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

Prayer by Senator Dana L. Dow of Lincoln County.

SENATOR DOW: Good morning. Grace and peace to you from God, the Father. Many of you don't know that before I got here, long before, I ended up in seminary for a short while, intending to be a minister and a counselor. That is where I discovered what it meant to be a counselor. A counselor is 90% listen and 10% talk. My personality is 10% listen and 90% talk. I knew that this wasn't going to work out early on. Being a teacher, I always used those skills together. Today, even though I probably, in the real world, couldn't make it as a counselor, today I've come to counsel you in peace, grace and hope. Remembering that as members here all the decisions that we make really aren't our own decisions but come from a higher power. I wanted to leave you with this prayer. Even though this is the most familiar Christian prayer it has worldwide appeal in all faiths and all denominations. Let us be in the spirit of prayer.

Our Father, which art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Reading of the Journal of Wednesday, January 2, 2008.

Doctor of the day, David Simmons, MD of Calais.

Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, on motion by Senator **MITCHELL** of Kennebec, the following Joint Order:
S.P. 810

Ordered, the House concurring, that when the House and Senate adjourn, they do so until Tuesday, January 8, 2008 at 10:00 in the morning.

READ and PASSED.

Ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

House Papers

Bill "An Act To Increase the State Subsidy for Adult Education within the Department of Education" (EMERGENCY)
H.P. 1463 L.D. 2077

Comes 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.

Resolve, To Determine Methods of Securing a Trained Laboratory Workforce for Maine
H.P. 1464 L.D. 2078

Bill "An Act To Require That Sellers of Scrap Metal Provide Identification"
H.P. 1500 L.D. 2120

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

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 Strengthen the Crime of Visual Sexual Aggression against a Child"
H.P. 1465 L.D. 2079

Bill "An Act To Better Coordinate and Reduce the Cost of the Delivery of State and County Correctional Services"
H.P. 1466 L.D. 2080

Bill "An Act To Prohibit the Retail Sale and Distribution of Novelty Lighters" (EMERGENCY)
H.P. 1467 L.D. 2081

Come 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.

Bill "An Act To Preserve Successful Historic Neighborhood Schools" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 1468 L.D. 2082

Resolve, To Expand Access to Foreign Language Instruction in Maine Schools (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 1469 L.D. 2083

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.

Bill "An Act To Protect Vulnerable Children by Allowing the Use of Emergency Medication" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 1470 L.D. 2084

Bill "An Act To Protect Children from Secondhand Smoke"

H.P. 1471 L.D. 2085

Resolve, To Require the Department of Health and Human Services To Provide Appropriate Cost-of-living Adjustments for Certain Assisted Housing and Medical and Remedial Private Nonmedical Institutions

H.P. 1472 L.D. 2086

Bill "An Act To Change the Timing of the Health Care Occupations Report and To Add and Clarify Definitions Relating to Swimming Pools and Spas"

H.P. 1491 L.D. 2105

Bill "An Act To Enhance the Newborn Hearing Program"

H.P. 1492 L.D. 2106

Bill "An Act To Establish a Forensic Case Review Panel To Advise the Department of Health and Human Services"

H.P. 1493 L.D. 2107

Resolve, To Adopt Respectful Language in Programs Affecting Developmental Services

H.P. 1494 L.D. 2108

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.

Resolve, To Study the Feasibility of a Public Dock on Mooselookmeguntic Lake

H.P. 1473 L.D. 2087

Resolve, To Direct the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife To Allow Maine Residents To Register Their Watercraft Online

H.P. 1474 L.D. 2088

Bill "An Act To Allow Certain Assistance to Bear Hunters"

H.P. 1475 L.D. 2089

Bill "An Act To Impose a Horsepower Restriction for Boat Motors on Long Lake and Brandy Pond"

H.P. 1476 L.D. 2090

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.

Bill "An Act To Protect Life Insurance Consumers"

H.P. 1477 L.D. 2091

Bill "An Act To Amend the Public Works Contractors' Surety Bond Law of 1971"

H.P. 1478 L.D. 2092

Bill "An Act Relating to Insurance Coverage for Colorectal Cancer Early Detection"

H.P. 1495 L.D. 2109

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.

Bill "An Act To Help Prevent Identity Theft"

H.P. 1479 L.D. 2093

Bill "An Act To Protect Personally Identifying Information"

H.P. 1480 L.D. 2094

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

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

Bill "An Act To Ensure the Freedom of Family Child Care Providers To Jointly Negotiate with the State"
H.P. 1481 L.D. 2095

Comes 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.

Bill "An Act To Amend the Election Laws"
H.P. 1496 L.D. 2110

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

REFERRED to the Committee on **LEGAL AND VETERANS AFFAIRS** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Secure the Sites Necessary for the Statewide Radio and Network System"
H.P. 1497 L.D. 2111

Comes 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.

Bill "An Act Regarding International Trade Agreements"
H.P. 1482 L.D. 2096

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

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committees on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND BUSINESS RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Clarify the Exemption of Retail Sales of Kerosene from the Sales Tax"
H.P. 1483 L.D. 2097

Bill "An Act To Prevent and Treat Cancer in Maine by Providing a Source of Funding for a Comprehensive Cancer Prevention Program"
H.P. 1484 L.D. 2098

Bill "An Act To Provide Property and Excise Tax Relief to Disabled Maine Veterans"
H.P. 1485 L.D. 2099

Bill "An Act To Exempt from Gasoline Tax at the Time of Sale Fuel Used for Off-road Commercial Uses"
H.P. 1486 L.D. 2100

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

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

Resolve, To Change the Name of the South Bridge between Lewiston and Auburn
H.P. 1487 L.D. 2101

Bill "An Act To Allow Road Associations To Determine Assessments According to Majority Vote Cast at a Duly Held Meeting"
H.P. 1488 L.D. 2102

Bill "An Act To Increase the Time Period for Motor Vehicle Inspections to 2 Years"
H.P. 1498 L.D. 2112

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.

Resolve, Directing the Public Utilities Commission To Study Existing Barriers to Digital Telephone Service Access in Rural Areas of the State
H.P. 1489 L.D. 2103

Bill "An Act To Provide for Fairness and Accuracy in Utility Rate Setting"
H.P. 1490 L.D. 2104

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.

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

**Pursuant to Joint Order
Committee To Study the Prison Industries Program**

The **Committee To Study the Prison Industries Program**, pursuant to Joint Order 2007, H.P. 1334 asked leave to report that the accompanying Bill "An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Committee To Study the Prison Industries Program" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 1499 L.D. 2113

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.

Joint Order

The following Joint Order:

H.P. 1386

ORDERED, the Senate concurring, that Bill, "An Act To Encourage Newly Retired Veterans To Reside in Maine," H.P. 407, L.D. 529, and all its accompanying papers, be recalled from the legislative files to the House.

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

READ.

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

Senate at Ease.

Senate called to order by the President.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: H.P. 1377

**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
CLERK'S OFFICE
2 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333**

December 11, 2007

Honorable Glenn Cummings
Speaker of the House
123rd Legislature

Honorable Beth Edmonds
President of the Senate
123rd Legislature

Dear Mr. Speaker and Madam President:

On December 11, 2007, 6 bills were received by the Clerk of the House.

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, these bills were referred to the Joint Standing Committees on December 11, 2007, as follows:

Business, Research and Economic Development

Bill "An Act Regarding the Maine Regulatory Fairness Board" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1371) (L.D. 1937) (Sponsored by Representative SMITH of Monmouth) (Cosponsored by Senator BROMLEY of Cumberland and Representatives: AUSTIN of Gray, BEAUDETTE of Biddeford, BEAULIEU of Auburn, MacDONALD of Boothbay, SAMSON of Auburn, SILSBY of Augusta, Senators: COURTNEY of York, SCHNEIDER of Penobscot) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Criminal Justice and Public Safety

Bill "An Act To Allow Community Service in Lieu of Fines" (H.P. 1372) (L.D. 1938) (Sponsored by Representative CLEARY of Houlton) (Cosponsored by Representatives: BLANCHARD of Old Town, BRAUTIGAM of Falmouth, CONNOR of Kennebunk, CONOVER of Oakland, SIMPSON of Auburn) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Health and Human Services

Resolve, To Establish a Method for Reporting the Statistics of Diseases (H.P. 1373) (L.D. 1939) (Sponsored by Representative RICHARDSON of Warren) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Judiciary

Bill "An Act To Assist Distressed Businesses Organized as Limited Liability Companies" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1374) (L.D. 1940) (Sponsored by Representative CLEARY of Houlton) (Cosponsored by Representatives: BLANCHARD of Old Town, BRAUTIGAM of Falmouth, CONNOR of Kennebunk, COTTA of China, SIMPSON of Auburn) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

State and Local Government

Resolve, To Authorize the State To Convey an Unused Parcel of Land in Frenchville to an Abutting Neighbor (H.P. 1375) (L.D. 1941) (Sponsored by Representative THERIAULT of Madawaska) (Cosponsored by Senator MARTIN of Aroostook and Representatives: CEBRA of Naples, FISHER of Brewer, HOGAN of Old Orchard Beach, PEOPLES of Westbrook, ROSEN of Bucksport, THOMAS of Ripley) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Utilities and Energy

Bill "An Act To Provide a Rebate for Clean Energy Geothermal Heating Units" (H.P. 1376) (L.D. 1942) (Sponsored by Representative CARTER of Bethel) (Cosponsored by Senator SHERMAN of Aroostook and Representatives: LUNDEEN of Mars Hill, MAREAN of Hollis, PIEH of Bremen, PIOTTI of Unity, PRATT of Eddington, Senator: NUTTING of Androscoggin) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Sincerely,

S/Millicent M. MacFarland
Clerk of the House

S/Joy J. O'Brien
Secretary of the Senate

Comes from the House, **READ** and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**.

READ and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**, in concurrence.

The Following Communication: H.P. 1379

**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
CLERK'S OFFICE
2 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333**

December 12, 2007

Honorable Glenn Cummings
Speaker of the House
123rd Legislature

Honorable Beth Edmonds
President of the Senate
123rd Legislature

Dear Mr. Speaker and Madam President:

On December 12, 2007, 1 bill was received by the Clerk of the House.

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, this bill was referred to a Joint Standing Committee on December 12, 2007, as follows:

Health and Human Services

Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 11: Consumer Directed Personal Assistance Services, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Health and Human Services (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1378) (L.D. 1943) (Submitted by the Department of Health and Human Services pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 8072.)

Sincerely,

S/Millicent M. MacFarland
Clerk of the House

S/Joy J. O'Brien
Secretary of the Senate

Comes from the House, **READ** and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**.

READ and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**, in concurrence.

The Following Communication: H.P. 1385

**STATE OF MAINE
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AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333**

December 17, 2007

Honorable Glenn Cummings
Speaker of the House
123rd Legislature

Honorable Beth Edmonds
President of the Senate
123rd Legislature

Dear Mr. Speaker and Madam President:
On December 17, 2007, 5 bills were received by the Clerk of the House.

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, these bills were referred to the Joint Standing Committees on December 17, 2007, as follows:

Education and Cultural Affairs

Bill "An Act Regarding the Application of Term Limits for the State Board of Education" (H.P. 1380) (L.D. 1944) (Sponsored by Representative FINCH of Fairfield) (Cosponsored by Senator MITCHELL of Kennebec and Representatives: EDGECOMB of Caribou, McFADDEN of Dennysville, MUSE of Fryeburg, NORTON of Bangor, SUTHERLAND of Chapman, Senators: BOWMAN of York, MILLS of Somerset) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Natural Resources

Bill "An Act To Update the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative" (H.P. 1381) (L.D. 1945) (Sponsored by Representative KOFFMAN of Bar Harbor) (Cosponsored by Senator MARTIN of Aroostook) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Address Uncertified Practice of Underground Oil Storage Tank Installation and Inspection" (H.P. 1382) (L.D. 1946) (Sponsored by Representative KOFFMAN of Bar Harbor) (Cosponsored by Senator MARTIN of Aroostook) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Clarify the Waste Motor Oil Disposal Site Remediation Program" (H.P. 1383) (L.D. 1947) (Sponsored by Representative KOFFMAN of Bar Harbor) (Cosponsored by Senator MARTIN of Aroostook) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Transportation

Bill "An Act To Require a Hearing When a Fatality Results from a Motor Vehicle Accident" (H.P. 1384) (L.D. 1948) (Sponsored by Representative WHEELER of Kittery) (Cosponsored by Senator BOWMAN of York and Representatives: CAMPBELL of Newfield, FAIRCLOTH of Bangor, FISHER of Brewer, HANLEY of Gardiner, HILL of York, KOFFMAN of Bar Harbor, PINGREE of North Haven, Senator: BRYANT of Oxford) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Sincerely,

S/Millicent M. MacFarland
Clerk of the House

S/Joy J. O'Brien
Secretary of the Senate

Comes from the House, **READ** and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**.

READ and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**, in concurrence.

The Following Communication: H.P. 1461

**STATE OF MAINE
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December 19, 2007

Honorable Glenn Cummings
Speaker of the House
123rd Legislature

Honorable Beth Edmonds
President of the Senate
123rd Legislature

Dear Mr. Speaker and Madam President:

On December 18, 2007, 6 bills were received by the Clerk of the House.

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, these bills were referred to the Joint Standing Committees on December 18, 2007, as follows:

Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

Bill "An Act To Amend the Potato Cull Pile Law" (H.P. 1392) (L.D. 1954) (Sponsored by Representative LUNDEEN of Mars Hill) (Cosponsored by Senator SHERMAN of Aroostook and Representatives: CARTER of Bethel, CRAY of Palmyra, MAREAN of Hollis, PIEH of Bremen) (Submitted by the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Criminal Justice and Public Safety

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Relating to the Department of Corrections" (H.P. 1391) (L.D. 1953) (Sponsored by Representative PLUMMER of Windham) (Cosponsored by Senator McCORMICK of Kennebec and Representatives: GERZOFISKY of Brunswick, HASKELL of Portland) (Submitted by the Department of Corrections pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Education and Cultural Affairs

Resolve, Regarding Special Education Evaluations (H.P. 1387) (L.D. 1949) (Sponsored by Representative JACKSON of Allagash) (Cosponsored by Senator MARTIN of Aroostook and Representatives: BRAUTIGAM of Falmouth, MARLEY of Portland, THERIAULT of Madawaska, Senators: BOWMAN of York, MITCHELL of Kennebec) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Health and Human Services

Bill "An Act To Create the Mental Health Homicide Review Board" (H.P. 1389) (L.D. 1951) (Sponsored by Representative BERRY of Bowdoinham) (Cosponsored by Representatives: BRAUTIGAM of Falmouth, CARTER of Bethel, Speaker CUMMINGS of Portland, FAIRCLOTH of Bangor, Senators: BRANNIGAN of Cumberland, NUTTING of Androscoggin) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Natural Resources

Bill "An Act To Repeal the Premium Imposed on Motor Vehicle Oil Changes" (H.P. 1388) (L.D. 1950) (Sponsored by Representative SCHATZ of Blue Hill) (Cosponsored by Representative THOMAS of Ripley and Representatives: MacDONALD of Boothbay, McFADDEN of Dennysville, WEAVER of York) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Streamline the Administration of Significant Vernal Pool Habitat Protection" (H.P. 1390) (L.D. 1952) (Sponsored by Representative KOFFMAN of Bar Harbor) (Cosponsored by Senator MARTIN of Aroostook and Representatives: DUCHESNE of Hudson, PINGREE of North Haven, WAGNER of Lewiston) (Submitted by the Department of Environmental Protection pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Sincerely,

S/Millicent M. MacFarland
Clerk of the House

S/Joy J. O'Brien
Secretary of the Senate

Comes from the House, **READ** and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**.

READ and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**, in concurrence.

The Following Communication: H.P. 1462

**STATE OF MAINE
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AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333**

December 19, 2007

Honorable Glenn Cummings
Speaker of the House
123rd Legislature

Honorable Beth Edmonds
President of the Senate
123rd Legislature

Dear Mr. Speaker and Madam President:

On December 19, 2007, 68 bills were received by the Clerk of the House.

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, these bills were referred to the Joint Standing Committees on December 19, 2007, as follows:

Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

Bill "An Act To Ensure Ethical and Humane Dog Breeding in the State" (H.P. 1394) (L.D. 2010) (Sponsored by Representative PRATT of Eddington) (Cosponsored by Representative PIEH of Bremen, Senator DAMON of Hancock and Representatives: CARTER of Bethel, HILL of York, WAGNER of Lewiston, Senator: NUTTING of Androscoggin) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Repeal the Cap on Rental Rates for State Submerged Lands" (H.P. 1407) (L.D. 2023) (Sponsored by Representative FLOOD of Winthrop) (Cosponsored by Senator MILLS of Somerset and Representatives: PIOTTI of Unity, SAVIELLO of Wilton) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Appropriations and Financial Affairs

Bill "An Act To Facilitate the Diversion of Persons with Mental Illness and Substance Abuse away from Incarceration through the Co-occurring Disorders Court" (H.P. 1426) (L.D. 2042) (Sponsored by Representative CANAVAN of Waterville) (Cosponsored by Senator MILLS of Somerset and Representatives: CRAVEN of Lewiston, CROCKETT of Augusta, FINLEY of Skowhegan, FLOOD of Winthrop, PIOTTI of Unity, SIMPSON of Auburn, Senators: MITCHELL of Kennebec, NUTTING of Androscoggin) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Business, Research and Economic Development

Bill "An Act To Clarify the Licensure of Advanced Practice Registered Nurses" (H.P. 1408) (L.D. 2024) (Sponsored by Representative PERRY of Calais) (Cosponsored by Representatives: FAIRCLOTH of Bangor, PRIEST of Brunswick) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Criminal Justice and Public Safety

Bill "An Act To Establish a Bracelet Monitoring Program for Persons Convicted of Minor Crimes" (H.P. 1395) (L.D. 2011) (Sponsored by Representative CARTER of Bethel) (Cosponsored by Senator BENOIT of Sagadahoc and Representatives: DILL of Cape Elizabeth, FAIRCLOTH of Bangor, MILLS of Farmington, SIMPSON of Auburn, WEAVER of York, Senator: HOBBS of York) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Reduce Property Taxes, Eliminate Duplication and Streamline Government by Unifying the State Prisons and County Jails" (H.P. 1413) (L.D. 2029) (Sponsored by Representative GERZOFKY of Brunswick) (Cosponsored by Senator NUTTING of Androscoggin and Representatives: BARSTOW of Gorham, BRYANT of Windham, FAIRCLOTH of Bangor, HILL of York, PLUMMER of Windham, SAVIELLO of Wilton, WEBSTER of Freeport, Senator: BRYANT of Oxford) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Allow Nondangerous Drivers To Obtain a Work-restricted License" (H.P. 1414) (L.D. 2030) (Sponsored by Representative MILLS of Farmington) (Cosponsored by Representative: MARLEY of Portland) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act Regarding the Sale of Firearms to Minors" (H.P. 1435) (L.D. 2051) (Sponsored by Representative GERZOFKY of Brunswick) (Cosponsored by Representatives: BRYANT of Windham, CRAVEN of Lewiston, Speaker CUMMINGS of Portland, HANLEY of Gardiner, HASKELL of Portland, HILL of York, PINGREE of North Haven, PLUMMER of Windham, SYKES of Harrison, WATSON of Bath, WEBSTER of Freeport) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Education and Cultural Affairs

Bill "An Act To Provide Degree-granting Authority to the Landing School of Boatbuilding and Design" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1409) (L.D. 2025) (Sponsored by Representative CONNOR of Kennebunk) (Cosponsored by Senator SULLIVAN of York and Representatives: BABBIDGE of Kennebunk, CARTER of Bethel, CASAVANT of Biddeford, MARLEY of Portland, MUSE of Fryeburg, PILON of Saco, Senators: BOWMAN of York, President EDMONDS of Cumberland) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Resolve, To Reimburse School Administrative District No. 11 for the State Share of Retirement Contributions Paid in Error (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1410) (L.D. 2026) (Sponsored by Representative TREAT of Hallowell) (Cosponsored by Representative: HANLEY of Gardiner) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Provide Parents of Children with Disabilities Access to Ombudsman Services" (H.P. 1411) (L.D. 2027) (Sponsored by Representative FLOOD of Winthrop) (Cosponsored by Senator SULLIVAN of York and Representatives: CANAVAN of Waterville, GILES of Belfast, SAVIELLO of Wilton) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Equalize the Tax Burden for Education across Municipalities of the Lower Kennebec River Region Authorized To Form a Regional School Unit Pursuant to Private and Special Law 2007, Chapter 25" (H.P. 1412) (L.D. 2028) (Sponsored by Representative PERCY of Phippsburg) (Cosponsored by Senator BENOIT of Sagadahoc and Representative: WATSON of Bath) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Protect Student Athletes" (H.P. 1427) (L.D. 2043) (Sponsored by Representative SIMPSON of Auburn) (Cosponsored by Senator HOBBS of York and Representatives: BERUBE of Lisbon, BRAUTIGAM of Falmouth, Speaker CUMMINGS of Portland, FAIRCLOTH of Bangor, MAZUREK of Rockland, MILLS of Farmington, Senators: DIAMOND of Cumberland, MITCHELL of Kennebec) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act Regarding Education Laws" (H.P. 1446) (L.D. 2062) (Sponsored by Representative NORTON of Bangor) (Cosponsored by Senator BOWMAN of York) (Submitted by the Department of Education pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Health and Human Services

Bill "An Act To Protect Children in Vehicles from Secondhand Smoke" (H.P. 1396) (L.D. 2012) (Sponsored by Representative DUPREY of Hampden) (Cosponsored by Representative: SAVAGE of Falmouth) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Resolve, To Extend the Deadline To Adopt a Rule by the Department of Health and Human Services Regarding Smoking in the Workplace (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1398) (L.D. 2014) (Sponsored by Representative MILLER of Somerville) (Submitted by the Department of Health and Human Services pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act To Implement a Consent Judgment Regarding OxyContin Abuse" (H.P. 1416) (L.D. 2032) (Sponsored by Representative PERRY of Calais) (Cosponsored by Representatives: CONOVER of Oakland, FAIRCLOTH of Bangor, PINGREE of North Haven, PRIEST of Brunswick, TREAT of Hallowell) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services To Adopt Rules Governing the Use of Lakes by Licensed Child Care Facilities (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1417) (L.D. 2033) (Sponsored by Representative SAVIELLO of Wilton) (Cosponsored by Representatives: BRYANT of Windham, GILES of Belfast, KNIGHT of Livermore Falls, PLUMMER of Windham, STRANG BURGESS of Cumberland, TARDY of Newport, Senators: DIAMOND of Cumberland, SHERMAN of Aroostook) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Prohibit the Sale of Energy Drinks to Minors" (H.P. 1418) (L.D. 2034) (Sponsored by Representative JACKSON of Allagash) (Cosponsored by Senator MARRACHÉ of Kennebec and Representatives: BRAUTIGAM of Falmouth, FAIRCLOTH of Bangor, PINGREE of North Haven, Senators: President EDMONDS of Cumberland, MARTIN of Aroostook, MITCHELL of Kennebec) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Clarify the Laws Governing the Inspection of Medical Facilities" (H.P. 1419) (L.D. 2035) (Sponsored by Representative MILLS of Farmington) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Prohibit Hospitals from Charging for Treatment To Correct Medical Mistakes" (H.P. 1428) (L.D. 2044) (Sponsored by Representative CROCKETT of Augusta) (Cosponsored by Representative BRAUTIGAM of Falmouth, Senator BARTLETT of Cumberland and Representatives: BLISS of South Portland, CANAVAN of Waterville, CONOVER of Oakland, FAIRCLOTH of Bangor, HASKELL of Portland, PERRY of Calais, PINGREE of North Haven, TREAT of Hallowell) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Resolve, To Create the Blue Ribbon Commission To Study the Future of Home-based and Community-based Care (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1436) (L.D. 2052) (Sponsored by Representative CRAVEN of Lewiston) (Cosponsored by Senator BRANNIGAN of Cumberland and Representatives: CAIN of Orono, CANAVAN of Waterville, FAIRCLOTH of Bangor, MILLER of Somerville, PINGREE of North Haven, RAND of Portland, WAGNER of Lewiston, WEBSTER of Freeport) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Ensure That Children's Toys and Products Are Free of Lead" (H.P. 1437) (L.D. 2053) (Sponsored by Representative CONOVER of Oakland) (Cosponsored by Representative PINGREE of North Haven, Senator DOW of Lincoln and Representatives: BRAUTIGAM of Falmouth, BRYANT of Windham, CONNOR of Kennebunk, HINCK of Portland, KOFFMAN of Bar Harbor, MILLER of Somerville, PERRY of Calais, TREAT of Hallowell) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Encourage Access to Respite Care Services for Maine Families with Behavioral Health Needs" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1438) (L.D. 2054) (Sponsored by Representative CRAVEN of Lewiston) (Cosponsored by Senator BRANNIGAN of Cumberland and Representatives: CAIN of Orono, CANAVAN of Waterville, FAIRCLOTH of Bangor, MILLER of Somerville, PINGREE of North Haven, RAND of Portland, WAGNER of Lewiston, WEBSTER of Freeport) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Resolve, To Preserve Access to Assisted Living Services for Maine's Elderly and Disabled Citizens (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1447) (L.D. 2063) (Sponsored by Representative CAMPBELL of Newfield) (Cosponsored by Senator MARTIN of Aroostook and Representatives: CONNOR of Kennebunk, Speaker CUMMINGS of Portland, GILES of Belfast, KOFFMAN of Bar Harbor, MILLER of Somerville, MILLETT of Waterford, Senators: MITCHELL of Kennebec, NASS of York) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Amend the Provisions of the Homeless Youth Program" (H.P. 1448) (L.D. 2064) (Sponsored by Representative PERRY of Calais) (Cosponsored by Senator ROSEN of Hancock and Representative: MILLS of Farmington) (Submitted by the Department of Health and Human Services pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Whitewater Rafting Allocation System" (H.P. 1415) (L.D. 2031) (Sponsored by Representative PRATT of Eddington) (Cosponsored by Representative: CARTER of Bethel) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Enact Guidelines for the Operation of Motorboats by Minors" (H.P. 1429) (L.D. 2045) (Sponsored by Representative SYKES of Harrison) (Cosponsored by Representative: GERZOFISKY of Brunswick) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Clarify the Filing Requirements for Noncommercial Whitewater Rafting Organizations" (H.P. 1449) (L.D. 2065) (Sponsored by Representative MILLETT of Waterford) (Cosponsored by Senator HASTINGS of Oxford and Representatives: HAMPER of Oxford, HAYES of Buckfield) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Require Boating Safety Education" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1451) (L.D. 2067) (Sponsored by Representative WATSON of Bath) (Cosponsored by Representatives: BRYANT of Windham, SYKES of Harrison, Senator PERRY of Penobscot and Representatives: DUCHESNE of Hudson, FAIRCLOTH of Bangor, JACKSON of Allagash, PRATT of Eddington, WHEELER of Kittery, Senator: DAMON of Hancock) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Insurance and Financial Services

Bill "An Act To Clarify the Laws Governing the Extension of Health Care Coverage to Dependents" (H.P. 1450) (L.D. 2066) (Sponsored by Representative BARSTOW of Gorham) (Cosponsored by Representatives: BLISS of South Portland, BRAUTIGAM of Falmouth, FAIRCLOTH of Bangor) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Judiciary

Bill "An Act To Extend the Application of Certain Rebuttable Presumptions in the Child Protection Laws" (H.P. 1397) (L.D. 2013) (Sponsored by Representative SIMPSON of Auburn) (Cosponsored by Senator NUTTING of Androscoggin and Representative: MILLS of Farmington) (Submitted by the Department of Health and Human Services pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act To Clarify Governmental Liability with Respect to Transfer Stations" (H.P. 1420) (L.D. 2036) (Sponsored by Representative MILLS of Farmington) (Cosponsored by Representative: SIMPSON of Auburn, Senator: HOBBS of York) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Provide Support for At-risk Youth" (H.P. 1421) (L.D. 2037) (Sponsored by Representative PERRY of Calais) (Cosponsored by Senator BRANNIGAN of Cumberland and Representatives: CONOVER of Oakland, FAIRCLOTH of Bangor, PINGREE of North Haven, PRIEST of Brunswick) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Shield Journalists' Confidential Sources" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1431) (L.D. 2047) (Sponsored by Representative HINCK of Portland) (Cosponsored by Representatives: BRAUTIGAM of Falmouth, CONOVER of Oakland, DILL of Cape Elizabeth, HARLOW of Portland, WATSON of Bath, Senators: DAMON of Hancock, HOBBS of York) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Labor

Bill "An Act To Improve the Elections Process under the Maine Labor Relations Board Laws" (H.P. 1439) (L.D. 2055) (Sponsored by Speaker CUMMINGS of Portland) (Cosponsored by President EDMONDS of Cumberland and Representatives: CAIN of Orono, CANAVAN of Waterville, CROCKETT of Augusta, Senator: MITCHELL of Kennebec) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Legal and Veterans Affairs

Bill "An Act To Ensure Integrity in Financing Publicly Funded Campaigns" (H.P. 1399) (L.D. 2015) (Sponsored by Representative MILLS of Farmington) (Cosponsored by Representatives: CANAVAN of Waterville, FAIRCLOTH of Bangor, PATRICK of Rumford, PIOTTI of Unity, TREAT of Hallowell, Senator: MITCHELL of Kennebec) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Lobbyist Disclosure" (H.P. 1452) (L.D. 2068) (Sponsored by Representative PATRICK of Rumford) (Cosponsored by Senator MARRACHÉ of Kennebec) (Submitted by the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act To Update Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management Laws" (H.P. 1453) (L.D. 2069) (Sponsored by Representative COTTA of China) (Cosponsored by Senator SCHNEIDER of Penobscot and Representatives: GERZOFKY of Brunswick, PATRICK of Rumford) (Submitted by the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act To Improve the Campaign Finance Laws and Their Administration" (H.P. 1454) (L.D. 2070) (Sponsored by Representative PATRICK of Rumford) (Cosponsored by Senator MARRACHÉ of Kennebec) (Submitted by the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Marine Resources

Bill "An Act To Facilitate the Timely Reopening of Closed Clam Flats" (H.P. 1422) (L.D. 2038) (Sponsored by Representative GERZOFKY of Brunswick) (Cosponsored by President EDMONDS of Cumberland and Representatives: BLISS of South Portland, EATON of Sullivan, HILL of York, MacDONALD of Boothbay, MAZUREK of Rockland, PERCY of Phippsburg, PIEH of Bremen, PINGREE of North Haven, WEBSTER of Freeport, Senator: BENOIT of Sagadahoc) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Resolve, To Protect Public Health and Promote a Healthy Soft-shell Clam Industry (H.P. 1423) (L.D. 2039) (Sponsored by Representative GERZOFKY of Brunswick) (Cosponsored by President EDMONDS of Cumberland and Representatives: EATON of Sullivan, HILL of York, MacDONALD of Boothbay, MAZUREK of Rockland, PERCY of Phippsburg, PIEH of Bremen, PINGREE of North Haven, WEBSTER of Freeport) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Amend Maine's Scallop Laws" (H.P. 1455) (L.D. 2071) (Sponsored by Representative PERCY of Phippsburg) (Submitted by the Department of Marine Resources pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Natural Resources

Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 150: Control of Emissions from Outdoor Wood Boilers, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Environmental Protection, Bureau of Air Quality Control (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1393) (L.D. 2009) (Submitted by the Department of Environmental Protection pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 8072.)

Bill "An Act To Safeguard Imperiled or Critically Imperiled Natural Communities within Protected Natural Resources" (H.P. 1400) (L.D. 2016) (Sponsored by Representative PERCY of Phippsburg) (Cosponsored by Senator MARTIN of Aroostook and Representatives: DUCHESNE of Hudson, KOFFMAN of Bar Harbor, SAVIELLO of Wilton, WATSON of Bath, Senators: DAMON of Hancock, ROSEN of Hancock) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Provide for Enforcement of the Office Paper Recycling Program" (H.P. 1401) (L.D. 2017) (Sponsored by Representative WAGNER of Lewiston) (Cosponsored by Senator BARTLETT of Cumberland and Representatives: BABBIDGE of Kennebunk, CRAVEN of Lewiston, DUCHESNE of Hudson, EBERLE of South Portland, KOFFMAN of Bar Harbor, MAKAS of Lewiston, MIRAMANT of Camden, Senator: SCHNEIDER of Penobscot) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Require the Accurate Designation of Floodplain Areas" (H.P. 1402) (L.D. 2018) (Sponsored by Representative HILL of York) (Cosponsored by Senator MARTIN of Aroostook and Representatives: EBERLE of South Portland, GERZOFISKY of Brunswick, KOFFMAN of Bar Harbor, MIRAMANT of Camden, Senator: BARTLETT of Cumberland) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act Concerning Certain Excavations" (H.P. 1430) (L.D. 2046) (Sponsored by Representative FLOOD of Winthrop) (Cosponsored by Senator RAYE of Washington and Representatives: GILES of Belfast, SAVIELLO of Wilton) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Protect Children's Health and the Environment from Toxic Chemicals in Toys and Children's Products" (H.P. 1432) (L.D. 2048) (Sponsored by Representative PINGREE of North Haven) (Cosponsored by Senator DOW of Lincoln and Representatives: BRAUTIGAM of Falmouth, CONOVER of Oakland, Speaker CUMMINGS of Portland, HINCK of Portland, PERRY of Calais, TREAT of Hallowell, Senators: President EDMONDS of Cumberland, MARTIN of Aroostook) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Conserve Gasoline and Preserve Clean Air" (H.P. 1440) (L.D. 2056) (Sponsored by Representative HINCK of Portland) (Cosponsored by Representatives: BERRY of Bowdoinham, CONOVER of Oakland, Speaker CUMMINGS of Portland, DILL of Cape Elizabeth, FAIRCLOTH of Bangor, FITTS of Pittsfield, KOFFMAN of Bar Harbor, Senator: BARTLETT of Cumberland) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Conform the Laws Governing Underground Oil Storage Tanks to the Requirements of the Federal Energy Policy Act" (H.P. 1456) (L.D. 2072) (Sponsored by Representative KOFFMAN of Bar Harbor) (Cosponsored by Senator BARTLETT of Cumberland and Representatives: BLISS of South Portland, DUCHESNE of Hudson, EBERLE of South Portland, HILL of York) (Submitted by the Department of Environmental Protection pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act To Prevent Contamination of Drinking Water Supplies" (H.P. 1457) (L.D. 2073) (Sponsored by Representative DUCHESNE of Hudson) (Cosponsored by Senator BARTLETT of Cumberland and Representatives: EBERLE of South Portland, HILL of York, KOFFMAN of Bar Harbor, McDONOUGH of Scarborough, WAGNER of Lewiston) (Submitted by the Department of Environmental Protection pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

State and Local Government

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Granting of Disability Variances from the Zoning Laws" (H.P. 1404) (L.D. 2020) (Sponsored by Representative CASAVANT of Biddeford) (Cosponsored by Senator HOBBS of York and Representatives: BEAUDETTE of Biddeford, BEAUDOIN of Biddeford, BRYANT of Windham, DUNN of Bangor, FAIRCLOTH of Bangor, MacDONALD of Boothbay, SAMSON of Auburn, Senator: HASTINGS of Oxford) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Amend the Conflict of Interest Laws for Notaries Public" (H.P. 1441) (L.D. 2057) (Sponsored by Representative BARSTOW of Gorham) (Cosponsored by Senator SCHNEIDER of Penobscot and Representatives: Speaker CUMMINGS of Portland, MILLS of Farmington, TARDY of Newport, Senator: PERRY of Penobscot) (Submitted by the Secretary of State pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Resolve, Authorizing the President of the Maine Community College System To Sell 2 Parcels of Real Property in South Portland (H.P. 1442) (L.D. 2058) (Sponsored by Representative EBERLE of South Portland) (Cosponsored by Representatives: BLISS of South Portland, MARLEY of Portland, Senator: BROMLEY of Cumberland) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Taxation

Bill "An Act To Continue the Maine Military Family Relief Fund Voluntary Checkoff" (H.P. 1405) (L.D. 2021) (Sponsored by Representative FISCHER of Presque Isle) (Cosponsored by Senator SCHNEIDER of Penobscot and Representatives: GERZOFKY of Brunswick, PATRICK of Rumford) (Submitted by the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act To Provide Tax Treatment Consistency for Limited Liability and S Corporations" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1433) (L.D. 2049) (Sponsored by Representative BRAUTIGAM of Falmouth) (Cosponsored by Senator PERRY of Penobscot and Representatives: Speaker CUMMINGS of Portland, DILL of Cape Elizabeth, HILL of York, PILON of Saco, PIOTTI of Unity, SAMSON of Auburn, Senators: BOWMAN of York, HOBBS of York) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Establish a Wellness Tax Credit" (H.P. 1443) (L.D. 2059) (Sponsored by Representative GILES of Belfast) (Cosponsored by Senator TURNER of Cumberland and Representatives: COTTA of China, FLOOD of Winthrop, RECTOR of Thomaston, SAVIELLO of Wilton, STRANG BURGESS of Cumberland, WEBSTER of Freeport, Senators: BENOIT of Sagadahoc, NUTTING of Androscoggin) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Reestablish Fairness in Corporate Taxation by Taxing Real Estate Investment Trusts" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1458) (L.D. 2074) (Sponsored by Representative DUCHESNE of Hudson) (Cosponsored by Senator PERRY of Penobscot and Representatives: BERRY of Bowdoinham, EBERLE of South Portland, PILON of Saco, PINGREE of North Haven, PIOTTI of Unity, WATSON of Bath) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Transportation

Bill "An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Governor's Task Force on Passenger Rail Funding" (H.P. 1403) (L.D. 2019) (Sponsored by Representative MARLEY of Portland) (Cosponsored by President EDMONDS of Cumberland and Representatives: CRAVEN of Lewiston, EBERLE of South Portland, HILL of York, HOGAN of Old Orchard Beach, MAZUREK of Rockland, PATRICK of Rumford, Senators: DAMON of Hancock, TURNER of Cumberland) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Designate Certain Rules of the Bureau of State Police as Major Substantive Rules" (H.P. 1406) (L.D. 2022) (Sponsored by Representative BROWNE of Vassalboro) (Cosponsored by Senator McCORMICK of Kennebec and Representatives: CHASE of Wells, JACKSON of Allagash, MAZUREK of Rockland, McLEOD of Lee, SAVIELLO of Wilton, THOMAS of Ripley, Senators: DIAMOND of Cumberland, SHERMAN of Aroostook) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Ban the Use of Liquid Calcium Chloride on Roads" (H.P. 1424) (L.D. 2040) (Sponsored by Representative MIRAMANT of Camden) (Cosponsored by Representatives: MARLEY of Portland, SCHATZ of Blue Hill, WEDDELL of Frankfort, Senator MARRACHÉ of Kennebec and Representatives: ANNIS of Dover-Foxcroft, CONNOR of Kennebunk, DUCHESNE of Hudson, EBERLE of South Portland, MacDONALD of Boothbay, PATRICK of Rumford, WAGNER of Lewiston, Senator: MITCHELL of Kennebec) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Amend Motor Vehicle Laws" (H.P. 1459) (L.D. 2075) (Sponsored by Representative MARLEY of Portland) (Cosponsored by Senator DAMON of Hancock and Representatives: FISHER of Brewer, HOGAN of Old Orchard Beach, MAZUREK of Rockland, MILLS of Farmington, TARDY of Newport, THERIAULT of Madawaska, Senator: PERRY of Penobscot) (Submitted by the Secretary of State pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Utilities and Energy

Bill "An Act To Decrease Energy Costs on Swans Island and Frenchboro" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1425) (L.D. 2041) (Sponsored by Representative PINGREE of North Haven) (Cosponsored by Senator DAMON of Hancock and Representatives: BERRY of Bowdoinham, BLANCHARD of Old Town, BLISS of South Portland, Speaker CUMMINGS of Portland, FITTS of Pittsfield, KOFFMAN of Bar Harbor, MILLS of Farmington, Senator: BARTLETT of Cumberland) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Protect Maine Consumers of Electricity" (H.P. 1434) (L.D. 2050) (Sponsored by Representative PINGREE of North Haven) (Cosponsored by Senator BARTLETT of Cumberland and Representatives: BERRY of Bowdoinham, BRAUTIGAM of Falmouth, Speaker CUMMINGS of Portland, HINCK of Portland, MILLS of Farmington, Senators: President EDMONDS of Cumberland, HOBBS of York, MARTIN of Aroostook) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Create Consistency in the Authority of the Public Utilities Commission To Provide Tariff Exemptions" (H.P. 1444) (L.D. 2060) (Sponsored by Representative BLISS of South Portland) (Cosponsored by Senator BARTLETT of Cumberland) (Submitted by the Public Utilities Commission pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act To Clarify the Qualifications of Installers under the Solar Energy Rebate Program" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1445) (L.D. 2061) (Sponsored by Representative MILLER of Somerville) (Cosponsored by Representatives: BLANCHARD of Old Town, BLISS of South Portland, FAIRCLOTH of Bangor, MacDONALD of Boothbay) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Amend the Charter of the Norway Water District" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1460) (L.D. 2076) (Sponsored by Representative MILLETT of Waterford) (Cosponsored by Senator HASTINGS of Oxford and Representatives: HAMPER of Oxford, HAYES of Buckfield) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Sincerely,

S/Millicent M. MacFarland
Clerk of the House

S/Joy J. O'Brien
Secretary of the Senate

Comes from the House, **READ** and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**.

READ and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**, in concurrence.

The Following Communication: H.C. 421

**STATE OF MAINE
CLERK'S OFFICE
2 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333**

January 2, 2008

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

Dear Secretary O'Brien:

Please be advised that pursuant to House Rule 201.1, I (a), the Speaker made the following changes to the Committees of the 123rd Maine Legislature:

Representative Sheryl J. Briggs of Mexico was appointed to the Joint Standing Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE**, replacing Representative Mark E. Bryant of Windham.

Representative Michael E. Carey of Lewiston was appointed to the Joint Standing Committee on **LEGAL AND VETERANS AFFAIRS**, replacing Representative Bonnie S. Gould of South Berwick.

Representative Patricia R. Jones of Mount Vernon was appointed to the Joint Standing Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**.

Representative Peter B. Johnson of Greenville was appointed to the Joint Standing Committee on **LABOR**, replacing Representative Richard M. Sykes of Harrison.

Representative Ralph W. Sarty, Jr. of Denmark was appointed to the Joint Standing Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE**.

Representative Mark E. Bryant of Windham was appointed to the Joint Standing Committee on **LEGAL AND VETERANS AFFAIRS**, replacing Representative Patricia A. Blanchette of Bangor.

Representative Bonnie S. Gould of South Berwick was appointed to the Joint Standing Committee on **TAXATION**.

Representative Wesley E. Richardson of Warren was appointed to the Joint Standing Committee on **MARINE RESOURCES**.

The appointment of Representative Patricia A. Blanchette of Bangor to the Joint Standing Committee on **LEGAL AND VETERANS AFFAIRS** was rescinded.

The appointment of Representative Mark E. Bryant of Windham to the Joint Standing Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** was rescinded.

The appointment of Representative Bonnie S. Gould of South Berwick to the Joint Standing Committee on **LEGAL AND VETERANS AFFAIRS** was rescinded.

The appointment of Representative Richard M. Sykes of Harrison to the Joint Standing Committee on **LABOR** was rescinded.

Sincerely,

S/Millicent M. MacFarland
Clerk of the House

READ and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**.

SENATE PAPERS

Bill "An Act To Correct the Uniform Limited Partnership Act of 2007"

S.P. 811 L.D. 2128

Sponsored by Senator HOBBS of York.
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

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

ORDERS

Joint Order

On motion by Senator **DAMON** of Hancock, the following Joint Order:

S.P. 812

ORDERED, the House concurring, that the Committee To Study Appropriate Funding of the State Police, established by S.P. 725 during the First Regular Session of the 123rd Legislature, shall convene one meeting no later than January 13, 2008 for the purpose of finalizing a report that includes findings and recommendations, including suggested legislation, to the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation and the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety. Pursuant to Joint Rule 353, the study committee is not authorized to introduce legislation. Upon receipt of the report, the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation may, pursuant to Joint Rule 353, introduce a bill during the session in which the report is submitted to implement its recommendations on matters relating to the report.

READ and **PASSED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

House Paper

Bill "An Act To Prevent the Theft of Certain Metals"
H.P. 1504 L.D. 2124

Comes 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 Relating to Mortgage Lending and Credit Availability" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 1505 L.D. 2125

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

Comes from the House, under suspension of the Rules, **READ TWICE** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**, without reference to a Committee.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ TWICE** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**, without reference to a Committee, in concurrence.

Ordered sent forthwith to the Engrossing Division.

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

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

House Paper

Bill "An Act To Minimize Carbon Dioxide Emissions from New Coal-powered Industrial and Electrical Generating Facilities in the State"

H.P. 1506 L.D. 2126

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

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

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

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

Pursuant to Statute

Department of Education and the State Board of Education

The **Department of Education and the State Board of Education**, 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 115: Certification, Authorization and Approval of Education Personnel, Parts I and II, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Education and the State Board of Education (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 1501 L.D. 2121

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
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 Portions of Chapter 64: Maine School Facilities Program and School Revolving Renovation Fund, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Education (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 1502 L.D. 2122

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
Department of Education and the State Board of Education**

The **Department of Education and the State Board 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 61: State Board of Education Rules for Major Capital School Construction Projects, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Education and the State Board of Education (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 1503 L.D. 2123

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
Workers' Compensation Board**

The **Workers' Compensation Board**, pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 39-A, section 152, subsection 11 asked leave to report that the accompanying Bill "An Act To Increase the Per Diem for Members of the Workers' Compensation Board"

H.P. 1507 L.D. 2127

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

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

On motion by Senator **STRIMLING** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LABOR** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218, in concurrence.

On motion by Senator **MITCHELL** of Kennebec, **ADJOURNED**, pursuant to the Joint Order, to Tuesday, January 8, 2008, at 10:00 in the morning.