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ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE
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In Senate Chamber
Monday
October 23, 2017

Doctor of the day, Robert Chagrasulis, M.D. of Casco.

Off Record Remarks

In compliance with a proclamation of Governor **PAUL R. LEPAGE**, the Senators convened in the Senate Chamber at ten o'clock in the morning and were called to order by President **MICHAEL D. THIBODEAU** of Waldo County.

S.C. 629

**STATE OF MAINE
PROCLAMATION**

Prayer by Reverend Susan Berry Taylor, St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Winthrop.

REVEREND TAYLOR: Thank you, Senator Bellows and your colleagues, for the invitation to open with prayer. I'm Susan, the Vicar of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Winthrop. Please join me in prayer.

Holy and gracious God, creator of all that was, is now, and is yet to be, we ask Your divine presence attend us. We implore You to look favorably upon the work at hand during this Maine Senate Legislative session. Enlarge within the hearts of our Senators, and indeed all those representing the people they serve, the capacity and keen sense of compassion and justice for those who are most vulnerable and to depend upon the beneficence of their lawmakers to ensure equitability and accountability of the institutions of our society and communities. Incline one another's ear towards the other, that each may, with a spirit of generosity and openness, find resilience to bend and, in neutrality, reach across differences, honoring the dignity of each, to fear not the changes that must take place to ensure that which is pure and noble and the best of our democratic process prevails. For the good of our common life together, bend each to another in a spirit of unity. Give this Body of dedicated servants the strength and grace to achieve our highest ideals, that all of our residents and all who dwell in this beautiful State of Maine may know the way life should be and that Maine may be an example to other states of our great nation. Guide our lawmakers, that they may seek not so much to be right as to be in right relationships. Or in the words of a bumper sticker once seen and never forgotten, 'Whatever you do, is it necessary, truthful, and kind?' May we strive to live showing no partiality and befriending all, caring especially for the marginalized, the oppressed, the outcast, the poor, and despised. We are urged to not neglect the stranger nor fail to provide hospitality, to heal the sick and comfort the afflicted, and to be stewards of one another and creation herself. I pray that for our lawmakers and those who govern that these ethical and moral values will be embraced, recognizing that such values are not restricted to any religious tradition, but rather that our unity and common cause of humanity is sufficient. Blessings upon us all. Amen.

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

WHEREAS, the Legislature of this State should meet in special session to consider legislation to correct an issue in LD 725, "An Act to Recognize Local Control Regarding Food Systems" which was passed by the Legislature and signed into law during the last legislative session and is scheduled to go into effect on November 1, 2017 and to appropriate to state agencies funding for the Maine Office of Geographic Information Systems (MEGIS); and

WHEREAS, the proposed legislative changes to LD 725 is designed to promote the continued inspection of meat, poultry, fish and milk by federal and state inspectors to ensure compliance with federal and state food safety laws, rules and regulations; and

WHEREAS, compliance with federal and state food safety laws, rules and regulations promotes the public health and welfare of all people in the State of Maine and prevents negative economic impacts to the economy of the State of Maine; and

WHEREAS, the budget passed by the Legislature to end the government shutdown did not allocate money from the general fund to state agencies for the MEGIS program, and the program has been operating with funds that were carried over from the previous fiscal year of 2017; and

WHEREAS, MEGIS provides critical services at the state, regional and local level across Maine in support of economic development activities and public safety; and

WHEREAS, State Agencies have funding until November 2017 and without appropriations from the Legislature, MEGIS and the State's ability to adequately provide Geographic Information System services will be in extreme jeopardy.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Paul R. LePage, Governor of the State of Maine, by the virtue of the power vested in me as Governor by Article V, Part 1, Section 13 of the Constitution of the State of Maine, convene the Legislature of this State, hereby requiring the Representatives and the Senators to assemble at ten o'clock in the morning in their respective chambers at the Capitol in Augusta on, Monday, October 23, 2017, in order to receive communications, and to consider and determine on such measures as in their judgment will best promote the welfare of the State.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have caused the Great Seal of the State to be hereunto affixed GIVEN under my hand at Augusta this Twenty-ninth Day of September Two Thousand Seventeen

S/Paul R. LePage
Governor

S/Matthew Dunlap
Secretary of State
TRUE ATTESTED COPY

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

QUORUM CALL

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#437)

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

34 Senators having answered the Roll, the Chair declared a quorum present.

Senator **ROSEN** of Hancock requested and received leave of the Senate that members and staff be allowed to remove their jackets for the remainder of this Legislative Day.

At this point a message was received from the House of Representatives, borne by Representative HERBIG of Belfast, informing the Senate that a quorum of Representatives was assembled for the consideration of such business as may come before that Body.

Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, on motion by Senator **MASON** of Androscoggin, the following Senate Order:
S.O. 19

Ordered, that a message be sent to Governor Paul R. LePage, informing him that a quorum of Senators is assembled in the Senate Chamber for the consideration of such business as may come before the Senate.

READ and PASSED.

The Chair appointed the Senator from Androscoggin, Senator **MASON**, to deliver the message to the Governor. The Senator was escorted to the Governor's Office.

Subsequently, the Senator from Androscoggin, Senator **MASON**, reported that he had delivered the message with which he was charged.

Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, on motion by Senator **CUSHING** of Penobscot, the following Senate Order:
S.O. 20

Ordered, that a message be sent to the House of Representatives informing that Body that a quorum of Senators is present for the consideration of such business as may come before the Senate.

READ and PASSED.

The Chair appointed the Senator from Penobscot, Senator **CUSHING**, to deliver the message to the House. The Senator was escorted to the House of Representatives.

Subsequently, the Senator from Penobscot, Senator **CUSHING**, reported that he had delivered the message with which he was charged.

Senate at Ease.

The Senate was called to order by the President.

Senator **MASON** of Androscoggin was granted unanimous consent to address the Senate on the Record.

Senator **MASON**: Thank you, Mr. President. Mr. President, friends, colleagues of the Senate, I would be remiss if I did not stand up and say thank you to each and every one of you. As many of you know, I'm sure all of you know, my mother, Representative Gina Mason of the other Body, passed away very unexpectedly in September. It was a shock to us, but I am so thankful that I know where she is and I will see her again. We have been overwhelmed by the support that we have received from each and every one of you, not only in this Body but in the House as well, members of the Lobby. I've stood up here as Leader of the Republican Caucus and said many times when a loved one has passed from this Body that the Legislature is a family and no matter what party you are, no matter who you are, no matter the differences you might have with each other, the 186 of us pull together when somebody's hurting and you all have done that for me and my family. So thank you so much. My Mom was a fighter. In many ways I followed my Mom's footsteps, even though she was a little late to the party coming here. But my Mom poured everything that she could into my sister and I over the past 32 years and I'm so thankful that I got to spend this time

with her here in this Body and I knew today would be a little rough because my Mom started every day in the Senate Republican Office giving me a hug. I didn't get that today, but many of you other ladies filled in, so I appreciate it. But the final thing I'll say is that the week after my Mom's funeral I went to the post office and checked my post office box and for any of you who have a post office box you will know that if you get a key in there the people at the post office are a little upset with you because you haven't picked up your mail in a while. I had two keys. It was cards from almost everybody in the Legislature that I could think of. So from the bottom of our hearts, my family's hearts, we say thank you and we love each and every one of you. Thank you.

Off Record Remarks

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: S.C. 649

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND
FORESTRY**

October 12, 2017

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

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Section 157, and with Joint Rule 505 of the Maine Legislature, the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry has had under consideration the nomination of David C. Adams of Mapleton, for appointment to the Board of Pesticides Control.

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

YEAS	Senators	2	Davis of Piscataquis, Dill of Penobscot
	Representatives	8	Dunphy of Old Town, Ackley of Monmouth, Black of Wilton, Higgins of Dover-Foxcroft, Kinney of Knox, Martin of Sinclair, O'Neil of Saco, Skolfield of Weld
NAYS		0	
	Representatives	1	Chapman of Brooksville

ABSENT 2 Sen. Saviello of Franklin, Rep. McElwee of Caribou

Ten members of the Committee having voted in the affirmative and one in the negative, it was the vote of the Committee that the nomination of David C. Adams of Mapleton, for appointment to the Board of Pesticides Control be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Paul T. Davis, Sr.
Senate Chair

S/Michelle Ann Dunphy
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

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

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall the recommendation of the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** 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 (#438)

YEAS: Senators: None

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

EXCUSED: Senator: KATZ

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 34 Senators having voted in the negative, with 1 Senator being excused, and none being less than two-thirds of the Membership present and voting, it was the vote of the Senate that the Committee's recommendation be **ACCEPTED** and the nomination of **David C. Adams** of Mapleton for appointment to the Board of Pesticides Control was **CONFIRMED**.

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 650

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND
FORESTRY**

October 12, 2017

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

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Section 157, and with Joint Rule 505 of the Maine Legislature, the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry has had under consideration the nomination of the Honorable Michael J. Timmons of Cumberland, for appointment to the Maine State Harness Racing Commission.

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

YEAS	Senators	2	Davis of Piscataquis, Dill of Penobscot
	Representatives	10	Dunphy of Old Town, Ackley of Monmouth, Black of Wilton, Chapman of Brooksville, Higgins of Dover-Foxcroft, Kinney of Knox, Martin of Sinclair, McElwee of Caribou, O'Neil of Saco, Skolfield of Weld
NAYS		0	
ABSENT		1	Sen. Saviello of Franklin

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 the Honorable Michael J. Timmons of Cumberland, for appointment to the Maine State Harness Racing Commission be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Paul T. Davis, Sr.
Senate Chair

S/Michelle Ann Dunphy
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall the recommendation of the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** 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 (#439)

YEAS: Senators: None

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

EXCUSED: Senator: KATZ

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 34 Senators having voted in the negative, with 1 Senator being excused, and none being less than two-thirds of the Membership present and voting, it was the vote of the Senate that the Committee's recommendation be **ACCEPTED** and the nomination of the Honorable **Michael J. Timmons** of Cumberland for appointment to the Maine State Harness Racing Commission was **CONFIRMED**.

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 651

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND
FORESTRY**

October 12, 2017

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

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Section 157, and with Joint Rule 505 of the Maine Legislature, the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry has had under consideration the nomination of the Honorable Gary W. Reed of Falmouth, for reappointment to the State Harness Racing Commission.

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

YEAS	Senators	2	Davis of Piscataquis, Dill of Penobscot
	Representatives	10	Dunphy of Old Town, Ackley of Monmouth, Black of Wilton, Chapman of Brooksville, Higgins of Dover-Foxcroft, Kinney of Knox, Martin of Sinclair, McElwee of Caribou, O'Neil of Saco, Skolfield of Weld

NAYS 0

ABSENT 1 Sen. Saviello of Franklin

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 the Honorable Gary W. Reed of Falmouth, for reappointment to the State Harness Racing Commission be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Paul T. Davis, Sr.
Senate Chair

S/Michelle Ann Dunphy
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall the recommendation of the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** 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 (#440)

YEAS: Senators: None

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

EXCUSED: Senator: KATZ

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 34 Senators having voted in the negative, with 1 Senator being excused, and none being less than two-thirds of the Membership present and voting, it was the vote of the Senate that the Committee's recommendation be **ACCEPTED** and the nomination of the Honorable **Gary W. Reed** of Falmouth for reappointment to the State Harness Racing Commission was **CONFIRMED**.

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 652

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL
AFFAIRS**

October 13, 2017

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

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Section 157, and with Joint Rule 505 of the Maine Legislature, the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs has had under consideration the nomination of Alexander E. Porteous of Portland, for appointment as the Commissioner of the Department of Administrative and Financial Services.

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 1 Hamper of Oxford
 Representatives 7 Gattine of Westbrook, Frey of Bangor, Hubbell of Bar Harbor, Jorgensen of Portland, Sirocki of Scarborough, Tepler of Topsham, Winsor of Norway

NAYS 0

ABSENT 5 Sen. Breen of Cumberland, Sen. Katz of Kennebec, Rep. Martin of Eagle Lake, Rep. Seavey of Kennebunkport, Rep. Timberlake of Turner

Eight 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 Alexander E. Porteous of Portland, for appointment as the Commissioner of the Department of Administrative and Financial Services be confirmed.

Signed,

S/James M. Hamper
 Senate Chair

S/Drew M. Gattine
 House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall the recommendation of the Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL 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 (#441)

YEAS: Senators: None

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

EXCUSED: Senator: KATZ

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 34 Senators having voted in the negative, with 1 Senator being excused, and none being less than two-thirds of the Membership present and voting, it was the vote of the Senate that the Committee's recommendation be **ACCEPTED** and the nomination of **Alexander E. Porteous** of Portland for appointment as the Commissioner of the Department of Administrative and Financial Services was **CONFIRMED**.

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 675

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

October 20, 2017

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

Dear Mr. President:

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

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

YEAS Senators 2 Langley of Hancock, Maker of Washington
 Representatives 7 Kornfield of Bangor, Daughtry of Brunswick, Farnsworth of Portland, Fuller of Lewiston, McCrea of Fort Fairfield, Sampson of Alfred, Stewart of Presque Isle

NAYS 0

ABSENT 4 Sen. Millett of Cumberland, Rep. Ginzler of Bridgton, Rep. Pierce of Falmouth, Rep. Turner of Burlington

Nine 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 Patricia A. Duran of Hermon, for reappointment to the Maine Community College System, Board of Trustees be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Brian D. Langley
Senate Chair

S/Tori P. Kornfield
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

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

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

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#442)

YEAS: Senators: None

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

EXCUSED: Senator: KATZ

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 34 Senators having voted in the negative, with 1 Senator being excused, and none being less than two-thirds of the Membership present and voting, it was the vote of the Senate that the Committee's recommendation be **ACCEPTED** and the nomination of **Patricia A. Duran** of Hermon for reappointment to the Maine Community College System, Board of Trustees was **CONFIRMED**.

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 676

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

October 20, 2017

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

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Section 157, and with Joint Rule 505 of the Maine Legislature, the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs has had under consideration the nomination of Emily G. Smith of Presque Isle, for appointment to the Maine Community College System, Board of Trustees.

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

YEAS	Senators	2	Langley of Hancock, Maker of Washington
	Representatives	7	Kornfield of Bangor, Daughtry of Brunswick, Farnsworth of Portland, Fuller of Lewiston, McCrea of Fort Fairfield, Sampson of Alfred, Stewart of Presque Isle
NAYS		0	
ABSENT		4	Sen. Millett of Cumberland, Rep. Ginzler of Bridgton, Rep. Pierce of Falmouth, Rep. Turner of Burlington

Nine 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 Emily G. Smith of Presque Isle, for appointment to the Maine Community College System, Board of Trustees be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Brian D. Langley
Senate Chair

S/Tori P. Kornfield
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

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

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

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#443)

YEAS: Senators: None

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

EXCUSED: Senator: KATZ

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 34 Senators having voted in the negative, with 1 Senator being excused, and none being less than two-thirds of the Membership present and voting, it was the vote of the Senate that the Committee's recommendation be **ACCEPTED** and the nomination of **Emily G. Smith** of Presque Isle for appointment to the Maine Community College System, Board of Trustees was **CONFIRMED**.

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 673

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

October 20, 2017

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

Dear Mr. President:

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

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

YEAS Senators 2 Langley of Hancock, Maker of Washington

Representatives 7 Kornfield of Bangor, Daughtry of Brunswick, Farnsworth of Portland, Fuller of Lewiston, McCrea of Fort Fairfield, Sampson of Alfred, Stewart of Presque Isle

NAYS 0

ABSENT 4 Sen. Millett of Cumberland, Rep. Ginzler of Bridgton, Rep. Pierce of Falmouth, Rep. Turner of Burlington

Nine 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 James Douglas Wellington, Esq. of Castine, for reappointment to the Maine Maritime Academy, Board of Trustees be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Brian D. Langley
Senate Chair

S/Tori P. Kornfield
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

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

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

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#444)

YEAS: Senators: None

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

EXCUSED: Senator: KATZ

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 34 Senators having voted in the negative, with 1 Senator being excused, and none being less than two-thirds of the Membership present and voting, it was the vote of the Senate that the Committee's recommendation be **ACCEPTED** and the nomination of **James Douglas Wellington**, Esq. of Castine for reappointment to the Maine Maritime Academy, Board of Trustees was **CONFIRMED**.

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 674

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

October 20, 2017

The Honorable Michael D. Thibodeau
President of the Senate of Maine
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Augusta, Maine 04333-0003

Dear Mr. President:

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

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

YEAS	Senators	2	Langley of Hancock, Maker of Washington
	Representatives	7	Kornfield of Bangor, Daughtry of Brunswick, Farnsworth of Portland, Fuller of Lewiston, McCrea of Fort Fairfield, Sampson of Alfred, Stewart of Presque Isle
NAYS		0	
ABSENT		4	Sen. Millett of Cumberland, Rep. Ginzler of Bridgton, Rep. Pierce of Falmouth, Rep. Turner of Burlington

Nine 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 Ande A. Smith of North Yarmouth, for appointment to the Maine Maritime Academy, Board of Trustees be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Brian D. Langley
Senate Chair

S/Tori P. Kornfield
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

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

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

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#445)

YEAS: Senators: None

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

EXCUSED: Senator: KATZ

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 34 Senators having voted in the negative, with 1 Senator being excused, and none being less than two-thirds of the Membership present and voting, it was the vote of the Senate that the Committee's recommendation be **ACCEPTED** and the nomination of **Ande A. Smith** of North Yarmouth for appointment to the Maine Maritime Academy, Board of Trustees was **CONFIRMED**.

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 672

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

October 20, 2017

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

ROLL CALL (#446)

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

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Section 157, and with Joint Rule 505 of the Maine Legislature, the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs has had under consideration the nomination of Jay M. Hibbard of Portland, for appointment to the Maine Public Broadcasting Corporation, Board of Trustees.

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

YEAS	Senators	2	Langley of Hancock, Maker of Washington
	Representatives	7	Kornfield of Bangor, Daughtry of Brunswick, Farnsworth of Portland, Fuller of Lewiston, McCrea of Fort Fairfield, Sampson of Alfred, Stewart of Presque Isle
NAYS		0	
ABSENT		4	Sen. Millett of Cumberland, Rep. Ginzler of Bridgton, Rep. Pierce of Falmouth, Rep. Turner of Burlington

EXCUSED: Senator: KATZ

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 34 Senators having voted in the negative, with 1 Senator being excused, and none being less than two-thirds of the Membership present and voting, it was the vote of the Senate that the Committee's recommendation be **ACCEPTED** and the nomination of **Jay M. Hibbard** of Portland for appointment to the Maine Public Broadcasting Corporation, Board of Trustees was **CONFIRMED**.

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 680

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

October 20, 2017

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

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Section 157, and with Joint Rule 505 of the Maine Legislature, the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs has had under consideration the nomination of Terry L. Morrell of Gorham, for appointment to the School Board of the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf.

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

YEAS	Senators	2	Langley of Hancock, Maker of Washington
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Nine 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 Jay M. Hibbard of Portland, for appointment to the Maine Public Broadcasting Corporation, Board of Trustees be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Brian D. Langley Senate Chair	S/Tori P. Kornfield House Chair
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READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

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

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

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

Representatives 7 Kornfield of Bangor, Daughtry of Brunswick, Farnsworth of Portland, Fuller of Lewiston, McCrea of Fort Fairfield, Sampson of Alfred, Stewart of Presque Isle

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 34 Senators having voted in the negative, with 1 Senator being excused, and none being less than two-thirds of the Membership present and voting, it was the vote of the Senate that the Committee's recommendation be **ACCEPTED** and the nomination of **Terry L. Morrell** of Gorham for appointment to the School Board of the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf was **CONFIRMED**.

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

NAYS 0

ABSENT 4 Sen. Millett of Cumberland, Rep. Ginzler of Bridgton, Rep. Pierce of Falmouth, Rep. Turner of Burlington

Nine 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 Terry L. Morrell of Gorham, for appointment to the School Board of the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Brian D. Langley
Senate Chair

S/Tori P. Kornfield
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

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

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

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#447)

YEAS: Senators: None

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

EXCUSED: Senator: KATZ

The Following Communication: S.C. 681

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

October 20, 2017

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

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Section 157, and with Joint Rule 505 of the Maine Legislature, the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs has had under consideration the nomination of Michelle S. Ames of Portland, for reappointment to the School Board of the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf.

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

YEAS	Senators	2	Langley of Hancock, Maker of Washington
	Representatives	7	Kornfield of Bangor, Daughtry of Brunswick, Farnsworth of Portland, Fuller of Lewiston, McCrea of Fort Fairfield, Sampson of Alfred, Stewart of Presque Isle
NAYS		0	
ABSENT		4	Sen. Millett of Cumberland, Rep. Ginzler of Bridgton, Rep. Pierce of Falmouth, Rep. Turner of Burlington

Nine 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 Michelle S. Ames of Portland, for reappointment to the School Board of the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf be confirmed.

Signed,

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

S/Brian D. Langley
Senate Chair

S/Tori P. Kornfield
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

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 (#448)

YEAS: Senators: None

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

EXCUSED: Senator: KATZ

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 34 Senators having voted in the negative, with 1 Senator being excused, and none being less than two-thirds of the Membership present and voting, it was the vote of the Senate that the Committee's recommendation be **ACCEPTED** and the nomination of **Michelle S. Ames** of Portland for reappointment to the School Board of the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf was **CONFIRMED**.

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 682

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

October 20, 2017

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Section 157, and with Joint Rule 505 of the Maine Legislature, the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs has had under consideration the nomination of John G. Shattuck of New Castle, for reappointment to the School Board of the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf.

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

YEAS	Senators	2	Langley of Hancock, Maker of Washington
	Representatives	7	Kornfield of Bangor, Daughtry of Brunswick, Farnsworth of Portland, Fuller of Lewiston, McCrea of Fort Fairfield, Sampson of Alfred, Stewart of Presque Isle
NAYS		0	
ABSENT		4	Sen. Millett of Cumberland, Rep. Ginzler of Bridgton, Rep. Pierce of Falmouth, Rep. Turner of Burlington

Nine 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 John G. Shattuck of New Castle, for reappointment to the School Board of the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Brian D. Langley
Senate Chair

S/Tori P. Kornfield
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

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

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

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#449)

YEAS: Senators: None

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

EXCUSED: Senator: KATZ

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 34 Senators having voted in the negative, with 1 Senator being excused, and none being less than two-thirds of the Membership present and voting, it was the vote of the Senate that the Committee's recommendation be **ACCEPTED** and the nomination of **John G. Shattuck** of Newcastle for reappointment to the School Board of the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf was **CONFIRMED**.

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 677

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

October 20, 2017

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

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Section 157, and with Joint Rule 505 of the Maine Legislature, the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs has had under consideration the nomination of the Honorable Wendy L. Ault of Wayne, for appointment to the State Board 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 2 Langley of Hancock, Maker of Washington

Representatives 6 Kornfield of Bangor, Daughtry of Brunswick, Farnsworth of Portland, Fuller of Lewiston, McCrea of Fort Fairfield, Sampson of Alfred

NAYS 0

ABSENT 5 Sen. Millett of Cumberland, Rep. Ginzler of Bridgton, Rep. Pierce of Falmouth, Rep. Stewart of Presque Isle, Rep. Turner of Burlington

Eight 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 the Honorable Wendy L. Ault of Wayne, for appointment to the State Board 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 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 (#450)

YEAS: Senators: None

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

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 35 Senators having voted in the negative, and none being less than two-thirds of the Membership present and voting, it was the vote of the Senate that the Committee's recommendation be **ACCEPTED** and the nomination of the Honorable **Wendy L. Ault** of Wayne for appointment to the State Board 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 the Honorable Wendy L. Ault.

The Following Communication: S.C. 679

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

October 20, 2017

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

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Section 157, and with Joint Rule 505 of the Maine Legislature, the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs has had under consideration the nomination of Elizabeth M. Timm of Falmouth, for appointment to the University of Maine System, Board of Trustees.

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

YEAS	Senators	2	Langley of Hancock, Maker of Washington
	Representatives	7	Kornfield of Bangor, Daughtry of Brunswick, Farnsworth of Portland, Fuller of Lewiston, McCrea of Fort Fairfield, Sampson of Alfred, Stewart of Presque Isle
NAYS		0	
ABSENT		4	Sen. Millett of Cumberland, Rep. Ginzler of Bridgton, Rep. Pierce of Falmouth, Rep. Turner of Burlington

Nine 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 Elizabeth M. Timm of Falmouth, for appointment to the University of Maine System, Board of Trustees be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Brian D. Langley
Senate Chair

S/Tori P. Kornfield
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

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

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 (#451)

YEAS: Senators: None

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

EXCUSED: Senator: KATZ

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 34 Senators having voted in the negative, with 1 Senator being excused, and none being less than two-thirds of the Membership present and voting, it was the vote of the Senate that the Committee's recommendation be **ACCEPTED** and the nomination of **Elizabeth M. Timm** of Falmouth for appointment to the University of Maine System, Board of Trustees was **CONFIRMED**.

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 653

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

October 18, 2017

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

ROLL CALL (#452)

YEAS: Senators: BELLOWS, CHENETTE, CHIPMAN,
 DION, JACKSON, LIBBY

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

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Section 157, and with Joint Rule 505 of the Maine Legislature, the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology has had under consideration the nomination of Donald C. Lewis, Jr. of Brewer, for reappointment to the Efficiency Maine Trust Board.

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	1	Woodsome of York
	Representatives	7	Berry of Bowdoinham, Cooper of Yarmouth, Hanley of Pittston, Harvell of Farmington, O'Connor of Berwick, Rykerson of Kittery, Wadsworth of Hiram
NAYS	Senators	1	Dion of Cumberland
	Representatives	3	DeChant of Bath, Riley of Jay, Sanborn of Portland
ABSENT		1	Sen. Cushing of Penobscot

Eight members of the Committee having voted in the affirmative and four in the negative, it was the vote of the Committee that the nomination of Donald C. Lewis, Jr. of Brewer, for reappointment to the Efficiency Maine Trust Board be confirmed.

Signed,

S/David Woodsome
 Senate Chair

S/Seth A. Berry
 House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall the recommendation of the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** 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.

EXCUSED: Senator: KATZ

6 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 28 Senators having voted in the negative, with 1 Senator being excused, and 6 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 **Donald C. Lewis, Jr.** of Brewer for reappointment to the Efficiency Maine Trust Board was **CONFIRMED**.

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 654

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

October 18, 2017

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

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Section 157, and with Joint Rule 505 of the Maine Legislature, the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology has had under consideration the nomination of Randall D. Davis of Smithfield, for appointment to the Public Utilities Commission.

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

YEAS Senators 2 Woodsome of York, Dion of Cumberland
 Representatives 10 Berry of Bowdoinham, Cooper of Yarmouth, DeChant of Bath, Hanley of Pittston, Harvell of Farmington, O'Connor of Berwick, Riley of Jay, Rykerson of Kittery, Sanborn of Portland, Wadsworth of Hiram

NAYS 0
 ABSENT 1 Sen. Cushing of Penobscot

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 Randall D. Davis of Smithfield, for appointment to the Public Utilities Commission be confirmed.

Signed,

S/David Woodsome
 Senate Chair

S/Seth A. Berry
 House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall the recommendation of the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** 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 (#453)

YEAS: Senators: None

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

EXCUSED: Senator: KATZ

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 34 Senators having voted in the negative, with 1 Senator being excused, and none being less than two-thirds of the Membership present and voting, it was the vote of the Senate that the Committee's recommendation be **ACCEPTED** and the nomination of **Randall D. Davis** of Smithfield for appointment to the Public Utilities Commission was **CONFIRMED**.

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 678

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

October 20, 2017

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

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Section 157, and with Joint Rule 505 of the Maine Legislature, the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services has had under consideration the nomination of Albert Ricker Hamilton, Jr. of Falmouth, for appointment as the Commissioner of the Department of Health and Human Services.

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

YEAS Senators 2 Brakey of Androscoggin, Hamper of Oxford
 Representatives 8 Hymanson of York, Chace of Durham, Denno of Cumberland, Head of Bethel, Madigan of Waterville, Malaby of Hancock, McCreight of Harpswell, Sanderson of Chelsea
 NAYS 0
 Representatives 1 Parker of South Berwick
 ABSENT 2 Sen. Chipman of Cumberland, Rep. Perry of Calais

Ten members of the Committee having voted in the affirmative and one in the negative, it was the vote of the Committee that the nomination of Albert Ricker Hamilton, Jr. of Falmouth, for appointment as the Commissioner of the Department of Health and Human Services be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Eric L. Brakey
Senate Chair

S/Patricia Hymanson
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall the recommendation of the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** 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 (#454)

YEAS: Senators: BELLOWS, CHENETTE, CHIPMAN, DESCHAMBAULT, GRATWICK, JACKSON, LIBBY, MIRAMANT, VITELLI

NAYS: Senators: BRAKEY, BREEN, CARPENTER, CARSON, COLLINS, CUSHING, CYRWAY, DAVIS, DIAMOND, DILL, DION, DOW, HAMPER, HILL, KEIM, LANGLEY, MAKER, MASON, MILLETT, ROSEN, SAVIELLO, VOLK, WHITTEMORE, WOODSOME, PRESIDENT THIBODEAU

EXCUSED: Senator: KATZ

9 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 25 Senators having voted in the negative, with 1 Senator being excused, and 9 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 **Albert Ricker Hamilton, Jr.** of Falmouth for appointment as the Commissioner of the Department of Health and Human Services was **CONFIRMED**.

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 655

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

October 11, 2017

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

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Section 157, and with Joint Rule 505 of the Maine Legislature, the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary has had under consideration the nomination of the Honorable Bruce A. Jordan of Bangor, for reappointment as a District Court Judge.

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

YEAS	Senators	2	Keim of Oxford, Whittemore of Somerset
	Representatives	7	Babbidge of Kennebunk, Bailey of Saco, Bradstreet of Vassalboro, Cardone of Bangor, Guerin of Glenburn, Johansen of Monticello, Sherman of Hodgdon
NAYS		0	
ABSENT		4	Sen. Hill of York, Rep. Moonen of Portland, Rep. McCreight of Harpswell, Rep. Reckitt of South Portland

Nine 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 the Honorable Bruce A. Jordan of Bangor, for reappointment as a District Court Judge be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Lisa Keim
Senate Chair

S/Matthew W. Moonen
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall the recommendation of the Committee on **JUDICIARY** 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.

Senate at Ease.

The Senate was called to order by the President.

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#455)

YEAS: Senators: None

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

EXCUSED: Senator: KATZ

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 34 Senators having voted in the negative, with 1 Senator being excused, and none being less than two-thirds of the Membership present and voting, it was the vote of the Senate that the Committee's recommendation be **ACCEPTED** and the nomination of the Honorable **Bruce A. Jordan** of Bangor for reappointment as a District Court Judge was **CONFIRMED**.

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 656

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

October 11, 2017

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

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Section 157, and with Joint Rule 505 of the Maine Legislature, the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary has had under consideration the nomination of the Honorable Susan E. Oram of Lewiston, for reappointment as a District Court Judge.

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

YEAS	Senators	2	Keim of Oxford, Whittemore of Somerset
	Representatives	7	Babbidge of Kennebunk, Bailey of Saco, Bradstreet of Vassalboro, Cardone of Bangor, Guerin of Glenburn, Johansen of Monticello, Sherman of Hodgdon
NAYS		0	
ABSENT		4	Sen. Hill of York, Rep. Moonen of Portland, Rep. McCreight of Harpswell, Rep. Reckitt of South Portland

Nine 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 the Honorable Susan E. Oram of Lewiston, for reappointment as a District Court Judge be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Lisa Keim
Senate Chair

S/Matthew W. Moonen
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall the recommendation of the Committee on **JUDICIARY** 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 (#456)

YEAS: Senators: None

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

Representatives 9 Babbidge of Kennebunk, Bailey of Saco, Bradstreet of Vassalboro, Cardone of Bangor, Guerin of Glenburn, Johansen of Monticello, McCreight of Harpswell, Reckitt of South Portland, Sherman of Hodgdon

NAYS 0

ABSENT 3 Sen. Hill of York, Sen. Whittemore of Somerset, Rep. Moonen of Portland

EXCUSED: Senator: KATZ

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 34 Senators having voted in the negative, with 1 Senator being excused, and none being less than two-thirds of the Membership present and voting, it was the vote of the Senate that the Committee's recommendation be **ACCEPTED** and the nomination of the Honorable **Susan E. Oram** of Lewiston for reappointment as a District Court Judge was **CONFIRMED**.

Ten 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 the Honorable Robert E. Murray, Jr. of Bangor, for reappointment as a Superior Court Justice be confirmed.

Signed,

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

S/Lisa Keim Senate Chair S/Matthew W. Moonen House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 657

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

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

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.

October 11, 2017

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

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

The Secretary opened the vote.

Dear Mr. President:

ROLL CALL (#457)

YEAS: Senators: None

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Section 157, and with Joint Rule 505 of the Maine Legislature, the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary has had under consideration the nomination of the Honorable Robert E. Murray, Jr. of Bangor, for reappointment as a Superior Court Justice.

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

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 1 Keim of Oxford

EXCUSED: Senator: KATZ

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

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 658

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

October 11, 2017

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

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Section 157, and with Joint Rule 505 of the Maine Legislature, the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary has had under consideration the nomination of Honorable MaryGay Kennedy of Auburn, for reappointment as a Superior Court Justice.

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	1	Keim of Oxford
	Representatives	9	Babbidge of Kennebunk, Bailey of Saco, Bradstreet of Vassalboro, Cardone of Bangor, Guerin of Glenburn, Johansen of Monticello, McCreight of Harpswell, Reckitt of South Portland, Sherman of Hodgdon
NAYS		0	
ABSENT		3	Sen. Hill of York, Sen. Whittemore of Somerset, Rep. Moonen of Portland

Ten members of the Committee having voted in the affirmative and zero in the negative, it was the vote of the Committee that the nomination of Honorable MaryGay Kennedy of Auburn, for reappointment as a Superior Court Justice be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Lisa Keim
Senate Chair

S/Matthew W. Moonen
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall the recommendation of the Committee on **JUDICIARY** 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 (#458)

YEAS: Senators: None

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

EXCUSED: Senator: KATZ

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

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 659

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

October 11, 2017

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

ROLL CALL (#459)

YEAS: Senators: None

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

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Section 157, and with Joint Rule 505 of the Maine Legislature, the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary has had under consideration the nomination of the Honorable Ann M. Murray of Bangor, for reappointment as a Superior Court Justice.

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

YEAS	Senators	2	Keim of Oxford, Whittemore of Somerset
	Representatives	9	Babbidge of Kennebunk, Bailey of Saco, Bradstreet of Vassalboro, Cardone of Bangor, Guerin of Glenburn, Johansen of Monticello, McCreight of Harpswell, Reckitt of South Portland, Sherman of Hodgdon
NAYS		0	
ABSENT		2	Sen. Hill of York, Rep. Moonen of Portland

EXCUSED: Senator: KATZ

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

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

Eleven members of the Committee having voted in the affirmative and zero in the negative, it was the vote of the Committee that the nomination of the Honorable Ann M. Murray of Bangor, for reappointment as a Superior Court Justice be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Lisa Keim
 Senate Chair

S/Matthew W. Moonen
 House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall the recommendation of the Committee on **JUDICIARY** 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.

The Following Communication: S.C. 662

**STATE OF MAINE
 ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE
 COMMITTEE ON LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND
 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

October 17, 2017

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

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Section 157, and with Joint Rule 505 of the Maine Legislature, the Joint Standing Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development has had under consideration the nomination of James P. Violette of Waterville, for reappointment to the Finance Authority of Maine.

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

YEAS Senators 2 Volk of Cumberland, Bellows of Kennebec

Representatives 8 Fecteau of Biddeford, Austin of Gray, Bates of Westbrook, Doore of Augusta, Handy of Lewiston, Lockman of Amherst, Mastraccio of Sanford, Stetkis of Canaan

NAYS 0

ABSENT 3 Sen. Langley of Hancock, Rep. Sylvester of Portland, Rep. Vachon of Scarborough

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 34 Senators having voted in the negative, with 1 Senator being excused, and none being less than two-thirds of the Membership present and voting, it was the vote of the Senate that the Committee's recommendation be **ACCEPTED** and the nomination of **James P. Violette** of Waterville for reappointment to the Finance Authority of Maine was **CONFIRMED**.

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

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

Ten 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 James P. Violette of Waterville, for reappointment to the Finance Authority of Maine be confirmed.

The Following Communication: S.C. 663

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

October 17, 2017

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

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Section 157, and with Joint Rule 505 of the Maine Legislature, the Joint Standing Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development has had under consideration the nomination of James G. Howard of Topsham, for reappointment to the Finance Authority of Maine.

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

YEAS	Senators	2	Volk of Cumberland, Bellows of Kennebec
	Representatives	8	Fecteau of Biddeford, Austin of Gray, Bates of Westbrook, Doore of Augusta, Handy of Lewiston, Lockman of Amherst, Mastraccio of Sanford, Stetkis of Canaan
NAYS		0	
ABSENT		3	Sen. Langley of Hancock, Rep. Sylvester of Portland, Rep. Vachon of Scarborough

Signed,

S/Amy F. Volk
Senate Chair

S/Ryan M. Fecteau
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall the recommendation of the Committee on **LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** 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 (#460)

YEAS: Senators: None

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

EXCUSED: Senator: KATZ

Ten 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 James G. Howard of Topsham, for reappointment to the Finance Authority of Maine be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Amy F. Volk
Senate Chair

S/Ryan M. Fecteau
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall the recommendation of the Committee on **LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** 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 (#461)

YEAS: Senators: None

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

EXCUSED: Senator: KATZ

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 34 Senators having voted in the negative, with 1 Senator being excused, and none being less than two-thirds of the Membership present and voting, it was the vote of the Senate that the Committee's recommendation be **ACCEPTED** and the nomination of **James G. Howard** of Topsham for reappointment to the Finance Authority of Maine was **CONFIRMED**.

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 664

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

October 17, 2017

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

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Section 157, and with Joint Rule 505 of the Maine Legislature, the Joint Standing Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development has had under consideration the nomination of Amie M. Parker of Lewiston, for reappointment to the Maine Labor Relations Board.

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

YEAS	Senators	2	Volk of Cumberland, Bellows of Kennebec
	Representatives	8	Fecteau of Biddeford, Austin of Gray, Bates of Westbrook, Doore of Augusta, Handy of Lewiston, Lockman of Amherst, Mastraccio of Sanford, Stetkis of Canaan
NAYS		0	
ABSENT		3	Sen. Langley of Hancock, Rep. Sylvester of Portland, Rep. Vachon of Scarborough

Ten 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 Amie M. Parker of Lewiston, for reappointment to the Maine Labor Relations Board be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Amy F. Volk
Senate Chair

S/Ryan M. Fecteau
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall the recommendation of the Committee on **LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** 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 (#462)

YEAS: Senators: None

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

EXCUSED: Senator: KATZ

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 34 Senators having voted in the negative, with 1 Senator being excused, and none being less than two-thirds of the Membership present and voting, it was the vote of the Senate that the Committee's recommendation be **ACCEPTED** and the nomination of **Amie M. Parker** of Lewiston for reappointment to the Maine Labor Relations Board was **CONFIRMED**.

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 665

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

October 17, 2017

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

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Section 157, and with Joint Rule 505 of the Maine Legislature, the Joint Standing Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development has had under consideration the nomination of Dennis E. Welch of Windham, for reappointment to the Maine Labor Relations Board.

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

YEAS Senators 2 Volk of Cumberland, Bellows of Kennebec

Representatives 8 Fecteau of Biddeford, Austin of Gray, Bates of Westbrook, Doore of Augusta, Handy of Lewiston, Lockman of Amherst, Mastraccio of Sanford, Stetkis of Canaan

NAYS 0

ABSENT 3 Sen. Langley of Hancock, Rep. Sylvester of Portland, Rep. Vachon of Scarborough

Ten 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 Dennis E. Welch of Windham, for reappointment to the Maine Labor Relations Board be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Amy F. Volk
Senate Chair

S/Ryan M. Fecteau
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall the recommendation of the Committee on **LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** 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 (#463)

YEAS: Senators: None

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

EXCUSED: Senator: KATZ

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 34 Senators having voted in the negative, with 1 Senator being excused, and none being less than two-thirds of the Membership present and voting, it was the vote of the Senate that the Committee's recommendation be **ACCEPTED** and the nomination of **Dennis E. Welch** of Windham for reappointment to the Maine Labor Relations Board was **CONFIRMED**.

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 666

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

October 17, 2017

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

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Section 157, and with Joint Rule 505 of the Maine Legislature, the Joint Standing Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development has had under consideration the nomination of Carl A. Guignard of Lewiston, for reappointment to the Maine Labor Relations Board.

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

YEAS	Senators	2	Volk of Cumberland, Bellows of Kennebec
	Representatives	8	Fecteau of Biddeford, Austin of Gray, Bates of Westbrook, Doore of Augusta, Handy of Lewiston, Lockman of Amherst, Mastraccio of Sanford, Stetkis of Canaan
NAYS		0	
ABSENT		3	Sen. Langley of Hancock, Rep. Sylvester of Portland, Rep. Vachon of Scarborough

Ten 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 Carl A. Guignard of Lewiston, for reappointment to the Maine Labor Relations Board be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Amy F. Volk
Senate Chair

S/Ryan M. Fecteau
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall the recommendation of the Committee on **LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** 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 (#464)

YEAS: Senators: None

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

EXCUSED: Senator: KATZ

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 34 Senators having voted in the negative, with 1 Senator being excused, and none being less than two-thirds of the Membership present and voting, it was the vote of the Senate that the Committee's recommendation be **ACCEPTED** and the nomination of **Carl A. Guignard** of Lewiston for reappointment to the Maine Labor Relations Board was **CONFIRMED**.

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 660

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

October 17, 2017

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

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Section 157, and with Joint Rule 505 of the Maine Legislature, the Joint Standing Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development has had under consideration the nomination of Kevin P. Joseph of Oakland, for reappointment to the Maine State Housing Authority.

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

YEAS	Senators	2	Volk of Cumberland, Bellows of Kennebec
	Representatives	6	Fecteau of Biddeford, Austin of Gray, Bates of Westbrook, Doore of Augusta, Handy of Lewiston, Stetkis of Canaan
NAYS		0	
ABSENT		5	Sen. Langley of Hancock, Rep. Lockman of Amherst, Rep. Mastraccio of Sanford, Rep. Sylvester of Portland, Rep. Vachon of Scarborough

Eight 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 Kevin P. Joseph of Oakland, for reappointment to the Maine State Housing Authority be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Amy F. Volk
Senate Chair

S/Ryan M. Fecteau
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall the recommendation of the Committee on **LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** 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 (#465)

YEAS: Senators: None

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

EXCUSED: Senator: KATZ

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 34 Senators having voted in the negative, with 1 Senator being excused, and none being less than two-thirds of the Membership present and voting, it was the vote of the Senate that the Committee's recommendation be **ACCEPTED** and the nomination of **Kevin P. Joseph** of Oakland for reappointment to the Maine State Housing Authority was **CONFIRMED**.

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 661

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

October 17, 2017

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

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Section 157, and with Joint Rule 505 of the Maine Legislature, the Joint Standing Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development has had under consideration the nomination of Lincoln J. Merrill, Jr. of North Yarmouth, for reappointment to the Maine State Housing Authority.

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

YEAS	Senators	2	Volk of Cumberland, Bellows of Kennebec
	Representatives	7	Fecteau of Biddeford, Austin of Gray, Bates of Westbrook, Doore of Augusta, Handy of Lewiston, Mastraccio of Sanford, Stetkis of Canaan
NAYS		0	
ABSENT		4	Sen. Langley of Hancock, Rep. Lockman of Amherst, Rep. Sylvester of Portland, Rep. Vachon of Scarborough

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 34 Senators having voted in the negative, with 1 Senator being excused, and none being less than two-thirds of the Membership present and voting, it was the vote of the Senate that the Committee's recommendation be **ACCEPTED** and the nomination of **Lincoln J. Merrill, Jr.** of North Yarmouth for reappointment to the Maine State Housing Authority was **CONFIRMED**.

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 667

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

October 17, 2017

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

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Section 157, and with Joint Rule 505 of the Maine Legislature, the Joint Standing Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development has had under consideration the nomination of Jennifer J. Duddy, Esq. of Cape Elizabeth, for reappointment to the Maine Unemployment Insurance Commission.

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	1	Volk of Cumberland
	Representatives	7	Fecteau of Biddeford, Austin of Gray, Bates of Westbrook, Handy of Lewiston, Lockman of Amherst, Mastraccio of Sanford, Stetkis of Canaan
NAYS	Senators	1	Bellows of Kennebec
	Representatives	1	Doore of Augusta
ABSENT		3	Sen. Langley of Hancock, Rep. Sylvester of Portland, Rep. Vachon of Scarborough

Nine 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 Lincoln J. Merrill, Jr. of North Yarmouth, for reappointment to the Maine State Housing Authority be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Amy F. Volk
Senate Chair

S/Ryan M. Fecteau
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall the recommendation of the Committee on **LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** 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 (#466)

YEAS: Senators: None

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

EXCUSED: Senator: KATZ

Eight members of the Committee having voted in the affirmative and two in the negative, it was the vote of the Committee that the nomination of Jennifer J. Duddy, Esq. of Cape Elizabeth, for reappointment to the Maine Unemployment Insurance Commission be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Amy F. Volk
Senate Chair

S/Ryan M. Fecteau
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall the recommendation of the Committee on **LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** 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 (#467)

YEAS: Senators: BELLOWS, CHENETTE, CHIPMAN, JACKSON

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

EXCUSED: Senator: KATZ

4 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 30 Senators having voted in the negative, with 1 Senator being excused, and 4 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 **Jennifer J. Duddy**, Esq. of Cape Elizabeth for reappointment to the Maine Unemployment Insurance Commission was **CONFIRMED**.

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 668

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

October 17, 2017

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

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Section 157, and with Joint Rule 505 of the Maine Legislature, the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government has had under consideration the nomination of Stacey L. Morrison of Gardiner, for reappointment to the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority.

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

YEAS	Senators	2	Davis of Piscataquis, Deschambault of York
	Representatives	5	Martin of Sinclair, Beebe- Center of Rockland, Hogan of Old Orchard Beach, Madigan of Rumford, Ordway of Standish
NAYS		0	
ABSENT		6	Sen. Keim of Oxford, Rep. Bryant of Windham, Rep. Grignon of Athens, Rep. Harrington of Sanford, Rep. Pickett of Dixfield, Rep. Spear of South Thomaston

Seven 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 Stacey L. Morrison of Gardiner, for reappointment to the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Paul T. Davis, Sr.
Senate Chair

S/Danny Martin
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall the recommendation of the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** 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 (#468)

YEAS	Senators	2	Dow of Lincoln, Chenette of York
	Representatives	9	Tipping of Orono, Bickford of Auburn, Cooper of Yarmouth, Grant of Gardiner, Pouliot of Augusta, Stanley of Medway, Tepler of Topsham, Terry of Gorham, Ward of Dedham
NAYS		0	
ABSENT		2	Sen. Cushing of Penobscot, Rep. Hilliard of Belgrade

Eleven members of the Committee having voted in the affirmative and zero in the negative, it was the vote of the Committee that the nomination of the Honorable Richard A. Nass of Acton, for reappointment to the Maine Board of Tax Appeals be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Dana L. Dow Senate Chair	S/Ryan Tipping House Chair
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READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall the recommendation of the Committee on **TAXATION** 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 (#469)

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

EXCUSED: Senator: KATZ

YEAS: Senators: None

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

EXCUSED: Senator: KATZ

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 34 Senators having voted in the negative, with 1 Senator being excused, and none being less than two-thirds of the Membership present and voting, it was the vote of the Senate that the Committee's recommendation be **ACCEPTED** and the nomination of **Stacey L. Morrison** of Gardiner for reappointment to the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority was **CONFIRMED**.

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 669

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

October 17, 2017

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

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Section 157, and with Joint Rule 505 of the Maine Legislature, the Joint Standing Committee on Taxation has had under consideration the nomination of the Honorable Richard A. Nass of Acton, for reappointment to the Maine Board of Tax Appeals.

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

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 34 Senators having voted in the negative, with 1 Senator being excused, and none being less than two-thirds of the Membership present and voting, it was the vote of the Senate that the Committee's recommendation be **ACCEPTED** and the nomination of the Honorable **Richard A. Nass** of Acton for reappointment to the Maine Board of Tax Appeals was **CONFIRMED**.

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 670

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

October 17, 2017

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

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Section 157, and with Joint Rule 505 of the Maine Legislature, the Joint Standing Committee on Taxation has had under consideration the nomination of Douglas Kelley Young, Esq. of Portland, for appointment to the Maine Board of Tax Appeals.

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

YEAS	Senators	2	Dow of Lincoln, Chenette of York
	Representatives	9	Tipping of Orono, Bickford of Auburn, Cooper of Yarmouth, Grant of Gardiner, Pouliot of Augusta, Stanley of Medway, Tepler of Topsham, Terry of Gorham, Ward of Dedham
NAYS		0	
ABSENT		2	Sen. Cushing of Penobscot, Rep. Hilliard of Belgrade

Eleven members of the Committee having voted in the affirmative and zero in the negative, it was the vote of the Committee that the nomination of Douglas Kelley Young, Esq. of Portland, for appointment to the Maine Board of Tax Appeals be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Dana L. Dow
Senate Chair

S/Ryan Tipping
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall the recommendation of the Committee on **TAXATION** 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 (#470)

YEAS: Senators: None

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

EXCUSED: Senator: KATZ

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 34 Senators having voted in the negative, with 1 Senator being excused, and none being less than two-thirds of the Membership present and voting, it was the vote of the Senate that the Committee's recommendation be **ACCEPTED** and the nomination of **Douglas Kelley Young**, Esq. of Portland, for appointment to the Maine Board of Tax Appeals was **CONFIRMED**.

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 671

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

October 16, 2017

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

ROLL CALL (#471)

YEAS: Senators: None

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

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Section 157, and with Joint Rule 505 of the Maine Legislature, the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs has had under consideration the nomination of Lawrence J. Davis of Hallowell, for reappointment to the State Liquor and Lottery Commission.

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	Mason of Androscoggin, Carpenter of Aroostook, Collins of York
	Representatives	9	Luchini of Ellsworth, Casas of Rockport, Dillingham of Oxford, Farrin of Norridgewock, Hanington of Lincoln, Hickman of Winthrop, Monaghan of Cape Elizabeth, Schneck of Bangor, White of Washburn
NAYS		0	
ABSENT		1	Rep. Longstaff of Waterville

EXCUSED: Senator: KATZ

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 34 Senators having voted in the negative, with 1 Senator being excused, and none being less than two-thirds of the Membership present and voting, it was the vote of the Senate that the Committee's recommendation be **ACCEPTED** and the nomination of **Lawrence J. Davis** of Hallowell for reappointment to the State Liquor and Lottery Commission was **CONFIRMED**.

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 592

**STATE OF MAINE
 OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
 AUGUSTA, MAINE**

September 20, 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 The Honorable Ann M. Murray of Bangor for reappointment as a Justice to the Maine Superior Court.

Pursuant to Article V, Part First, §8, of the Maine Constitution, this reappointment 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.

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 Lawrence J. Davis of Hallowell, for reappointment to the State Liquor and Lottery Commission be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Garrett P. Mason
 Senate Chair

S/Louis J. Luchini
 House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall the recommendation of the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL 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.

The Following Communication: S.C. 593

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

September 20, 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 The Honorable Robert E. Murray, Jr. of Bangor for reappointment as a Justice to the Maine Superior Court.

Pursuant to Article V, Part First, §8, of the Maine Constitution, this reappointment 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. 594

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

September 20, 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 The Honorable MaryGay Kennedy of Brunswick for reappointment as a Justice to the Maine Superior Court.

Pursuant to Article V, Part First, §8, of the Maine Constitution, this reappointment 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. 595

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

September 20, 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 Judge Bruce A. Jordan of Veazie for reappointment as a District Court Judge.

Pursuant to Title 4 MRSA §157, this reappointment 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. 596

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

September 20, 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 Judge Susan E. Oram of Auburn for reappointment as a District Court Judge.

Pursuant to Title 4 MRSA §157, this reappointment 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.

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 597

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

September 27, 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 Donald C. Lewis Jr. of Brewer for reappointment to the Efficiency Maine Trust Board.

Pursuant to Title 35-A, MRSA §10103, this reappointment is contingent on the Maine Senate confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology.

Sincerely,

S/Paul R. LePage
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 599

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

September 28, 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 Stacey L. Morrison of Gardiner for reappointment to the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority.

Pursuant to Title 4, MRSA §1602, this reappointment is contingent on the Maine Senate confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government.

Sincerely,

S/Paul R. LePage
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 598

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

September 27, 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 Randall D. Davis of Smithfield for appointment as a Commissioner to the Public Utilities Commission.

Pursuant to Title 35-A, MRSA §105, this appointment is contingent on the Maine Senate confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology.

Sincerely,

S/Paul R. LePage
Governor

The Following Communication: S.C. 600

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

September 28, 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 Lawrence J. Davis of Hallowell for reappointment to the State Liquor and Lottery Commission.

Pursuant to Title 5, MRSA §283-A, this reappointment is contingent on the Maine Senate confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs.

Sincerely,

S/Paul R. LePage
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 601

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

September 28, 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 Douglas Kelley Young, Esq. of Portland for appointment to the Maine Board of Tax Appeals.

Pursuant to Title 36, MRSA §151-D, this appointment is contingent on the Maine Senate confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Taxation.

Sincerely,

S/Paul R. LePage
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 602

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

September 28, 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 The Honorable Richard A. Nass of Acton for reappointment to the Maine Board of Tax Appeals.

Pursuant to Title 36, MRSA §151-D, this reappointment is contingent on the Maine Senate confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Taxation.

Sincerely,

S/Paul R. LePage
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 603

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

September 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 Alexander E. Porteous of Portland for appointment as Commissioner, Department of Administrative and Financial Services.

Pursuant to Title 5, MRSA §281, this appointment is contingent on the Maine Senate confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs.

Sincerely,

S/Paul R. LePage
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 604

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

September 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 The Hon. Gary W. Reed of Falmouth for reappointment to the State Harness Racing Commission.

Pursuant to Title 8, MRSA §261-A, this reappointment is contingent on the Maine Senate confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry.

Sincerely,

S/Paul R. LePage
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 605

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

September 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 The Hon. Michael J. Timmons of Cumberland for appointment to the State Harness Racing Commission.

Pursuant to Title 8, MRSA §261-A, this appointment is contingent on the Maine Senate confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry.

Sincerely,

S/Paul R. LePage
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 606

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

September 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 Stanley K. Millay of Appleton for reappointment to the Maine Milk Commission.

Pursuant to Title 7, MRSA §2952, this reappointment is contingent on the Maine Senate confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry.

Sincerely,

S/Paul R. LePage
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 607

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

September 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 David C. Adams of Mapleton for appointment to the Board of Pesticides Control.

Pursuant to Title 22, MRSA §1471-B, this appointment is contingent on the Maine Senate confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry.

Sincerely,

S/Paul R. LePage
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 608

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

October 3, 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 Albert Ricker Hamilton, Jr. of Falmouth for appointment as Commissioner, Department of Health and Human Services.

Pursuant to Title 22-A, MRSA §204, this appointment is contingent on the Maine Senate confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services.

Sincerely,

S/Paul R. LePage
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 609

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

October 3, 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 Amie M. Parker of Lewiston for reappointment to the Maine Labor Relations Board.

Pursuant to Title 26, MRSA §968, this reappointment is contingent on the Maine Senate confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development.

Sincerely,

S/Paul R. LePage
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 610

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

October 3, 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 Carl A. Guignard of Lewiston for reappointment to the Maine Labor Relations Board.

Pursuant to Title 26, MRSA §968, this reappointment is contingent on the Maine Senate confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development.

Sincerely,

S/Paul R. LePage
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 611

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

October 3, 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 Dennis E. Welch of Windham for reappointment to the Maine Labor Relations Board.

Pursuant to Title 26, MRSA §968, this reappointment is contingent on the Maine Senate confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development.

Sincerely,

S/Paul R. LePage
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 612

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

October 3, 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 James P. Violette of Waterville for reappointment to the Finance Authority of Maine.

Pursuant to Title 10, MRSA §965, this reappointment is contingent on the Maine Senate confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development.
Sincerely,

S/Paul R. LePage
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 613

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

October 3, 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 James G. Howard of Topsham for reappointment to the Finance Authority of Maine.

Pursuant to Title 10, MRSA §965, this reappointment is contingent on the Maine Senate confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development.

Sincerely,

S/Paul R. LePage
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 614

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

October 3, 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 Kevin P. Joseph of Oakland for reappointment as a Commissioner of the Maine State Housing Authority.

Pursuant to Title 30-A, MRSA §4723.2, this reappointment is contingent on the Maine Senate confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development.

Sincerely,

S/Paul R. LePage
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 615

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

October 3, 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 Lincoln J. Merrill, Jr. of North Yarmouth for reappointment as a Commissioner of the Maine State Housing Authority.

Pursuant to Title 30-A, MRSA §4723.2, this reappointment is contingent on the Maine Senate confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development.

Sincerely,

S/Paul R. LePage
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 616

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

October 4, 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 John G. Shattuck of Newcastle for reappointment to the School Board of the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf.

Pursuant to Title 20-A, MRSA §7406, this reappointment is contingent on the Maine Senate confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs.

Sincerely,

S/Paul R. LePage
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 617

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

October 4, 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 Michelle S. Ames of Portland for reappointment to the School Board of the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf.

Pursuant to Title 20-A, MRSA §7406, this reappointment is contingent on the Maine Senate confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs.

Sincerely,

S/Paul R. LePage
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 618

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

October 4, 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 Terry L. Morrell of Gorham for appointment to the School Board of the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf.

Pursuant to Title 20-A, MRSA §7406, this appointment is contingent on the Maine Senate confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs.

Sincerely,

S/Paul R. LePage
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 619

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

October 4, 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 James Douglas Wellington, Esq. of Castine for reappointment to the Board of Trustees, Maine Maritime Academy.

Pursuant to P&SL 1975, Chapter 771 §428, this reappointment is contingent on the Maine Senate confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs.

Sincerely,

S/Paul R. LePage
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 620

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

October 4, 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 Ande A. Smith of North Yarmouth for appointment to the Board of Trustees, Maine Maritime Academy.

Pursuant to P&SL 1975, Chapter 771 §428, this appointment is contingent on the Maine Senate confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs.

Sincerely,

S/Paul R. LePage
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 621

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

October 4, 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 Elizabeth M. Timm of Falmouth for appointment to the Board of Trustees, University of Maine System.

Pursuant to P&SL 1967, Chapter 229, this appointment is contingent on the Maine Senate confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs.

Sincerely,

S/Paul R. LePage
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 622

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

October 4, 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 Jay M. Hibbard of Portland for appointment to the Board of Trustees, Maine Public Broadcasting Corporation.

Pursuant to PL 367, S.P. 592, L.D. 1551 §2, this appointment is contingent on the Maine Senate confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs.

Sincerely,

S/Paul R. LePage
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 623

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

October 4, 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 Wilson G. Hess, Ph.D. of Freedom for reappointment to the State Board of Education.

Pursuant to Title 20-A, MRSA §401, this reappointment is contingent on the Maine Senate confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs.

Sincerely,

S/Paul R. LePage
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 624

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

October 4, 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 The Hon. Wendy L. Ault of Wayne for appointment to the State Board of Education.

Pursuant to Title 20-A, MRSA §401, this appointment is contingent on the Maine Senate confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs.

Sincerely,

S/Paul R. LePage
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 625

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

October 4, 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 Patricia A. Duran of Hermon for reappointment to the Maine Community College System Board of Trustees.

Pursuant to Title 20-A, MRSA §12705, this reappointment is contingent on the Maine Senate confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs.

Sincerely,

S/Paul R. LePage
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 626

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

October 4, 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 Emily G. Smith of Presque Isle for appointment to the Maine Community College System Board of Trustees.

Pursuant to Title 20-A, MRSA §12705, this appointment is contingent on the Maine Senate confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs.

Sincerely,

S/Paul R. LePage
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 627

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

October 4, 2017

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

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

Dear President Thibodeau:

This is to inform you that I am today nominating Jennifer J. Duddy, Esq. of Cape Elizabeth for reappointment to the Maine Unemployment Insurance Commission.

Pursuant to Title 26, MRSA §1081, this reappointment is contingent on the Maine Senate confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development.

Sincerely,

S/Paul R. LePage
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 628

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

October 6, 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, pursuant to Title 3 M.R.S.A., §154, I am withdrawing my nomination of Wilson G. Hess Ph.D. of Freedom for reappointment as a member of the State Board of Education.

This nomination is currently pending before the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

S/Paul R. LePage
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 630

August 11, 2017

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

Dear Secretary Priest:

Pursuant to my authority under Maine Public Law Chapter 284, Sec. UUUU-17, I have made the following appointments to the Working Group to Improve the Provision of Indigent Legal Services, effective immediately:

Senator Lisa Keim of Oxford, Chair
Senator Shenna Bellows of Kennebec

If you have any questions regarding these appointments, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,

S/Michael D. Thibodeau
President of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 631

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

August 14, 2017

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

Dear Secretary Priest,

Pursuant to my authority under Title 22 MRSA, §3739, I am pleased to appoint Senator Amy Volk of Scarborough to the Child Care Advisory Council, as a member of the Senate.

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

Sincerely,

S/Michael D. Thibodeau
President of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 632

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

August 14, 2017

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

Dear Secretary Priest,

Pursuant to my authority under Title 5 §24001, I am pleased to appoint the following Senators and members to the Maine Children's Growth Council:

Senator Amy Volk of Cumberland, Chair
Senator Rebecca Millett of Cumberland
Mr. Keith Small of Belfast
Ms. Mallory Bank Harnden of Belfast
Ms. Gail Jones- Wilkerson of Belfast

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. 633

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

August 15, 2017

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

Dear Secretary Priest,

Pursuant to my authority under Title 10, MRSA, Chapter 1-A, Section 11, I am pleased to appoint the following Senators to the Citizen Trade Policy Commission:

Senator Rodney L. Whittemore of Somerset who will serve as Chair
Senator Lisa Keim of Oxford
Senator David Miramant of Knox

Please let me know if you have any questions regarding these appointments.

Sincerely,

S/Michael D. Thibodeau
President of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 634

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

September 1, 2017

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

Dear Secretary Priest:

Pursuant to my authority under Joint Rule 353, H.P. 806, I am pleased to appoint the following to the Maine Bicentennial Commission, effective date of this letter.

Senator Joyce Maker of Washington, representing a member of the Senate
Senator G. William Diamond of Cumberland, representing a member of the Senate
Dana Connors of Augusta, representing a statewide business advocacy organization
Diane Johanson of Hallowell, representing a statewide business to promote tourism
Beth Gibbs of Waterville, representing private postsecondary education
Heather Perry of Limington, representing PreK to Adult Ed education

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. 635

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

October 3, 2017

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

Dear Secretary Priest:

Pursuant to my authority under H.P. 456, I am pleased to appoint Jill Watson of Manchester to the Task Force to Identify Special Education Cost Drivers and Innovative Approaches to Services, effective date of this letter. Ms. Watson is a teacher representing the Maine Education Association (MEA).

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.

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 637

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

August 3, 2017

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

Dear Secretary Priest,

Pursuant to my authority under Maine Public Law Chapter 284, Sec. UUUU-17, I am pleased to appoint the following legislators and members of the public to serve on the Working Group to Improve the Provision of Indigent Legal Services, effective August 3, 2017:

Representative Barbara Cardone of Bangor as House Chair
Representative Roger Sherman of Hodgdon

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,

S/Sara Gideon
Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 636

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

September 1, 2017

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

Dear Secretary Priest:

Pursuant to my authority under H.P. 456, I am pleased to appoint the following to the Task Force to Identify Special Education Cost Drivers and Innovative Approaches to Services, effective date of this letter.

Senator Brian Langley of Hancock
Richard Colpitts of South Paris
Katherine Cox of South Portland
Lesley Snyer of Carmel
Lynn Maddocks of Dedham

Please let me know if you have any questions regarding this appointment.

Sincerely,

S/Michael D. Thibodeau
President of the Senate

The Following Communication: S.C. 638

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

August 8, 2017

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

Dear Secretary Priest,

Pursuant to my authority under Title 5, MRSA, Part 23, Ch. 501, §19202.2-B, I am pleased to appoint the following individual to the Maine HIV Advisory Committee, effective August 8, 2017:

Rep. Ryan M. Fecteau of Biddeford as a member of the House of Representatives

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact my office.
Sincerely,

S/Sara Gideon
Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 639

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

August 29, 2017

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

Dear Secretary Priest,

Pursuant to my authority under Resolves 2017, Chapter 27, I am pleased to appoint the following legislators and members of the public to serve on the Commission To Streamline Veterans' Licensing and Certification, effective August 29, 2017:

Representative Jared Golden of Lewiston as a member of the House of Representatives, a veteran of military service, and House Chair
Representative Louis J. Luchini of Ellsworth as a member of the House of Representatives serving on the Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs
Representative Bradlee T. Farrin of Norridgewock as a member of the House of Representatives serving on the Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs and a veteran of military service
Dr. Monika Bissell, President of the Maine College of Health Professions of Lewiston as an individual working at an educational institution with programming that results in licensing or certification
Matthew Jabaut of Lewiston as an individual with prior military service

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,

S/Sara Gideon
Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 640

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

August 31, 2017

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

Dear Secretary Priest,

Pursuant to my authority under Title 1, MRSA, Chapter 13, Subchapter 1, §411-2, I am pleased to appoint the following individual to serve on the Right To Know Advisory Committee, effective August 31, 2017:

Mr. James Campbell of Searsport, President of the Maine Freedom of Information Coalition to represent a statewide coalition of advocates of freedom of access.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,

S/Sara Gideon
Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 641

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

August 29, 2017

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

Dear Secretary Priest,

Pursuant to my authority under Public Law 2017, Chapter 26, I am pleased to appoint the following legislators and members of the public to serve on the Task Force To Identify Special Education Cost Drivers and Innovative Approaches to Services, effective August 29, 2017:

Representative Richard Farnsworth of Portland as a member of the House of Representatives and Co-chair

Mr. Jerry Nault of Sheepscot Valley RSU 12 in Somerville as a member of a school board representing the Maine School Boards Association

Ms. Jennifer McGee of Atwood Primary School in Oakland as a principal representing the Maine Principals' Association

Ms. Carrie Woodcock of the Maine Parent Federation in Farmington as a parent of a student with special needs representing a statewide association of parents of students with special needs

Ms. Andrea Disch, Business Manager of MSAD 11 in Gardiner as a school business manager

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,

S/Sara Gideon
Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 642

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

September 7, 2017

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

Dear Secretary Priest,

Pursuant to my authority under Title 10, MRSA, Part 2, Ch. 110, Supchapter 4-A, §1079-1, I am pleased to reappoint the following individual to the Advisory Committee on Family Development Accounts, effective September 7, 2017:

Ms. Jean Dempster of New Ventures Maine to represent a community development organization

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,

S/Sara Gideon
Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 643

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

September 5, 2017

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

Dear Secretary Priest,

Pursuant to my authority under Title 20-A MRSA, Part 5, Chapter 437, §12901, I am pleased to appoint the following individuals to serve on the State Education and Employment Outcomes Task Force, effective September 5, 2017:

Representative Seth Berry of Bowdoinham as a member of the House of Representatives and House Chair

Representative Paul Stearns of Guilford as a member of the House of Representatives

Mr. Derek Langhauser of Cumberland Foreside, President of the Maine Community College System, as a representative of the Maine Community College System

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,

S/Sara Gideon
Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 644

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

September 20, 2017

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

Dear Secretary Priest,

Pursuant to my authority under Joint Order 2017, Senate Paper 592, I am pleased to appoint the following legislators and members of the public to serve on the Task Force on Health Care Coverage for All of Maine, effective September 20, 2017:

Representative Heather Sanborn of Portland as a member of the House of Representatives serving on the Committee on Insurance and Financial Services and House Chair
Representative Anne Perry of Calais as a member of the House of Representatives serving on the Committee on Health and Human Services
Representative Robert Foley of Wells as a member of the House of Representatives serving on the Committee on Insurance and Financial Services
Representative Paul Chace of Durham as a member of the House of Representatives serving on the Committee on Health and Human Services
Francis McGinty of Portland to represent the interests of health care providers
Mr. Kevin Lewis of Community Health Options in Lewiston to represent the interests of health insurance carriers
Patricia Riley of Brunswick, Executive Director of the National Academy for State Health Policy to represent the interests of consumers
Daniel Kleban of Freeport, Co-founder and Brewer at Maine Beer Company to represent the interests of employers with fewer than 50 employees

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,

S/Sara Gideon
Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 645

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

October 11, 2017

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

Dear Secretary Priest,

Pursuant to my authority under Title 5, MRSA, Part 30, Ch. 621, §24001.3-B, I am pleased to appoint the following member of the public to seat 9 on the Maine Children's Growth Council, effective October 11, 2017:

Ms. Anastasia Hicks of Brunswick as a parent

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,

S/Sara Gideon
Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 646

**Washington County
Development Authority**

August 21, 2017

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

Dear Speaker Gideon and President Thibodeau:

Pursuant to 5 M.R.S.A., Section 12023, please consider this the letter of transmittal for the required report from the Washington County Development Authority due by September 1, 2017.

The WCDA was incorporated in 2003 with the purpose of redeveloping the former Navy Base in Cutler. Several private developers have attempted to redevelop the commercial side of the base but were unsuccessful. In 2015, Cutler North, LLC gifted the commercial side to the WCDA. The Authority is working to bring the facility back into productive use.

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

Sincerely,

S/Betsy Fitzgerald, Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 647

**MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF PROGRAM EVALUATION AND
GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY**

TO: Honorable Michael Thibodeau, President of the Senate
Honorable Sara Gideon, Speaker of the House
and Democratic and Republican Leaders

FROM: S/Beth L. Ashcroft, Director

DATE: August 28, 2017

RE: Pine Tree Development Zones

Attached please find the final report from the Office of Program Evaluation and Government Accountability on the Pine Tree Development Zones. The report is also available on our website at <http://legislature.maine.gov/opega/opega-reports/9149>. The public comment period on this Report has been scheduled for Monday, September 25, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. in Room 220 Cross Building.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact me.

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.P. 607

**MAINE SENATE
128th LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF THE SENATE**

October 19, 2017

Honorable Michael D. Thibodeau
President of the Senate
128th Legislature

Honorable Sara Gideon
Speaker of the House
128th Legislature

Dear President Thibodeau and Speaker Gideon:

On October 12, 2017, one bill was received by the Secretary of the Senate.

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, this bill was referred to a Joint Standing Committee on October 12, 2017, as follows:

Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

Resolve, Authorizing Certain Land Transactions by the Bureau of Parks and Lands within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 604) (L.D. 1647) (Sponsored by Senator JACKSON of Aroostook) (Cosponsored by Representative MARTIN of Sinclair and Representative WHITE of Washburn) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.)

On October 13, 2017, two bills were received by the Secretary of the Senate.

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, these two bills were referred to a Joint Standing Committee on October 13, 2017, as follows:

Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

Bill "An Act To Amend the Law Recognizing Local Control Regarding Food Systems and Require Compliance with Federal and State Food Safety Regulations" (EMERGENCY) (GOVERNOR'S BILL) (S.P. 605) (L.D. 1648) (Sponsored by Senator JACKSON of Aroostook)

Appropriations and Financial Affairs

Bill "An Act To Provide Funding for Geographic Information System Services" (EMERGENCY) (GOVERNOR'S BILL) (S.P. 606) (L.D. 1649) (Sponsored by Senator HAMPER of Oxford)

Sincerely,

S/Heather J.R. Priest
Secretary of the Senate

S/Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

Sent down for concurrence.

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

Senate at Ease.

The Senate was called to order by the President.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Senate

Ought to Pass

Senator HAMPER for the Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act To Provide Funding for Geographic Information System Services" (EMERGENCY) S.P. 606 L.D. 1649

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

Report **READ and ACCEPTED**.

Under suspension of the Rules, Bill **READ TWICE and PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**.

Ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

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

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: S.C. 683

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

October 20, 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, pursuant to Title 3 M.R.S.A., §154, I am withdrawing my nomination of the Honorable Robert E. Murray, Jr. of Bangor for reappointment as a Justice, Maine Superior Court.

This nomination is currently pending confirmation before the Senate.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

S/Paul R. LePage
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 684

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

October 20, 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, pursuant to Title 3 M.R.S.A., §154, I am withdrawing my nomination of the Honorable MaryGay Kennedy of Brunswick for reappointment as a Justice, Maine Superior Court.

This nomination is currently pending confirmation before the Senate.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

S/Paul R. LePage
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 685

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

October 20, 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, pursuant to Title 3 M.R.S.A., §154, I am withdrawing my nomination of the Honorable Ann M. Murray of Bangor for reappointment as a Justice, Maine Superior Court.

This nomination is currently pending confirmation before the Senate.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

S/Paul R. LePage
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 686

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

October 20, 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, pursuant to Title 3 M.R.S.A., §154, I am withdrawing my nomination of the Honorable Bruce A. Jordan of Veazie for reappointment as a Judge, Maine District Court.

This nomination is currently pending confirmation before the Senate.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

S/Paul R. LePage
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 687

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

October 20, 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, pursuant to Title 3 M.R.S.A., §154, I am withdrawing my nomination of the Honorable Susan E. Oram of Auburn for reappointment as a Judge, Maine District Court.

This nomination is currently pending confirmation before the Senate.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

S/Paul R. LePage
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 689

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

October 23, 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 have rescinded my withdrawal of the nomination of The Honorable Robert E. Murray, Jr. of Bangor for reappointment as a Justice, Maine Superior Court.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

S/Paul R. LePage
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 690

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

October 23, 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 have rescinded my withdrawal of the nomination of The Honorable MaryGay Kennedy of Brunswick for reappointment as a Justice, Maine Superior Court.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

S/Paul R. LePage
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 691

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

October 23, 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 have rescinded my withdrawal of the nomination of The Honorable Ann M. Murray of Bangor for reappointment as a Justice, Maine.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

S/Paul R. LePage
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 692

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

October 23, 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 have rescinded my withdrawal of the nomination of The Honorable Bruce A. Jordan of Veazie for reappointment as a Judge, Maine District Court.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

S/Paul R. LePage
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 693

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

October 23, 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 have rescinded my withdrawal of the nomination of The Honorable Susan E. Oram of Auburn for reappointment as a Judge, Maine District Court.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

S/Paul R. LePage
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

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:

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: S.C. 688

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND
FORESTRY**

October 20, 2017

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

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Section 157, and with Joint Rule 505 of the Maine Legislature, the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry has had under consideration the nomination of Stanley K. Millay of Appleton, for reappointment to the Maine Milk Commission.

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

YEAS	Senators	2	Davis of Piscataquis, Dill of Penobscot
	Representatives	7	Ackley of Monmouth, Black of Wilton, Chapman of Brooksville, Kinney of Knox, Martin of Sinclair, O'Neil of Saco, Skolfield of Weld
NAYS		0	
ABSENT		4	Sen. Saviello of Franklin, Rep. Dunphy of Old Town, Rep. Higgins of Dover-Foxcroft, Rep. McElwee of Caribou

Nine 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 Stanley K. Millay of Appleton, for reappointment to the Maine Milk Commission be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Paul T. Davis
Senate Chair

S/Michelle Ann Dunphy
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall the recommendation of the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** 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 (#472)

YEAS: Senators: None

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

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 35 Senators having voted in the negative, and none being less than two-thirds of the Membership present and voting, it was the vote of the Senate that the Committee's recommendation be **ACCEPTED** and the nomination of **Stanley K. Millay** of Appleton for reappointment to the Maine Milk Commission was **CONFIRMED**.

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

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.

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Senate

Ought to Pass As Amended

Senator DAVIS for the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** on Resolve, Authorizing Certain Land Transactions by the Bureau of Parks and Lands within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry (EMERGENCY)

S.P. 604 L.D. 1647

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-343)**.

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

Resolve **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-343) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Senator DAVIS for the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** on Bill "An Act To Amend the Law Recognizing Local Control Regarding Food Systems and Require Compliance with Federal and State Food Safety Regulations" (EMERGENCY)

S.P. 605 L.D. 1648

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-342)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-342) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

Under suspension of the Rules, Bill **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.

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

House

Divided Report

Five members of the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act To Bring Maine's Ranked-choice Voting Law into Constitutional Compliance"

H.P. 1137 L.D. 1646

Reported in Report "A" that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-567)**.

Signed:

Senator:
CARPENTER of Aroostook

Representatives:
CASÁS of Rockport
HICKMAN of Winthrop
MONAGHAN of Cape Elizabeth
SCHNECK of Bangor

Four members of the same Committee on the same subject reported in Report "B" that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "B" (H-568)**.

Signed:

Senator:
COLLINS of York

Representatives:
DILLINGHAM of Oxford
FARRIN of Norridgewock
HANINGTON of Lincoln

Two members of the same Committee on the same subject reported in Report "C" that the same **Ought Not to Pass**.

Signed:

Senator:
MASON of Androscoggin

Representative:
WHITE of Washburn

One member of the same Committee on the same subject reported in Report "D" that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "C" (H-569)**.

Signed:

Representative:
LUCHINI of Ellsworth

Comes from the House with Report "A" **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-567) READ and ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-567)**.

Reports **READ**.

Senator **MASON** of Androscoggin moved the Senate **ACCEPT** Report "B" **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "B" (H-568)**, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

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

Senator **CARPENTER:** Mr. President, thank you. Men and women of the Senate, obviously we now have Ranked-choice Voting before us again, a referendum that was passed last November. Before I continue I'd request that somebody in support of Report "B" could explain to the Senate exactly what Report "B" will do.

THE PRESIDENT: The Senator from Aroostook, Senator Carpenter, has posed a question through the Chair to anyone who cares to respond. The Chair recognizes the Senator from York, Senator Collins.

Senator **COLLINS:** I rise in support of Amendment "B". Thank you, Mr. President. I am in support of Amendment "B". The committee worked diligently on this matter a couple of weeks ago and as you can see we got four reports. My position would be quite simply to move Amendment "B". This will delay the implementation of Ranked-choice Voting until December of 2021 unless the Maine Constitution is amended to allow Ranked-choice Voting. If the Maine Constitution is not amended by that time, which is quite a bit of time, the laws governing Ranked-choice Voting will be repealed. In my opinion, this is the best option in front of us here today.

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

Senator **CARPENTER:** Thank you, Mr. President. My thanks to the Senator from York, Senator Collins. We had an all-day public hearing on L.D. 1646 about ten days ago. We had dozens and dozens of Maine citizens come before the Legal and Veterans Affairs Committee and give their opinion, almost to a person, in favor of 1646, or some version thereof. None of whom would have testified in favor of any repeal of Ranked-choice Voting which, in fact, is what Committee Amendment "B" will do if, in fact, it is contingent upon the passage of a Constitutional Amendment within four years. I would suggest that acceptance of Report "B" would fly directly in the face of the 388,000 plus people of Maine who voted for Ranked-choice Voting last

November. As I've already said on the floor of the Senate last spring, I wasn't a supporter of Ranked-choice Voting. I do support the concept of it, to bring civility, or some civility, into our political process, but it's cumbersome. It's not neat. The Devil's in the details, literally, and in the implementation. I would request the Senate to oppose the pending motion and then I would, if that in fact were to be defeated, then there are other reports that I would be glad to talk about at that point. Mr. President, I request that when the vote be taken it be taken with the yeas and nays.

On motion by Senator **CARPENTER** of Aroostook, 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 York, Senator Collins.

Senator **COLLINS:** Thank you, Mr. President. My apologies for rising again but I feel compelled to. One of the things that we haven't mentioned yet this afternoon is the fact that when Ranked-choice Voting was first considered by the Legislature in its early stages Maine's Attorney General came forward and said, quite simply, it's not Constitutional. We have a system that's been in place for nearly 200 years, when Maine became a state. Members of the Legislature, members of Congress, are elected by a plurality of the vote, not Ranked-choice Voting. I have to say that if we put in place Ranked-choice Voting it's going to be a huge expense, additional expenses to conduct these election day proceedings. That was one of the motives I had in the back of my mind was simply cost savings and doing what Maine has done for, like I said previously, nearly 200 years. So that was my reasoning behind Amendment "B", to give interested parties plenty of time to go through the normal procedure of changing Maine's Constitution, whereas a bill is submitted to the Legislature, goes to the committee of jurisdiction, there's a public hearing, a work session on the bill. If it's successful it moves on to the full Body of House and Senate. There it is deliberated. If they get a 2/3 vote from both Chambers, then it moves on to the next stage, and that is a vote by the citizens of Maine. That's how we've always amended Maine's Constitution. Quite frankly, I think we should continue doing it that same way. Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator **DIAMOND:** Thank you, Mr. President and ladies and gentlemen of the Senate. I'm rising to support Report B because of the delay that's part of this report, a significant part of this report. This is not a time for us to really focus on whether or not we agree with Ranked-choice Voting. Some of us do. Some of us don't. We've gone beyond that with the question that's before us. We tried to amend the Constitution to fix it. That didn't happen. It didn't even come close. Another choice we have is to leave it as is. That would be totally irresponsible to leave something on the books that we know is going to be unconstitutional. We could ask for a dual election. We could make dual elections, but Report B does not entertain that. You know, Maine's election history has been really one to admire. It's been smooth overall. It's been well done, and that is not by accident. It's hundreds and thousands of people around this state that work on these elections every year, not to mention the

Secretary of State, who, by the way, has eight people plus Julie Flynn. Not a big force of folks. Their job is to anticipate every possible problem. Understand every election, statewide election, is different. No two are the same. It takes special training, special planning, security for sure, volunteers. Signature gatherers are always different; and then, of course, you have the infusion of new people, new questions, unanticipated turn outs, machine failure, ballots are often different, sometimes not enough and you have to really scramble around to make all that work, and, amongst all of that, there is this enormous pressure from the entire state population to get it right. There's very little tolerance for - or room for mistakes; but mistakes happen. Errors happen. After all of that work, everyone comes together and makes it come together very, very well.

Now, now what we're going to say to them, if we don't do Report B, is, "Oh, by the way, we have a totally separate, different election system we want you to put on top of that and run that at the same time." Totally separate. Oh, and Report B also considers the fact that we have 240 towns, thereabouts, that have no electronic counting. So guess what? Those ballots are going to be hand-counted. And if you stop and think of the permutations the Secretary of State has to work out on this, if you have ten candidates, it has to be 10 times 9 times 8 times 7 times 6 times 5 times 4 times 3 times 2 times 1. Over 360 million possibilities for ten candidates.

Mr. President, ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, I really would ask you to consider Report B because it does not allow the dual, two different systems, at the same time, and given the mistakes that happen, honest mistakes - look at Long Island a short time ago. One packet, one packet of votes misplaced, and the accusations and the politicizing. All the things around that election and people who really didn't make a mistake were accused of all sorts of things. Imagine that now statewide. Let me ask you this, too. Picture, if you will, a recount of the system which Report B will give time to consider and to maybe try to work out. For us to put this mother of all nightmares on our local clerks and volunteers and ballot clerks would be unreasonable, unfair, and I would ask you to consider that carefully. If you can go to your town clerk and you can say to him or her, "Look, I know all about elections. I know all about State elections. I can answer all your questions. Don't worry about it. It's going to be good," - if you can do that, then I would suggest that we think very carefully about not supporting Report B. My concerns are the logistics, the local logistics, that go with anything but Report B. So, ladies and gentlemen and Mr. President, I would ask you, please, to consider that so that we can - if we're going to do this, we do it right. Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator **MIRAMANT:** Thank you, Mr. President. Men and women of the Senate, I admire that the former Secretary of State has strong feelings for the process and understands it well, but I'd like to remind him that he took on challenges and met them and that the current Secretary of State has said that they will meet this challenge. We don't stand here and listen to arguments that say, 'You know, this would be hard.' Civil rights, would be hard to change things. Different laws. I won't go into all of them, but we listen to the merits of changing them and then we meet the challenge of changing them. We meet it monetarily. We meet it with labor that's necessary to do it. That's what we do. So when

we consider something we should consider: does the department that has to deal with it think that it can be done. That's what we've heard, that it can be. I know the election clerks in Knox County can deal with it. They rise to any challenge that they are faced with. The example of Long Island is pointed out. It's something that happened when we didn't have Ranked-choice Voting. This is not something to ignore. Citizen's referendum. Enough people spoke that we need to be listening to that and I haven't heard any of the agencies involved say that it would be impossible to do, just that it would be hard, and these are the kind of people that stay in our state government and rise to the top - the people who can meet challenges and do over and over and over. You call Secretary of State Dunlap, you know that and you've all talked to him. So thank you.

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

Senator **BREEN:** Thank you, Mr. President. I just have a slight correction of the record. A mistake that happened in the 2014 election did not happen on Long Island. It happened in a recount. Everything went very smoothly on Long Island and the error happened in the recount here in Augusta. I want to make sure that's on the record. Thank you.

THE PRESIDENT: So noted. The pending question before the Senate is Acceptance of Report "B", in non-concurrence. If you are in favor of accepting Report "B" you will be voting yes. If you are opposed you will be voting no. Is the Senate ready for the question?

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#473)

YEAS: Senators: BRAKEY, COLLINS, CUSHING, CYRWAY, DAVIS, DIAMOND, DOW, HAMPER, HILL, KATZ, KEIM, LANGLEY, MAKER, MASON, ROSEN, VOLK, WHITTEMORE, WOODSOME, PRESIDENT THIBODEAU

NAYS: Senators: BELLOWS, BREEN, CARPENTER, CARSON, CHENETTE, CHIPMAN, DESCHAMBAULT, DILL, DION, GRATWICK, JACKSON, LIBBY, MILLETT, MIRAMANT, SAVIELLO, VITELLI

19 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 16 Senators having voted in the negative, the motion by Senator **MASON** of Androscoggin to **ACCEPT** Report "**B**" **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "B" (H-568)**, in **NON-CONCURRENCE, PREVAILED.**

Bill **READ ONCE.**

Committee Amendment "B" (H-568) **READ** and **ADOPTED.**

Under suspension of the Rules, Bill **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "B" (H-568)**, in **NON-CONCURRENCE.**

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.

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

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

House Paper

Bill "An Act To Delay Further the Implementation of Certain Portions of the Marijuana Legalization Act" (EMERGENCY)
H.P. 1140 L.D. 1651

Joint Select Committee on **MARIJUANA LEGALIZATION IMPLEMENTATION** suggested and ordered printed.

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

Senator **KATZ** of Kennebec moved the Bill and accompanying papers be **INDEFINITELY POSTPONED**, in concurrence.

On motion by Senator **DAVIS** of Piscataquis, 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 Kennebec, Senator Cyrway.

Senator **CYRWAY:** Thank you, Mr. President. I just wanted to see if there's anyone who had a clarification on this moratorium?

THE PRESIDENT: The Senator from Kennebec, Senator Cyrway, is seeking clarification on the moratorium that is in L.D. 1651. The Chair recognizes the Senator from Kennebec, Senator Katz.

Senator **KATZ:** Thank you, Mr. President. Men and women of the Senate, the answer to your question - to the question from the good Senator from Kennebec is I don't know what this moratorium means. I don't - I've read it. It refers to L.D. 88, which was a separate bill passed by this Body some months ago. If we were to pass this moratorium I don't know if it means we've got a moratorium on rulemaking starting or if it's a moratorium on the promulgation of rules or if it's a moratorium on the beginning of licensing or the granting of licensing. It is unclear, at least to

this Senator, exactly what the moratorium means. The second reason I would be voting in favor of the pending motion is, and a question for any one, to what end if we pass the moratorium? To what end? So what, so the bill can go back to the committee and we can try to redo our work? To what end? Unless someone can answer both of those questions, I would hope that people would support the pending motion. Thank you.

THE PRESIDENT: The pending question is Indefinite Postponement of L.D. 1651. If you are in favor of Indefinite Postponement you will be voting yes. If you are opposed you will be voting no. Is the Senate ready for the question?

The Chair noted the absence of the Senator from Androscoggin, Senator **LIBBY**, the Senator from Sagadahoc, Senator **VITELLI**, the Senator from Cumberland, Senator **CARSON**, and the Senator from Cumberland, Senator **CHIPMAN**, and further excused the same Senators from today's Roll Call votes.

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#474)

YEAS: Senators: BELLOWS, BRAKEY, BREEN, CARPENTER, CHENETTE, DESCHAMBAULT, DIAMOND, DILL, DION, DOW, GRATWICK, HILL, JACKSON, KATZ, KEIM, MAKER, MILLETT, MIRAMANT, ROSEN, VOLK, WOODSOME

NAYS: Senators: COLLINS, CUSHING, CYRWAY, DAVIS, HAMPER, LANGLEY, MASON, SAVIELLO, WHITTEMORE, PRESIDENT THIBODEAU

EXCUSED: Senators: CARSON, CHIPMAN, LIBBY, VITELLI

21 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 10 Senators having voted in the negative, with 4 Senators being excused, the motion by Senator **KATZ** of Kennebec to **INDEFINITELY POSTPONE** the Bill and accompanying papers, in concurrence, **PREVAILED**.

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 Measure

An Act To Amend the Law Recognizing Local Control Regarding Food Systems and Require Compliance with Federal and State Food Safety Regulations

S.P. 605 L.D. 1648
(C "A" S-342)

This being an Emergency Measure and having received the affirmative vote of 31 Members of the Senate, with no Senator having voted in the negative, and 31 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 Measure

An Act To Provide Funding for Geographic Information System Services

S.P. 606 L.D. 1649

This being an Emergency Measure and having received the affirmative vote of 30 Members of the Senate, with 1 Senator having voted in the negative, and 30 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.

**Pursuant to Constitution
Public Land - Emergency**

Resolve, Authorizing Certain Land Transactions by the Bureau of Parks and Lands within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

S.P. 604 L.D. 1647
(C "A" S-343)

In accordance with the provisions of Article IX, Section 23 of the Constitution, passage requires the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the entire elected Membership of the Senate. 31 Senators having voted in the affirmative and no Senator having voted in the negative, and 31 being more than two-thirds of the entire elected Membership of the Senate, this Resolve 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.

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

House

Divided Report

Fifteen members of the Joint Select Committee on **MARIJUANA LEGALIZATION IMPLEMENTATION** on Bill "An Act To Amend the Marijuana Legalization Act" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 1139 L.D. 1650

Reported in Report "A" that the same **Ought to Pass pursuant to Joint Order 2017, H.P. 96.**

Signed:

Senators:

KATZ of Kennebec
 DESCHAMBAULT of York
 DION of Cumberland
 MAKER of Washington
 ROSEN of Hancock

Representatives:

PIERCE of Falmouth
 ACKLEY of Monmouth
 BICKFORD of Auburn
 BLUME of York
 FREY of Bangor
 HARVELL of Farmington
 JORGENSEN of Portland
 MAREAN of Hollis
 MONAGHAN of Cape Elizabeth
 PERKINS of Oakland

One member of the same Committee on the same subject reported in Report "B" that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended pursuant to Joint Order 2017, H.P. 96 by Committee Amendment "A" (H-570).**

Signed:

Representative:

COREY of Windham

One member of the same Committee on the same subject reported in Report "C" that the same **Ought Not to Pass pursuant to Joint Order 2017, H.P. 96.**

Signed:

Representative:

HICKMAN of Winthrop

Comes from the House with Report "A" **OUGHT TO PASS PURSUANT TO JOINT ORDER 2017, H.P. 96 READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED.**

Reports **READ.**

Senator **KATZ** of Kennebec moved the Senate **ACCEPT** Report "**A**" **OUGHT TO PASS PURSUANT TO JOINT ORDER 2017, H.P. 96.**

On further motion by same Senator, 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 Kennebec, Senator Katz.

Senator **KATZ:** Thank you, Mr. President. Men and women of the Senate, I know the hour is late but I wanted to take a few minutes to explain the work of the committee on this bill so there would be no misunderstanding about what it is that we are voting on here tonight. Back last year the voters went to the polls and legalized the possession and growing of small amounts of marijuana for Maine citizens. You may have voted for it. You may have voted against it, as I did. But now, Mr. President, it's time to make it work. The Presiding Officers appointed a committee, the Marijuana Legalization Implementation Committee, to ensure that the new legal industry would be intelligently regulated, controlled, and taxed to protect the public health and the public safety. It was my honor to work with Senator Dion, Senator Deschambault, Senator Maker, and Senator Rosen on this legislation. I wanted to briefly describe the process we went through to highlight the key points of the bill and to frame the choice we have before us this evening.

First of all, Mr. President, in terms of process. This was a 17 member committee. Larger than most committees are. Republicans, Democrats, and Independents. It ran the gamut of people who had actively worked for passage of this referendum, to those who would actively work to kill this referendum. We worked over eight months. We had extensive public hearings, dozens of them. Excuse me, dozens of meetings. A couple of long public hearings. Heard from over 100 people. We solicited the best information we could get from all the various stakeholders involved, as well as any experts we could find within the industry, within public health, within public safety, and tax. The Chairs and the Leads traveled to Colorado. Spent days meeting with elected officials and regulators in that state to better understand what had gone well for them and what hadn't. We constantly referred to the experience in Washington State and Oregon and Colorado and other states which have gone before us in this endeavor. We discussed. We debated. We listened, and eventually ended up taking dozens of votes and the product of that eight months is before you in L.D. 1650.

Just to mention, Mr. President, a few of the highlights of the bill, from our perspective. First of all, again, the concept here is that people are going to choose to use marijuana. They are going to be able to access it in a well-licensed, well-regulated, safe, lawful, and appropriately taxed environment and not have to go to the black market any more to buy. Secondly, it was important to us that we provided an entrepreneurial edge to Maine people as we enter into this new endeavor and we put a two year residence requirement on anybody who wants to apply for any licenses here, whether it be cultivation or product production or retail sales. We put a sunset on that, but we want to give Maine people the first shot at this and we've kept the size of the various businesses, particularly in cultivation, down low, particularly at the lower ends, so that this could have something of a cottage

industry feel to it, at least for those who want to be involved at that level. Third, we very much respected the concept of local control here. The idea that local communities ought to be able to decide for themselves, in the commercial market, if they even want to be participants of this; if they want to allow commercial cultivation or production of eatables or retail stores within their community, and we have made that an opt-in process. There's been some discussion about why opt-in. The reason is really very, very simple. We've tried to treat marijuana as much as we can as we treat alcohol in the State of Maine and decisions communities reach about alcohol has always been opt-in. A community has to decide yes, we want to allow bars, or we want to allow liquor stores in our community. We've honored that same principle here with local control. Fourth, we've tried to do everything we can to make sure that this product, which is now legal, is going to be kept out of the hands of kids. And we've done that through restrictions on advertising, on keeping any establishments 1,000 feet away from schools, by requiring tamper proof packaging, by putting restrictions on shapes of eatables. There aren't going to be any gummy bears. There aren't going to be any animal shaped anything. There aren't going to be any animal pictures on the cover. We're doing everything we can to try to keep it out of the hands of kids and we're devoting at least a small portion of the tax revenues to public health efforts, particular with respect to marijuana and particularly focused on youth. Lastly, we are cognoscente of the potential increased public safety issues that legalization presents to us, particularly in impaired driving. We put some money aside for law enforcement, particularly for them to train additional drug recognition officers to help keep our roads safe.

We set up a tax system, which involved an excise tax and a sales tax. An excise tax just like every other state which, I believe, which has legalized marijuana and also a sales tax. We've tried to find the sweet spot on taxation. We think we're right there in the middle between states which tax less than we are proposing and states which tax more than we are proposing. We don't want to tax too much because then you just drive people back to the black market. We hope we found that sweet spot.

So that's where we are. Where are we tonight? We have a choice. You're going to get to vote for this bill. You're going to get to vote against this bill. By the way, the bill's not perfect. Seventeen of us were there. Fifteen of us voted for it. There were compromises. There were things in the bill I didn't vote for. I think the only one who always got his way was Senator Dion, but other than that most of us had to make concessions at some point along the way. But this bill will be changed. We set up an advisory committee going forward so that we'll be able to watch the roll-out of this new industry and we'll be able to make changes in this bill going forward. I have no doubt that ten years from now this will look quite a bit different than it looks today. But what is the choice tonight, Mr. President? We can vote for the bill or you can vote no. I just want folks to have their eyes wide open as you consider the consequences of a no vote, because if we do vote no it doesn't mean that marijuana goes away. It doesn't make - mean it's illegal. Some of you might want it to happen that way. It doesn't mean that at all. We'll just go back to the initial 28 pages of the initial Marijuana Legalization Act - I'll give anybody \$20 in here, other than Senator Dion because I know he worked on it, \$20 to anybody who read the thing before the vote at the polls. Nobody read it. But let me tell you some things that will happen if we go back to those 28 pages. I suggest we'll be voting for chaos. We'll be voting for confusion and we'll be throwing -

we'll be putting oxygen onto the fire of the black market. Gone will be many of the safeguards that we spent all this time working on. All the things we've done to try to keep marijuana out of the hands of kids will be gone. All the money we set aside for drug recognition officers gone. All the protections we put in for communities gone. We prohibited home deliveries. That will be allowed if this bill goes down. We prohibited drive-through windows. That'll be gone if you vote no on this bill. We eliminated internet sales. That'll be gone. You'll be able to sell this within 100 feet of a school if this is gone. We put in a 1,000 feet limit. That will be gone if you vote no on this. All the money we have put aside for public health and for public safety will be gone if this is voted down. The protections we put in for children, the tamper proof packaging, the gummy bear prohibition, the prohibition on pictures of animals, and all the rest. All those things will be gone. We put in this bill some pretty significant limits on personal grow. Everybody can grow up to six plants under the law and that will continue, but where the diversion has been taking place has been apartment houses with 20 people in them now can theoretically grow 120 plants, or Farmer Brown, who has 100 acres, who can now set up a co-op and have 100 people on there with 600 plants and the police can't figure out where all that is going. We've said no. We said a limit of 12 plants per premises, and 18 plants if a town votes to extend to that, because we want to go slow, and that's the one thing they told us in Colorado we ought to do. That's where the diversion takes place. That's addressed in our bill and it's not addressed in the underlying bill if you vote no today. Some of the nonsense that we are seeing out there now. You can get free marijuana but there's going to be a \$150 delivery fee. That's, technically, I guess, maybe within the law now. But we've made it clear. You're not going to get away with those kinds of shenanigans any more if this thing passes, and that will be gone.

The debate on legalization of this substance is over for now. That is in the rearview mirror. Our job, I would suggest, is to pass a bill which protects public health, which protects public safety, and which protects our communities. Your colleagues on this committee suggest that that bill is before you tonight and we hope it will have your support. Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator **CYRWAY:** Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, I stand before you today to implore you to take another look at the marijuana issue. We are on the brink of a disaster but if we act responsibly now we can save Maine from a nightmare. It is understandable that many people in Maine still think that marijuana is nothing to worry about. Millions of dollars have been spent promoting the idea that marijuana is soft and recreational. That is - that it is safe, that they think it's safe. Please believe me that I tell you it is not safe. It is a very dangerous drug. As a DARE officer, patrol deputy, and assistant jail administrator for many years, I have seen first-hand how destructive marijuana is. I have seen young people emotionally devastated by it. I remember a young woman, I shall call Suzie. When I first met her she was a lovely soul with sparkling eyes, happy, and overflowing with life. Then she got involved with marijuana and when she - when I saw her again her eyes were sad, it was empty, and she said she felt lost and scared because of the drug. Suzie is not an isolated case. In 2014, Dr. Wayne Hall completed a 20 year study for the World Health Organization

that showed conclusively that marijuana greatly increases the changes of serious mental disorders, including schizophrenia. It is playing Russian roulette with one's mind. I do not exaggerate when I say that many lives have been ruined by this supposedly benign drug. I know people who have used marijuana just once and had a terrifying experience. The famous example is Maureen Dowd, a commentator for the New York Times. She went to Colorado three years ago and tried marijuana. She wrote about her experience in a column in the Times in which she said, and I quote, "I felt a scary shudder go through my body and brain. I barely made it from the desk to the bed where I laid curled up in a hallucinatory state for the next eight hours. I was thirsty but couldn't move to get water or even turn off the lights. I was panting and paranoid, sure that when the room service waiter knocked and I didn't answer he'd call the police and have me arrested for being unable to handle my candy. I strained to remember where I was or even what I was wearing. Touching my green corduroy jeans and staring at the exposed brick wall, as my paranoia deepened I became convinced that I had died and no one was telling me. It took all night before it began to wear off distressingly slowly."

Some of you may agree that marijuana is dangerous, but may hesitate to go against the will of the people. I can understand the sentiment, but in this particular case other factors take precedence. First, the vote was only 50.2% in favor, 49.8% opposed. Hardly a mandate. Secondly, legalizing marijuana puts Maine in violation of federal law. No small matter. The taxes have to be a cash deal. It can't go into a bank. The federal guidelines - the minute you put that money into a bank - so let's just say you, as a person, has used marijuana and you are selling it or whatever and you get some tax money to put towards the State and you take that tax money over to your town. The town has to count it out in cash bills and then where do they take it? They can't take it to a bank. If they do they're going to say, 'What was this for?' If they say it's from marijuana now an investigation goes into place because it's a federal law, you cannot use marijuana money. No other tax in Maine is like that. Maine becomes an illegal drug dealer, federally. Third, the most important, you and I, here in the Senate, have a sworn duty to protect Maine's citizens, especially young people, from anything dangerous. The evidence is overwhelming that marijuana is not safe. Even the Governor of Colorado stated in his own words that there was a mistake to bring it to Colorado. The Maine Legislature has the legal authority to vote to resend the recent referendum. I'm a Republican but this is not a Democrat versus Republican issue. The DEA, under President Obama, last year refused to lower the classification of marijuana and affirmed it would keep it a Schedule 1 drug, citing its known dangers. The THC levels have risen from 3% in the 1960s to currently up in the 80% and 90%, which is now considered almost hashish, not marijuana. It's in liquid form, liquid marijuana, and they put it in e-cigarettes and they smoke them like bombs and they get an extreme high. This is not just a cigarette. It used to be, when I was in DARE class back in the 90's, one cigarette equaled - one joint equaled 16 cigarettes. Sixteen cigarettes. They claim the person that smoked a pack a day took 15 years off their life with cigarettes. Can you imagine what it does with marijuana? When they take a deep breath of that marijuana and they hold it in their lungs and then they let it out, they go, 'Ummm, good hit man.' What they're telling you is they just had a small heart attack because their heart goes into defibrillation and causes scar tissue.

The false message that pot is okay is what we're giving our kids. I feel uncomfortable about voting for this bill. It doesn't even give you choices. The work that they did, I give them credit for all the work they did, but there was no thought in getting rid of marijuana. It was just saying, and I quote, "Debate is over." It is not over until you decide to vote for this and say, 'Ya, let's go along with it,' and now we're saying it's okay because we're just taking and governing this. We cannot do that anymore. We have to look at how serious this is, we're putting on our children. I beg you to rethink this. Do not give us a world in which our children will grow up thinking that using marijuana is normal. For the safety of our citizens, please join me in doing what is right for Maine and vote to make marijuana illegal. Thank you, Mr. President.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Franklin, Senator Saviello.

Senator **SAVIELLO:** Thank you, Mr. President. Mr. President, I'd like to pose a question through the Chair.

THE PRESIDENT: The Senator may proceed.

Senator **SAVIELLO:** Thank you, Mr. President. Mr. President, I will have a series of about six questions because I have read this bill and I'd like to get into the details, if I may. So I'll start with the first question, which builds on the good Senator Cyrway's question. I appreciate the effort to answer that, but it's a long question. The question is: right now, and let me set the stage, a medicinal marijuana grower cannot deposit his money in a FDIC bank. He has to pay cash. Can a town, yes, collect the taxes as pointed out in the blue sheet come out, deposit that money in the bank and, therefore, write a check from it? That's my first question. Thank you, Mr. President.

THE PRESIDENT: The Senator from Franklin, Senator Saviello, has posed a question through the Chair to anyone who may choose to respond. The Chair recognizes the Senator from Kennebec, Senator Katz.

Senator **KATZ:** You know, when you're setting up a regulated industry in a way the last thing you want is to have it be a cash business, but that is what we're stuck with because of the federal rules. Right now, in response to the question, we have a medical marijuana market, which has been in existence for years, which has exactly the same problems that the good Senator describes. Medical marijuana providers paying property taxes on property that they're using to grow medical marijuana and, yes, towns have accepted that money. They've worked through their banks and life seems to have gone on. Also, under the dictates of the so-called Cole Amendment, which is a federal guidance on how the federal government intends to deal with these things, there are some guidelines in there which have allowed at least a number of Maine credit unions, and at least one bank that I'm aware of, to start taking cash from medical marijuana operators and doing so in a way which they, at least, do not run afoul of federal law. I suspect the same thing will happen here and that the system of banking will develop, develop slowly, just as it has with medical.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Franklin, Senator Saviello.

Senator **SAVIELLO**: Thank you, Mr. President. Mr. President, I will address some of these things as I've also done my homework on these. My second question lies in the fact that many towns, such as mine, asked for federal grants. Will they be able to continue to ask for those federal grants if, in fact, they are taking marijuana money, which is illegal at the federal level? Thank you, Mr. President.

THE PRESIDENT: The Senator from Franklin, Senator Saviello, has posed a question through the Chair to anyone who may choose to respond. The Chair recognizes the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Dion.

Senator **DION**: Thank you, Mr. President. It's a pleasure to take questions from my good friend from Franklin County. He seems well prepared and a whole list of interrogatories to present to us this evening. Let me just go back up to the banking question first. It's a horrible hypothetical, right. You can go anywhere and find the answer you're looking for, Senator. The truth of the matter is in 2014, just like the blue paper articulates, the Financial Crime Center for the Department of Treasury issued guidelines to financial institutions. It's a SAR Report. That's not outlined in that blue paper. Suspicious Activity Report. What it asks the financial institution is if it takes in money, not just from drug activity, but if I were a bootlegger or I dealt in any type of contraband material and I brought my money and they discovered that I was involved in that kind of criminal conduct, they have to make an investigation before they take my money. That's to make sure that they don't become unwitting money launders to my criminal enterprise. That's the purpose, and the burden it places on the bank is the same burden that your municipality will confront if it issues licenses for marijuana. It's whether or not they want to exercise the due diligence required to participate in that transaction. Some banks have decided, because of the fact that they service customers across many state lines, that they don't want to be involved in that business. I opened up a campaign account recently. The second question after my name was, 'Are you engaged in marijuana money transactions?' Right. I chuckled and said, 'No.' But I've taken money from people involved in the marijuana industry in my role as an attorney, but I didn't take money inside a marijuana transaction. It's the same here. If the Town of Wilton decides the risk is too high, they don't have the resources to explore what they need to explore to determine that they're actually going to provide financial services to a legitimate business, they can simply say what many banks have already enunciated, 'We're not interested in that business. It's not in our best interest and we don't want to do the work necessary.' At the same time, Senator, Mr. President, there are institutions who see this as an investment opportunity for their shareholders or their stakeholders and have provided those services. So, I think that's the short answer that I can give you. It's a difficult road for financial institutions. I think it's okay. If I'm going in to pay taxes, as far as the municipality is concerned they're receiving tax money. It's a footnote, but an interesting one. The current federal tax form provides for the reality that if you engage in the sale and transfer of marijuana products you are actually supposed to declare that to the IRS despite the fact that there could be Fifth Amendment problems with other parts of the federal government in your declaration, but you can get a stamp from the federal tax people to cover you on your obligations in the sale and transfer of marijuana. So the U.S. government is more

than willing to take their marijuana money if you're so willing to give it up and I think the Town of Wilton or Farmington or Portland can do the same. Thank you, Mr. President.

Off Record Remarks

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Franklin, Senator Saviello.

Senator **SAVIELLO**: Thank you, Mr. President. My third question: in the bill, if you've read it, you have the word 'natural' in there.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Penobscot, Senator Cushing.

Senator **CUSHING**: Thank you, Mr. President. What do the rules say about a member addressing the Body more than three times?

THE PRESIDENT: The Senator from Franklin, Senator Saviello, has indicated his desire to have as many as six questions answered. The Chair would advise the Senator from Penobscot, Senator Cushing, that I intend to allow him to ask his six questions. I hope that folks will be as succinct as possible so that they clearly can answer the question in as quick a time period as possible. The Chair recognizes the Senator from Franklin, Senator Saviello.

Senator **SAVIELLO**: Thank you, Mr. President. In my 15 years no one has asked anyone how many questions they want to ask and I think these are critical to be defined if we're going to vote tonight. My second question - third question is very simple. The work 'natural individual' is used throughout the bill. Can someone please define 'natural individual' please? Or 'natural person'.

THE PRESIDENT: The Senator from Franklin, Senator Saviello, has posed another question to anyone who may choose to respond. The Chair recognizes the Senator from Kennebec, Senator Katz.

Senator **KATZ**: I observe it might have been helpful to have these in advance of now. But in any event, a 'natural person' refers to a person, as I understand it, as opposed to a corporation or a LLC or some other artificially created business entity.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Franklin, Senator Saviello.

Senator **SAVIELLO**: Thank you, Mr. President. Mr. President, I think my next question was partially answered, however, does it say anywhere in there that Citizens United does not apply?

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

Senator **KATZ**: I suppose if Citizens United wants to apply for a cultivation license they probably could do so.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Franklin, Senator Saviello.

Senator **SAVIELLO:** My last question. Mr. President, I'm glad my good friend from Kennebec reminded me. The definition of resident. Where is it and what is it in the bill?

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

Senator **KATZ:** The concept of what a resident is is a well litigated concept throughout Maine case law. Generally it means that somebody is residing in the state with an intention to remain therein.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Androscoggin, Senator Brakey.

Senator **BRAKEY:** Thank you, Mr. President. Seems like ages ago that I initially hit my request to speak light. So I guess we all have a lot to say here. I'll keep my comments - I'll try to keep them uncharacteristically brief. You know, I just say, you know, thankfully we've had a lot of down time today because I wanted to have the final opportunity to go through the entire bill, and I did today. I wanted to make sure I didn't miss any details. All 76 pages here. You know, I have to say I am, at this point, I don't think there's any way I could vote where I could say that I knew with 100% certainty that I was making the right choice because, I'll tell you, there are some things that I very much like in this bill and some things that give me some real heartburn. You know, I think probably, at least on this side of the aisle in the Senate, I think I'm probably the only member who, at least publicly, supported the referendum when - on this side of the aisle when it was up for vote last November. For me, that was personal. I just think that adults have the right to make their own choices in their own lives and I think it's a good thing to take cannabis off the streets and put it behind the counter where people are asked for I.D. But in 2016, when we voted to pass - when the Maine people voted on adult use cannabis, we were one of four states that passed that, along with California, Massachusetts, and Nevada. At this point, we all started at the same starting block and yet we're kind of in last place right now when it comes to implementing - implementing the will of the voters in a timely way. I think there are certainly some very real imperfections in this bill, some things that give me real heartburn, especially some restrictions on people's freedoms. I would much rather - I'd like to see lifted and will continue working for that in the future. But as of right now, I think this is probably the best starting point we can - I think this is the best starting point we can have right now, realistically, and I think it is time to get started. I think it is time to implement the will of Maine voters.

And I do just want to respond to one very quick thing that was brought up from - by my good friend and colleague from Kennebec County. The question about where implementing this falls in place with federal law. You know, I keep my pocket Constitution on me at all times. I don't think that surprises people. I just want to very quickly read, you know, the Tenth Amendment of the United States Constitution. As we're looking to implement - implement a law that some will say, well, conflicts with federal law. The Tenth Amendment of the United States Constitution reads: 'The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution nor prohibited by it to the States are reserved to the

State's respectively or to the people.' If you look through the U.S. Constitution, I don't think anyone - at least no one has been able to point out to me anywhere in plain language where the people of and the states of this country ever gave the federal government the constitutional authority to prohibit cannabis. So this is a State decision. This is something that should be decided by the people of Maine and I'm glad that we have this opportunity right now, today, to move forward and start implementing their will. Thank you very much, Mr. President.

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

Senator **BREEN:** Thank you, Mr. President. I'd like to pose a question through the Chair.

THE PRESIDENT: The Senator may proceed.

Senator **BREEN:** Thank you. I'd like to check my understanding, Mr. President. I believe that the report before us makes sure that municipalities across Maine have control over how to license recreational marijuana in their towns. My concern is if the current motion is defeated that the towns in my district, and any other towns in Maine, would have to take affirmative action to prohibit recreational marijuana facilities in their town, whereas the pending motion requires towns to affirmatively opt-in. I would like some clarification on that issue. Thank you.

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

Senator **KATZ:** Thank you, Mr. President. I thank my good colleague for the question. This was an important part of our debate. I think that the first concept here that was important was we needed to answer that question definitively, one way or the other, so the rules of the game would be very well defined and very well known. If you don't pass this, in the original bill it does talk about local control but it is far from clear, as I read it at least, exactly what that means; whether it is an opt-in or an opt-out. I believe that there is some ambiguity about that under the existing MLI that was attached to the referendum question. So, again, we thought important, I think I'm speaking for the committee, so that if somebody were taking a look at the - if your town or the town of any citizen of the State of Maine, they'd be able to say, 'I can do business in Falmouth,' 'I can do business in Yarmouth,' 'I can't do business in Augusta,' or 'I can't do business in Vassalboro,' and they would know at least where these businesses are welcomed and where they are not welcomed. So we had a choice again to do an opt-in or an opt-out and we chose opt-in for the reason that it most closely mirrors alcohol. That's why we did it. We think it was the right way to go and the Maine Municipal Association, which, of course, they're constituency is all the towns and cities that are looking for some clarity, they are supportive of this concept. Thank you.

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

Senator **BELLOWS:** Just briefly. I wanted to correct Senator Brakey and say that there's more than one Senator in this Chamber that voted for legalization. I think the committee's done

an excellent job in negotiating many competing interests and I'll stop there, it's late.

Off Record Remarks

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

Senator **MIRAMANT:** Thank you, Mr. President. Men and women of the Senate, to my colleague who raised a couple of questions that even asked for answers, I share his concern for protecting the population. One of the things I had heard about, since we're not citing anything, we're just telling stories, is that somebody was trying to drive a study that would prove that marijuana was as harmful as cigarettes or many times worse. It turned out that it had so many medicinal properties that it didn't increase cancer, lung cancer, or anything else. It actually started improving the health of people who were smoking it. The other part is, just a reminder that this bill tries to get ahead of things with a bunch of people on a committee who don't want this, but the people spoke and we have it. The other is that certainly someone who's been involved in DARE, has been in law enforcement, has watched the war on drugs for 50 years, realizes that we're losing. It's everywhere. I know professionals of every type of profession who use it and then do their job in a wonderful manner. It's all around us. It's everywhere. It's in the schools in spite of DARE, in spite of every effort. It's here. That's why people are finally embracing, 'How about we profit from it. How about we regulate it and take it out of the hands of the black market?' I know I'm not going to change your mind, but I'm trying to ease your mind so you'll realize that no more people will be hurt. Maybe many less will be hurt by getting in front of it for a change because I really want you to feel better. Thank you.

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

Senator **CYRWAY:** Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, first of all, I'd just want to say that there was a federal bust of the vape store in Bangor and also when we're dealing cash for taxes for drug money. And that's what it is, drug money. Where there's drugs there's money. And when they take cash and they bring it to the town and then the town takes it to a bank and it seems like it was kind of softly said that the banks will accept it. Well federal banks are mandated. If they ask where that money has come from and they find out it's from marijuana they are mandated to have an investigation done from a bank. So that in itself is a concern. Dealers don't always report their incomes and, if you don't believe it, in law enforcement you'll see them with an RV, a snowmobile, a boat, a yacht almost. You know, and they've got all these things and they're on welfare. So they're going to take that cash and they're going to take the honest amount and bring it to the town. It's coming to the State. It's not going to happen. The other part of this is that they said there's protections in this bill. The DREs. Anybody in law enforcement knows it's very difficult to prove a case even with DREs. I just talked to one officer today who was a DRE for ten years. He's had six convictions of being a DRE. So we're going

to add all these officers and I don't know if there was any real inquiry of what this money is going to do towards going to DREs. Drug prevention. Some of this money is going to go to drug prevention. So here we're going to take drug dealer money, cash money, that's going to go for drug prevention. That's just great. I listened to we're losing, so let's accept it. Sorry, I don't give up and I hope you don't give up on our people in this State of Maine. I hope you care about their health and their safety. I don't want to see a drunk driver kill your daughter, a drunk driver from marijuana. You're going to see more people on marijuana not doing proper driving and they're going to cause accidents. Or your son. This is very serious and I'm not taking it lightly and I hope that this floor, this Body, takes it a little more seriously. This is not just a play toy to say okay, let's vote for it and let's accept it because we're losing. Thank you, Mr. President.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Franklin, Senator Saviello.

Senator **SAVIELLO:** Thank you, Mr. President. Mr. President, the first thing I want to make very clear, I do appreciate all the work the committee did. I know, as many of them gave up their summer and that is much, much appreciated. However, I'm one that wants to have answers. So when I hear the words, 'I think it will be okay' and that maybe it will be okay when my banker says it may not be okay, I want a clear answer before I vote affirmatively on this bill. I also think that some towns may decide not to take the risk, that they don't want to take the risk that if, in fact, they bring this money in there they jeopardize grants and other things that they may have coming to them. On the opt-in / opt-out, I believe that's already there. Most towns can already put a moratorium in place if they want it. They've already done that. Some towns have looked at it, like my town, about modifying their ordinance and told us to change it. If that ordinance change is not put into place, is voted down, we won't have any recreational opportunities because there'll be nothing for them to apply for. The fact that we define and not use the idea that it's a resident, that it is intent to stay, I'm not sure how that gives an advantage to a Maine citizen. So I'm glad I'm a natural person who'll be voting against this bill. Thank you very much, Mr. President.

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

Senator **KATZ:** Thank you, Mr. President. Men and women of the Senate, just a few last comments from me. First of all, I appreciate the debate here, the questions from my good friend from Franklin, the passion, and the heartfelt passion of my good friend from Kennebec, Senator Cyrway. But this is not a vote on legalization. We've had that vote. That train has left the station and I hope that those of you who are opposed to the idea of marijuana will channel your inner John Hickenlooper. John Hickenlooper is the Governor of Colorado and he worked very hard to defeat legalization of marijuana in his state, and he lost. It probably took him a little while to get over that because he put his heart and soul into it, but then he realized that his job shifted and his job was to honor the will of the people and to put into place as good a regulated market as he could in order to protect the health and safety of the citizens of Colorado, and he worked very closely with the Legislature to do that. And I hope that those people here, who are opposed to legalization - were opposed to legalization will approach this difficult decision in exactly the same

light. You know, Senator Cyrway mentions Maureen Dowd. Thank you for bringing that up. Maureen Dowd, a columnist for the New York Times, who did go to Colorado, had a bad experience with marijuana there. The reason she did, Mr. President, is because in the early stages of legalization, of their law, they did not require appropriate information about doseaging on their packages and they did not have a campaign or anything on labeling which warned about the fact that if you eat a brownie right now and it's 40 minutes later and there hasn't been any impact on you it's not time to eat another brownie and then a third one because of the delayed reaction of the marijuana. Colorado learned from those mistakes and changed their rules. We have looked at that. We have learned from the mistakes of Colorado so that we don't make the same mistakes here. In summary, Mr. President, I would just suggest that there's only two groups of people in this room who ought to vote for this bill, and that's people who like marijuana and people who hate marijuana and everyone else in between. Thank you.

THE PRESIDENT: The pending question before the Senate is Acceptance of Report "A" in concurrence. If you are in favor of accepting Report "A" you will be voting yes. If you are opposed you will be voting no. 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 (#475)

YEAS: Senators: BELLOWS, BRAKEY, BREEN, CARPENTER, CHENETTE, DESCHAMBAULT, DIAMOND, DILL, DION, GRATWICK, HILL, JACKSON, KATZ, KEIM, LANGLEY, MAKER, MILLETT, MIRAMANT, ROSEN, VOLK, WOODSOME, PRESIDENT THIBODEAU

NAYS: Senators: COLLINS, CUSHING, CYRWAY, DAVIS, DOW, HAMPER, MASON, SAVIELLO, WHITTEMORE

EXCUSED: Senators: CARSON, CHIPMAN, LIBBY, VITELLI

22 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 9 Senators having voted in the negative, with 4 Senators being excused, the motion by Senator **KATZ** of Kennebec to **ACCEPT** Report "A" **OUGHT TO PASS PURSUANT TO JOINT ORDER 2017, H.P. 96 PREVAILED.**

Under suspension of the Rules, Bill **READ TWICE.**

On motion by Senator **KATZ** of Kennebec, Senate Amendment "A" (S-345) **READ.**

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

Senator **KATZ:** Thank you, Mr. President. Mr. President, this amendment simply strips the emergency preamble to this bill. Thank you.

On motion by Senator **KATZ** of Kennebec, Senate Amendment "A" (S-345) **ADOPTED.**

PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-345).

Ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

On motion by Senator **HAMPER** of Oxford, the Senate removed from the **SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS TABLE** the following:

An Act To Encourage Regional Planning and Reorganization
H.P. 242 L.D. 328
(C "A" H-150)

Placed on Special Appropriations Table - May 23, 2017, by Senator **HAMPER** of Oxford

Pending - **ENACTMENT**

(In Senate, May 16, 2017, **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-150)**, in concurrence.)

(In House, May 18, 2017, **PASSED TO BE ENACTED.**)

On further motion by same Senator, the Senate **SUSPENDED THE RULES.**

On further motion by same Senator, the Senate **RECONSIDERED** whereby the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-150)**, in concurrence.

On further motion by same Senator, the Senate **SUSPENDED THE RULES.**

On further motion by same Senator, the Senate **RECONSIDERED** whereby it **ADOPTED** Committee Amendment "A" (H-150), in concurrence.

On further motion by same Senator, Senate Amendment "A" (S-344) to Committee Amendment "A" (H-150) **READ** and **ADOPTED.**

Committee Amendment "A" (H-150) as Amended by Senate Amendment "A" (S-344) thereto, **ADOPTED**, in **NON-CONCURRENCE.**

PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-150) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-344) thereto, in **NON-CONCURRENCE.**

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.

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:

Act

An Act To Bring Maine's Ranked-choice Voting Law into Constitutional Compliance

H.P. 1137 L.D. 1646
(C "B" H-568)

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

The Chair noted the absence of the Senator from York, Senator **CHENETTE**, and the Senator from Franklin, Senator **SAVIELLO**, and further excused the same Senators from today's Roll Call votes.

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#476)

YEAS: Senators: BRAKEY, COLLINS, CUSHING, CYRWAY, DAVIS, DIAMOND, DOW, HAMPER, HILL, KATZ, KEIM, LANGLEY, MAKER, MASON, ROSEN, VOLK, WHITTEMORE, WOODSOME, PRESIDENT THIBODEAU

NAYS: Senators: BELLOWS, BREEN, CARPENTER, DESCHAMBAULT, DILL, DION, GRATWICK, JACKSON, MILLETT, MIRAMANT

EXCUSED: Senators: CARSON, CHENETTE, CHIPMAN, LIBBY, SAVIELLO, VITELLI

19 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 10 Senators having voted in the negative, with 6 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:

ORDERS

Joint Order

On motion by Senator **MASON** of Androscoggin, the following Joint Order:

S.P. 608

Ordered, the House concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourn, they do so until the call of the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House, respectively, when there is a need to conduct business or consider objections of the Governor.

READ and **PASSED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

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

Off Record Remarks

RECESSED until the sound of the bell.

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

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:

An Act To Amend the Marijuana Legalization Act
H.P. 1139 L.D. 1650
(S "A" S-345)

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:

ENACTORS

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

Act

An Act To Encourage Regional Planning and Reorganization
H.P. 242 L.D. 328
(S "A" S-344 to C "A" H-150)

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.

Off Record Remarks

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

On motion by Senator **MASON** of Androscoggin, **ADJOURNED**, pursuant to the Joint Order, until the call of the President of the Senate in memory of and lasting tribute to the Honorable Edward "Coach" Mazurek of Rockland.