXCUSED: Senator: CARPENTER

After public hearing and discussion on this nomination, the Committee proceeded to vote on the motion to recommend to the Senate that this nomination be confirmed. The Committee Clerk called the roll with the following result:

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 **David M. MacMahon**, Ph.D. of Poland for reappointment to the Maine Community College System, Board of Trustees was **CONFIRMED**.

YEAS Senators 3 Langley of Hancock, Maker of Washington, Millett of Cumberland
Representatives 9 Kornfield of Bangor, Daughtry of Brunswick, Farnsworth of Portland, Fuller of Lewiston, Ginzler of Bridgton, McCrea of Fort Fairfield, Pierce of Falmouth, Sampson of Alfred, Turner of Burlington

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

NAYS 0
ABSENT 1 Rep. Stewart of Presque Isle

The Following Communication: S.C. 121

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS**

Twelve members of the Committee having voted in the affirmative and zero in the negative, it was the vote of the Committee that the nomination of David M. MacMahon, Ph.D. of Poland, for reappointment to the Maine Community College System, Board of Trustees be confirmed.

February 6, 2017

The Honorable Michael D. Thibodeau
President of the Senate of Maine
128th Maine State Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333-0003

Signed,

S/Brian D. Langley Senate Chair
S/Tori P. Kornfield House Chair

Dear Mr. President:

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Section 157, and with Joint Rule 505 of the Maine Legislature, the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs has had under consideration the nomination of Laurence R. Grondin of Scarborough, for reappointment to the Maine Community College System, Board of Trustees.

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall the recommendation of the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** be overridden?"

After public hearing and discussion on this nomination, the Committee proceeded to vote on the motion to recommend to the Senate that this nomination be confirmed. The Committee Clerk called the roll with the following result:

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Chapter 6, Section 158, and with Joint Rule 506 of the 128th Legislature, the vote was taken by the Yeas and Nays.

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

YEAS Senators 3 Langley of Hancock, Maker of Washington, Millett of Cumberland

 Representatives 9 Kornfield of Bangor, Daughtry of Brunswick, Farnsworth of Portland, Fuller of Lewiston, Ginzler of Bridgton, McCrea of Fort Fairfield, Pierce of Falmouth, Sampson of Alfred, Turner of Burlington

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 **Laurence R. Grondin** of Scarborough for reappointment to the Maine Community College System, Board of Trustees was **CONFIRMED**.

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

NAYS 0

ABSENT 1 Rep. Stewart of Presque Isle

The Following Communication: S.C. 122

Twelve members of the Committee having voted in the affirmative and zero in the negative, it was the vote of the Committee that the nomination of Laurence R. Grondin of Scarborough, for reappointment to the Maine Community College System, Board of Trustees be confirmed.

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS**

February 6, 2017

Signed,

The Honorable Michael D. Thibodeau
President of the Senate of Maine
128th Maine State Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333-0003

S/Brian D. Langley
Senate Chair

S/Tori P. Kornfield
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

Dear Mr. President:

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall the recommendation of the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** be overridden?"

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Section 157, and with Joint Rule 505 of the Maine Legislature, the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs has had under consideration the nomination of Honorable W. Thomas Sawyer, Jr. of Richmond Hill, GA, for reappointment to the Maine Maritime Academy, Board of Trustees.

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Chapter 6, Section 158, and with Joint Rule 506 of the 128th Legislature, the vote was taken by the Yeas and Nays.

After public hearing and discussion on this nomination, the Committee proceeded to vote on the motion to recommend to the Senate that this nomination be confirmed. The Committee Clerk called the roll with the following result:

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#20)

YEAS	Senators	3	Langley of Hancock, Maker of Washington, Millett of Cumberland
	Representatives	8	Kornfield of Bangor, Daughtry of Brunswick, Fuller of Lewiston, Ginzler of Bridgton, McCrea of Fort Fairfield, Pierce of Falmouth, Sampson of Alfred, Turner of Burlington
NAYS		0	
ABSENT		2	Rep. Farnsworth of Portland, Rep. Stewart of Presque Isle

YEAS: Senators: None

NAYS: Senators: BELLOWS, BRAKEY, BREEN, CARSON, CHENETTE, CHIPMAN, COLLINS, CUSHING, CYRWAY, DAVIS, DESCHAMBAULT, DIAMOND, DILL, DION, DOW, GRATWICK, HAMPER, HILL, JACKSON, KATZ, KEIM, LANGLEY, LIBBY, MAKER, MASON, MILLETT, MIRAMANT, ROSEN, SAVIELLO, VITELLI, VOLK, WHITTEMORE, WOODSOME, PRESIDENT THIBODEAU

EXCUSED: Senator: CARPENTER

Eleven members of the Committee having voted in the affirmative and zero in the negative, it was the vote of the Committee that the nomination of Honorable W. Thomas Sawyer, Jr. of Richmond Hill, GA, for reappointment to the Maine Maritime Academy, Board of Trustees be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Brian D. Langley
Senate Chair

S/Tori P. Kornfield
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall the recommendation of the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** be overridden?"

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Chapter 6, Section 158, and with Joint Rule 506 of the 128th Legislature, the vote was taken by the Yeas and Nays.

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#21)

YEAS: Senators: None

NAYS: Senators: BELLOWS, BRAKEY, BREEN, CARSON, CHENETTE, CHIPMAN, COLLINS, CUSHING, CYRWAY, DAVIS, DESCHAMBAULT, DIAMOND, DILL, DION, DOW, GRATWICK, HAMPER, HILL, JACKSON, KATZ, KEIM, LANGLEY, LIBBY, MAKER, MASON, MILLETT, MIRAMANT, ROSEN, SAVIELLO, VITELLI, VOLK, WHITTEMORE, WOODSOME, PRESIDENT THIBODEAU

EXCUSED: Senator: CARPENTER

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 **W. Thomas Sawyer, Jr.** of Richmond Hill, GA, for reappointment to the Maine Maritime Academy, Board of Trustees was **CONFIRMED**.

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 123

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS**

February 6, 2017

The Honorable Michael D. Thibodeau
President of the Senate of Maine
128th Maine State Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333-0003

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Section 157, and with Joint Rule 505 of the Maine Legislature, the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs has had under consideration the nomination of Earle A. Cianchette of Saco, for reappointment to the Maine Maritime Academy, Board of Trustees.

After public hearing and discussion on this nomination, the Committee proceeded to vote on the motion to recommend to the Senate that this nomination be confirmed. The Committee Clerk called the roll with the following result:

YEAS	Senators	3	Langley of Hancock, Maker of Washington, Millett of Cumberland
	Representatives	8	Kornfield of Bangor, Daughtry of Brunswick, Fuller of Lewiston, Ginzler of Bridgton, McCrea of Fort Fairfield, Pierce of Falmouth, Sampson of Alfred, Turner of Burlington
NAYS		0	
ABSENT		2	Rep. Farnsworth of Portland, Rep. Stewart of Presque Isle

Eleven members of the Committee having voted in the affirmative and zero in the negative, it was the vote of the Committee that the nomination of Earle A. Cianchette of Saco, for reappointment to the Maine Maritime Academy, Board of Trustees be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Brian D. Langley
Senate Chair

S/Tori P. Kornfield
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall the recommendation of the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** be overridden?"

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Chapter 6, Section 158, and with Joint Rule 506 of the 128th Legislature, the vote was taken by the Yeas and Nays.

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#22)

YEAS: Senators: None

NAYS: Senators: BELLOWS, BRAKEY, BREEN, CARSON, CHENETTE, CHIPMAN, COLLINS, CUSHING, CYRWAY, DAVIS, DESCHAMBAULT, DIAMOND, DILL, DION, DOW, GRATWICK, HAMPER, HILL, JACKSON, KATZ, KEIM, LANGLEY, LIBBY, MAKER, MASON, MILLETT, MIRAMANT, ROSEN, SAVIELLO, VITELLI, VOLK, WHITTEMORE, WOODSOME, PRESIDENT THIBODEAU

EXCUSED: Senator: CARPENTER

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 **Earle A. Cianchette** of Saco for reappointment to the Maine Maritime Academy, Board of Trustees was **CONFIRMED**.

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 124

**STATE OF MAINE
128TH LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT**

February 6, 2017

Honorable Heather J.R. Priest
Secretary of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Secretary Priest,

Pursuant to my authority under Title 17-A MRSA, §1353, I am pleased to appoint Senator Kimberley Rosen of Hancock to the Criminal Law Advisory Commission, as a member of the Senate. With this appointment Senator Rosen will be continuing her role on the committee.

Please contact my office if you have any questions regarding this appointment.

Sincerely,

S/Michael D. Thibodeau
President of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 126

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE STATE AUDITOR
66 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0066**

February 8, 2017

Honorable Paul R. LePage
Governor of Maine

Honorable Michael D. Thibodeau
President of the Senate

Honorable Sara Gideon
Speaker of the House

I am pleased to submit the State Auditor's Fraud Hotline Semiannual Report for the period July 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016.

A summary of the complaints is attached.

Sincerely,

S/Pola A. Buckley, CPA, CISA
State Auditor

READ and with accompanying papers ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 127

**STATE OF MAINE
TASK FORCE ON PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS
TO SUPPORT PUBLIC EDUCATION**

February 6, 2017

The Honorable Michael Thibodeau, President
Maine State Senate

The Honorable Sara Gideon, Speaker
Maine House of Representatives
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Thibodeau and Speaker Gideon:

Pursuant to Resolve 2015, chapter 89, Resolve to Create the Task Force on

Public-private Partnerships to Support Public Education is pleased to submit its final report. Copies of the full report have been distributed to committees or individuals as directed by law and copies have been placed on file with the Law and Legislative Reference Library. Others may access the full report on-line through the website of the Office of Policy and Legal Analysis at www.maine.gov/legis/opla.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Kimberley C. Rosen, Chair

S/Rep. Teresa S. Pierce, Chair

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

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

Off Record Remarks

Senate at Ease.

The Senate was called to order by the President.

SENATE PAPERS

Bill "An Act Regarding Restrictions on the Purchase of Certain Animals"

S.P. 169 L.D. 508

Presented by Senator DAVIS of Piscataquis. (BY REQUEST)

On motion by Senator **DAVIS** of Piscataquis, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Support Biological Research in Maine"

S.P. 181 L.D. 546

Presented by Senator JACKSON of Aroostook. Cosponsored by Speaker GIDEON of Freeport and Senators: BREEN of Cumberland, KATZ of Kennebec, LANGLEY of Hancock, LIBBY of Androscoggin, MIRAMANT of Knox, Representative: HUBBELL of Bar Harbor.

On motion by Senator **MASON** of Androscoggin, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Increase Firearm Safety"

S.P. 162 L.D. 501

Presented by Senator MIRAMANT of Knox. Cosponsored by Representative RYKERSON of Kittery and Representatives: BEEBE-CENTER of Rockland, BLUME of York, COOPER of Yarmouth, DEVIN of Newcastle, GRANT of Gardiner, WARREN of Hallowell.

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Domestic Violence and Setting Preconviction Bail"

S.P. 172 L.D. 511

Presented by Senator DILL of Penobscot. Cosponsored by Representative DUNPHY of Old Town and Senators: CYRWAY of Kennebec, DAVIS of Piscataquis, DIAMOND of Cumberland, DION of Cumberland, VITELLI of Sagadahoc, Representative: PICKETT of Dixfield.

Bill "An Act To Prohibit a Person under 18 Years of Age from Being Charged with the Crime of Engaging in Prostitution"

S.P. 173 L.D. 512

Presented by Senator VOLK of Cumberland. Cosponsored by Senators: DIAMOND of Cumberland, ROSEN of Hancock, Representatives: GERRISH of Lebanon, GUERIN of Glenburn, HERRICK of Paris, TALBOT ROSS of Portland.

Bill "An Act To Authorize the Expungement of Records of Nonviolent Crimes"

S.P. 175 L.D. 514

Presented by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin. Cosponsored by Representative WARREN of Hallowell and Senators: BELLOWS of Kennebec, JACKSON of Aroostook, KATZ of Kennebec, MASON of Androscoggin, VOLK of Cumberland, Representatives: MONAGHAN of Cape Elizabeth, SIROCKI of Scarborough, TIMBERLAKE of Turner.

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws on Gross Sexual Assault"

S.P. 176 L.D. 515

Presented by Senator MAKER of Washington. Cosponsored by Representative TURNER of Burlington and Representatives: PERRY of Calais, TUELL of East Machias.

Bill "An Act To Reduce the Cost of Pretrial Detention"

S.P. 177 L.D. 516

Presented by Senator DION of Cumberland. Cosponsored by Representative WARREN of Hallowell and Senators: BRAKEY of Androscoggin, CHIPMAN of Cumberland, Representative: HARRINGTON of Sanford.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Establish Regional School Leadership Academies"
S.P. 168 L.D. 507

Presented by Senator **LANGLEY** of Hancock.
Cosponsored by Representative **KORNFIELD** of Bangor and Senator: **MAKER** of Washington, Representatives: **FULLER** of Lewiston, **GINZLER** of Bridgton, **McCREA** of Fort Fairfield, **PIERCE** of Falmouth.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Support Evaluation of Opioid Diversion Efforts"
S.P. 165 L.D. 504

Presented by Senator **CYRWAY** of Kennebec.
Cosponsored by Representative **STEWART** of Presque Isle and Senators: **KATZ** of Kennebec, **MAKER** of Washington, **MASON** of Androscoggin, **ROSEN** of Hancock, **VOLK** of Cumberland, Representatives: **AUSTIN** of Gray, **DILLINGHAM** of Oxford, **HANINGTON** of Lincoln.

Bill "An Act To Amend Principles of Reimbursement for Nursing Facilities and for Residential Care Facilities"
S.P. 178 L.D. 517

Presented by Senator **MAKER** of Washington.
Cosponsored by Representative **TUELL** of East Machias and Senators: **CYRWAY** of Kennebec, **DIAMOND** of Cumberland, **LANGLEY** of Hancock, **ROSEN** of Hancock, Representatives: **HAMANN** of South Portland, **HICKMAN** of Winthrop, **PIERCE** of Falmouth, **TURNER** of Burlington.

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Burial or Cremation of Certain Persons"
S.P. 179 L.D. 518

Presented by Senator **BRAKEY** of Androscoggin.
Cosponsored by Senator: **LIBBY** of Androscoggin.

Bill "An Act To Address Maine's Opiate Addiction Crisis"
S.P. 183 L.D. 565

Presented by Senator **CHIPMAN** of Cumberland.

On motion by Senator **BRAKEY** of Androscoggin, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Improve Access to High-quality Child Care by Increasing Child Care Rates"

S.P. 184 L.D. 566

Presented by Senator **KATZ** of Kennebec.
Cosponsored by Representative **POULIOT** of Augusta and Senators: **LANGLEY** of Hancock, **MILLETT** of Cumberland, Representatives: **FREY** of Bangor, **HAMANN** of South Portland, **McCREIGHT** of Harpswell, **PARKER** of South Berwick.

On motion by Senator **BRAKEY** of Androscoggin, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Allow Reciprocal Recognition of New Hampshire and Maine Snowmobile Registrations"

S.P. 167 L.D. 506

Presented by Senator **WOODSOME** of York.
Cosponsored by Representative **WADSWORTH** of Hiram and Senator: **COLLINS** of York, Representatives: **GERRISH** of Lebanon, **GINZLER** of Bridgton, **HARRINGTON** of Sanford, **HEAD** of Bethel, **O'CONNOR** of Berwick, **SAMPSON** of Alfred, **TIMBERLAKE** of Turner.

Bill "An Act To Allocate at Least 10 Percent of Antlerless Deer Permits Available in Each Wildlife Management District to Hunters 70 Years of Age and Older"

S.P. 170 L.D. 509

Presented by Senator **DAVIS** of Piscataquis.
Cosponsored by Representative **BLACK** of Wilton and Senators: **CYRWAY** of Kennebec, **SAVIELLO** of Franklin, President **THIBODEAU** of Waldo.

Bill "An Act To Update Maine's Fishing Laws"

S.P. 182 L.D. 547

Presented by Senator **CYRWAY** of Kennebec.
Cosponsored by Representative **DUCHESNE** of Hudson and Representatives: **ALLEY** of Beals, **HARLOW** of Portland, **LYFORD** of Eddington, **MASON** of Lisbon, **REED** of Carmel, **STEARNS** of Guilford, **THERIAULT** of China, **WOOD** of Greene.
Submitted by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act Regarding Hospital Charges and Statements"
S.P. 163 L.D. 502

Presented by Senator WHITTEMORE of Somerset.
Cosponsored by Representative FOLEY of Wells and Senators:
KATZ of Kennebec, LANGLEY of Hancock, Representatives:
PICCHIOTTI of Fairfield, PRESCOTT of Waterboro, WALLACE of
Dexter.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Issuance of Birth
Certificates for Adopted Persons Born in Maine"
S.P. 166 L.D. 505

Presented by Senator DOW of Lincoln.
Cosponsored by Representative HICKMAN of Winthrop and
Senator: DESCHAMBAULT of York, Representatives: BATTLE of
South Portland, SIMMONS of Waldoboro.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Protect Employees from Abusive Work
Environments"
S.P. 159 L.D. 466

Presented by Senator JACKSON of Aroostook.

Bill "An Act To Continue the Doctors for Maine's Future
Scholarship Program"
S.P. 164 L.D. 503

Presented by Senator KATZ of Kennebec.
Cosponsored by Representative HYMANSON of York and
Senators: CHENETTE of York, JACKSON of Aroostook, ROSEN
of Hancock, WOODSOME of York, Representatives: DAUGHTRY
of Brunswick, DENNO of Cumberland, FOLEY of Wells.

On motion by Senator **VOLK** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the
Committee on **LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Eliminate the State Income Tax for Maine Public
Employees Retirement System Pensions"
S.P. 174 L.D. 513

Presented by Senator BELLOWS of Kennebec.
Cosponsored by Senator VOLK of Cumberland, Representative
DOORE of Augusta and Senators: CHENETTE of York,
WOODSOME of York, Representatives: GRANT of Gardiner,
HANDY of Lewiston, POULIOT of Augusta, SYLVESTER of
Portland, WARREN of Hallowell.

On motion by Senator **DOW** of Lincoln, **REFERRED** to the
Committee on **TAXATION** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Allow the Formation of Transportation Corridor
Districts"
S.P. 161 L.D. 500

Presented by Senator MIRAMANT of Knox.
Cosponsored by Representative BEEBE-CENTER of Rockland
and Senators: GRATWICK of Penobscot, JACKSON of
Aroostook, Representatives: COOPER of Yarmouth, DEVIN of
Newcastle, KUMIEGA of Deer Isle, RYKERSON of Kittery,
WARREN of Hallowell.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Assist Veterans in Their Applications for Service-
related Benefits"
S.P. 160 L.D. 465

Presented by Senator LIBBY of Androscoggin.
Cosponsored by Representative GOLDEN of Lewiston.

Bill "An Act To Create Fairness in Gaming License Fees for Small
Nonprofit Organizations"
S.P. 171 L.D. 510

Presented by Senator CARPENTER of Aroostook.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

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

Off Record Remarks

RECESSED until the sound of the bell.

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

Off Record Remarks

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

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

House Papers

Bill "An Act To Clarify Occupancy for Tents, Campers, Trailers and Other Devices used for Camping in Unorganized Townships"
H.P. 363 L.D. 519

Bill "An Act To Amend Laws Relating to Agricultural Pulling Events"
H.P. 390 L.D. 548

Bill "An Act To Recognize Preexisting Land Uses"
H.P. 391 L.D. 549

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

On motion by Senator **DAVIS** of Piscataquis, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Address Changes in Sea Level"
H.P. 330 L.D. 467

Bill "An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Increase Rural Maine's Access to Broadband Internet Service"
H.P. 364 L.D. 520

Bill "An Act To Align the Criteria Used by the Maine Public Employees Retirement System in Determining Veterans' Disability Claims with the Criteria Used by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs"
H.P. 365 L.D. 521

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

On motion by Senator **HAMPER** of Oxford, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act Regarding Final Enactment of the State Budget" (EMERGENCY)
H.P. 366 L.D. 522

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

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

Resolve, To Establish the Commission To Review the Laws Governing Domestic Violence (EMERGENCY)
H.P. 367 L.D. 523

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws on Domestic Violence"
H.P. 368 L.D. 524

Bill "An Act To Enhance Maine's Response to Domestic Violence"
H.P. 369 L.D. 525

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

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

Bill "An Act To Provide for a Later Starting Time for High Schools"
H.P. 331 L.D. 468

Bill "An Act To Increase the State Share of the Cost of Health Insurance for Retired Teachers" (EMERGENCY)
H.P. 370 L.D. 526

Bill "An Act To Prohibit Corporal Punishment in Schools"
H.P. 371 L.D. 527

Bill "An Act To Create a Maine Race, Ethnicity and Cultural Studies Educational Component"
H.P. 372 L.D. 528

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

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

Bill "An Act To Ensure Resiliency of the Maine Electrical Grid"
H.P. 373 L.D. 529

Bill "An Act To Remove the 100-megawatt Limit on Hydroelectric
Generators under the Renewable Resources Laws"
H.P. 376 L.D. 532

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

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

Bill "An Act To Establish a Generally Applicable Regulatory
Standard To Address Impacts of Sea Level Change and
Increased Storm Surges"

H.P. 332 L.D. 469

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

On motion by Senator **SAVIELLO** of Franklin, **REFERRED** to the
Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES**
and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Strengthen Maine's Hospitals and Increase Access
to Health Care"

H.P. 333 L.D. 470

Bill "An Act To Clarify the Authority for Cremation"

H.P. 339 L.D. 476

Bill "An Act To Prevent Long-term Welfare Dependency"

H.P. 340 L.D. 477

Resolve, To Require the Department of Health and Human
Services To Implement the Department's Study of Ambulance
Services

H.P. 341 L.D. 478

Bill "An Act To Inform Patients of the Dangers of Addicting
Opioids"

H.P. 342 L.D. 479

Bill "An Act To Prioritize Access by Maine's Most Vulnerable
Citizens to Welfare Resources"

H.P. 343 L.D. 480

Bill "An Act To Repeal the Maine Certificate of Need Act of 2002"

H.P. 345 L.D. 482

Bill "An Act To Ensure Medical Assessments for Youth in Foster
Care"

H.P. 374 L.D. 530

Bill "An Act Regarding the Drug Crisis and Ensuring Access to
HIV Testing"

H.P. 375 L.D. 531

Bill "An Act Requiring Communication of Mammographic Breast
Density Information to Patients"

H.P. 392 L.D. 550

Bill "An Act To Expand the Authority of Naturopathic Doctors To
Prescribe Certain Medications"

H.P. 393 L.D. 551

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Department of
Health and Human Services"

H.P. 402 L.D. 560

Bill "An Act Concerning the Department of Health and Human
Services"

H.P. 404 L.D. 562

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

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

Resolve, To Create the Commission To Study the Needs,
Opportunities and Efficiencies Associated with the Production of
Salmonid Sport Fish in Maine

H.P. 334 L.D. 471

Bill "An Act To Improve Enforcement of Snowmobile Noise
Levels"

H.P. 346 L.D. 483

Bill "An Act To Allow Ice Fishing in Seboomook Lake Township
on Baker Lake and on Third, Fourth and Fifth St. John Ponds"

H.P. 347 L.D. 484

Bill "An Act To Allow Migratory Game Birds To Be Hunted on
Sundays"

H.P. 348 L.D. 485

Bill "An Act To Amend Maine's Fish and Wildlife Licensing Laws"

H.P. 394 L.D. 552

Bill "An Act To Offer Hunters 65 Years of Age or Older Who Have
Accumulated at Least 30 Points a Guaranteed Moose Permit"

H.P. 395 L.D. 553

Bill "An Act To Allow Owners of 25 Acres or More of Land That Is
Open to the Public for Hunting To Take Any Deer without a
Special Permit"

H.P. 397 L.D. 555

Bill "An Act To Revoke the Hunting License of a Person Charged
with Defacing Property Posting Signs"

H.P. 399 L.D. 557

Bill "An Act To Improve Moose Hunting" (EMERGENCY)
H.P. 400 L.D. 558

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

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

Bill "An Act Regarding Parental Rights"
H.P. 335 L.D. 472

Bill "An Act To Clarify the Application of the Statute of Limitations under Article 3-A of the Uniform Commercial Code"
H.P. 377 L.D. 533

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. 378 L.D. 534

Bill "An Act To Protect Maine Citizens from Aerial Trespass"
H.P. 379 L.D. 535

Bill "An Act To Protect Homeowners from Debt Collectors"
H.P. 380 L.D. 536

Bill "An Act To Provide an Exemption from Road Association Payments for Landowners Whose Primary Access Is Not over the Road"
H.P. 381 L.D. 537

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

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

Bill "An Act To Promote Keeping Workers in Maine"
H.P. 350 L.D. 487

Bill "An Act To Provide for Municipalities To Allow Grocery Stores up to 10,000 Square Feet To Open on Thanksgiving, Easter and Christmas"
H.P. 351 L.D. 488

Bill "An Act To Ensure Firefighters Receive Cancer Treatment Pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 39-A"
H.P. 352 L.D. 489

Bill "An Act To Exempt Chiropractic Assistants from Being Required To Hold Licenses as Radiographers, Nuclear Medicine Technologists or Radiation Therapists"
H.P. 353 L.D. 490

Bill "An Act To Allow Advanced Practice Registered Nurses Who Have Attained Certain Degrees To Use the Title of Doctor"
H.P. 382 L.D. 538

Bill "An Act To Require Paid Parental Leave for Employees"
H.P. 396 L.D. 554

Bill "An Act To Protect Earned Pay"
H.P. 405 L.D. 563

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

On motion by Senator **VOLK** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act Regarding Marijuana Licensing"
H.P. 361 L.D. 498

Bill "An Act To Allow Municipalities To Prohibit Retail Marijuana Facilities in Safe Zones"
H.P. 362 L.D. 499

Bill "An Act To Ensure Maine's Unorganized Townships and Plantations Maintain Local Control under Laws Legalizing Marijuana"
H.P. 389 L.D. 545

Come from the House, **REFERRED** to the Joint Select Committee on **MARIJUANA LEGALIZATION IMPLEMENTATION** and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator **KATZ** of Kennebec, **REFERRED** to the Joint Select Committee on **MARIJUANA LEGALIZATION IMPLEMENTATION** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Allow Municipalities To Establish Shellfish Conservation Areas"
H.P. 383 L.D. 539

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

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

Bill "An Act To Quantitatively Evaluate State Contracts"
H.P. 336 L.D. 473

Bill "An Act To Extend the Allowed Time for the Interchange of Government Employees"
H.P. 354 L.D. 491

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

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

Bill "An Act To Restore Revenue Sharing"
H.P. 355 L.D. 492

Bill "An Act To Tax the Extraction of Water for Certain Commercial Purposes and Fund Water Quality Programs"
H.P. 356 L.D. 493

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

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

Bill "An Act Regarding the Department of Transportation"
H.P. 357 L.D. 494

Bill "An Act To Protect Historic Places and Structures on the Federal Aid Highway System"
H.P. 358 L.D. 495

Bill "An Act To Increase Railroad Freight Safety"
H.P. 386 L.D. 542

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

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

Bill "An Act To Update Maine's Veterans' Benefits Eligibility Requirements"
H.P. 359 L.D. 496

Bill "An Act Regarding Political Action Committee Expenditures"
H.P. 387 L.D. 543

Bill "An Act To Expand Wine and Beer Tastings at Retail Establishments"
H.P. 388 L.D. 544

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Increase the Number of Signatures Required for a Direct Initiative of Legislation
H.P. 406 L.D. 564

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

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

**Pursuant to Statute
Department of Professional and Financial Regulation,
Bureau of Insurance**

The **Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Bureau of Insurance**, pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 8072 asked leave to report that the accompanying Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 191: Health Maintenance Organizations and of the Final Repeal of Chapter 750: Standardized Health Plans, Major Substantive Rules of the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Bureau of Insurance (EMERGENCY)
H.P. 398 L.D. 556

Be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

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

REFERRED to the Committee on **INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218, in concurrence.

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

Off Record Remarks

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

On motion by Senator **MASON** of Androscoggin, **ADJOURNED** until Thursday, February 16, 2017 at 10:00 in the morning in memory of and lasting tribute to Loren Keim of Dixfield.