

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION
JOURNAL OF THE SENATE**

In Senate Chamber
Thursday
March 30, 2017

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

Prayer by Reverend David Smith, First Congregational Church in Wilton.

REVEREND SMITH: Eternal Judge and Creator, be with all in this room this day and all the days to come as laws are discussed, conversations held, and then laws are passed that will truly benefit the people of the State of Maine. Good foundations have been laid and are still being laid that will benefit as many people as possible in the state and it is in this spirit that we pray that Your spirit of goodwill be upon these Senators and their loved ones and all the people of the state who elected them to serve the state and, Dear Lord, if I may be so bold, we pray that heavens will be kind and wait until next winter to send more snow. In Your kind and just name we pray. Amen.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Senator David R. Miramant of Knox County.

Reading of the Journal of Tuesday, March 28, 2017.

Doctor of the day, Robyn Ostrander, M.D. of Falmouth.

Off Record Remarks

Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, on motion by Senator **MASON** of Androscoggin, the following Joint Order:
S.P. 419

Ordered, the House concurring, that when the House and Senate adjourn they do so until Tuesday, April 4, 2017, at 10:00 in the morning.

READ and PASSED.

Ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Senate

Ought to Pass As Amended

Senator CYRWAY for the Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** on Bill "An Act To Allow the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife To Change the Closing Date of Fishing Seasons" (EMERGENCY)

S.P. 409 L.D. 1218

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

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

Bill **READ ONCE.**

Committee Amendment "A" (S-13) **READ** and **ADOPTED.**

Under suspension of the Rules, Bill **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED.**

Ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

The Chair noted the absence of the Senator from York, Senator **HILL**, and the Senator from Cumberland, Senator **DION**, and further excused the same Senators from today's Roll Call votes.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

Non-Concurrent Matter

HOUSE REPORTS - from the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** on Bill "An Act To Remove the Legislative Council from the Capitol Area Development Approval Process"

H.P. 26 L.D. 25

Majority - **Ought Not to Pass** (7 members)

Minority - **Ought to Pass** (5 members)

In Senate, March 23, 2017, on motion by Senator **DAVIS** of Piscataquis, the Minority **OUGHT TO PASS** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED** in **NON-CONCURRENCE.**

Comes from the House, that Body having **INSISTED** on its former action whereby the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report was **READ** and **ACCEPTED.**

On motion by Senator **DAVIS** of Piscataquis, the Senate **ADHERED.**

Non-Concurrent Matter

SENATE REPORTS - from the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act To Increase the Size of Grants under the Maine State Grant Program"

S.P. 11 L.D. 32

Majority - **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-7)** (7 members)

Minority - **Ought Not to Pass** (6 members)

In Senate, March 21, 2017, on motion by Senator **LANGLEY** of Hancock, the Minority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

Comes from the House, the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

On motion by Senator **LANGLEY** of Hancock, the Senate **INSISTED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

House Papers

Bill "An Act Regarding Renewable Portfolio Standards"
H.P. 822 L.D. 1185

Comes 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 Amend the Child Protective Services Statutes"
H.P. 824 L.D. 1187

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

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY**.

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

Bill "An Act To Enhance the Administration of the State's Group Health Plan" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 835 L.D. 1198

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

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

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: S.C. 255

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

March 29, 2017

The Honorable Michael Thibodeau
President of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Thibodeau:

This is to inform you that I am today nominating Geoffrey A. Rushlau, Esq. of Dresden for appointment as a District Court Judge.

Pursuant to Title 4 MRSA §157, this appointment is contingent on the Maine Senate confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary.

Sincerely,

S/Paul R. LePage
Governor

READ and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**.

The Following Communication: S.C. 256

**STATE OF MAINE
128TH LEGISLATURE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
SPEAKER'S OFFICE**

March 29, 2017

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

Dear Secretary Priest:

Pursuant to my authority under House Rule 201.1 (I) (a), I have temporarily appointed Representative Michelle Ann Dunphy of Old Town to the Joint Standing Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development for the duration of the absence of Representative Donna R. Doore of Augusta effective immediately.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions regarding this temporary appointment.

Sincerely,

S/Sara Gideon
Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 257

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

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

Dear Secretary Priest:

Pursuant to my authority under Senate Rule 201.3,1 appoint the following persons to serve in the following positions:

Senator Garrett P. Mason, President Pro Tempore
Peter Weston, Sergeant-at-Arms
Eliza Woodcock, Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms

These appointments are in effect unless and until I subsequently designate otherwise.

Please let me know 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. 246

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY EIGHTH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

March 24, 2017

Honorable Michael D. Thibodeau, Senate President
Honorable Sara Gideon, Speaker of the House
128th Maine State Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Thibodeau and Speaker Gideon,

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

L.D. 234 An Act To Clarify the Status of a Certain Section of the Pelletier Road in the Town of Frenchville as a Town Way

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Paul T. Davis, Sr.
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Danny Martin
House Chair

READ and with accompanying papers ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 247

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY**

March 22, 2017

Honorable Michael D. Thibodeau, President of the Senate
Honorable Sara Gideon, Speaker of the House
128th Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Thibodeau and Speaker Gideon:

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

- L.D. 443 An Act To Allow Municipally Funded Hospitals To Prohibit the Presence of Firearms on Their Property (EMERGENCY)
- L.D. 597 An Act To Make the Reimbursement Rate for Transfers of Inmates from County Jails Equal to the Federal Reimbursement Rate
- L.D. 598 An Act To Strengthen Maine Citizens' Right to Self Defense

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Kimberley C. Rosen
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Charlotte May Warren
House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 248

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

March 24, 2017

Honorable Michael D. Thibodeau, President of the Senate
Honorable Sara Gideon, Speaker of the House
128th Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Thibodeau and Speaker Gideon:

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

- L.D. 333 An Act To Stabilize Maine's Educational Leadership and Vision
- L.D. 680 An Act To Allow the Employment or Service in a School of a Spouse of a School Board or Committee Member
- L.D. 682 An Act To Eliminate the Regional Adjustment for Public School Systems
- L.D. 736 An Act To Create Equity in Funding of Rural Schools

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Brian D. Langley
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Tori P. Kornfield
House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 249

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

March 27, 2017

Honorable Michael D. Thibodeau, President of the Senate
Honorable Sara Gideon, Speaker of the House
128th Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Thibodeau and Speaker Gideon:

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

- L.D. 462 An Act To Require a Capstone Project as a Condition of High School Graduation

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Brian D. Langley
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Tori P. Kornfield
House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 252

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY**

March 27, 2017

Honorable Michael D. Thibodeau, President of the Senate
Honorable Sara Gideon, Speaker of the House
128th Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Thibodeau and Speaker Gideon:

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

- L.D. 240 An Act To Increase Transparency in Maine's Electricity Market
- L.D. 259 An Act To Limit Rates Charged by Competitive Electricity Providers

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. David Woodsome
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Seth A. Berry
House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 250

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

March 24, 2017

Honorable Michael D. Thibodeau, President of the Senate
Honorable Sara Gideon, Speaker of the House
128th Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Thibodeau and Speaker Gideon:

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

- L.D. 450 An Act To Prevent Oil Spills in Casco Bay
- L.D. 452 An Act To Remove the Reformulated Gasoline Requirement
- L.D. 683 An Act To Fund the Maine Solid Waste Diversion Grant Program and To Phase Out Certain Containers from the Bottle Redemption Laws

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Thomas B. Saviello
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Ralph L. Tucker
House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 253

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY**

March 24, 2017

Honorable Michael D. Thibodeau, President of the Senate
Honorable Sara Gideon, Speaker of the House
128th Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Thibodeau and Speaker Gideon:

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

- L.D. 644 An Act To Improve Citizen Access to Legal Representation
- L.D. 698 An Act To Allow Persons 70 Years of Age and Older To Opt Out of Jury Duty

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Lisa Keim
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Matthew W. Moonen
House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 251

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

March 27, 2017

Honorable Michael D. Thibodeau, President of the Senate
Honorable Sara Gideon, Speaker of the House
128th Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Thibodeau and Speaker Gideon:

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 bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

- L.D. 371 An Act To Allow a Truck Carrying Perishable Products To Operate on a Posted Road without a Permit
- L.D. 434 An Act To Allow Certain Vehicles To Make a Right Turn on a Red Light Even When Prohibited
- L.D. 495 An Act To Protect Historic Places and Structures on the Federal Aid Highway System

L.D. 786 An Act To Require Center Line Markings on All State and State Aid Highways

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

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

Senate at Ease.

S/Sen. Ronald F. Collins
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Andrew J. McLean
House Chair

The Senate was called to order by the President.

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

Off Record Remarks

The Following Communication: S.C. 254

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

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS**

COMMUNICATIONS

March 28, 2017

The Following Communication: S.C. 258

Honorable Michael D. Thibodeau, President of the Senate
Honorable Sara Gideon, Speaker of the House
128th Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

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

March 29, 2017

Dear President Thibodeau and Speaker Gideon:

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

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

Dear Mr. President:

- L.D. 339 An Act To Reduce Restrictions on Wine Shipments
- L.D. 544 An Act To Expand Wine and Beer Tastings at Retail Establishments
- L.D. 713 Resolve, Authorizing Legislation To Streamline the Laws Governing the Licensing and Conduct of Beano and Games of Chance
- L.D. 833 An Act To Streamline the Gaming Permit Process for Veterans' Organizations
- L.D. 853 An Act To Allow Beano at Campgrounds
- L.D. 879 An Act To Allow Any Person To Purchase Voter Registration Lists

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 Dr. Robert G. Hasson, Jr. of South Portland, for appointment as the Commissioner of the Department of Education.

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	9	Kornfield of Bangor, Daughtry of Brunswick, Farnsworth of Portland, Ginzler of Bridgton, McCrea of Fort Fairfield, Pierce of Falmouth, Sampson of Alfred, Stewart of Presque Isle, Turner of Burlington

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Garrett P. Mason
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Louis J. Luchini
House Chair

NAYS 0

ABSENT 1 Rep. Fuller of Lewiston

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 Dr. Robert G. Hasson, Jr. of South Portland, for appointment as the Commissioner of the Department of Education be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Brian D. Langley
Senate Chair

S/Tori P. Kornfield
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Hancock, Senator Langley.

Senator **LANGLEY:** Thank you, Mr. President. Mr. President, I'd like to rise and speak a little bit to the nomination of Dr. Robert Hasson for the position of Commissioner of Education for the State of Maine. Yesterday we had a packed committee room of well-wishers and supporters and people who came out to lend their support to the nomination of Bob Hasson. We, as a committee, were so pleased with this choice, the Governor's choice, for this position. We've had a chance to work with Bob over the past number of years in his role with the Maine School Management Association, so he was not an unfamiliar entity to us. In his role as Acting Commissioner, we've had great relationships and he's committed to Maine students. What I most like about Bob is that he has worked every level in education and started out as kindergarten teacher, and is probably like 6' 10", so you can imagine a kindergarten having your teacher, you know, towering over you. Bob has often talked about what it took to kneel down and help put on mittens and boots and that sort of thing. So anyone who has done a tour of duty, I think, at that level really understands kids. So on behalf of the committee, we find him extremely knowledgeable and a gentleman at all times. There has never been any encounter where he wasn't as pleasant as could be. We look forward to working with him over the next year and a half. Thank you, men and women of the Senate.

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

Senator **MILLETT:** Thank you, Mr. President. I just would like to join my good colleague from Hancock County in expressing pleasure in receiving the nomination of Dr. Hasson from the Chief Executive. We did, indeed, have a packed room yesterday, filled with really great, positive, optimistic energy and we heard testimony in support of his nomination, which included the words like intelligent, passionate, committed, patient, respectful, and, very importantly, an inclusive leader. So I look forward to working with Dr. Hasson and support my good colleagues.

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 (#52)

YEAS: Senators: None

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

EXCUSED: Senators: DION, HILL

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 33 Senators having voted in the negative, with 2 Senators 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 Dr. **Robert G. Hasson, Jr.** of South Portland for appointment as the Commissioner of the Department of Education was **CONFIRMED**.

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

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair is pleased to recognize in the rear of the Chamber Dr. Hasson. Would he please rise and accept the congratulations of the State Senate.

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

ORDERS

Joint Orders

Expressions of Legislative Sentiment recognizing:

The Hall-Dale Grades 5 and 6 Girls Basketball Team, of Hallowell and Farmingdale, which won the Kennebec Valley Grades 5 and 6 Championship. Members of the team include players Amanda Trepanier, Emma Sirois, Hayden Madore, Ashlynn Donahue, Aubrey Gilbert, Grace Perry, Jenna Lee, Kadence Greenhalgh and Zoe Soule; and coaches Ryan Madore, Jamie Madore, Joey Gilbert and Alisa Bonenfant. We extend to all the members of the team our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 155

Sponsored by Senator BELLOWS of Kennebec.
Cosponsored by Representatives: GRANT of Gardiner, WARREN of Hallowell.

READ.

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

Senator **BELLOWS:** Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, I am so thrilled to host these repeat champions. This is their third year in a row of winning the Kennebec Valley Basketball Championships for 5th and 6th grades and this year they won all but one game, which is pretty remarkable. These team members are joined by their manager, Davis Madore, which is very exciting, and I also want to recognize Ashlynn Donahue is the daughter of Craig Donahue, who is with the Capital Police. You probably see him every single morning. He greets us with a smile. I asked this team how did they do it? How are they so strong? They talked about their determination, their excellent defense. They have a great passing game. They're tough and they show perseverance. So it's my great honor to recognize Amanda, Emma, Hayden, Ashlynn, Aubrey, Grace, Jenna, Kadence, and Zoe; their coaches, Ryan, Jamie, Joey, and Alisa, and their manager, Davis. Thank you.

PASSED.

Sent down for concurrence.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair is pleased to recognize in the rear of the Chamber the Grade 5 and 6 Girls Basketball Champions from Kennebec Valley.

The Waterville Senior High School Boys Hockey Team, of Waterville, which won the Class B Championship. Members of the team include players Andrew Roderigue, Brock Jolicoeur, Zach Menoudarakos, Justin Wentworth, Matt Jolicoeur, Jackson Aldrich, Zach Smith, Michael Bolduc, Cooper Hart, John Evans, Anthony Pinnette, Cody Pellerin, Hunter Brown, Cam Vicnaire, Tyler Dunn, Chase Wheeler and Nathan Pinnette; assistant coach Troy Martin; and head coach Dennis Martin. We extend to all the members of the team our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 156

Sponsored by Senator CYRWAY of Kennebec.
Cosponsored by Representatives: LONGSTAFF of Waterville, MADIGAN of Waterville.

READ.

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

Senator **CYRWAY:** Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, I'm proud to speak this morning on behalf of the Waterville Senior High School Boys Hockey Team which has recently won the Class B Championship, State Championship. This is their second consecutive State title, proving the Panthers are the powerhouse of Maine hockey. Their team motto this season was "One Team, One Goal". Their goal was to win the championship and each member of the team put in the work necessary to make the goal a reality. When the score was tied in the championship game, the team persevered and they were able to step up when it mattered most and won the game with a score of 7 - 4. Not many teams can say they won a State Championship and even fewer can say they won back-to-back State Championships. I'm very proud of this group of student athletes. These young men and their coaching staff have worked extremely hard to get where they are and, hopefully, may have three in a row next year. It is my pleasure to congratulate them in front of this Body. Thank you, Mr. President.

PASSED.

Sent down for concurrence.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair is pleased to recognize in the rear of Chamber members of the Waterville Senior High School Boys Hockey Team, Class B State Champions. Would they please rise and accept the congratulations of the State Senate.

SENATE PAPERS

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Forensic Examination Kits"

S.P. 410 L.D. 1219

Presented by Senator ROSEN of Hancock.
Submitted by the Department of Public Safety pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Bill "An Act To Repeal the Former Interstate Compact for Juveniles"

S.P. 411 L.D. 1220

Presented by Senator ROSEN of Hancock.
Submitted by the Department of Corrections pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Bill "An Act To Clarify and Amend Certain Provisions of Law Regarding Victim Services"

S.P. 412 L.D. 1221

Presented by Senator ROSEN of Hancock.
Submitted by the Department of Corrections pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Bill "An Act To Facilitate the Continued Operation of the Department of Corrections Intensive Mental Health Unit" (EMERGENCY)

S.P. 414 L.D. 1223

Presented by Senator ROSEN of Hancock.
Cosponsored by Representative LONGSTAFF of Waterville and Representative: GERRISH of Lebanon.
Submitted by the Department of Corrections pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Bill "An Act To Protect Minors from Sex Trafficking"

S.P. 424 L.D. 1261

Presented by Senator DIAMOND of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative STEWART of Presque Isle and Senators: CYRWAY of Kennebec, DILL of Penobscot, MASON of Androscoggin, MILLETT of Cumberland.

Bill "An Act To Transfer Operations and Ownership of County Jail Facilities to the State"

S.P. 429 L.D. 1266

Presented by Senator DIAMOND of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative SPEAR of South Thomaston and Representative: MADIGAN of Rumford.

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 Modernize the Voluntary Response Action Program Funding Process"

S.P. 421 L.D. 1258

Presented by Senator HAMPER of Oxford.
Submitted by the Department of Environmental Protection pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

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

Senate at Ease.

The Senate was called to order by the President.

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

Bill "An Act To Allow for Greater Energy Competition in Maine by Amending the Law Governing Electric Generation or Generation-related Assets by Affiliates"

S.P. 415 L.D. 1224

Presented by Senator DION of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative O'CONNOR of Berwick and Senators: CUSHING of Penobscot, HILL of York, MASON of Androscoggin, Representative: RYKERSON of Kittery.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Protect Monhegan Island by Limiting Wind Turbines"

S.P. 425 L.D. 1262

Presented by Senator DOW of Lincoln.

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

On motion by Senator **SAVIELLO** of Franklin, **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:

An Act To Modernize the Voluntary Response Action Program Funding Process

S.P. 421 L.D. 1258

Tabled - March 30, 2017, by Senator **CUSHING** of Penobscot

Pending - **REFERENCE**

(Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** suggested and ordered printed.)

On motion by Senator **SAVIELLO** of Franklin, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act Regarding Pay Equality"

S.P. 422 L.D. 1259

Presented by Senator BREEN of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Senator KATZ of Kennebec, Representative TEPLER of Topsham and Senators: JACKSON of Aroostook, LIBBY of Androscoggin, MILLETT of Cumberland, VITELLI of Sagadahoc, WOODSOME of York, Representatives: McCREIGHT of Harpswell, MOONEN of Portland.

Resolve, To Establish the Commission To Create a Plan for the Establishment of a Probate Court System with Full-time Judges

S.P. 423 L.D. 1260

Presented by Senator KATZ of Kennebec.

Cosponsored by Senators: DION of Cumberland, HILL of York, MAKER of Washington, ROSEN of Hancock, Representatives: BAILEY of Saco, TEPLER of Topsham.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Resolve, Regarding Court Facilities in York County

S.P. 427 L.D. 1264

Presented by Senator WOODSOME of York.

Cosponsored by Senators: DESCHAMBAULT of York, HILL of York, Representatives: GERRISH of Lebanon, HARRINGTON of Sanford, KINNEY of Limington, LAWRENCE of South Berwick, MAREAN of Hollis, SAMPSON of Alfred.

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

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

Bill "An Act To Protect Licensing Information of Medical Professionals"

S.P. 430 L.D. 1267

Presented by Senator KATZ of Kennebec.

Cosponsored by Representative TUELL of East Machias and Senators: MAKER of Washington, ROSEN of Hancock.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Address the Policies Relating to Substance Use in the Workplace"

S.P. 413 L.D. 1222

Presented by Senator CUSHING of Penobscot.

Cosponsored by Representative GUERIN of Glenburn and Senators: MASON of Androscoggin, VOLK of Cumberland, Representatives: BICKFORD of Auburn, COREY of Windham, TIMBERLAKE of Turner.

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

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

Resolve, To Increase the Affordability of Safe Drinking Water for Maine Families

S.P. 426 L.D. 1263

Presented by Senator MAKER of Washington.

Cosponsored by Representative HERBIG of Belfast and Senators: CYRWAY of Kennebec, DILL of Penobscot, KATZ of Kennebec, LANGLEY of Hancock, Representatives: GERRISH of Lebanon, MARTIN of Sinclair, THERIAULT of China, TUELL of East Machias.

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 Minimize Hardship by Prohibiting the State from Reducing the Wages of a State Employee To Recoup Payments the State Made in Error"

S.P. 420 L.D. 1257

Presented by President THIBODEAU of Waldo.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Restore to Five Percent the State-Municipal Revenue Sharing Distribution and Create a Matching Fund for Local Road and Bridge Construction, Maintenance and Reconstruction"

S.P. 418 L.D. 1227

Presented by Senator DIAMOND of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Senators: CYRWAY of Kennebec, DESCHAMBAULT of York, DION of Cumberland, HILL of York, MILLETT of Cumberland, VITELLI of Sagadahoc.

Bill "An Act To Allow the Creation of a Local Option Sales Tax by Referendum"

S.P. 428 L.D. 1265

Presented by Senator CHENETTE of York.
Cosponsored by Representative HOGAN of Old Orchard Beach and Representatives: BAILEY of Saco, O'NEIL of Saco.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act Regarding the Motor Vehicle Inspection Program Requirements for New Rental Vehicles First Registered in Maine"

S.P. 416 L.D. 1225

Presented by Senator CUSHING of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Representatives: CEBRA of Naples, SCHNECK of Bangor.

Bill "An Act To Keep Maine's Transportation Infrastructure Safe by Providing More Sources of Revenue for the Highway Fund"

S.P. 417 L.D. 1226

Presented by Senator COLLINS of York.
Submitted by the Department of Transportation pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

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

Off Record Remarks

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

House

Change of Committee

The Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act To Enhance the Safety of Schoolchildren by Requiring the Posting of the School Zone Speed Limit"

H.P. 532 L.D. 752

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

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

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

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

Pursuant to Statute

The Committee on **GOVERNMENT OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE** on Bill "An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Government Oversight Committee To Improve the Efficiency and Effectiveness of Evaluations of the State's Investments in Economic Development"

H.P. 849 L.D. 1217

Reported that the same be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**, pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 3, section 997, subsection 2.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**.

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

Bill and accompanying papers **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**, in concurrence.

Ought to Pass

The Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** on Resolve, To Designate a Portion of Route 43 in Corinth, Exeter and Corinna the Donald Strout, Sr., Memorial Highway

H.P. 503 L.D. 712

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.

Resolve **READ ONCE**.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

Ought to Pass As Amended

The Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** on Bill "An Act To Amend the Charter of the Southwest Harbor Water and Sewer District"

H.P. 191 L.D. 258

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

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

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

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

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act To Eliminate Retirement Benefits and Paid Health Insurance for Legislators Elected after 2017"

H.P. 18 L.D. 17

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

Signed:

Senators:

- HAMPER of Oxford
- BREEN of Cumberland
- KATZ of Kennebec

Representatives:

- GATTINE of Westbrook
- FREY of Bangor
- HUBBELL of Bar Harbor
- JORGENSEN of Portland
- MARTIN of Eagle Lake
- SEAVEY of Kennebunkport
- TEPLER of Topsham
- WINSOR of Norway

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-14)**.

Signed:

Representatives:

- SIROCKI of Scarborough
- TIMBERLAKE of Turner

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

Reports **READ**.

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

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** on Bill "An Act To Provide for Legislative Review of Federally Mandated Major Substantive Rules under the Maine Administrative Procedure Act"

H.P. 24 L.D. 23

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

Signed:

Senators:

- DAVIS of Piscataquis
- DESCHAMBAULT of York
- KEIM of Oxford

Representatives:

- MARTIN of Sinclair
- BEEBE-CENTER of Rockland
- BRYANT of Windham
- GRIGNON of Athens
- HARRINGTON of Sanford
- HOGAN of Old Orchard Beach
- MADIGAN of Rumford
- ORDWAY of Standish
- PICKETT of Dixfield

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought Not To Pass**.

Signed:

Representative:

- SPEAR of South Thomaston

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

Reports **READ**.

On motion by Senator **DAVIS** of Piscataquis, the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS** Report **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** on Bill "An Act To Add Vehicles Hauling Animal Bedding to Those Exempt from Posted Road Restrictions" (EMERGENCY)
H.P. 164 L.D. 208

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

Signed:

Senators:

COLLINS of York
MIRAMANT of Knox
ROSEN of Hancock

Representatives:

McLEAN of Gorham
AUSTIN of Skowhegan
BRYANT of Windham
GRANT of Gardiner
SCHNECK of Bangor

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-13)**.

Signed:

Representatives:

CEBRA of Naples
GILLWAY of Searsport
PARRY of Arundel
PERKINS of Oakland
SHEATS of Auburn

Comes from the House with the Minority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**.

Reports **READ**.

On motion by Senator **MASON** of Androscoggin, the Minority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

READ ONCE.

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

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

Senator DOW for the Committee on **TAXATION** on Bill "An Act To Update References to the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986 Contained in the Maine Revised Statutes" (EMERGENCY)

S.P. 285 L.D. 885

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

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

Ought to Pass As Amended

Senator MASON for the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act To Establish a Public Service Berthing Vessel License for the Sale of Liquor"

S.P. 34 L.D. 85

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-11)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-11) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** on Bill "An Act To Establish a State Bank"

S.P. 83 L.D. 237

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

Signed:

Senators:

WHITTEMORE of Somerset
DOW of Lincoln
CARSON of Cumberland

Senate

Ought to Pass

Representatives:

LAWRENCE of South Berwick
 COLLINGS of Portland
 CRAIG of Brewer
 FOLEY of Wells
 MELARAGNO of Auburn
 PICCHIOTTI of Fairfield
 PRESCOTT of Waterboro
 SANBORN of Portland
 WALLACE of Dexter

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-12)**.

Signed:

Representative:

BROOKS of Lewiston

Reports **READ**.

Senator **WHITTEMORE** of Somerset moved the Senate **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report.

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

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Knox, Senator Miramant.

Senator **MIRAMANT:** Thank you, Mr. President. Men and women of the Senate, I find some of the bills that go through here are hard to fit within the committee process. There are a lot of details. We bring all the information. We're busy with the process. This bill keeps coming back session after session, not because it's something that won't go away that should but because it's something that I don't think gets fully explained, gets the hearing that it should, and because of the large number of folks who have a big financial benefit in it and their system not changing. It doesn't make them wrong or bad. They're making money and they want that. They like it. So they find the negatives and they focus on that. They're the last ones to speak. This year we had the added inconvenience for the folks that we're going to come and speak about the bill, the weather didn't cooperate. So we had that little period where some things were postponed. Some people who were going to come, just couldn't make it. I know that this should be a study. It has been argued that we don't give enough detail in presenting the bill. The broader picture of it comes from the fact that the last time it was said that we gave too much detail. If we take and study this and get a good bunch of people with interest from every side, we take experts like I have in my own community who have written a book about this and who are glad to communicate all the things that he's found in his research, the support for his research, I think this is going to help Maine in so many ways. It helps in providing lower interest loans. Why should we charge a student twice what we charge most people for a loan, for their student loan, when it's guaranteed by the government? It can't fail and they couldn't declare bankruptcy even if they wanted to because those laws were changed. There is no risk, but they're paying twice what I

can borrow to buy a car for. How is that helping our children? That's what a State Bank can fix. It can be run by a group of people to get the best benefit. In the only other example in our country that does it, they've returned \$350 million to the state over ten years. They returned an interest rate that is, right now, 17 times what we're getting on giving money to big banks around the country and world. There are so many reasons for this. I know it's going to lose today. I want to plant a seed that we get support for looking at this thoroughly and bringing one of the best things I can find this session to improve the economy of Maine, because we're dragging after 2008 everywhere. We're slow to recover and it's not fair to our people. They're suffering at every end. This is one little piece of the puzzle that can start to turn that around. Thank you. I'd love for it to pass. I'm not unrealistic, but thanks for listening.

THE PRESIDENT: The pending question before the Senate is the motion by the Senator from Somerset, Senator Whittemore, to Accept the Majority Ought Not to Pass Report. A Roll Call has been ordered. Is the Senate ready for the question?

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#53)

YEAS: Senators: BRAKEY, BREEN, CARSON, CHENETTE, COLLINS, CUSHING, CYRWAY, DAVIS, DIAMOND, DOW, GRATWICK, HAMPER, KATZ, KEIM, LANGLEY, MAKER, MASON, ROSEN, SAVIELLO, VITELLI, VOLK, WHITTEMORE, WOODSOME, PRESIDENT THIBODEAU

NAYS: Senators: BELLOWS, CARPENTER, CHIPMAN, DESCHAMBAULT, DILL, JACKSON, LIBBY, MILLETT, MIRAMANT

EXCUSED: Senators: DION, HILL

24 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 9 Senators having voted in the negative, with 2 Senators being excused, the motion by Senator **WHITTEMORE** of Somerset to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **PREVAILED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

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

SECOND READERS

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

House

Bill "An Act To Repeal the Requirement That Municipalities License Roller-skating Rinks"

H.P. 23 L.D. 22

Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 220: Removal of Provider of Last Resort Service Obligation, a Major Substantive Rule of the Public Utilities Commission (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 327 L.D. 461

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

Senate As Amended

Bill "An Act To Authorize Auxiliary Licenses at Disc Golf Courses"

S.P. 90 L.D. 304
(C "A" S-10)

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

Sent down for concurrence.

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

ENACTORS

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

Emergency Measure

An Act To Establish Speed Limits at Loring Commerce Centre and Brunswick Landing

S.P. 45 L.D. 97

This being an Emergency Measure and having received the affirmative vote of 33 Members of the Senate, with no Senator having voted in the negative, and 33 being more than two-thirds of the entire elected Membership of the Senate, was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED** and, having been signed by the President, was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for his approval.

Ordered sent down forthwith.

Emergency Resolve

Resolve, To Name the Bridge over the Penobscot River in the Towns of Enfield and Howland King's Bridge

H.P. 227 L.D. 294

This being an Emergency Measure and having received the affirmative vote of 33 Members of the Senate, with no Senator having voted in the negative, and 33 being more than two-thirds of the entire elected Membership of the Senate, was **FINALLY PASSED** and, having been signed by the President, was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for his approval.

Ordered sent down forthwith.

Off Record Remarks

Acts

An Act To Incorporate Protections for Living Donors into Maine Law

H.P. 13 L.D. 12
(C "A" H-6)

An Act To Clarify the Tax Laws for Title to Real Estate by Releasing Inheritance Tax Liens

H.P. 59 L.D. 72

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

Ordered sent down forthwith.

Off Record Remarks

An Act To Prohibit Charging Maine Seniors Higher Automobile Insurance Premiums Based Solely on Their Age

S.P. 96 L.D. 308
(C "A" S-6)

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

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

Senator **DIAMOND:** Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, just quickly. Thanks to the committee that worked on this bill, it simply enforces, reinforces, the position the State has taken that says that automobile insurance's premiums cannot be increased based strictly on one's age at the upper end of the age level. That is 65 years old. It's a great bill. I think it protects senior citizens from being unjustly taken advantage of with premiums strictly because of their age and, again, I thank the committee for their hard work in bringing this forward.

THE PRESIDENT: The pending question before the Senate is Enactment. A Roll Call has been ordered. Is the Senate ready for the question?

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#54)

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

NAYS: Senator: BRAKEY

EXCUSED: Senators: DION, HILL

32 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 1 Senator having voted in the negative, with 2 Senators being excused, was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED** and, having been signed by the President, was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for his approval.

Ordered sent down forthwith.

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

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

Joint Resolution

The following Joint Resolution:

H.P. 855

**JOINT RESOLUTION
RECOGNIZING MAINE'S CREDIT UNIONS**

WHEREAS, Maine's credit unions are member-owned and member-operated financial cooperatives with an unwavering commitment to serving the needs of their members and communities. The nonprofit structure of credit unions provides each member with an equal voice and representation in the operations of the credit union. Serving members in all 16 Maine counties and in every community, Maine's credit unions are focused on the needs of their member owners with the primary purpose of benefiting the more than 685,000 Maine consumers who use credit unions; and

WHEREAS, the economic benefit that Maine's credit unions provide to Maine consumers is approximately \$45,000,000 annually, as a result of lower and fewer fees on products and

services, lower interest rates on loans and higher interest rates on savings; and

WHEREAS, Maine is ranked as the nation's 5th strongest credit union state based on the percentage of population that uses a credit union, a position Maine has held for 14 consecutive years, and credit unions serve more than half the residents of the State; and

WHEREAS, the 2,250 full-time and part-time employees of Maine's credit unions and the more than 1,000 unpaid volunteers who serve on credit union boards and committees demonstrate the core credit union values, philosophy and mission of people helping people by contributing to the communities they serve, not just with financial services but by fostering a spirit that strengthens communities; and

WHEREAS, since 1990 Maine's credit unions and their members have raised \$7,200,000 to help end hunger in Maine, including a record-setting \$674,193 in 2016. One hundred percent of all money that is raised through the Maine Credit Unions' Campaign for Ending Hunger stays in Maine and goes directly to assist thousands of Maine families and individuals who otherwise would go hungry. In addition to contributing thousands of dollars to food pantries in communities across the State, Maine's credit unions also help to provide funds for statewide initiatives to help end hunger, such as being the primary source of funding for the State's first Food Mobile, which has delivered more than 5,200,000 pounds of food to food pantries in every Maine county since 2005; and

WHEREAS, in partnership with the Good Shepherd Food Bank, Maine's credit unions, as major supporters of the Backpack Program and the School Pantry Program, have demonstrated a renewed commitment to ending childhood hunger. The support of Maine's credit unions has helped these programs to grow to serve more than 120 schools and more than 3,500 students weekly and to provide significant help to the one in 4 Maine children who might otherwise go hungry; and

WHEREAS, in 2016 Maine's credit unions contributed more than \$1,700,000 to a variety of causes and organizations, including financial literacy programs such as Youth Financial Fitness Fairs, which were delivered to a record-setting 6,904 high school students during the past school year, the Maine children's cancer program, the Red Cross, Special Olympics and countless organizations in communities across Maine. In the past 14 years, Maine credit unions have contributed more than 430,000 volunteer hours, including nearly 41,000 hours last year, to their communities, an effort that makes a significant and positive impact not only on the organizations that receive this assistance but also on the people who are served by and benefit from the services and resources that they provide; and

WHEREAS, since 1921 Maine's credit unions have been contributing to the betterment of the lives of thousands of Maine people, who have been helped to achieve financial success and stability. Throughout Maine, credit unions continue to play a vital economic and socially responsible role in the lives of individuals and remain a local, significant and stable presence in the communities they serve; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Twenty-eighth Legislature now assembled in the First Regular Session, take this opportunity to recognize the Maine Credit Union League and Maine's credit unions for their positive contributions and the significant role they have played in the lives of Maine citizens and their communities for more than 95 years. Maine is a better place because of the service, dedication and contributions of Maine's credit unions; and be it further

RESOLVED: That suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the Maine Credit Union League and its member credit unions.

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

READ and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

Senate at Ease.

The Senate was called to order by the President.

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 Enhance Pretrial Justice through Risk-based Decision Making with Enhanced Diversion, Release and Treatment Options for Eligible Defendants"
H.P. 880 L.D. 1268

Comes 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 Ensure That Charter School Students Have Access to Extracurricular Activities"
H.P. 850 L.D. 1228

Bill "An Act To Provide Veterans and Gold Star Families Free Admission to the Maine State Museum"
H.P. 856 L.D. 1233

Bill "An Act To Amend Maine's Truancy Laws by Specifying Penalties for Noncompliance"
H.P. 857 L.D. 1234

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 Concerning Pavement Sealing Products"
H.P. 858 L.D. 1235

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

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

Bill "An Act To Improve Maine's Heritage Fish List"
H.P. 859 L.D. 1236

Comes 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 To Ensure Life Insurance Claims Are Paid"
H.P. 851 L.D. 1229

Bill "An Act To Require Insurance Coverage for Contraceptive Supplies"
H.P. 860 L.D. 1237

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

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

Bill "An Act To Permit the Expungement of Records Relating to Proceedings That Do Not Result in Convictions"
H.P. 861 L.D. 1238

Bill "An Act To Increase Efficiency in Enforcement of the Maine Human Rights Act"
H.P. 862 L.D. 1239

Bill "An Act To Provide Immunity to Medical Professionals Who Provide Free Health Care Services to Uninsured and Underserved Populations of the State"
H.P. 863 L.D. 1240

Bill "An Act To Encourage Child Support Accountability"
H.P. 864 L.D. 1241

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 Regarding the Maine Length of Service Award Program Board of Trustees"
H.P. 866 L.D. 1243

Bill "An Act To Support Small Manufacturers in the State"
H.P. 867 L.D. 1244

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 To Allow a Local Option Sales Tax on Meals and Lodging"
H.P. 852 L.D. 1230

Bill "An Act To Provide Landowners a Property Tax Exemption for Certain Trails"
H.P. 869 L.D. 1246

Bill "An Act To Repeal the Income Tax on Pick-up Contributions Paid to the Maine Public Employees Retirement System and To Clarify the Taxation of Pick-up Contributions Distributed in the Form of a Rollover"
H.P. 870 L.D. 1247

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 To Improve Public Transportation in Maine"
H.P. 871 L.D. 1248

Bill "An Act To Include the Vehicles of Emergency Medical Services Persons in the Firefighter Registration Plate Program"
H.P. 872 L.D. 1249

Bill "An Act To Ensure That Handicapped Parking Is Properly Enforced"
H.P. 873 L.D. 1250

Bill "An Act To Require Timely Notification of Owners of Motor Vehicles That Have Been Towed"
H.P. 874 L.D. 1251

Bill "An Act To Permit the Operation of Certain All-terrain Vehicles on Public Ways"
H.P. 875 L.D. 1252

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 Regarding Mental Health Care for Maine Veterans"
H.P. 853 L.D. 1231

Bill "An Act To Require the Secretary of State To Automatically Register Nonregistered Persons Who Are Qualified To Vote through Records of the Bureau of Motor Vehicles"
H.P. 854 L.D. 1232

Bill "An Act To Make Maine's Casinos More Competitive by Authorizing Extensions of Credit"
H.P. 876 L.D. 1253

Bill "An Act To Amend the Law Regarding Super Cribbage Tournaments" (EMERGENCY)
H.P. 877 L.D. 1254

Bill "An Act Authorizing an Instant Lottery Game with Proceeds To Benefit Early Childhood Education"
H.P. 878 L.D. 1255

Resolve, To Establish the Task Force To Implement Ranked-choice Voting
H.P. 879 L.D. 1256

Bill "An Act Regarding the Certification Process for Direct Initiatives and People's Veto Referenda"

H.P. 883 L.D. 1271

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.

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

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

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

Joint Resolution

The following Joint Resolution:

H.P. 884

**JOINT RESOLUTION
RECOGNIZING VIETNAM VETERANS APPRECIATION DAY
ON MARCH 30, 2017**

WHEREAS, the Vietnam War was fought in the Republic of South Vietnam from 1961 to 1975 and the United States Armed Forces became involved in Vietnam to provide direct military support for the Republic of South Vietnam to defend itself against the growing communist threat from North Vietnam; and

WHEREAS, according to the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, 8,744,000 military personnel served on active duty during the Vietnam War and 2,594,000 personnel served within the borders of South Vietnam between January 1, 1965 and March 28, 1973; and

WHEREAS, on March 30, 1973, the United States Armed Forces completed the withdrawal of combat units and combat support units from South Vietnam; and

WHEREAS, the State of Maine has 343 names etched on the black granite wall of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in the Nation's capital, and 12 of our soldiers are still missing in Southeast Asia; and

WHEREAS, March 30th of each year is Vietnam War Remembrance Day in Maine, to honor the service and sacrifice of those veterans of the United States Armed Forces who served during the Vietnam War; and

WHEREAS, as with veterans returning from today's battlefields, those who served in Vietnam came home with both physical and unseen injuries of war, and many of those unseen injuries went undiagnosed and were not as well initially

understood by the medical community and citizenry as they are now; and

WHEREAS, we must continue to honor the millions of men and women who served with valor during the Vietnam War, including those who suffered unseen injuries; and

WHEREAS, Vietnam Veterans Appreciation Day specifically honors the 7,200,000 living Vietnam War veterans and the 9,000,000 families of those veterans; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Twenty-eighth Legislature of the State of Maine now assembled in the First Regular Session, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to join in the observance of Vietnam Veterans Appreciation Day in order to honor the contributions of living veterans who served in the United States Armed Forces in Vietnam; and be it further

RESOLVED: That suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management.

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

READ and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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

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

ENACTORS

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

Emergency Resolve

Resolve, To Allow the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife To Extend 2017 Ice Fishing Season
S.P. 409 L.D. 1218

This being an Emergency Measure and having received the affirmative vote of 32 Members of the Senate, with no Senator having voted in the negative, and 32 being more than two-thirds of the entire elected Membership of the Senate, was **FINALLY PASSED** and, having been signed by the President, was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for his approval.

Ordered sent down forthwith.

Senate at Ease.

The Senate was called to order by the President.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair would call Members' attention to a House Paper that was Passed earlier today. It was Supplement 3, a Joint Resolution recognizing Maine's Credit Unions. The Chair recognizes the Senator from York, Senator Deschambault.

Senator **DESCHAMBAULT:** Thank you, Mr. President. Mr. President and ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, I just would direct your attention to Supplement 3 and read what it says about what I consider a really good Mainer. On this day the Maine Credit Union, it is my distinct honor to speak about John Murphy, the President and CEO of the Maine Credit Union, who is retiring after having served 44 years with Maine's credit unions. I will digress a little to tell you that, not only am I a consumer and a customer of financial institutions, I am a proud member of the Credit Union and that distinction of being a member. John began his career when he was 18 years old, I was going to say the year, but we'll let that go, with the Maine Credit Union League Service Corporation, which is now known as Synergent. He worked in the print shop at the time, at age 18, when there were just eight employees in the whole organization. By the late 1980's he had risen to the level of Vice President of the corporate services, having exhibited the leadership qualities we've known to love and unparalleled work ethic. In 1992 John became President and CEO of both the League and Synergent. John's leadership has produced a ripple effect felt far beyond the organization. He has led Maine Credit Union initiatives such as the development of shared branching and the Surf ATM Network. Today, Maine's shared branching and Surf ATM Networks are larger than those offered by any single bank in Maine. Credit union memberships in Maine has grown to over 685,000 members. That's a 90% increase during his tenure. Synergent has grown to provide services to over 200 credit unions in 13 states. Just as important, and maybe more important, on the local level John has furthered the education and community involvement of Maine's credit unions from identifying financial literacy opportunities throughout the state to the credit union's campaign for ending hunger. Communities across Maine have benefited from these initiatives. Since its inception in 1990, \$7.2 million has been raised by the Ending Hunger Campaign and is distributed directly to food pantries in our local towns and cities in Maine. John has also supported the development of the Credit Union Promise Program. This is an innovative product that has helped Mainers buy homes and saving Mainers millions in fees which would have been spent had they gone to a bank. Today Maine's credit unions make more loans to more consumers than any single bank in the state. Through recessions, dramatic changes in technology, and political shifts, not many companies can say that they have had the same leader for 25 years. John Murphy, thank you for your decades of service, not only to the Maine Credit Union League and Synergent, but to furthering the credit union movement and to truly living the credit union motto of "People Helping People". Thank you.

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

Senator **JACKSON:** Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, I, too, wanted to thank John Murphy for his service to the credit unions and to all the people in the State of Maine. You know, I recognize very much that I'm a working class person that has grown up in a working class community in Northern Maine. When I was very young, living in St. Francis in the St. John Valley, a small building, that's still there today, across from the Catholic Church and driving by that time-after-time. The day that I asked my parents what that was and they said it was a credit union. I didn't really understand what that was. I mean, I heard of banks and things like that, but I didn't really understand what a credit union was. It didn't seem to have an awful lot of activity at that time. Certainly, as time went on, there was more credit unions in the St. John Valley, but that one still remained not as frequently used, but as I became a high schooler, as I became a young adult, we noticed more and more people using that credit union in St. Francis. It's still there today and it's grown expediently as have most of the credit unions, if not all the credit unions, in the St. John Valley. What I've seen, and what I've personally witnessed, is many people, myself included, have gone into those credit unions, and that little one in St. Francis, Maine, and got our first loan for our first vehicle, or maybe got our first loan for our first logging tractor or cable skidder. I've been there. I've witnessed it. I've certainly felt it and know first-hand, face to face, discussions for the first time trying to get out on your own, trying to make a living with someone that was, you know, local, who understood, who understood that, you know, many times logging or farming is not an industry that shows great income all the time. You know, there's periods in the year where you're not making any money because of the weather, the seasons, and having someone that understood those situations at a credit union was just unbelievably helpful and heartfelt for so many people that I know. So when you look at John's term throughout there, you see that that change was throughout his leadership. That change from a credit union that people didn't really understand, didn't go to, to where now it's probably, in my area, the preferred way of, you know, getting your first loan, getting your home owner's loan, and, certainly, getting your small business loans. Without that how many people, in certainly my area and I believe throughout the state, wouldn't have had that opportunity. So it really does personally mean a lot to me, what he's brought to the credit unions throughout the state. Like I said, my own history throughout there with some good ideas I've had and certainly some bad ones, but, regardless of the fact, they always were willing to listen to someone that didn't think that they were going to have maybe a fair shot in other places. I honestly do appreciate that. Since then, John, anytime that I've called them about an issue here in the Legislature or something that, you know, was happening in the St. John Valley, they always called you back. That type of service I'm sure we ask for throughout the entire Credit Union League and it's made, you know, in my opinion, such a great difference. So I honestly do, I hate to see him go. I certainly appreciate everything he's done and I'm really glad that I've had a chance to stand up today and tell you how much I appreciate him.

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

Senator **VOLK**: Thank you, Mr. President. I rise, also, to honor Mr. Murphy. I've gotten to know Mr. Murphy as one of my constituents over the years and it's been a tremendous honor to get to talk with him about a lot of the issues. His work has not gone unnoticed even at the federal level. I actually have a letter here that was written by former Senator Olympia Snowe last summer, in July. I just want to read a couple of excerpts for you. "Under John's leadership Maine's credit unions demonstrated their commitment to helping their members after the devastating 1998 Ice Storm by providing special loan rates and terms to address the unique demands caused by the storms. They offered payment extensions and moratoriums on existing loans and refunded December loan payments that had been made to help ease the financial strain members were facing. As if these benefits were not enough, many credit unions even reached out into their communities to address the devastation caused by the storms by serving as a clearing house for assistance, providing such vital resources as water, food, and generators to those in need." I think it's clear that this is a man who has served this organization and this state with a lot of heart and I just want to thank him and wish him well.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair is pleased to recognize in the rear of the Chamber President and CEO of Maine State Credit Unions, John Murphy. Would he please rise and accept the congratulations of the State Senate.

Off Record Remarks

Senator **CARPENTER** of Aroostook was granted unanimous consent to address the Senate on the Record.

Senator **CARPENTER**: Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, I want to call the Senate's attention. I was derelict in letting this go by. I thought I might not speak but I changed my mind. Supplement 4, a Joint Resolution recognizing Vietnam Veterans Appreciation Day, March 30, 2017. Just very briefly, I want to just remind the Chamber, members of the Chamber, and people within the sound of my voice of the sacrifice that the thousands of Maine men and women who went off to fight in a conflict that we all, most of us, at the time believed in, never recognizing that we would someday understand the web of deceit and lies by leaders of both political parties in this country that led us into the debacle that, as I said, cost of far more than 58,000 men and women. It was about 10 years after the war that I discovered that within a 10 year period at the end of the war more Vietnam veterans had committed suicide than had died in Vietnam. In the spring of 1971 I went off with a big smile on my face to kill a Commie for Christ, as the expression went back in the day. A fresh faced country boy from Aroostook County. In every way possible, that changed my life forever, in some ways for the better. In most ways for the better, but in some ways not so good. So I just wanted to call the Senate's attention to today as a memorial of that day. Every time I see somebody wearing a Vietnam Veteran's hat or something I always speak to them and thank them for their service. I think that's important. I think that those of us who came home to Maine were blessed that we did not have to receive some of the less respectful treatment that

perhaps elsewhere in the country did. Two things that I want to leave with you: the next time you're in Washington please go to the Wall. The Wall is hard to describe. I didn't think I would like it. It was very controversial, if you recall. It was an Asian woman who designed it. The Wall is mesmerizing. Mesmerizing. I can find the names on there of some people that I knew and you can certainly find some. There are, apparently, 343 names on there from Maine. Many, many Maine boys and girls went off to fight and some never came home physically and some never came home emotionally. I ask you, the next time you're in Washington think of that. Also I think it's important that we speak truth to power in these kinds of things. After Vietnam we promised we would never ever let it happen again. A war built on that kind of deceit. A war with no purpose. A war with no mission. I fear sometimes that we are all too quick to rush off to these events without recognizing. I think we're going to face in the next 20 years an absolute tsunami of problems from the young men and women who went off to Iraq or Afghanistan in terms of medical issues, in terms of emotional issues. We should have learned some things from Vietnam. We did. I'm not sure we learned all that we should have. I thank you very much.

Senator **SAVIELLO** of Franklin was granted unanimous consent to address the Senate on the Record.

Senator **SAVIELLO**: Thank you, Mr. President. I've had the opportunity to welcome home a number of Vietnam veterans and various things. I was lucky I was commissioned in 1972 and the war ended, otherwise I probably would have stamped my ticket to go there. There are two people I want to say thank you and welcome home to. Welcome home, Mike. Welcome home, Brownie.

Off Record Remarks

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

On motion by Senator **SAVIELLO** of Franklin, **ADJOURNED**, pursuant to the Joint Order, until Tuesday, April 4, 2017 at 10:00 in the morning in memory of and lasting tribute to all those brave men and women who lost their lives in Vietnam.