

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE
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In Senate Chamber
Tuesday
March 6, 2007

In House, February 6, 2007, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**.

In Senate, February 13, 2007, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

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

On motion by Senator **ROTUNDO** of Androscoggin, the Senate **RECEDED** and **CONCURRED**.

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

Prayer by Reverend James W. Hodge of Presbyterian Church in Wales.

REVEREND HODGE: Let us pray. Our almighty and loving God, we call upon You to bless the people of this Chamber as they struggle with the decisions before them. They are from different backgrounds, with different insights and perspectives, and yet they are citizens of this state, this country, and Your world. Help them to use both their differences and similarities to discern Your will for the state and its population. We also ask that You bless the outcome of their work so that their deliberations will yield the fruit of goodness and kindness, according to Your gracious nature. Finally we ask You to bless the process by which these decisions are made so that direction taken by this governmental body on behalf of the men, women, and children of Maine is the same direction as the flow of Your mighty waters of justice and mercy. In Your most holy name we pray. Amen.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Senator Dennis S. Damon of Hancock County.

Reading of the Journal of Thursday, March 1, 2007.

Doctor of the day, Marshall Chamberlain, MD of Sanford.

Off Record Remarks

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

Non-Concurrent Matter

Bill "An Act To Increase Funding for the State's Immunization Program" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 441 L.D. 574

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

Non-Concurrent Matter

Bill "An Act To Repeal the Tax on Private Nonmedical Institutions" H.P. 534 L.D. 703

Committee on **TAXATION** suggested and ordered printed.

In House, February 13, 2007, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**.

In Senate, February 15, 2007, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

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

On motion by Senator **ROTUNDO** of Androscoggin, the Senate **RECEDED** and **CONCURRED**.

Non-Concurrent Matter

Bill "An Act To Encourage Manufacturing by Expanding Pine Tree Development Zones" H.P. 540 L.D. 719

In House, February 13, 2007, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **BUSINESS, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** and ordered printed.

In Senate, February 15, 2007, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TAXATION**, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

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

On motion by Senator **MARTIN** of Aroostook, the Senate **RECEDED** and **CONCURRED**.

Non-Concurrent Matter

Bill "An Act To Create a 5-year Statute of Limitations for Environmental Violations" S.P. 275 L.D. 882

In Senate, February 27, 2007, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **NATURAL RESOURCES** and ordered printed.

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** and ordered printed, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

On motion by Senator **HOBBS** of York, the Senate **RECEDED** and **CONCURRED**.

Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** suggested and ordered printed.

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

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

House Papers

Resolve, Directing the Commissioner of Economic and Community Development To Convene a Working Group To Explore Regionalization

H.P. 693 L.D. 918

Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** suggested and ordered printed.

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

On motion by Senator **SCHNEIDER** of Penobscot, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **BUSINESS, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Establish a Prescription Drug Academic Detailing Program"

H.P. 638 L.D. 839

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

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

Bill "An Act To Amend the Maine Administrative Procedure Act To Strengthen Safeguards for Small Businesses"

H.P. 680 L.D. 905

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

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

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

Resolve, To Protect the Future of the Sebago Lake Water Supply

H.P. 715 L.D. 940

Off Record Remarks

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: S.C. 86

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON LABOR**

February 28, 2007

The Honorable Beth Edmonds
President of the Senate of Maine
123rd Maine Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333-0003

Dear Madame President:

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Section 157, and with Joint Rule 505 of the 123rd Maine Legislature, the Joint Standing Committee on Labor has had under consideration the nomination of Richard T. Metivier of Lewiston, for appointment to the Maine State Retirement System 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	2	Strimling of Cumberland, Dow of Lincoln
	Representatives	8	Tuttle of Sanford, Burns of Berwick, Clark of Millinocket, Cressey of Cornish, Driscoll of Westbrook, Duprey of Hampden, Jackson of Allagash, Thomas of Ripley
NAYS		0	
ABSENT		3	Rep. Haskell of Portland, Sen. Sullivan of York, Rep. Sykes of Harrison

Ten members of the Committee having voted in the affirmative and none in the negative, it was the vote of the Committee that the nomination of Richard T. Metivier of Lewiston, for appointment to the Maine State Retirement System Board of Trustees be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Ethan Strimling
Senate Chair

S/John L. Tuttle Jr.
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

On motion by Senator **MARTIN** of Aroostook, Nomination **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending **CONSIDERATION.**

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COMMITTEE ON LABOR**

February 28, 2007

The Honorable Beth Edmonds
President of the Senate of Maine
123rd Maine Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333-0003

Dear Madame President:

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Section 157, and with Joint Rule 505 of the 123rd Maine Legislature, the Joint Standing Committee on Labor has had under consideration the nomination of Carol L. Mitchell of Portland, for appointment to the Maine State Retirement System 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	2	Strimling of Cumberland, Dow of Lincoln
	Representatives	8	Tuttle of Sanford, Burns of Berwick, Clark of Millinocket, Cressey of Cornish, Driscoll of Westbrook, Duprey of Hampden, Jackson of Allagash, Thomas of Ripley
NAYS		0	

ABSENT 3 Rep. Haskell of Portland,
Sen. Sullivan of York, Rep.
Sykes of Harrison

Ten members of the Committee having voted in the affirmative and none in the negative, it was the vote of the Committee that the nomination of Carol L. Mitchell of Portland, for appointment to the Maine State Retirement System Board of Trustees be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Ethan Strimling
Senate Chair

S/John L. Tuttle Jr.
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

On motion by Senator **MARTIN** of Aroostook, Nomination **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending **CONSIDERATION.**

The Following Communication: S.C. 88

**STATE OF MAINE
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COMMITTEE ON LABOR**

February 28, 2007

The Honorable Beth Edmonds
President of the Senate of Maine
123rd Maine Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333-0003

Dear Madame President:

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Section 157, and with Joint Rule 505 of the 123rd Maine Legislature, the Joint Standing Committee on Labor has had under consideration the nomination of Kenneth L. Williams of Damariscotta, for reappointment to the Maine State Retirement System 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	2	Strimling of Cumberland, Dow of Lincoln
	Representatives	8	Tuttle of Sanford, Burns of Berwick, Clark of Millinocket, Cressey of Cornish, Driscoll of Westbrook, Duprey of Hampden, Jackson of Allagash, Thomas of Ripley

NAYS 0

ABSENT 3 Rep. Haskell of Portland,
Sen. Sullivan of York, Rep.
Sykes of Harrison

Ten members of the Committee having voted in the affirmative and none in the negative, it was the vote of the Committee that the nomination of Kenneth L. Williams of Damariscotta, for reappointment to the Maine State Retirement System Board of Trustees be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Ethan Strimling
Senate Chair

S/John L. Tuttle Jr.
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

On motion by Senator **MARTIN** of Aroostook, Nomination **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending **CONSIDERATION.**

The Following Communication: S.C. 89

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON LABOR**

February 28, 2007

The Honorable Beth Edmonds
President of the Senate of Maine
123rd Maine Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333-0003

Dear Madame President:

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Section 157, and with Joint Rule 505 of the 123rd Maine Legislature, the Joint Standing Committee on Labor has had under consideration the nomination of Benedetto Viola of Scarborough, for reappointment to the Maine State Retirement System 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 2 Strimling of Cumberland,
Dow of Lincoln

Representatives 8

Tuttle of Sanford, Burns of
Berwick, Clark of Millinocket,
Cressey of Cornish, Driscoll
of Westbrook, Duprey of
Hampden, Jackson of
Allagash, Thomas of Ripley

NAYS 0

ABSENT 3 Rep. Haskell of Portland,
Sen. Sullivan of York, Rep.
Sykes of Harrison

Ten members of the Committee having voted in the affirmative and none in the negative, it was the vote of the Committee that the nomination of Benedetto Viola of Scarborough, for reappointment to the Maine State Retirement System Board of Trustees be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Ethan Strimling
Senate Chair

S/John L. Tuttle Jr.
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

On motion by Senator **MARTIN** of Aroostook, Nomination **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending **CONSIDERATION.**

The Following Communication: S.C. 90

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON LABOR**

February 28, 2007

The Honorable Beth Edmonds
President of the Senate of Maine
123rd Maine Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333-0003

Dear Madame President:

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Section 157, and with Joint Rule 505 of the 123rd Maine Legislature, the Joint Standing Committee on Labor has had under consideration the nomination of Peter M. Leslie of Waterford, for reappointment to the Maine State Retirement System 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:

Honorable Beth Edmonds, President of the Senate
Honorable Glenn Cummings, Speaker of the House
123rd Maine Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Edmonds and Speaker Cummings:

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

- L.D. 300 RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Restrict the Voting Privileges of Certain Incarcerated Felons
- L.D. 310 An Act To Ensure the Integrity of Maine's Electoral Process by Requiring Physical Ballots
- L.D. 396 An Act To Provide Additional Funding for the Maine Clean Election Act
- L.D. 434 An Act To Allow a Voter To Preserve the Confidentiality of That Voter's Presence at the Polls
- L.D. 458 An Act To Prevent Persons Convicted of Child Molestation from Being Buried in a Maine Veterans' Cemetery

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

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Lisa T. Marrache
Senate Chair

S/Rep. John L. Patrick
House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 93

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES**

March 1, 2007

Honorable Beth Edmonds, President of the Senate
Honorable Glenn Cummings, Speaker of the House
123rd Maine Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Edmonds and Speaker Cummings:

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. 333 An Act To Reward Cooperation in Comprehensive Planning
- L.D. 359 An Act To Link Sewer Extension Funding to Comprehensive Planning
- L.D. 493 Resolve, To Require the Department of Environmental Protection To Provide Engineering and Permitting Assistance To Clean Up Toothaker Pond

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. Theodore S. Koffman
House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 94

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION**

March 1, 2007

Honorable Beth Edmonds, President of the Senate
Honorable Glenn Cummings, Speaker of the House
123rd Maine Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Edmonds and Speaker Cummings:

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

- L.D. 19 Resolve, To Reduce Traffic Congestion and Improve Safety on Interstate 295
- L.D. 407 An Act To Allow the Use of Flashing Red Lights by State Emergency Management Agency Directors

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

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Dennis S. Damon
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Boyd P. Marley
House Chair

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

SENATE PAPERS

Bill "An Act To Reduce the Expense of Health Care Treatment and Protect the Health of Maine Citizens by Providing Early Screening, Detection and Prevention of Cancer"
S.P. 312 L.D. 995

Sponsored by Senator MARRACHÉ of Kennebec.
Cosponsored by Representative STRANG BURGESS of Cumberland and Senators: BENOIT of Sagadahoc, COURTNEY of York, DOW of Lincoln, MITCHELL of Kennebec, NUTTING of Androscoggin, SULLIVAN of York, Representatives: BABBIDGE of Kennebunk, BARSTOW of Gorham, BEAULIEU of Auburn, CLARK of Millinocket, CONNOR of Kennebunk, COTTA of China, CRAVEN of Lewiston, CRAY of Palmyra, CROCKETT of Augusta, Speaker CUMMINGS of Portland, DRISCOLL of Westbrook, GILES of Belfast, GROSE of Woolwich, HASKELL of Portland, HILL of York, KNIGHT of Livermore Falls, MacDONALD of Boothbay, MILLS of Farmington, MUSE of Fryeburg, PATRICK of Rumford, PIEH of Bremen, PRATT of Eddington, SAVIELLO of Wilton, SIROIS of Turner, TRINWARD of Waterville, TUTTLE of Sanford.

Bill "An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Replenish the School Revolving Renovation Fund"
S.P. 336 L.D. 1019

Sponsored by Senator BOWMAN of York.
Cosponsored by Representative NORTON of Bangor and Senators: MITCHELL of Kennebec, ROTUNDO of Androscoggin, SCHNEIDER of Penobscot, Representative: STRANG BURGESS of Cumberland.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Provide Firearms Safety Instruction for Adolescents"
S.P. 326 L.D. 1009

Sponsored by Senator STRIMLING of Cumberland.

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

On motion by Senator **ROTUNDO** of Androscoggin, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE.**

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Designate Special Funds To Help Support Maine Military Families"
S.P. 340 L.D. 1023

Sponsored by Senator SCHNEIDER of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Representative LANSLEY of Sabattus and Senators: COURTNEY of York, MARRACHÉ of Kennebec, PERRY of Penobscot, PLOWMAN of Penobscot, Representatives: CRESSEY of Cornish, PILON of Saco.

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

On motion by Senator **ROTUNDO** of Androscoggin, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LEGAL AND VETERANS AFFAIRS.**

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Ensure Funding for Higher Education"
S.P. 355 L.D. 1103

Sponsored by Senator SCHNEIDER of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Representative NORTON of Bangor and Senator: MILLS of Somerset, Representatives: CAIN of Orono, EDGECOMB of Caribou, HARLOW of Portland, McFADDEN of Dennysville, PINGREE of North Haven, STRANG BURGESS of Cumberland, SUTHERLAND of Chapman.

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

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

Bill "An Act To Recapitalize the Municipal Investment Trust Fund"
S.P. 358 L.D. 1106

Sponsored by Senator HOBBS of York.
Cosponsored by Senators: MARRACHÉ of Kennebec, MITCHELL of Kennebec, Representatives: BEAUDETTE of Biddeford, BEAUDOIN of Biddeford, CROCKETT of Augusta, PILON of Saco, VALENTINO of Saco.

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

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

Bill "An Act To Appropriate Funds for the School Breakfast Program"

S.P. 366 L.D. 1114

Sponsored by Senator ROTUNDO of Androscoggin.
Cosponsored by Representative CRAVEN of Lewiston and
Senators: DIAMOND of Cumberland, McCORMICK of Kennebec,
Representatives: CAIN of Orono, EBERLE of South Portland,
WALCOTT of Lewiston, WEBSTER of Freeport.

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

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

Bill "An Act To Reduce Inspections and Operating Costs for Elevators"

S.P. 343 L.D. 1026

Sponsored by Senator MILLS of Somerset.

On motion by Senator **SCHNEIDER** of Penobscot, **REFERRED** to
the Committee on **BUSINESS, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Repeal the Laws That Establish a Deposit for Bottles and Cans"

S.P. 321 L.D. 1004

Sponsored by Senator BOWMAN of York.
Cosponsored by Representative BEAUDOIN of Biddeford.

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

On motion by Senator **SCHNEIDER** of Penobscot, **REFERRED** to
the Committee on **NATURAL RESOURCES**.

Same Senator requested and received leave of the Senate to
withdraw her motion to **REFERRED** to the Committee on
NATURAL RESOURCES.

On further motion by same Senator, **TABLED** until Later in
Today's Session, pending **REFERENCE**.

Bill "An Act To Promote County-based Economic Development Efforts"

S.P. 324 L.D. 1007

Sponsored by Senator RAYE of Washington.
Cosponsored by Representative MILLER of Somerville and
Senators: DOW of Lincoln, GOOLEY of Franklin, MILLS of
Somerset, SMITH of Piscataquis, Representatives: ANNIS of
Dover-Foxcroft, PERRY of Calais, PINKHAM of Lexington
Township, SAVIELLO of Wilton.

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

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

(See action later today.)

Bill "An Act To Support Continued Viability of Affordable Housing"

S.P. 352 L.D. 1100

Sponsored by Senator SCHNEIDER of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Representative LANSLEY of Sabattus and
Senators: BARTLETT of Cumberland, BRANNIGAN of
Cumberland, MARTIN of Aroostook, NASS of York, PERRY of
Penobscot, Representatives: AUSTIN of Gray, CLARK of
Millinocket, PILON of Saco.

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

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

Bill "An Act Concerning Licensure as a Master Well Driller or a Master Pump Installer" (EMERGENCY)

S.P. 367 L.D. 1115

Sponsored by Senator RAYE of Washington.
Cosponsored by Representative EMERY of Cutler and
Representatives: McFADDEN of Dennysville, TIBBETTS of
Columbia.

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

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

Resolve, To Increase Highway Safety by Establishing a Dangerous Driver Hotline

S.P. 309 L.D. 992

Sponsored by Senator ROTUNDO of Androscoggin.
Cosponsored by Representative MARLEY of Portland and Representatives: CAIN of Orono, FISCHER of Presque Isle, HASKELL of Portland, ROSEN of Bucksport.

Bill "An Act To Increase Firearm Safety on College Campuses"
S.P. 317 L.D. 1000

Sponsored by Senator ROTUNDO of Androscoggin.
Cosponsored by Representative GERZOFKY of Brunswick and Representatives: CAIN of Orono, CRAVEN of Lewiston, WALCOTT of Lewiston.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Create the Maine Spyware Prevention Act"
S.P. 346 L.D. 1029

Sponsored by Senator BOWMAN of York.
Cosponsored by Representative NORTON of Bangor and Senators: BARTLETT of Cumberland, ROTUNDO of Androscoggin.

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

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

Bill "An Act To Protect Children by Requiring Trigger Locks on Handguns"

S.P. 363 L.D. 1111

Sponsored by Senator STRIMLING of Cumberland.

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

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

Bill "An Act To Offer Tuition Waivers for State Higher Education Facilities to Eligible Veterans"

S.P. 330 L.D. 1013

Sponsored by Senator MITCHELL of Kennebec.
Cosponsored by Senator: MARRACHÉ of Kennebec, Representatives: EBERLE of South Portland, NORTON of Bangor, SUTHERLAND of Chapman.

Bill "An Act To Renew the Promise of Higher Education"
S.P. 337 L.D. 1020

Sponsored by Senator BARTLETT of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative FARRINGTON of Gorham and Senators: BOWMAN of York, BROMLEY of Cumberland, SULLIVAN of York, Representatives: BRAUTIGAM of Falmouth, HARLOW of Portland, MAKAS of Lewiston, PENDLETON of Scarborough, SUTHERLAND of Chapman.

Bill "An Act To Reform Essential Programs and Services"
S.P. 342 L.D. 1025

Sponsored by Senator MILLS of Somerset.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Amend the Fingerprinting Law" (EMERGENCY)
S.P. 348 L.D. 1031

Sponsored by Senator MITCHELL of Kennebec.

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

On motion by Senator **BOWMAN** of York, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act Relating to the Wells-Ogunquit Community School District"

S.P. 375 L.D. 1123

Sponsored by Senator BOWMAN of York.
Cosponsored by Representative WEAVER of York.

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

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

Bill "An Act To Support Medical Practice Protocols in Patient Care"

S.P. 313 L.D. 996

Sponsored by Senator PERRY of Penobscot.

Bill "An Act To Clarify the Authority of the Department of Health and Human Services To License Residential Parenting Facilities"

S.P. 333 L.D. 1016

Sponsored by Senator MARTIN of Aroostook.

Cosponsored by Representative VALENTINO of Saco and Senator: HOBBS of York, Representative: PILON of Saco.

Bill "An Act Regarding the Mandatory Administration of Medication in Hospitals Serving Psychiatric Patients"

S.P. 350 L.D. 1033

Sponsored by Senator NUTTING of Androscoggin.

Cosponsored by Representative GROSE of Woolwich and Senators: MARRACHÉ of Kennebec, MILLS of Somerset, Representatives: HOLMAN of Fayette, LEWIN of Eliot, PERRY of Calais.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Create the Maine Council on Poverty and Economic Security"

S.P. 362 L.D. 1110

Sponsored by President EDMONDS of Cumberland.

Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** suggested and ordered printed.

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

Bill "An Act To Provide Certain Requirements for Rules Related to Rate Setting for Mental Retardation Services and Mental Health Managed Care"

S.P. 370 L.D. 1118

Sponsored by Senator MILLS of Somerset.

Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** suggested and ordered printed.

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

Bill "An Act To Amend MaineCare Benefits as Allowed by the Federal Deficit Reduction Act of 2005"

S.P. 372 L.D. 1120

Sponsored by Senator MILLS of Somerset.

Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** suggested and ordered printed.

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

Bill "An Act To Establish a Complimentary Moose Permit Drawing for 100% Disabled Veterans"

S.P. 353 L.D. 1101

Sponsored by Senator PLOWMAN of Penobscot.

Cosponsored by Senators: COURTNEY of York, HOBBS of York, ROSEN of Hancock, Representatives: CROSTHWAITE of Ellsworth, FLETCHER of Winslow.

Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** suggested and ordered printed.

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

Bill "An Act To Amend Certain Provisions of Fish and Wildlife Law"

S.P. 356 L.D. 1104

Sponsored by Senator BRYANT of Oxford.

Cosponsored by Representative BRYANT of Windham and Representatives: JACKSON of Allagash, RICHARDSON of Carmel.

Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** suggested and ordered printed.

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

Bill "An Act To Reform Dirigo Health"

S.P. 345 L.D. 1028

Sponsored by Senator MILLS of Somerset.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Lower Mandatory Group Participation Rates to 60%"

S.P. 354 L.D. 1102

Sponsored by Senator PLOWMAN of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Senators: COURTNEY of York, ROSEN of Hancock, SNOWE-MELLO of Androscoggin, Representatives: CROSTHWAITE of Ellsworth, FLETCHER of Winslow, TARDY of Newport, WOODBURY of Yarmouth.

Committee on **INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** suggested and ordered printed.

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

Bill "An Act To Create a State-sponsored Mutual Liability Company To Underwrite Risk for Snowmobile and ATV Clubs"
S.P. 368 L.D. 1116

Sponsored by Senator MILLS of Somerset.
Cosponsored by Representative CLARK of Millinocket and Senators: GOOLEY of Franklin, NUTTING of Androscoggin, RAYE of Washington, SHERMAN of Aroostook, SMITH of Piscataquis.

Committee on **INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** suggested and ordered printed.

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

Bill "An Act To Enhance Child Support Collections in Maine" (EMERGENCY)

S.P. 328 L.D. 1011

Sponsored by Senator MARTIN of Aroostook.
Cosponsored by Senator SULLIVAN of York, Representative TUTTLE of Sanford and Senators: BARTLETT of Cumberland, MARRACHÉ of Kennebec, Representatives: DUNN of Bangor, PATRICK of Rumford.

Bill "An Act To Clarify the Definition of 'Physical or Mental Disability' in the Maine Human Rights Act"

S.P. 344 L.D. 1027

Sponsored by Senator MILLS of Somerset.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Amend the Charter of the Somerset Woods Trustees"

S.P. 369 L.D. 1117

Sponsored by Senator MILLS of Somerset.

Committee on **JUDICIARY** suggested and ordered printed.

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

Bill "An Act To Permit Mental Health Professionals To Disclose Risks to People Likely To Be Harmed by a Patient"

S.P. 371 L.D. 1119

Sponsored by Senator MILLS of Somerset.
Cosponsored by Senator: NUTTING of Androscoggin.

Committee on **JUDICIARY** suggested and ordered printed.

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

Bill "An Act To Further Facilitate the Regionalization of Emergency Communications Dispatching Services" (EMERGENCY)

S.P. 315 L.D. 998

Sponsored by Senator MITCHELL of Kennebec.
Submitted by the Department of Public Safety pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Bill "An Act To Amend the Unemployment Laws"

S.P. 332 L.D. 1015

Sponsored by Senator MARTIN of Aroostook.
Cosponsored by Senators: BARTLETT of Cumberland, DIAMOND of Cumberland, STRIMLING of Cumberland.

Bill "An Act To Address Labor Practices with On-call Workers"
S.P. 341 L.D. 1024

Sponsored by Senator SCHNEIDER of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Representative DRISCOLL of Westbrook and Senator: STRIMLING of Cumberland, Representatives: AUSTIN of Gray, CLARK of Millinocket, CRESSEY of Cornish, PILON of Saco, THOMAS of Ripley.

Bill "An Act To Improve Employment Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities in Maine"

S.P. 349 L.D. 1032

Sponsored by Senator STRIMLING of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative TUTTLE of Sanford and Senator: DOW of Lincoln, Representatives: CLARK of Millinocket, DRISCOLL of Westbrook, JACKSON of Allagash, PATRICK of Rumford.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Promote Compliance with the Workers' Compensation Laws"

S.P. 359 L.D. 1107

Sponsored by President EDMONDS of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Senator: STRIMLING of Cumberland.

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

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

Bill "An Act To Prevent Workplace Bullying"

S.P. 365 L.D. 1113

Sponsored by Senator ROTUNDO of Androscoggin.
Cosponsored by Representative BURNS of Berwick and Senator: MARRACHÉ of Kennebec, Representatives: CLARK of Millinocket, DRISCOLL of Westbrook, EBERLE of South Portland, HASKELL of Portland, JACKSON of Allagash, TUTTLE of Sanford, WAGNER of Lewiston.

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

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

Bill "An Act To Make Minor Changes to the Gambling Control Board Laws"

S.P. 311 L.D. 994

Sponsored by Senator PERRY of Penobscot.

Bill "An Act To Improve Transportation for Veterans"

S.P. 316 L.D. 999

Sponsored by Senator ROTUNDO of Androscoggin.
Cosponsored by Representative CAMPBELL of Newfield and Representatives: CAIN of Orono, CRAVEN of Lewiston, FISHER of Brewer, PATRICK of Rumford, ROSEN of Bucksport, THERIAULT of Madawaska, WEBSTER of Freeport.

Bill "An Act To Improve the Legislative Ethics Laws"

S.P. 325 L.D. 1008

Sponsored by President EDMONDS of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Speaker CUMMINGS of Portland and Senator: BARTLETT of Cumberland, Representative: CANAVAN of Waterville.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Provide That Lottery Proceeds Be Devoted to Public or Charitable Uses"

S.P. 373 L.D. 1121

Sponsored by Senator MILLS of Somerset.

Committee on **LEGAL AND VETERANS AFFAIRS** suggested and ordered printed.

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

Bill "An Act To Ensure Reasonable and Equitable Land Use Opportunities near Shorebird, Wading Bird and Waterfowl Habitat" (EMERGENCY)

S.P. 331 L.D. 1014

Sponsored by Senator RAYE of Washington.
Cosponsored by Representatives: CLARK of Millinocket, JOY of Crystal, TIBBETTS of Columbia, Representative VALENTINO of Saco and Senators: BENOIT of Sagadahoc, BROMLEY of Cumberland, DAMON of Hancock, DOW of Lincoln, GOOLEY of Franklin, HASTINGS of Oxford, HOBBS of York, McCORMICK of Kennebec, NUTTING of Androscoggin, PLOWMAN of Penobscot, ROSEN of Hancock, SAVAGE of Knox, SCHNEIDER of Penobscot, SHERMAN of Aroostook, SMITH of Piscataquis, SNOWE-MELLO of Androscoggin, TURNER of Cumberland, Representatives: ANNIS of Dover-Foxcroft, AYOTTE of Caswell, BLANCHETTE of Bangor, CARTER of Bethel, CLEARY of Houlton, CRAVEN of Lewiston, CROSTHWAITE of Ellsworth, CURTIS of Madison, EDGECOMB of Caribou, EMERY of Cutler, FINLEY of Skowhegan, GILES of Belfast, HOLMAN of Fayette, LEWIN of Eliot, LUNDEEN of Mars Hill, MacDONALD of Boothbay, MAZUREK of Rockland, McDONOUGH of Scarborough, McFADDEN of Dennysville, McLEOD of Lee, PERRY of Calais, PIEH of Bremen, PILON of Saco, RICHARDSON of Carmel, SAVIELLO of Wilton, TARDY of Newport, THERIAULT of Madawaska, WALKER of Lincolnville.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Change the Impact of the Rate of Growth Ordinance Limit on the Town of York"

S.P. 360 L.D. 1108

Sponsored by Senator BOWMAN of York.
Cosponsored by Representative WEAVER of York,
Representative HILL of York.

Committee on **NATURAL RESOURCES** suggested and ordered printed.

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

Resolve, To Lower the Cost of State Government (EMERGENCY)

S.P. 338 L.D. 1021

Sponsored by Senator NUTTING of Androscoggin.
Cosponsored by Representative HOLMAN of Fayette and Senators: GOOLEY of Franklin, NASS of York, Representatives: CLARK of Millinocket, FLOOD of Winthrop, GROSE of Woolwich, LANSLEY of Sabattus, LUNDEEN of Mars Hill, MILLETT of Waterford.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Protect Citizens' Privacy"

S.P. 334 L.D. 1017

Sponsored by Senator MITCHELL of Kennebec.

Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** suggested and ordered printed.

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

Bill "An Act To Prohibit a Person from Serving as Both Municipal Tax Collector and Treasurer"

S.P. 374 L.D. 1122

Sponsored by Senator MILLS of Somerset.

Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** suggested and ordered printed.

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

Bill "An Act To Eliminate the Property Tax on Business Equipment Owned by Small Retailers"

S.P. 318 L.D. 1001

Sponsored by Senator COURTNEY of York.
Cosponsored by Representative FLOOD of Winthrop, Representative BEAUDETTE of Biddeford and Senators: McCORMICK of Kennebec, NASS of York, Representatives: CEBRA of Naples, CROSTHWAITE of Ellsworth, LANSLEY of Sabattus, NASS of Acton, PILON of Saco, SAMSON of Auburn.

Bill "An Act To Improve Access to and Awareness of the Circuitbreaker Program"

S.P. 319 L.D. 1002

Sponsored by Senator PERRY of Penobscot.

Bill "An Act To Amend the Tax Credit for Biofuel Production"

S.P. 320 L.D. 1003

Sponsored by Senator BRYANT of Oxford.
Cosponsored by Representative PATRICK of Rumford and Representatives: HOTHAM of Dixfield, JACKSON of Allagash.

Bill "An Act To Amend the Tax Laws Concerning Certain Motor Vehicle Dealership Transactions"

S.P. 322 L.D. 1005

Sponsored by Senator PERRY of Penobscot.

Bill "An Act To Ensure Fairness for Maine Businesses"

S.P. 323 L.D. 1006

Sponsored by Senator WESTON of Waldo.
Cosponsored by Senators: NASS of York, SHERMAN of Aroostook, STRIMLING of Cumberland.

Bill "An Act To Ensure That Military Services Members Receive Deferment of Their Property Tax Obligations"

S.P. 327 L.D. 1010

Sponsored by Senator ROSEN of Hancock.
Cosponsored by Representative FISHER of Brewer and Senators: PLOWMAN of Penobscot, SNOWE-MELLO of Androscoggin, Representatives: CEBRA of Naples, CLARK of Millinocket, HOTHAM of Dixfield, NASS of Acton.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Strengthen Maine's Craft Brewers"

S.P. 357 L.D. 1105

Sponsored by President EDMONDS of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Senator PERRY of Penobscot and Representatives: Speaker CUMMINGS of Portland, DUNN of Bangor, FAIRCLOTH of Bangor, PINGREE of North Haven.

Committee on **TAXATION** suggested and ordered printed.

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

Resolve, To Establish a Study Commission To Reform Taxes and Spending in Maine (EMERGENCY)

S.P. 361 L.D. 1109

Sponsored by Senator BOWMAN of York.
Cosponsored by Representative HILL of York and Senator: TURNER of Cumberland, Representative: WEAVER of York.

Committee on **TAXATION** suggested and ordered printed.

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

Bill "An Act To Exempt from Maine Taxes Wine Shipped to Other States"

S.P. 364 L.D. 1112

Sponsored by Senator DIAMOND of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative CEBRA of Naples and Representatives: PLUMMER of Windham, ROBINSON of Raymond.

Committee on **TAXATION** suggested and ordered printed.

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

Bill "An Act To Require That a State Road Be in Good Condition before Being Turned over to a Municipality"

S.P. 335 L.D. 1018

Sponsored by President EDMONDS of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Senators: DAMON of Hancock, SAVAGE of Knox, Representative: MARLEY of Portland.

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Pertaining to the Removal of Submerged Vehicles"

S.P. 339 L.D. 1022

Sponsored by Senator NASS of York.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act Imposing Increased Responsibility for Registered Owners of Motor Vehicles"

S.P. 314 L.D. 997

Sponsored by Senator SHERMAN of Aroostook.

Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** suggested and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator **DAMON** of Hancock, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Amend the Charter of the Winterport Water District"

S.P. 310 L.D. 993

Sponsored by Senator WESTON of Waldo.
Cosponsored by Senator: BARTLETT of Cumberland, Representative: THIBODEAU of Winterport.

Resolve, To Require the Emergency Services Communication Bureau To Send E-9-1-1 Changes of Address Information to State Licensing Agencies (EMERGENCY)

S.P. 329 L.D. 1012

Sponsored by Senator MARTIN of Aroostook.
Cosponsored by Senators: BARTLETT of Cumberland, President EDMONDS of Cumberland.

Bill "An Act To Encourage Cogeneration"

S.P. 347 L.D. 1030

Sponsored by Senator BARTLETT of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative BLISS of South Portland and Senators: BROMLEY of Cumberland, BRYANT of Oxford, HOBBS of York, Representatives: BABBIDGE of Kennebunk, BRAUTIGAM of Falmouth, FITTS of Pittsfield, FLETCHER of Winslow.

On motion by Senator **BARTLETT** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **UTILITIES AND ENERGY** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Encourage Wind Energy Development"

S.P. 351 L.D. 1099

Sponsored by Senator STRIMLING of Cumberland.

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

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

ORDERS OF THE DAY

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

NOMINATION - of Richard T. Metivier of Lewiston, for appointment to the Maine State Retirement System Board of Trustees

Tabled - March 6, 2007, by Senator **MARTIN** of Aroostook

Pending - **CONSIDERATION**

(In Senate, March 6, 2007, Communication (S.C. 86) from the Committee on **LABOR, READ** and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**)

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall the recommendation of the Committee on **LABOR** be overridden?"

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Chapter 6, Section 151, and with Joint Rule 506 of the 123rd Legislature, the vote was taken by the Yeas and Nays.

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#19)

YEAS: Senators: None

NAYS: Senators: BARTLETT, BENOIT, BOWMAN, BRANNIGAN, BROMLEY, BRYANT, COURTNEY, DAMON, DIAMOND, DOW, GOOLEY, HASTINGS, HOBBS, MARRACHE, MARTIN, MCCORMICK, MITCHELL, NASS, NUTTING, PERRY, PLOWMAN, RAYE, ROSEN, ROTUNDO, SAVAGE, SCHNEIDER, SHERMAN, SMITH, SNOWE-MELLO, STRIMLING, SULLIVAN, TURNER, WESTON, THE PRESIDENT - BETH G. EDMONDS

ABSENT: Senator: MILLS

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 34 Senators having voted in the negative, with 1 Senator being absent, 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 **Richard T. Metivier** of Lewiston, for appointment to the Maine State Retirement System Board of Trustees was **CONFIRMED**.

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

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

NOMINATION - of Carol L. Mitchell of Portland, for appointment to the Maine State Retirement System Board of Trustees

Tabled - March 6, 2007, by Senator **MARTIN** of Aroostook

Pending - **CONSIDERATION**

(In Senate, March 6, 2007, Communication (S.C. 87) from the Committee on **LABOR, READ** and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**)

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall the recommendation of the Committee on **LABOR** be overridden?"

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Chapter 6, Section 151, and with Joint Rule 506 of the 123rd Legislature, the vote was taken by the Yeas and Nays.

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#20)

YEAS: Senators: None

NAYS: Senators: BARTLETT, BENOIT, BOWMAN, BRANNIGAN, BROMLEY, BRYANT, COURTNEY, DAMON, DIAMOND, DOW, GOOLEY, HASTINGS, HOBBS, MARRACHE, MARTIN, MCCORMICK, MITCHELL, NASS, NUTTING, PERRY, PLOWMAN, RAYE, ROSEN, ROTUNDO, SAVAGE, SCHNEIDER, SHERMAN, SMITH, SNOWE-MELLO, STRIMLING, SULLIVAN, TURNER, WESTON, THE PRESIDENT - BETH G. EDMONDS

ABSENT: Senator: MILLS

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 34 Senators having voted in the negative, with 1 Senator being absent, 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 **Carol L. Mitchell** of Portland, for appointment to the Maine State Retirement System Board of Trustees was **CONFIRMED**.

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

Senate at Ease.

Senate called to order by the President.

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

NOMINATION - of Kenneth L. Williams of Damariscotta, for reappointment to the Maine State Retirement System Board of Trustees

Tabled - March 6, 2007, by Senator **MARTIN** of Aroostook

Pending - **CONSIDERATION**

(In Senate, March 6, 2007, Communication (S.C. 88) from the Committee on **LABOR, READ** and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**)

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall the recommendation of the Committee on **LABOR** be overridden?"

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Chapter 6, Section 151, and with Joint Rule 506 of the 123rd 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: BARTLETT, BENOIT, BOWMAN, BRANNIGAN, BROMLEY, BRYANT, COURTNEY, DAMON, DIAMOND, DOW, GOOLEY, HASTINGS, HOBBS, MARRACHE, MARTIN, MCCORMICK, MILLS, MITCHELL, NASS, PERRY, PLOWMAN, RAYE, ROSEN, ROTUNDO, SAVAGE, SCHNEIDER, SHERMAN, SMITH, SNOWE-MELLO, STRIMLING, SULLIVAN, TURNER, WESTON, THE PRESIDENT - BETH G. EDMONDS

ABSENT: Senator: NUTTING

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 34 Senators having voted in the negative, with 1 Senator being absent, 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 **Kenneth L. Williams** of Damariscotta, for reappointment to the Maine State Retirement System Board of Trustees was **CONFIRMED**.

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

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

NOMINATION - of Benedetto Viola of Scarborough, for reappointment to the Maine State Retirement System Board of Trustees

Tabled - March 6, 2007, by Senator **MARTIN** of Aroostook

Pending - **CONSIDERATION**

(In Senate, March 6, 2007, Communication (S.C. 89) from the Committee on **LABOR, READ** and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**)

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall the recommendation of the Committee on **LABOR** be overridden?"

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Chapter 6, Section 151, and with Joint Rule 506 of the 123rd 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: SHERMAN

NAYS: Senators: BARTLETT, BENOIT, BOWMAN, BRANNIGAN, BROMLEY, BRYANT, COURTNEY, DAMON, DIAMOND, DOW, GOOLEY, HASTINGS, HOBBS, MARRACHE, MARTIN, MCCORMICK, MILLS, MITCHELL, NASS, PERRY, PLOWMAN, RAYE, ROSEN, ROTUNDO, SAVAGE, SCHNEIDER, SMITH, SNOWE-MELLO, STRIMLING, SULLIVAN, TURNER, WESTON, THE PRESIDENT - BETH G. EDMONDS

ABSENT: Senator: NUTTING

1 Senator having voted in the affirmative and 33 Senators having voted in the negative, with 1 Senator being absent, and 1 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 **Benedetto Viola** of Scarborough, for reappointment to the Maine State Retirement System Board of Trustees was **CONFIRMED**.

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

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

NOMINATION - of Peter M. Leslie of Waterford, for reappointment to the Maine State Retirement System Board of Trustees

Tabled - March 6, 2007, by Senator **MARTIN** of Aroostook

Pending - **CONSIDERATION**

(In Senate, March 6, 2007, Communication (S.C. 90) from the Committee on **LABOR, READ** and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**)

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall the recommendation of the Committee on **LABOR** be overridden?"

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Chapter 6, Section 151, and with Joint Rule 506 of the 123rd Legislature, the vote was taken by the Yeas and Nays.

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#23)

YEAS: Senators: NONE

NAYS: Senators: BARTLETT, BENOIT, BOWMAN, BRANNIGAN, BROMLEY, BRYANT, COURTNEY, DAMON, DIAMOND, DOW, GOOLEY, HASTINGS, HOBBS, HOBBS, MARRACHE, MARTIN, MCCORMICK, MILLS, MITCHELL, NASS, NUTTING, PERRY, PLOWMAN, RAYE, ROSEN, ROTUNDO, SAVAGE, SCHNEIDER, SHERMAN, SMITH, SNOWE-MELLO, STRIMLING, SULLIVAN, TURNER, WESTON, THE PRESIDENT - BETH G. EDMONDS

ABSENT: Senator: NONE

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 35 Senators having voted in the negative, 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 **Peter M. Leslie** of Waterford, for reappointment to the Maine State Retirement System Board of Trustees was **CONFIRMED**.

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

On motion by Senator **SCHNEIDER** of Penobscot, the Senate **RECONSIDERED** whereby it **REFERRED** to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** the following:

Bill "An Act To Promote County-based Economic Development Efforts"

S.P. 324 L.D. 1007

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

(In Senate, March 6, 2007, on motion by Senator **SCHNEIDER** of Penobscot, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT**.)

On further motion by same Senator, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending the motion by same Senator to **REFER** to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT**.

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

House

Ought to Pass

The Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** on Bill "An Act To Amend the Authority of a Motor Vehicle Investigator"

H.P. 114 L.D. 122

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

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**.

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

READ ONCE.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

The Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act To Permit Andover College To Issue Degrees under New Ownership" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 205 L.D. 271

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

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**.

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

READ ONCE.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

The Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 250: Rules Relating to Smoking in the Workplace, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Health and Human Services, Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention, Partnership for a Tobacco-free Maine (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 39 L.D. 38

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

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**.

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

READ ONCE.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

The Committee on **INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** on Bill "An Act To Update References to Federal Laws in the Maine Uniform Securities Act and To Make Other Technical Corrections to the Act" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 266 L.D. 332

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

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**.

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

READ ONCE.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

The Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** on Resolve, To Improve the Professional Development of County Officials

H.P. 126 L.D. 142

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

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**.

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

READ ONCE.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

The Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** on Bill "An Act Regarding Penalties for Payments Made to the State That Are Rejected by a Financial Institution"

H.P. 188 L.D. 217

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

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**.

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

READ ONCE.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

The Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** on Resolve, To Designate a Portion of U.S. Route 1 in Indian Township Passamaquoddy Indian Reservation as the Captain Tomah Lewey Memorial Highway

H.P. 83 L.D. 85

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

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**.

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

READ ONCE.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

The Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** on Bill "An Act To Allow a Newspaper Carrier To Use Flashing Amber Lights on That Carrier's Vehicle"

H.P. 155 L.D. 173

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

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**.

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

READ ONCE.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

Ought to Pass As Amended

The Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** on Bill "An Act To Make Supplemental Allocations from the Highway Fund and Other Funds for the Expenditures of State Government and To Change Certain Provisions of State Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2007" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 262 L.D. 327

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-5)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-5)**.

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

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-5) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later (3/1/07) Assigned matter:

Resolve, Directing the Bureau of Revenue Services To Make Information Available Concerning the Amount of Revenue Received from the Companion Animal Sterilization Fund Tax Return Checkoff

S.P. 234 L.D. 767

Tabled - March 1, 2007, by Senator **SCHNEIDER** of Penobscot

Pending - motion by same Senator to **REFER** to the Committee on **TAXATION**

(Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** suggested and ordered printed.)

(In Senate, March 1, 2007, on motion by Senator **SCHNEIDER** of Penobscot, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TAXATION**. Subsequently, **RECONSIDERED**.)

Senator **SCHNEIDER** of Penobscot requested and received leave of the Senate to withdraw her motion to **REFER** to the Committee on **TAXATION**.

On further motion by same Senator, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY**.

Sent down for 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 Certain Animal Health Laws"
H.P. 731 L.D. 971

Bill "An Act To More Clearly Define Maple Syrup"
H.P. 743 L.D. 983

Resolve, To Preserve the Saco River (EMERGENCY)
H.P. 752 L.D. 1034

Bill "An Act To Create the Maine Agriculture in the Classroom Council"

H.P. 788 L.D. 1070

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

On motion by Senator **NUTTING** of Androscoggin, **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 Increase Wheelchair Van Services Reimbursement Rates"

H.P. 753 L.D. 1035

Resolve, To Enhance the Education Opportunities for Maine's Early Childhood Workers

H.P. 783 L.D. 1065

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

On motion by Senator **ROTUNDO** of Androscoggin, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL 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 Exempt Maintenance Workers from Licensure for General Electrical Maintenance"

H.P. 755 L.D. 1037

Bill "An Act To License Home Building and Improvement Contractors"

H.P. 756 L.D. 1038

Bill "An Act Concerning the Economic and Business Climate"
H.P. 775 L.D. 1057

Bill "An Act To Increase Funding To Support Research and Development in the University of Maine System"
H.P. 782 L.D. 1064

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

On motion by Senator **BROMLEY** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **BUSINESS, RESEARCH 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 Regarding the Determination of the Predominant Aggressor in Domestic Violence Situations"
H.P. 757 L.D. 1039

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

On motion by Senator **DIAMOND** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** 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 the Certification Requirements for Special-purpose School Teachers"
H.P. 734 L.D. 974

Bill "An Act To Encourage Cost Efficiency in Administration of and Contribution to Tax Burden Reduction by School Districts"
H.P. 736 L.D. 976

Bill "An Act To Adjust the Calculation of the Essential Programs and Services Pupil Count to Accurately Reflect Population Change"
H.P. 739 L.D. 979

Bill "An Act To Include Family Life Skills in the System of Learning Results"
H.P. 745 L.D. 985

Bill "An Act To Increase College Attainment"
H.P. 758 L.D. 1040

Bill "An Act To Improve the Essential Programs and Services Funding Formula"
H.P. 759 L.D. 1041

Bill "An Act To Establish Uniformity in School Building Construction"
H.P. 760 L.D. 1042

Bill "An Act Regarding Requirements for the Issuance and Renewal of Teaching Certificates"
H.P. 761 L.D. 1043

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

On motion by Senator **BOWMAN** of York, **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 Eliminate the Estate Recovery Delayed Claims Exemption"
H.P. 730 L.D. 970

Bill "An Act To Require the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention To Publish Abortion Statistics"
H.P. 733 L.D. 973

Resolve, To Provide Reimbursement for Residential Care Facilities for Rising Heating Costs and Cost-of-living Adjustments
H.P. 735 L.D. 975

Bill "An Act To Address the Funding Needs of Air and Ground Emergency Medical Services"
H.P. 737 L.D. 977

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Burial or Cremation of Certain Persons"
H.P. 740 L.D. 980

Bill "An Act Concerning the Supervision of Nursing Support Staff"
H.P. 741 L.D. 981

Resolve, To Evaluate MaineCare Finances
H.P. 744 L.D. 984

Bill "An Act To Provide Gambling Addiction Counseling Services through the Office of Substance Abuse"
H.P. 747 L.D. 987

Bill "An Act To Assist Children Who Are Not Receiving Court-ordered Child Support Payments"
H.P. 750 L.D. 990

Bill "An Act To Address Eating Disorders in Maine"
H.P. 762 L.D. 1044

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

On motion by Senator **BRANNIGAN** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** 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 Encourage Youth Hunting"
H.P. 742 L.D. 982

Bill "An Act To Establish the Coyote Award Program"
H.P. 763 L.D. 1045

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

On motion by Senator **BRYANT** of Oxford, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** 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 Clarify the Security Requirements for Self-insurers"
H.P. 751 L.D. 991

Bill "An Act To Make Changes to Maine's Homeowner Property Insurance Laws"
H.P. 764 L.D. 1046

Bill "An Act To Lower the Cost of Health Insurance"
H.P. 765 L.D. 1047

Bill "An Act To Protect Consumers in the Insurance Industry"
H.P. 784 L.D. 1066

Bill "An Act To Establish a Single-payor Health Care System"
H.P. 790 L.D. 1072

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

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

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 the Protection from Abuse Laws"
H.P. 748 L.D. 988

Bill "An Act To Extend Parental Support Obligations for College Students"
H.P. 749 L.D. 989

Bill "An Act To Provide Greater Permanency for Children in Child Protection Proceedings"
H.P. 766 L.D. 1048

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

On motion by Senator **HOBBS** of York, **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 Establish the Hearing Assistance Program for Low-income Persons Who Are Elderly or Disabled"
H.P. 773 L.D. 1055

Resolve, To Study the State's Career Center Network and Create a Sustainable System
H.P. 778 L.D. 1060

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

On motion by Senator **STRIMLING** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LABOR** 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 Require Wholesale Distributors of Alcoholic Beverages To Report the Quantity of Liquor Sold to Individual Licensees"

H.P. 767 L.D. 1049

Bill "An Act To Prohibit Payment for the Gathering of Petition Signatures"

H.P. 768 L.D. 1050

Bill "An Act To Provide Information to the Public Regarding Lobbying and Lobbyists"

H.P. 769 L.D. 1051

Bill "An Act To Require the Reporting of Executive Branch Lobbying"

H.P. 776 L.D. 1058

Bill "An Act To Ban Payment-per-signature for Initiative and Referenda Petition Circulators"

H.P. 777 L.D. 1059

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

On motion by Senator **MARRACHÉ** of Kennebec, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LEGAL AND VETERANS 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 Change Building Requirements for County Buildings and Land"

H.P. 774 L.D. 1056

Bill "An Act To Accept the Determination of Public Opinion on Municipal Projects"

H.P. 779 L.D. 1061

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

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

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

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

House Papers

Bill "An Act To Extend Eligibility for the Trade-in Credit to All Trailers"

H.P. 770 L.D. 1052

Bill "An Act To Provide Tax-exempt Status to Service Dog Trainers"

H.P. 780 L.D. 1062

Bill "An Act To Require the Payment of Property Taxes before a Refund May Be Issued under the Circuitbreaker Program"

H.P. 785 L.D. 1067

Bill "An Act To Provide a Property Tax Exemption for Nonprofit Technology Centers" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 787 L.D. 1069

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

On motion by Senator **PERRY** of Penobscot, **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 Papers

Bill "An Act To Delay the Fiscal Sustainability of the Highway Fund"

H.P. 732 L.D. 972

Bill "An Act To Establish an Agriculture Education Registration Plate"

H.P. 746 L.D. 986

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Placement of an On-premises Sign"

H.P. 771 L.D. 1053

Resolve, Directing the Department of Transportation To Repair Underground Pipes on Main Street and Church Street in Stockton Springs

H.P. 772 L.D. 1054

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

On motion by Senator **DAMON** of Hancock, **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 Papers

Bill "An Act Regarding Cable Television Service Outages"
H.P. 781 L.D. 1063

Bill "An Act To Enhance Maine's Energy Independence and Security"
H.P. 786 L.D. 1068

Bill "An Act Regarding Energy-generating Facilities"
H.P. 789 L.D. 1071

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

On motion by Senator **BARTLETT** of Cumberland, **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

**Pursuant to Statute
Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources**

The **Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources**, 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 328: Rules Governing the Licensing and Inspection of Farm Cheese, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources (EMERGENCY)
H.P. 725 L.D. 965

Be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** 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 **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

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

On motion by Senator **NUTTING** of Androscoggin, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** 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

Pursuant to Statute

Criminal Law Advisory Commission

The **Criminal Law Advisory Commission**, pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 17-A, section 1354, subsection 2 asked leave to report that the accompanying Bill "An Act To Make Part 1 of the Maine Criminal Code Gender-neutral"
H.P. 726 L.D. 966

Be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** 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 **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

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

On motion by Senator **DIAMOND** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** 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

**Pursuant to Statute
Department of Education**

The **Department of Education**, pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 8072 asked leave to report that the accompanying Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 007: Implementation of the Essential Programs and Services Funding Model, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Education (EMERGENCY)
H.P. 727 L.D. 967

Be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** 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 **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

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

On motion by Senator **BOWMAN** of York, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** 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

**Pursuant to Statute
Public Utilities Commission**

The **Public Utilities Commission**, pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 8072 asked leave to report that the accompanying Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 316, Long Term Contracting and Resource Adequacy, a Major Substantive Rule of the Public Utilities Commission (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 729 L.D. 969

Be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **UTILITIES AND ENERGY** 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 **UTILITIES AND ENERGY** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

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

On motion by Senator **BARTLETT** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **UTILITIES AND ENERGY** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218, in concurrence.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later (2/27/07) Assigned matter:

Bill "An Act To Fund the Purchase of Maine State Retirement System Time by Certain Veterans"

H.P. 427 L.D. 549

Tabled - February 27, 2007, by Senator **ROTUNDO** of Androscoggin

Pending - **FURTHER CONSIDERATION**

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

(In House, February 6, 2007, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LABOR**.)

(In Senate, February 13, 2007, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS**, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.)

(In House, February 15, 2007, that Body **INSISTED**.)

On motion by Senator **STRIMLING** of Cumberland, the Senate **RECEDED** and **CONCURRED**.

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

The President appointed the Senator from Kennebec, Senator **MITCHELL**, to serve as President Pro Tem for the session on Thursday, March 8, 2007.

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

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

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

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

Senator **SULLIVAN** of York was granted unanimous consent to address the Senate off the Record.

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

Off Record Remarks

On motion by Senator **MITCHELL** of Kennebec, **ADJOURNED**, to Thursday, March 8, 2007, at 10:00 in the morning.