

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE
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In Senate Chamber
Thursday
January 7, 2010

Ordered, the House concurring, that when the House and Senate adjourn, they do so until Tuesday, January 12, 2010 at 10:00 in the morning.

READ and PASSED.

Ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

Senate called to order by President Elizabeth H. Mitchell of Kennebec County.

Prayer by Reverend Peter B. Panagore, First Radio Parish Church of America.

REVEREND PANAGORE: Let us not pray quite yet. The twelfth day of Christmas is January 6th. It is also called Epitome, which was yesterday. The Monday after the twelfth day, next Monday in fact, is Plow Monday, the traditional start of the agricultural year in jolly old England. It was the resumption of work after the Christmas holy days. In the 15th Century a song was sung by they plowmen which included the line, 'Godspeed the plow', meaning may God help you prosper. It was a wish, a blessing for success in the coming year. We have shortened that phrase to Godspeed.

Quietly now, let us reverently adjust our hearts and have a moment of silent prayer. Lord, let the silence fall within us that we may listen intently so we may hear the song for our souls that only You sing and that only the ears of our hearts might hear. Lord, let that song be a song of labor, of joy, of warmth, and of unity of purpose in amidst of such small diversity. Lord, sing in this chamber a new song, an old song, a song sung by laborers and leaders down through the centuries, Your song, our song. Lord, let that song become ours by singing silently inwardly a prayer for the people of Maine. Godspeed to each of us. Godspeed to all of us. Godspeed to our leaders. Godspeed to our lonely. Godspeed to our homeless. Godspeed to our industrious. May our future be prosperous, our compassion by holy, our spending be thrifty, and our hands always joined. Godspeed Maine, Lord. Amen.

Reading of the Journal of Wednesday, January 6, 2010.

Doctor of the day, Dr. A. Jan Berlin, MD of South Freeport.

Off Record Remarks

Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, on motion by Senator **BARTLETT** of Cumberland, the following Joint Order:
S.P. 661

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

House Papers

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws That Provide an Exemption for Agricultural Guard Dogs from Municipal Ordinances Governing Barking Dogs" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 1185 L.D. 1684

Bill "An Act To Prevent the Spread of Eastern Equine Encephalitis"

H.P. 1199 L.D. 1698

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

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

Bill "An Act Concerning Statewide Communications Interoperability"

H.P. 1201 L.D. 1700

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

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

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

Bill "An Act To Clarify the Enforcement Role of the Mixed Martial Arts Authority of Maine"

H.P. 1186 L.D. 1685

Bill "An Act To Facilitate an Increase in Sales of Motor Vehicles"

H.P. 1202 L.D. 1701

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Advanced Practice Registered Nurses"

H.P. 1203 L.D. 1702

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

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

Resolve, To Implement the Recommendations of the Juvenile Justice Task Force (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 1204 L.D. 1703

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

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

Bill "An Act To Allow Minor Capital School Improvement Projects To Be Permitted Costs under Essential Programs and Services" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 1187 L.D. 1686

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Regarding Authority over and Oversight of Certified Nursing Assistant Educational Programs"

H.P. 1205 L.D. 1704

Bill "An Act To Align the Duties of School Boards Concerning Student Safety with the Requirements of the Federal Gun-Free Schools Act and To Prohibit the Discharge of Firearms within 500 Feet of Public and Private School Properties"

H.P. 1206 L.D. 1705

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

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

Resolve, To Define High-risk Populations for the Purposes of Hospital Surveillance for Methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus Aureus and To Implement Public Law 2009, chapter 346 (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 1188 L.D. 1687

Bill "An Act To Update the Laws Affecting the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Licensing and Regulatory Services"

H.P. 1189 L.D. 1688

Bill "An Act To Create the Children's Wireless Protection Act"

H.P. 1207 L.D. 1706

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

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

Bill "An Act To Increase Payments to Agents Who Provide Tags for Wild Game"

H.P. 1190 L.D. 1689

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

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

Bill "An Act To Clarify the Application of Certain Statutory Requirements to Foreclosures" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 1208 L.D. 1707

Bill "An Act To Expand the Opportunity for Persons To Acquire Health Care Coverage under the State's 'Mini-COBRA' Program"

H.P. 1209 L.D. 1708

Bill "An Act Concerning the Use of Long-term Antibiotics for the Treatment of Lyme Disease"

H.P. 1210 L.D. 1709

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

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

Bill "An Act Concerning Litigation Brought by the Attorney General To Enforce Provisions of the Forest Practices Laws"

H.P. 1211 L.D. 1710

Bill "An Act To Protect Information Maintained by Registers of Deeds"

H.P. 1215 L.D. 1714

Bill "An Act To Strengthen Protection from Abuse and Protection from Harassment Laws"

H.P. 1223 L.D. 1722

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

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

Bill "An Act To Clarify the Status of Prisoners"
H.P. 1212 L.D. 1711

Bill "An Act To Provide the Finance Authority of Maine with Flexible Health Care Options" (EMERGENCY)
H.P. 1216 L.D. 1715

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

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

Bill "An Act To Prevent Predatory Signature Gathering and Ensure a Clean Citizen Initiative and People's Veto Process"
H.P. 1191 L.D. 1690

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Taste Testing of Alcoholic Beverages by Retail Licensees" (EMERGENCY)
H.P. 1192 L.D. 1691

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Amend the Requirements Governing Direct Initiatives
H.P. 1193 L.D. 1692

Bill "An Act To Exempt Certain Mobile Homes from the Radon Testing Requirement"
H.P. 1213 L.D. 1712

Bill "An Act Pertaining to Educational Benefits for Veterans and Their Dependents" (EMERGENCY)
H.P. 1214 L.D. 1713

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

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

Bill "An Act To Protect the Environment and Natural Resources of the State by Regulating the Discharge of Certain Substances into the Environment" (EMERGENCY)
H.P. 1194 L.D. 1693

Bill "An Act To Update and Modernize Maine's Floodplain Mapping"
H.P. 1200 L.D. 1699

Bill "An Act To Expedite Rulemaking Concerning Agronomic Utilization of Sludge"
H.P. 1217 L.D. 1716

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

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

Bill "An Act To Increase the Affordability of Clean Energy for Homeowners and Businesses" (EMERGENCY)
H.P. 1218 L.D. 1717

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

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

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

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Relating to Government Records"
H.P. 1219 L.D. 1718

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

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

Resolve, To Increase Transparency and Accountability and Assess the Impact of Tax Expenditure Programs
H.P. 1195 L.D. 1694

Bill "An Act To Provide a Sales Tax Exemption for Commemorative Items Honoring Veterans"
H.P. 1222 L.D. 1721

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

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

Bill "An Act To Encourage Tourism by Ensuring the Safety, Accessibility and Availability of Highway Rest Stops and Scenic Overlooks"
H.P. 1220 L.D. 1719

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

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

December 8, 2009

Bill "An Act To Direct the Public Utilities Commission To Adopt Rules To Improve the Safety of Multiunit Rental Dwellings"
H.P. 1196 L.D. 1695

Hon. Hannah M. Pingree
Speaker of the House
124th Legislature

Bill "An Act To Strengthen the Community-based Renewable Energy Pilot Program"
H.P. 1197 L.D. 1696

Hon. Elizabeth H. Mitchell
President of the Senate
124th Legislature

Bill "An Act To Protect Universal Service"
H.P. 1198 L.D. 1697

Dear Madam Speaker and Madam President:

Bill "An Act Related to Qualified Waste-to-energy Power"
H.P. 1221 L.D. 1720

On December 8, 2009, 12 bills were received by the Clerk of the House.

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

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, these bills were referred to the Joint Standing Committees on December 8, 2009, as follows:

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

Business, Research and Economic Development

Resolve, To Ensure Consistency in the Scheduled Expiration of Terms of the Board Members of the Finance Authority of Maine (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1054) (L.D. 1505) (Sponsored by Representative **WRIGHT** of Berwick) (Cosponsored by Senator **SCHNEIDER** of Penobscot and Representatives: **CLEARY** of Houlton, **HUNT** of Buxton, **MacDONALD** of Boothbay, **SMITH** of Monmouth) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

**Pursuant to Statute
Department of Environmental Protection**

The **Department of Environmental Protection**, pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 8072 asked leave to report that the accompanying Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Section 10: Stream Crossings within Chapter 305 Permit by Rule Standards, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Environmental Protection (EMERGENCY) H.P. 1224 L.D. 1725

Education and Cultural Affairs

Bill "An Act To Authorize Maine Media College To Confer the Degree of Master of Fine Arts" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1055) (L.D. 1506) (Sponsored by Representative **WELSH** of Rockport) (Cosponsored by Senator **RECTOR** of Knox and Representatives: **DUCHESNE** of Hudson, **MacDONALD** of Boothbay, **MAGNAN** of Stockton Springs, **MAZUREK** of Rockland, **McCABE** of Skowhegan, **MORRISON** of South Portland, **O'BRIEN** of Lincolnville) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

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

Health and Human Services

Bill "An Act To Ensure Fairness in Penalties for Administrative Errors in the Long-term Care Assessment Process" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1056) (L.D. 1507) (Sponsored by Representative **PERRY** of Calais) (Cosponsored by Senator **BRANNIGAN** of Cumberland and Representatives: **CAMPBELL** of Newfield, **JONES** of Mount Vernon, **SANBORN** of Gorham) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **REFERRED** to the Committee on **NATURAL RESOURCES** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

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

On motion by Senator **GOODALL** of Sagadahoc, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **NATURAL RESOURCES** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218, in concurrence.

Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

Resolve, Directing the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife To Adopt Rules Clarifying Fish Stocking Decisions (H.P. 1057) (L.D. 1508) (Sponsored by Representative **DUCHESNE** of Hudson) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: H.P. 1066

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

Bill "An Act To Amend the Current Moose Permit System and Preference Point System in Maine" (H.P. 1058) (L.D. 1509) (Sponsored by Representative PIOTTI of Unity) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Insurance and Financial Services

Bill "An Act To Maintain Compliance of Maine's Insurance Laws with National Standards" (H.P. 1059) (L.D. 1510) (Sponsored by Representative TREAT of Hallowell) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Judiciary

Bill "An Act To Remove the Age Limit Governing When a Court Must Consider the Wishes of a Child in a Proceeding for the Termination of Parental Rights" (H.P. 1060) (L.D. 1511) (Sponsored by Representative WHEELER of Kittery) (Cosponsored by Senator BOWMAN of York) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

State and Local Government

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Somerset County Budget Procedure" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1061) (L.D. 1512) (Sponsored by Representative CURTIS of Madison) (Cosponsored by Representative McCABE of Skowhegan) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Authorize Municipal Officers To Resolve Road-naming Disputes" (H.P. 1062) (L.D. 1513) (Sponsored by Representative MAGNAN of Stockton Springs) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Taxation

Resolve, To Promote Efficiency and To Streamline Access to the Circuitbreaker Program Application Process (H.P. 1063) (L.D. 1514) (Sponsored by Representative CROCKETT of Augusta) (Cosponsored by Senator BLISS of Cumberland and Representatives: BRYANT of Windham, CHASE of Wells, FLEMINGS of Bar Harbor, PILON of Saco, Speaker PINGREE of North Haven, WATSON of Bath, Senators: NASS of York, PERRY of Penobscot) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Utilities and Energy

Bill "An Act To Amend the Charter of the Caribou Utilities District" (H.P. 1064) (L.D. 1515) (Sponsored by Representative EDGECOMB of Caribou) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Amend the Charter of the Dexter Utility District" (H.P. 1065) (L.D. 1516) (Sponsored by Representative THOMAS of Ripley) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Sincerely,

S/Millicent M. MacFarland
Clerk of the House

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

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

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

The Following Communication: H.P. 1071

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

December 16, 2009

Hon. Hannah M. Pingree
Speaker of the House
124th Legislature

Hon. Elizabeth H. Mitchell
President of the Senate
124th Legislature

Dear Madam Speaker and Madam President:

On December 16, 2009, 4 bills were received by the Clerk of the House.

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, these bills were referred to the Joint Standing Committees on December 16, 2009, as follows:

Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 26: Producer Margins, a Major Substantive Rule of the Maine Milk Commission (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1067) (L.D. 1517) (Submitted by the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources, Maine Milk Commission pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 8072.)

Business, Research and Economic Development

Bill "An Act To Allow the Board of Dental Examiners To Grant Permits to Qualified Individuals To Practice as Dental Residents" (H.P. 1069) (L.D. 1520) (Sponsored by Representative BLANCHARD of Old Town) (Cosponsored by Senator SCHNEIDER of Penobscot and Representatives: CAIN of Orono, GOODE of Bangor, MARTIN of Orono, RICHARDSON of Carmel) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Education and Cultural Affairs

Bill "An Act To Clarify the State's Initiative Involving the Federal Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2008" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1070) (L.D. 1521) (Sponsored by Representative CORNELL du HOUX of Brunswick) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Natural Resources

Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Section 16, Activities in Coastal Sand Dunes, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Environmental Protection (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1068) (L.D. 1518) (Submitted by the Department of Environmental Protection pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 8072.)

Sincerely,

S/Millicent M. MacFarland
Clerk of the House

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

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

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

The Following Communication: H.P. 1109

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

December 17, 2009

Hon. Hannah M. Pingree
Speaker of the House
124th Legislature

Hon. Elizabeth H. Mitchell
President of the Senate
124th Legislature

Dear Madam Speaker and Madam President:

On December 17, 2009, 37 bills were received by the Clerk of the House.

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, these bills were referred to the Joint Standing Committees on December 17, 2009, as follows:

Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

Bill "An Act To Revise Notification Requirements for Pesticides Applications Using Aircraft or Air-carrier Equipment" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1089) (L.D. 1547) (Sponsored by Representative O'BRIEN of Lincolnville) (Cosponsored by Representative BERRY of Bowdoinham and Representatives: KENT of Woolwich, MAZUREK of Rockland, McCABE of Skowhegan, PIEH of Bremen, PIOTTI of Unity, SAVIELLO of Wilton, SMITH of Monmouth) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Business, Research and Economic Development

Bill "An Act To Protect Consumers from Charges after a Free Trial Period" (H.P. 1085) (L.D. 1541) (Sponsored by Representative HUNT of Buxton) (Cosponsored by Senator SCHNEIDER of Penobscot and Representatives: CLEARY of Houlton, EVES of North Berwick, WALSH INNES of Yarmouth, McCABE of Skowhegan, SMITH of Monmouth, VAN WIE of New Gloucester, Senators: BARTLETT of Cumberland, GOODALL of Sagadahoc) (Submitted by the Department of the Attorney General pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Criminal Justice and Public Safety

Bill "An Act To Streamline the Renewal Process for a Permit To Carry a Firearm" (H.P. 1072) (L.D. 1522) (Sponsored by Representative PRATT of Eddington) (Cosponsored by Representatives: CONNOR of Kennebunk, ROBINSON of Raymond) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Education and Cultural Affairs

Resolve, To Develop a Model Academic Year Calendar (H.P. 1100) (L.D. 1563) (Sponsored by Representative SUTHERLAND of Chapman) (Cosponsored by Senator ALFOND of Cumberland and Representatives: FINCH of Fairfield, JOHNSON of Greenville, LOVEJOY of Portland, McFADDEN of Dennysville) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Update the Laws Concerning the Maine School of Science and Mathematics" (H.P. 1101) (L.D. 1564) (Sponsored by Representative SUTHERLAND of Chapman) (Cosponsored by Senator JACKSON of Aroostook and Representatives: BUTTERFIELD of Bangor, CAIN of Orono, DUCHESNE of Hudson, MARTIN of Eagle Lake, ROTUNDO of Lewiston, Senators: DAMON of Hancock, GOODALL of Sagadahoc, SHERMAN of Aroostook) (Submitted by the Department of Education pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Health and Human Services

Bill "An Act To Make Maine's Laws Consistent with the Federal Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act" (H.P. 1086) (L.D. 1542) (Sponsored by Representative PERRY of Calais) (Cosponsored by Senator BRANNIGAN of Cumberland and Representatives: EVES of North Berwick, JONES of Mount Vernon, PETERSON of Rumford, SANBORN of Gorham, STUCKEY of Portland, Senator: MILLS of Somerset) (Submitted by the Department of the Attorney General pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Maine Health Data Processing Center and the Maine Health Data Organization" (H.P. 1088) (L.D. 1544) (Sponsored by Representative PERRY of Calais) (Cosponsored by Representatives: MILLER of Somerville, Speaker PINGREE of North Haven, SAVIELLO of Wilton, Senator: MARRACHÉ of Kennebec) (Submitted by the Maine Health Data Organization pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

Bill "An Act To Amend the Standards by Which Game Wardens May Stop All-terrain Vehicles when Operating on Private Property" (H.P. 1080) (L.D. 1536) (Sponsored by Representative SARTY of Denmark) (Cosponsored by Senator DIAMOND of Cumberland and Representatives: JOHNSON of Greenville, Speaker PINGREE of North Haven, PIOTTI of Unity, SAVIELLO of Wilton, SHAW of Standish, SYKES of Harrison, WEAVER of York, Senator: ROSEN of Hancock) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Prevent the Spread of Invasive Plants and Protect Maine's Lakes" (H.P. 1090) (L.D. 1548) (Sponsored by Representative EBERLE of South Portland) (Cosponsored by Senator JACKSON of Aroostook and Representatives: BERRY of Bowdoinham, MARTIN of Eagle Lake, O'BRIEN of Lincolnville, Speaker PINGREE of North Haven, SAVIELLO of Wilton, STUCKEY of Portland, WATSON of Bath, WELSH of Rockport) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Allow Deer Hunting in Owls Head during Firearms Season with Shotguns Only" (H.P. 1091) (L.D. 1549) (Sponsored by Representative MAZUREK of Rockland) (Cosponsored by Representatives: BUTTERFIELD of Bangor, EBERLE of South Portland, MacDONALD of Boothbay, O'BRIEN of Lincolnville, Speaker PINGREE of North Haven, SAVIELLO of Wilton, WELSH of Rockport, Senator: DAMON of Hancock) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Insurance and Financial Services

Bill "An Act To Make Corrections to the Life Settlement Laws" (H.P. 1073) (L.D. 1523) (Sponsored by Representative PRIEST of Brunswick) (Submitted by the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Judiciary

Bill "An Act To Amend the Statute of Limitations under the Maine Human Rights Act" (H.P. 1081) (L.D. 1537) (Sponsored by Representative BLODGETT of Augusta) (Cosponsored by Senator BLISS of Cumberland and Representatives: BUTTERFIELD of Bangor, DUCHESNE of Hudson, MacDONALD of Boothbay, MAZUREK of Rockland, O'BRIEN of Lincolnville, RUSSELL of Portland, Senators: CRAVEN of Androscoggin, JACKSON of Aroostook) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Promote Opportunity for Workers in the Maine Woods" (H.P. 1092) (L.D. 1550) (Sponsored by Representative MARTIN of Eagle Lake) (Cosponsored by Senator BLISS of Cumberland and Representatives: BERRY of Bowdoinham, CLARK of Millinocket, CROCKETT of Bethel, FLEMINGS of Bar Harbor, GILBERT of Jay, O'BRIEN of Lincolnville, PIOTTI of Unity, Senator: JACKSON of Aroostook) (Submitted by the Department of the Attorney General pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act To Further Regulate the Communications of Members of Public Bodies" (H.P. 1093) (L.D. 1551) (Sponsored by Representative DOSTIE of Sabattus) (Cosponsored by Senator NUTTING of Androscoggin and Representatives: BERRY of Bowdoinham, BICKFORD of Auburn, LAJOIE of Lewiston, ROTUNDO of Lewiston, TREAT of Hallowell, VAN WIE of New Gloucester, Senators: CRAVEN of Androscoggin, SIMPSON of Androscoggin) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Labor

Bill "An Act To Ensure Equity in Unemployment Compensation Claims" (H.P. 1074) (L.D. 1524) (Sponsored by Representative BEAULIEU of Auburn) (Cosponsored by Senator CRAVEN of Androscoggin and Representatives: AUSTIN of Gray, BICKFORD of Auburn, CAREY of Lewiston, CRAFTS of Lisbon, HAMPER of Oxford, KNIGHT of Livermore Falls, LAJOIE of Lewiston, SIROIS of Turner) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Make Maine Laws Consistent with Recent Amendments to the United States Trade Act of 1974" (H.P. 1087) (L.D. 1543) (Sponsored by Representative TUTTLE of Sanford) (Cosponsored by Representatives: BLODGETT of Augusta, BUTTERFIELD of Bangor, CUSHING of Hampden, GILBERT of Jay, THIBODEAU of Winterport, Senators: DAVIS of Cumberland, JACKSON of Aroostook) (Submitted by the Department of Labor pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act To Improve Employment Opportunities for Maine Workers in the Forest Industry" (H.P. 1094) (L.D. 1552) (Sponsored by Representative MARTIN of Eagle Lake) (Cosponsored by Senator JACKSON of Aroostook) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Knowing Misclassification of Construction Workers" (H.P. 1102) (L.D. 1565) (Sponsored by Representative MARTIN of Eagle Lake) (Cosponsored by Senator JACKSON of Aroostook) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act Relating to the Membership of the Workers' Compensation Board" (H.P. 1103) (L.D. 1566) (Sponsored by Representative BUTTERFIELD of Bangor) (Cosponsored by Senator JACKSON of Aroostook and Representatives: BLODGETT of Augusta, CROCKETT of Augusta, CUSHING of Hampden, THIBODEAU of Winterport) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Marine Resources

Bill "An Act To Correct Errors and Inconsistencies in Marine Resources Laws" (H.P. 1104) (L.D. 1567) (Sponsored by Representative PERCY of Phippsburg) (Cosponsored by Senator DAMON of Hancock) (Submitted by the Department of Marine Resources pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Natural Resources

Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 700: Wellhead Protection: Siting of Facilities That Pose a Significant Threat to Drinking Water, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Environmental Protection (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1076) (L.D. 1526) (Submitted by the Department of Environmental Protection pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 8072.)

Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 692: Siting of Oil Storage Facilities, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Environmental Protection (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1077) (L.D. 1527) (Submitted by the Department of Environmental Protection pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 8072.)

Bill "An Act To Close Loopholes in Environmental Laws" (H.P. 1082) (L.D. 1538) (Sponsored by Representative WELSH of Rockport) (Cosponsored by Senator NASS of York and Representatives: DUCHESNE of Hudson, EBERLE of South Portland, MAZUREK of Rockland, Senator: GOODALL of Sagadahoc) (Submitted by the Department of Environmental Protection pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act To Facilitate Establishment of Watershed Districts" (H.P. 1095) (L.D. 1553) (Sponsored by Representative EBERLE of South Portland) (Cosponsored by Senator DAVIS of Cumberland and Representatives: HASKELL of Portland, HINCK of Portland, LOVEJOY of Portland, MORRISON of South Portland, NELSON of Falmouth, ROTUNDO of Lewiston, RUSSELL of Portland, STUCKEY of Portland) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Clarify Maine's Phaseout of Polybrominated Diphenyl Ethers" (H.P. 1105) (L.D. 1568) (Sponsored by Speaker PINGREE of North Haven) (Cosponsored by Representative DUCHESNE of Hudson, Senator GOODALL of Sagadahoc and Representatives: CAIN of Orono, EBERLE of South Portland, EVES of North Berwick, HINCK of Portland, WALSH INNES of Yarmouth, KNAPP of Gorham, MARTIN of Eagle Lake, MITCHELL of the Penobscot Nation, WELSH of Rockport) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

State and Local Government

Bill "An Act To Amend the Charter of the Buckfield Village Corporation" (H.P. 1075) (L.D. 1525) (Sponsored by Representative HAYES of Buckfield) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Ensure That Substantial State Contracts Receive Adequate Legal Review" (H.P. 1078) (L.D. 1534) (Sponsored by Representative BEAUDETTE of Biddeford) (Cosponsored by Senator SIMPSON of Androscoggin and Representatives: CAIN of Orono, CONNOR of Kennebunk, MILLER of Somerville, Speaker PINGREE of North Haven, ROTUNDO of Lewiston, VAN WIE of New Gloucester, Senators: BARTLETT of Cumberland, DIAMOND of Cumberland) (Submitted by the Department of the Attorney General pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act Regarding Document Fees at County Registries of Deeds" (H.P. 1096) (L.D. 1554) (Sponsored by Representative CROCKETT of Augusta) (Cosponsored by Representatives: BERRY of Bowdoinham, BLANCHARD of Old Town, BLODGETT of Augusta, BRIGGS of Mexico, CAIN of Orono, CLARK of Millinocket, CONNOR of Kennebunk, GILBERT of Jay, GOODE of Bangor, JONES of Mount Vernon, McCABE of Skowhegan, MILLER of Somerville, SCHATZ of Blue Hill, STUCKEY of Portland, TREAT of Hallowell, Senators: GOODALL of Sagadahoc, GOOLEY of Franklin, McCORMICK of Kennebec, SMITH of Piscataquis) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Clarify the Informed Growth Act" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1106) (L.D. 1569) (Sponsored by Representative BEAUDETTE of Biddeford) (Cosponsored by Senator SIMPSON of Androscoggin and Representatives: CROCKETT of Augusta, HANLEY of Gardiner, HAYES of Buckfield, MacDONALD of Boothbay, PILON of Saco, SCHATZ of Blue Hill, Senator: COURTNEY of York) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Taxation

Bill "An Act Concerning Technical Changes to the Tax Laws" (H.P. 1083) (L.D. 1539) (Sponsored by Representative WATSON of Bath) (Cosponsored by Senator PERRY of Penobscot) (Submitted by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act To Amend the Tax Laws" (H.P. 1084) (L.D. 1540) (Sponsored by Representative WATSON of Bath) (Cosponsored by Senator PERRY of Penobscot) (Submitted by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Transportation

Bill "An Act To Require the Bureau of Motor Vehicles To Accept Certification of Disability from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs" (H.P. 1097) (L.D. 1555) (Sponsored by Representative MARTIN of Eagle Lake) (Cosponsored by Senator DAMON of Hancock and Representatives: HASKELL of Portland, THIBODEAU of Winterport, Senators: GOODALL of Sagadahoc, JACKSON of Aroostook, NUTTING of Androscoggin) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the We Support Our Troops Registration Plates" (H.P. 1107) (L.D. 1570) (Sponsored by Representative PILON of Saco) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Utilities and Energy

Bill "An Act To Create a Smart Grid Policy in the State" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1079) (L.D. 1535) (Sponsored by Representative HINCK of Portland) (Cosponsored by Representative RUSSELL of Portland and Representatives: BERRY of Bowdoinham, FITTS of Pittsfield, FLETCHER of Winslow, SIROIS of Turner, Senators: GOODALL of Sagadahoc, HOBBS of York, MILLS of Somerset) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Resolve, To Review Certification Requirements for Installation of Solar Energy Systems (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1098) (L.D. 1556) (Sponsored by Representative NELSON of Falmouth) (Cosponsored by Representatives: BERRY of Bowdoinham, CAIN of Orono, DOSTIE of Sabattus, HASKELL of Portland, McCABE of Skowhegan, WAGNER of Lyman, Senators: DAVIS of Cumberland, HOBBS of York) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Raise the Indebtedness Limit of the Eagle Lake Water and Sewer District" (H.P. 1099) (L.D. 1557) (Sponsored by Representative MARTIN of Eagle Lake) (Cosponsored by Senator JACKSON of Aroostook) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Ensure That Maine's Energy Corridor Policy Does Not Harm Maine's Renewable Power Development" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1108) (L.D. 1571) (Sponsored by Representative MARTIN of Eagle Lake) (Cosponsored by Senator JACKSON of Aroostook and Representatives: CAIN of Orono, CAREY of Lewiston, FITTS of Pittsfield, MacDONALD of Boothbay, THIBODEAU of Winterport, Senator: NUTTING of Androscoggin) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Sincerely,

S/Millicent M. MacFarland
Clerk of the House

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

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

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

The Following Communication: H.P. 1134

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

December 18, 2009

Hon. Hannah M. Pingree
Speaker of the House
124th Legislature

Hon. Elizabeth H. Mitchell
President of the Senate
124th Legislature

Dear Madam Speaker and Madam President:

On December 18, 2009, 24 bills were received by the Clerk of the House.

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, these bills were referred to the Joint Standing Committees on December 18, 2009, as follows:

Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

Bill "An Act To Protect Maine Farms and Nurseries" (H.P. 1123) (L.D. 1585) (Sponsored by Representative McCABE of Skowhegan) (Cosponsored by Senator NUTTING of Androscoggin and Representative: SMITH of Monmouth, Senator: SHERMAN of Aroostook) (Submitted by the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act To Amend the Definition of 'Farmers' Market'" (H.P. 1124) (L.D. 1586) (Sponsored by Representative PIEH of Bremen) (Cosponsored by Senator NUTTING of Androscoggin and Representatives: McCABE of Skowhegan, SMITH of Monmouth) (Submitted by the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act To Amend the Animal Welfare Laws" (H.P. 1125) (L.D. 1587) (Sponsored by Representative PIEH of Bremen) (Cosponsored by Senator NUTTING of Androscoggin and Representatives: HASKELL of Portland, McCABE of Skowhegan, SMITH of Monmouth) (Submitted by the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Business, Research and Economic Development

Bill "An Act To Correct Errors in the Laws Relating to Unlicensed Practice and Other Provisions of the Professional and Occupational Licensing Laws" (H.P. 1110) (L.D. 1572) (Sponsored by Representative SMITH of Monmouth) (Cosponsored by Senator SCHNEIDER of Penobscot and Representatives: CLEARY of Houlton, COHEN of Portland, SIROIS of Turner, Senator: PERRY of Penobscot) (Submitted by the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Criminal Justice and Public Safety

Bill "An Act To Improve the Ability of the Commissioner of Corrections To Respond in an Emergency" (H.P. 1114) (L.D. 1576) (Sponsored by Representative PLUMMER of Windham) (Cosponsored by Representatives: KNIGHT of Livermore Falls, SCHATZ of Blue Hill, Senators: DAVIS of Cumberland, GERZOFKY of Cumberland) (Submitted by the Department of Corrections pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act To Improve the Delivery of Community Corrections Services" (H.P. 1121) (L.D. 1583) (Sponsored by Representative HASKELL of Portland) (Cosponsored by Representatives: KNIGHT of Livermore Falls, SCHATZ of Blue Hill, Senator: DAVIS of Cumberland) (Submitted by the Department of Corrections pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act To Change the Penalties for Writing Bad Checks" (H.P. 1126) (L.D. 1588) (Sponsored by Representative SHAW of Standish) (Cosponsored by Senator DIAMOND of Cumberland and Representatives: BRIGGS of Mexico, CLARK of Millinocket, HAYES of Buckfield, PENDLETON of Scarborough, SARTY of Denmark, SCHATZ of Blue Hill, STRANG BURGESS of Cumberland) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Update and Clarify Polygraph Examiner and Private Investigator Licensing Laws Administered by the Department of Public Safety" (H.P. 1128) (L.D. 1590) (Sponsored by Representative HASKELL of Portland) (Submitted by the Department of Public Safety pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Health and Human Services

Bill "An Act To Amend the Maine Certificate of Need Act of 2002 Concerning Right of Entry and Investigation" (H.P. 1129) (L.D. 1591) (Sponsored by Representative MILLER of Somerville) (Submitted by the Department of Health and Human Services pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act To Update the Laws Affecting the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention" (H.P. 1130) (L.D. 1592) (Sponsored by Representative MARTIN of Eagle Lake) (Submitted by the Department of Health and Human Services pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Judiciary

Bill "An Act To Replace the Maine Limited Liability Company Act" (H.P. 1118) (L.D. 1580) (Sponsored by Representative PRIEST of Brunswick) (Cosponsored by Senator HOBBS of York and Senator: JACKSON of Aroostook) (Submitted by the Secretary of State pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Labor

Bill "An Act To Bring the Laws of the Maine Public Employees Retirement System into Compliance with the Federal Internal Revenue Code" (H.P. 1120) (L.D. 1582) (Sponsored by Representative TUTTLE of Sanford) (Cosponsored by Senator JACKSON of Aroostook and Representative: Speaker PINGREE of North Haven, Senator: President MITCHELL of Kennebec) (Submitted by the Maine Public Employees Retirement System pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Legal and Veterans Affairs

Bill "An Act To Amend the Rights and Liabilities of the Supervisory Physician of a Physician Assistant" (H.P. 1112) (L.D. 1574) (Sponsored by Representative CAREY of Lewiston) (Cosponsored by Senator SULLIVAN of York and Representatives: BEAULIEU of Auburn, CORNELL du HOUE of Brunswick, FITTS of Pittsfield, KNIGHT of Livermore Falls, LAJOIE of Lewiston, SAVIELLO of Wilton, STUCKEY of Portland, VALENTINO of Saco) (Submitted by the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act To Facilitate Voting by Uniformed Service and Overseas Voters" (H.P. 1117) (L.D. 1579) (Sponsored by Representative WILLETTE of Presque Isle) (Cosponsored by Senator GOODALL of Sagadahoc and Representatives: MARTIN of Eagle Lake, PILON of Saco, Senator: JACKSON of Aroostook) (Submitted by the Secretary of State pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Marine Resources

Bill "An Act To Require That Marine Resources Dealers Purchase Only from Licensed Harvesters" (H.P. 1122) (L.D. 1584) (Sponsored by Representative EATON of Sullivan) (Submitted by the Department of Marine Resources pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act To Amend the Lobster Meat Laws and Expand Economic Opportunity for Maine's Lobster Industry" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1131) (L.D. 1593) (Sponsored by Speaker PINGREE of North Haven) (Cosponsored by Senator DAMON of Hancock and Representatives: KENT of Woolwich, LANGLEY of Ellsworth, MacDONALD of Boothbay, MAZUREK of Rockland, PENDLETON of Scarborough, PERCY of Phippsburg, PIEH of Bremen, STRANG BURGESS of Cumberland, WEAVER of York) (Submitted by the Department of Marine Resources pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Natural Resources

Bill "An Act To Improve Water Quality through the Phaseout of Overboard Discharges and the Improvement of the Boat Pump-out Laws" (H.P. 1111) (L.D. 1573) (Sponsored by Speaker PINGREE of North Haven) (Cosponsored by Representatives: DUCHESNE of Hudson, MAZUREK of Rockland, PERCY of Phippsburg, VAN WIE of New Gloucester, WEBSTER of Freeport, Senators: DAMON of Hancock, GERZOFKY of Cumberland, TRAHAN of Lincoln) (Submitted by the Department of Environmental Protection pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act To Establish a Residential Wood Stove Replacement Fund" (H.P. 1113) (L.D. 1575) (Sponsored by Representative BECK of Waterville) (Cosponsored by Senator JACKSON of Aroostook and Representatives: BUTTERFIELD of Bangor, CLARK of Millinocket, CUSHING of Hampden, FLEMINGS of Bar Harbor, MARTIN of Eagle Lake, Senators: DAMON of Hancock, GERZOFKY of Cumberland, NUTTING of Androscoggin) (Submitted by the Department of Environmental Protection pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act Concerning the Establishment of Water Levels" (H.P. 1115) (L.D. 1577) (Sponsored by Representative CLARK of Millinocket) (Cosponsored by Representatives: CAMPBELL of Newfield, FITTS of Pittsfield, FLEMINGS of Bar Harbor, KNAPP of Gorham, PERCY of Phippsburg, Senator: GOODALL of Sagadahoc) (Submitted by the Department of Environmental Protection pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Transportation

Resolve, Authorizing the Transfer of State Land to the Natural Resource Education Center of Greenville (H.P. 1132) (L.D. 1605) (Sponsored by Representative JOHNSON of Greenville) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Resolve, To Name a Bridge in North Berwick the North Berwick Veterans Memorial Bridge (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1133) (L.D. 1606) (Sponsored by Representative EVES of North Berwick) (Cosponsored by Senator NASS of York) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Utilities and Energy

Bill "An Act To Provide for Equitable Sharing by Service Providers of the Costs of the Public Utilities Commission and the Office of the Public Advocate" (H.P. 1116) (L.D. 1578) (Sponsored by Representative FLAHERTY of Scarborough) (Cosponsored by Senator BARTLETT of Cumberland and Representatives: BERRY of Bowdoinham, DOSTIE of Sabattus, FITTS of Pittsfield, HINCK of Portland, McCABE of Skowhegan, MORRISON of South Portland) (Submitted by the Office of the Public Advocate pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act Concerning Electricity Customers Whose Bills Increase as a Result of the Implementation of Energy Conservation or Energy Efficiency Measures" (H.P. 1119) (L.D. 1581) (Sponsored by Representative FITTS of Pittsfield) (Cosponsored by Senator HOBBS of York and Representatives: BERRY of Bowdoinham, DOSTIE of Sabattus, FLAHERTY of Scarborough, FLETCHER of Winslow, HINCK of Portland, VAN WIE of New Gloucester, Senators: GERZOFKY of Cumberland, SHERMAN of Aroostook) (Submitted by the Office of the Public Advocate pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act To Authorize Sanitary Districts To Waive an Automatic Sanitary District Lien Foreclosure" (H.P. 1127) (L.D. 1589) (Sponsored by Representative CHASE of Wells) (Cosponsored by Senator NASS of York and Representatives: LEWIN of Eliot, WEAVER of York, Senator: PERRY of Penobscot) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Sincerely,

S/Millicent M. MacFarland
Clerk of the House

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

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

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

The Following Communication: H.P. 1176

**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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December 21, 2009

Hon. Hannah M. Pingree
Speaker of the House
124th Legislature

Hon. Elizabeth H. Mitchell
President of the Senate
124th Legislature

Dear Madam Speaker and Madam President:

On December 21, 2009, 41 bills were received by the Clerk of the House.

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, these bills were referred to the Joint Standing Committees on December 21, 2009, as follows:

Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

Bill "An Act To Regulate the Transportation of Firewood" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1135) (L.D. 1607) (Sponsored by Representative McCABE of Skowhegan) (Cosponsored by Senator GOODALL of Sagadahoc and Representatives: HAYES of Buckfield, KENT of Woolwich, MARTIN of Eagle Lake, MITCHELL of the Penobscot Nation, O'BRIEN of Lincolnville, SMITH of Monmouth, STUCKEY of Portland) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Business, Research and Economic Development

Bill "An Act To Establish an Office of Administrative Law Judges for Licensing Boards" (H.P. 1136) (L.D. 1608) (Sponsored by Representative SMITH of Monmouth) (Cosponsored by Senator GOODALL of Sagadahoc and Representatives: BEAUDETTE of Biddeford, DOSTIE of Sabattus, FLAHERTY of Scarborough, HAYES of Buckfield, McCABE of Skowhegan, NELSON of Falmouth, O'BRIEN of Lincolnville, WATSON of Bath) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Criminal Justice and Public Safety

Bill "An Act To Expand the Use of Ignition Interlock Devices" (H.P. 1137) (L.D. 1609) (Sponsored by Representative HASKELL of Portland) (Cosponsored by Senator JACKSON of Aroostook and Representative: MARTIN of Eagle Lake) (Submitted by the Secretary of State pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act To Establish the Silver Alert Program" (H.P. 1138) (L.D. 1610) (Sponsored by Representative ROTUNDO of Lewiston) (Cosponsored by Senator CRAVEN of Androscoggin and Representatives: CAMPBELL of Newfield, CAREY of Lewiston, LAJOIE of Lewiston, MILLER of Somerville, Senators: DAVIS of Cumberland, GOODALL of Sagadahoc, SIMPSON of Androscoggin) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Ensure Humane Treatment for Special Management Prisoners" (H.P. 1139) (L.D. 1611) (Sponsored by Representative SCHATZ of Blue Hill) (Cosponsored by Senator MARRACHÉ of Kennebec and Representatives: BERRY of Bowdoinham, HINCK of Portland, LAJOIE of Lewiston, MITCHELL of the Penobscot Nation, Speaker PINGREE of North Haven, PIOTTI of Unity, WAGNER of Lewiston, Senator: GERZOFKY of Cumberland) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Regarding the Unlawful Use of License or Identification Card" (H.P. 1140) (L.D. 1612) (Sponsored by Representative STRANG BURGESS of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by Representatives: HASKELL of Portland, SYKES of Harrison) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Education and Cultural Affairs

Bill "An Act To Modernize the Laws Governing the State's Cultural Agencies" (H.P. 1141) (L.D. 1613) (Sponsored by Representative PERCY of Phippsburg) (Cosponsored by Senator SIMPSON of Androscoggin and Representatives: BERRY of Bowdoinham, FOSSEL of Alna, SAVIELLO of Wilton, SMITH of Monmouth, WATSON of Bath, Senators: DAMON of Hancock, DAVIS of Cumberland, GERZOFKY of Cumberland) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Health and Human Services

Bill "An Act To Reimburse Pharmacies under the MaineCare Program Based on Wholesale Acquisition Costs" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1143) (L.D. 1615) (Sponsored by Representative LEWIN of Eliot) (Cosponsored by Senator RAYE of Washington and Representatives: CURTIS of Madison, EVES of North Berwick, JOHNSON of Greenville, Speaker PINGREE of North Haven, STRANG BURGESS of Cumberland, SYKES of Harrison, Senators: COURTNEY of York, SHERMAN of Aroostook) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Enhance Newborn Blood Spot Screening To Conform to Federal Newborn Screening Standards" (H.P. 1144) (L.D. 1616) (Sponsored by Representative JONES of Mount Vernon) (Submitted by the Department of Health and Human Services pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act Enabling Expedited Partner Therapy" (H.P. 1145) (L.D. 1617) (Sponsored by Representative PERRY of Calais) (Cosponsored by Representatives: HASKELL of Portland, SIROIS of Turner) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

Bill "An Act To Prohibit the Use of Personal Watercraft on Wilson Pond" (H.P. 1142) (L.D. 1614) (Sponsored by Representative JOHNSON of Greenville) (Cosponsored by Representative: DUCHESNE of Hudson) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Insurance and Financial Services

Bill "An Act To Amend the Loan Originator Registration Laws" (H.P. 1146) (L.D. 1618) (Sponsored by Representative LEGG of Kennebunk) (Cosponsored by Senator BOWMAN of York and Representatives: COHEN of Portland, RICHARDSON of Warren, Senators: McCORMICK of Kennebec, PERRY of Penobscot) (Submitted by the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act To Facilitate Uniformity Regarding Exemption from Registration of Certain Securities Offerings" (H.P. 1147) (L.D. 1619) (Sponsored by Representative PRIEST of Brunswick) (Cosponsored by Senator BOWMAN of York and Representative: COHEN of Portland, Senators: McCORMICK of Kennebec, PERRY of Penobscot) (Submitted by the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act To Protect Health Care Consumers from Catastrophic Debt" (H.P. 1148) (L.D. 1620) (Sponsored by Representative BERRY of Bowdoinham) (Cosponsored by Senator BARTLETT of Cumberland and Representatives: BECK of Waterville, BLODGETT of Augusta, BOLAND of Sanford, BRIGGS of Mexico, BUTTERFIELD of Bangor, CAIN of Orono, CAMPBELL of Newfield, CASAVANT of Biddeford, CLARK of Millinocket, CROCKETT of Augusta, DRISCOLL of Westbrook, EVES of North Berwick, FLEMINGS of Bar Harbor, GILBERT of Jay, GOODE of Bangor, HASKELL of Portland, HINCK of Portland, HUNT of Buxton, LEGG of Kennebunk, LOVEJOY of Portland, MacDONALD of Boothbay, MAZUREK of Rockland, McCABE of Skowhegan, MILLER of Somerville, MITCHELL of the Penobscot Nation, MORRISON of South Portland, O'BRIEN of Lincolnville, PENDLETON of Scarborough, PEOPLES of Westbrook, Speaker PINGREE of North Haven, PRIEST of Brunswick, RICHARDSON of Warren, SMITH of Monmouth, STRANG BURGESS of Cumberland, TREAT of Hallowell, WAGNER of Lewiston, WATSON of Bath, WELSH of Rockport, WRIGHT of Berwick, Senators: ALFOND of Cumberland, BOWMAN of York, BRYANT of Oxford, GERZOFISKY of Cumberland, GOODALL of Sagadahoc, JACKSON of Aroostook, President MITCHELL of Kennebec, SIMPSON of Androscoggin, SULLIVAN of York) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Increase Consumer Choice Regarding Service Contracts" (H.P. 1149) (L.D. 1621) (Sponsored by Representative THIBODEAU of Winterport) (Cosponsored by Senator SHERMAN of Aroostook and Representatives: BUTTERFIELD of Bangor, CAREY of Lewiston, CURTIS of Madison, JOHNSON of Greenville, SYKES of Harrison, THOMAS of Ripley, Senators: COURTNEY of York, JACKSON of Aroostook) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Judiciary

Bill "An Act To Make Technical Changes to the Laws Governing the Practice of Law" (H.P. 1150) (L.D. 1622) (Sponsored by Representative PRIEST of Brunswick) (Cosponsored by Senator BLISS of Cumberland and Representatives: CROCKETT of Bethel, DILL of Cape Elizabeth, HINCK of Portland, KRUGER of Thomaston, STEVENS of Bangor, Senator: HOBBS of York) (Submitted by the Department of the Attorney General pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act To Expand Options in the Permanency Plan for Children in Foster Care" (H.P. 1151) (L.D. 1623) (Sponsored by Representative BRYANT of Windham) (Submitted by the Department of Health and Human Services pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act To Ensure Rights to Children for Caretaker Relatives" (H.P. 1152) (L.D. 1624) (Sponsored by Representative PERRY of Calais) (Cosponsored by Representatives: HASKELL of Portland, SIROIS of Turner) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Establish a Policy of Communication and Consultation on Issues Affecting Tribal Communities of the Passamaquoddy Tribe" (H.P. 1153) (L.D. 1625) (Sponsored by Representative SOCTOMAH of the Passamaquoddy Tribe) (Cosponsored by Senator RAYE of Washington and Representatives: MITCHELL of the Penobscot Nation, PENDLETON of Scarborough) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Labor

Bill "An Act To Amend the Unemployment Compensation Laws Regarding Vacation Pay" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1154) (L.D. 1626) (Sponsored by Speaker PINGREE of North Haven) (Cosponsored by Senator JACKSON of Aroostook and Representatives: BUTTERFIELD of Bangor, CAMPBELL of Newfield, DOSTIE of Sabattus, DRISCOLL of Westbrook, HANLEY of Gardiner, KNIGHT of Livermore Falls, MAZUREK of Rockland, MITCHELL of the Penobscot Nation, TUTTLE of Sanford, Senators: DAMON of Hancock, GOODALL of Sagadahoc, McCORMICK of Kennebec, President MITCHELL of Kennebec, NUTTING of Androscoggin) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Legal and Veterans Affairs

Bill "An Act To Improve Access to Data in the Central Voter Registration System" (H.P. 1155) (L.D. 1627) (Sponsored by Representative TRINWARD of Waterville) (Cosponsored by Senator SULLIVAN of York and Senator: JACKSON of Aroostook) (Submitted by the Secretary of State pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Taste Testing of Alcoholic Beverages" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1156) (L.D. 1628) (Sponsored by Representative FITTS of Pittsfield) (Cosponsored by Representatives: TUTTLE of Sanford, WELSH of Rockport, Senator PLOWMAN of Penobscot and Representatives: Speaker PINGREE of North Haven, RUSSELL of Portland, Senator: GOODALL of Sagadahoc) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Streamline Wine Registration Requirements" (H.P. 1157) (L.D. 1629) (Sponsored by Representative BERRY of Bowdoinham) (Cosponsored by Senator MARRACHÉ of Kennebec and Representatives: EATON of Sullivan, FITTS of Pittsfield, LOVEJOY of Portland, PEOPLES of Westbrook, WRIGHT of Berwick, Senator: SULLIVAN of York) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Clarify the Laws Governing Instant Redeemable Coupons Included with a Spirits Product" (H.P. 1158) (L.D. 1630) (Sponsored by Representative FITTS of Pittsfield) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Natural Resources

Bill "An Act To Provide Leadership Regarding the Responsible Recycling of Consumer Products" (H.P. 1159) (L.D. 1631) (Sponsored by Representative WALSH INNES of Yarmouth) (Cosponsored by Senator GOODALL of Sagadahoc and Representatives: BERRY of Bowdoinham, DUCHESNE of Hudson, EBERLE of South Portland, HINCK of Portland, KENT of Woolwich, MARTIN of Eagle Lake, WELSH of Rockport) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Establish Biofuel and Ultra-low Sulfur Requirements for Number 2 Home Heating Oil" (H.P. 1160) (L.D. 1632) (Sponsored by Representative BUTTERFIELD of Bangor) (Cosponsored by Senator BARTLETT of Cumberland and Representatives: DUCHESNE of Hudson, WALSH INNES of Yarmouth, KNAPP of Gorham, WELSH of Rockport, Senator: GOODALL of Sagadahoc) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Expand Eligibility of Certain Municipal Landfills To Participate in the State's Remediation and Closure Program" (H.P. 1161) (L.D. 1633) (Sponsored by Representative JOHNSON of Greenville) (Cosponsored by Representatives: CLARK of Millinocket, DUCHESNE of Hudson, THOMAS of Ripley) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Taxation

Bill "An Act To Increase Financial Assets of Maine Citizens by Allowing Split Tax Refunds" (H.P. 1162) (L.D. 1634) (Sponsored by Representative FLEMINGS of Bar Harbor) (Cosponsored by Senator SULLIVAN of York, Senator CRAVEN of Androscoggin and Representatives: BERRY of Bowdoinham, CAIN of Orono, CAREY of Lewiston, CROCKETT of Augusta, Speaker PINGREE of North Haven, WATSON of Bath, Senators: GOODALL of Sagadahoc, SIMPSON of Androscoggin) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Avoid Unnecessary Removal of Land from the Maine Tree Growth Tax Law Program" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1163) (L.D. 1635) (Sponsored by Representative WATSON of Bath) (Cosponsored by Senator DAMON of Hancock and Representatives: EBERLE of South Portland, KNIGHT of Livermore Falls, SMITH of Monmouth) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Encourage Extended Stays in Maine Waters" (H.P. 1164) (L.D. 1636) (Sponsored by Representative CUSHING of Hampden) (Cosponsored by Senator RECTOR of Knox and Representatives: BICKFORD of Auburn, CURTIS of Madison, KNIGHT of Livermore Falls, MAZUREK of Rockland, PERCY of Phippsburg, WEAVER of York, Senator: DAMON of Hancock) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Change the Requirements for the Sales Tax Exemption for Snowmobile Trail Grooming Equipment" (H.P. 1165) (L.D. 1637) (Sponsored by Representative WATSON of Bath) (Cosponsored by Senator BLISS of Cumberland and Representatives: CLARK of Millinocket, EBERLE of South Portland, KNIGHT of Livermore Falls, SAVIELLO of Wilton) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Transportation

Bill "An Act To Impose Service Requirements on Railroads That Receive Funds from the Department of Transportation" (H.P. 1166) (L.D. 1638) (Sponsored by Representative FITTS of Pittsfield) (Cosponsored by Senator GERZOFKY of Cumberland and Representatives: BROWNE of Vassalboro, CAREY of Lewiston, MacDONALD of Boothbay, MAZUREK of Rockland, ROTUNDO of Lewiston, THOMAS of Ripley, Senator: DAMON of Hancock) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Stimulate the Maine Economy and Promote the Development of Maine's Priority Transportation Infrastructure Needs" (H.P. 1167) (L.D. 1639) (Sponsored by Representative MacDONALD of Boothbay) (Cosponsored by Senator DAMON of Hancock and Representatives: BEAUDETTE of Biddeford, BLODGETT of Augusta, BUTTERFIELD of Bangor, CAREY of Lewiston, CONNOR of Kennebunk, CROCKETT of Augusta, FITTS of Pittsfield, KENT of Woolwich, LOVEJOY of Portland, MARTIN of Eagle Lake, O'BRIEN of Lincolnville, Speaker PINGREE of North Haven, STRANG BURGESS of Cumberland, THOMAS of Ripley, WEAVER of York, Senator: GOODALL of Sagadahoc) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Provide for the Safety of Maine Athletes" (H.P. 1168) (L.D. 1640) (Sponsored by Representative CAREY of Lewiston) (Cosponsored by Senator DAMON of Hancock and Representatives: BERRY of Bowdoinham, FLEMINGS of Bar Harbor, KNIGHT of Livermore Falls, LAJOIE of Lewiston, MARTIN of Eagle Lake, MAZUREK of Rockland, MITCHELL of the Penobscot Nation, Speaker PINGREE of North Haven, ROTUNDO of Lewiston, STUCKEY of Portland, THIBODEAU of Winterport, THOMAS of Ripley, Senator: NUTTING of Androscoggin) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Direct Funds from the Highway Fund to the Highway and Bridge Light Capital Program" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1169) (L.D. 1641) (Sponsored by Representative BROWNE of Vassalboro) (Cosponsored by Senator ROSEN of Hancock and Representatives: CURTIS of Madison, FITTS of Pittsfield, McLEOD of Lee, SAVIELLO of Wilton, SYKES of Harrison, THIBODEAU of Winterport, THOMAS of Ripley, Senator: GOOLEY of Franklin) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Reduce Road Noise within Posted Areas" (H.P. 1170) (L.D. 1642) (Sponsored by Representative STRANG BURGESS of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by Senator DAVIS of Cumberland and Representatives: COHEN of Portland, GILBERT of Jay, PILON of Saco, SHAW of Standish, STUCKEY of Portland) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Utilities and Energy

Bill "An Act To Facilitate the Involvement of the Office of the Public Advocate in the FairPoint Communications Bankruptcy Case" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1171) (L.D. 1643) (Sponsored by Representative HINCK of Portland) (GOVERNOR'S BILL) (Cosponsored by Senator HOBBS of York and Representatives: BERRY of Bowdoinham, DOSTIE of Sabattus, FLAHERTY of Scarborough, FLETCHER of Winslow, VAN WIE of New Gloucester, Senators: BOWMAN of York, SHERMAN of Aroostook)

Bill "An Act To Require That a Utility Company Notify the Owner of Property prior to Disconnecting Services" (H.P. 1172) (L.D. 1644) (Sponsored by Representative PILON of Saco) (Cosponsored by Senator BLISS of Cumberland and Representatives: BEAUDETTE of Biddeford, HINCK of Portland, MARTIN of Eagle Lake, Speaker PINGREE of North Haven, RUSSELL of Portland, SCHATZ of Blue Hill, Senators: HOBBS of York, SIMPSON of Androscoggin) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Streamline Collections for Consumer-owned Consolidated Water and Wastewater Utilities" (H.P. 1173) (L.D. 1645) (Sponsored by Representative FITTS of Pittsfield) (Cosponsored by Representative THIBODEAU of Winterport) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Establish a Broadband Policy for Maine" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1174) (L.D. 1646) (Sponsored by Representative FLAHERTY of Scarborough) (Cosponsored by Senator BARTLETT of Cumberland and Representatives: DOSTIE of Sabattus, FLEMINGS of Bar Harbor, HINCK of Portland, MacDONALD of Boothbay, McCABE of Skowhegan, MORRISON of South Portland, PENDLETON of Scarborough) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Enhance Maine's Clean Energy Opportunities" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1175) (L.D. 1647) (Sponsored by Representative BERRY of Bowdoinham) (Cosponsored by Senator BARTLETT of Cumberland and Representatives: FITTS of Pittsfield, FLAHERTY of Scarborough, FLETCHER of Winslow, HINCK of Portland, MARTIN of Eagle Lake, SHAW of Standish, VAN WIE of New Gloucester, Senator: SHERMAN of Aroostook) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Sincerely,

S/Millicent M. MacFarland
Clerk of the House

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

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

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

The Following Communication: H.P. 1178

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

December 23, 2009

Hon. Hannah M. Pingree
Speaker of the House
124th Legislature

Hon. Elizabeth H. Mitchell
President of the Senate
124th Legislature

Dear Madam Speaker and Madam President:

On December 23, 2009, 1 bill was received by the Clerk of the House.

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, this bill was referred to a Joint Standing Committee on December 23, 2009, as follows:

Appropriations and Financial Affairs

Bill "An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Initiative To Streamline State Government" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1177) (L.D. 1668) (Submitted by the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs pursuant to Public Law 2009, chapter 213, Part QQQ.)

Sincerely,

S/Millicent M. MacFarland
Clerk of the House

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

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

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

The Following Communication: H.P. 1180

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

December 23, 2009

Hon. Hannah M. Pingree
Speaker of the House
124th Legislature

Hon. Elizabeth H. Mitchell
President of the Senate
124th Legislature

Dear Madam Speaker and Madam President:

On December 23, 2009, 1 bill was received by the Clerk of the House.

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, this bill was referred to a Joint Standing Committee on December 23, 2009, as follows:

Transportation

Resolve, To Name the New Bridge over Gilman Stream in New Portland the Joshua Bernard Memorial Bridge (H.P. 1179) (L.D. 1669) (Sponsored by Representative PINKHAM of Lexington Township) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Sincerely,

S/Millicent M. MacFarland
Clerk of the House

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

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

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

The Following Communication: H.P. 1182

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

December 28, 2009

Hon. Hannah M. Pingree
Speaker of the House
124th Legislature

Hon. Elizabeth H. Mitchell
President of the Senate
124th Legislature

Dear Madam Speaker and Madam President:

On December 28, 2009, 1 bill was received by the Clerk of the House.

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, this bill was referred to a Joint Standing Committee on December 28, 2009, as follows:

Transportation

Resolve, To Authorize the Placement of a Sign at Saddleback Mountain (H.P. 1181) (L.D. 1670) (Sponsored by Representative TARDY of Newport) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Sincerely,

S/Millicent M. MacFarland
Clerk of the House

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

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

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

The Following Communication: H.P. 1184

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

December 31, 2009

Hon. Hannah M. Pingree
Speaker of the House
124th Legislature

Hon. Elizabeth H. Mitchell
President of the Senate
124th Legislature

Dear Madam Speaker and Madam President:

On December 31, 2009, 1 bill was received by the Clerk of the House.

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, this bill was referred to a Joint Standing Committee on December 31, 2009, as follows:

Appropriations and Financial Affairs

Bill "An Act Making Supplemental Appropriations and Allocations for the Expenditures of State Government, General Fund and Other Funds, and Changing Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2010 and June 30, 2011" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1183) (L.D. 1671) (Sponsored by Representative CAIN of Orono) (GOVERNOR'S BILL) (Cosponsored by Senator DIAMOND of Cumberland)

Sincerely,

S/Millicent M. MacFarland
Clerk of the House

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

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

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

SENATE PAPERS

Bill "An Act To Strengthen the Ballot Initiative Process"
S.P. 662 L.D. 1730

Presented by Senator NUTTING of Androscoggin.
Cosponsored by Senator CRAVEN of Androscoggin,
Representative DOSTIE of Sabattus and Representatives:
BERRY of Bowdoinham, CAREY of Lewiston, HASKELL of
Portland, HAYES of Buckfield, MARTIN of Eagle Lake, Speaker
PINGREE of North Haven, TREAT of Hallowell, VAN WIE of New
Gloucester.

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

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

Sent down for concurrence.

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

ORDERS

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

House

Change of Committee

The Committee on **TAXATION** on Bill "An Act To Strengthen the Job Creation Through Educational Opportunity Program"
H.P. 899 L.D. 1296

Reported that the same be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **REFERRED** to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS**.

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

REFERRED to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS**, in concurrence.

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Senate

Change of Committee

Senator BLISS for the Committee on **JUDICIARY** on Bill "An Act To Protect Confidential Consumer Records in Self-service Storage Facilities"
S.P. 577 L.D. 1499

Reported that the same be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **BUSINESS, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**.

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

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

Ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

Off Record Remarks

Off Record Remarks

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

Off Record Remarks

On motion by Senator **BARTLETT** of Cumberland,
ADJOURNED, pursuant to the Joint Order, to Tuesday, January 12, 2010, at 10:00 in the morning.