The House met according to adjournment and was called to order by the Speaker. 

Prayer by Father Sylvio Levesque, Hallowell (retired). 

National Anthem by Melanie Saucier, Fort Kent Elementary School. 

Pledge of Allegiance. 

Doctor of the day, Michael Lambke, M.D., Skowhegan. 

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

COMMUNICATIONS 

The Following Communication: (H.C. 418) 

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN MAINE CENTER FOR EDUCATION POLICY, APPLIED RESEARCH & EVALUATION 99 SCHOOL STREET GORHAM, ME 04038 

March 16, 2006 

Speaker John Richardson 

Maine House of Representatives 

2 State House Station 

Augusta, ME 04333 

Dear Speaker Richardson, 

The Maine State Legislature requested the Maine Education Policy Research Institute, University of Southern Maine Office, to compile and publish a comprehensive description of public education in Maine each year. Appropriately, the recently completed book is entitled The Condition of K-12 Public Education in Maine 2006. 

We would like to provide you and your staff with copies of the book for use in your daily deliberations. We hope you will find the information broad yet focused on the many aspects of K-12 public education. 

Sincerely, 

S/David L. Silvernail 

Director 

S/Paula B. Gravelle 

Research Analyst 

READ and with accompanying papers ORDERED PLACED ON FILE. 

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The Following Communication: (S.P. 813) 

STATE OF MAINE COMMISSION ON UTILITIES AND ENERGY 

February 15, 2006 

The Honorable Beth Edmonds 

President of the Senate 

The Honorable John Richardson 

Speaker of the House of Representatives 

122nd Legislature 

State House 

Augusta, ME 04333 

Dear Madam President and Mr. Speaker: 

Pursuant to Title 3 Maine Revised Statutes, chapter 35, we are pleased to submit the findings of the Joint Standing Committee on Utilities and Energy from its review and evaluation of the Office of the Public Advocate under the Government Evaluation Act. The Committee found that the Office of the Public Advocate is operating within its statutory authority. 

Sincerely, 

S/Senator Philip L. Bartlett II 

Senate Chair 

S/Representative Lawrence Bliss 

House Chair 

Came from the Senate, READ and with accompanying papers ORDERED PLACED ON FILE. 

READ and with accompanying papers ORDERED PLACED ON FILE in concurrence. 

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The Following Communication: (S.C. 550) 

MAINE SENATE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY 

March 21, 2006 

Honorable John Richardson 

Speaker of the House 

2 State House Station 

Augusta, ME 04333-0002 

Dear Speaker Richardson: 

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A. §157 and Joint Rule 505 of the 122nd Maine Legislature, please be advised that the Senate today confirmed the following nominations: 

Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, the nomination of Seth Bradstreet III of Newport for appointment as the Commissioner of the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources. 

Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Natural Resources, the nomination of Richard A. Gould of Greenville for appointment to the Board of Environmental Protection.
Representative PARADIS of Frenchville assumed the Chair. The House was called to order by the Speaker Pro Tem.

ORDERS
On motion of Representative PARADIS of Frenchville, the following Joint Resolution: (H.P. 1478) (Cosponsored by Senator ROTUNDO of Androscoggin and Representatives: CLARK of Millinocket, MARRACHE of Waterville, PILOM of Saco, SMITH of Van Buren, T WOMEY of Biddeford, Senators: BROMLEY of Cumberland, MARTIN of Aroostook, PLOWMAN of Penobscot)

RÉSOLUTION CONJOINTE HONORANT LES FRANCO-AMÉRICAINS

Considérant que, l'état du Maine est nommé après la province du Maine en France et que les villes de Paris et Calais dans l'état du Maine portent les noms de la capitale de France et du port français de Calais, respectivement; et

Considérant que, plus d'un tiers de la population du Maine est de descendance française ou canadienne, et les franco-américains du Maine ont contribué beaucoup à la beauté et la qualité de cet état; et

Considérant que, le français est la première langue de milliers de citoyens du Maine; et

Considérant que, il y a eu une augmentation de l'utilisation de la langue française et une appréciation croissante de l'héritage francophone à travers l'état; et

Considérant que, des clubs et des associations pour promouvoir la culture et la langue française sont nés à travers l'état, y inclus le caucus francophone à la capitale; et

Considérant que, les gens qui parlent couramment le français et l'anglais sont une ressource économique et culturelle pour l'état du Maine; et

Considérant que, le tourisme culturel sera accru par les véritables centres franco-américains à travers l'état et la grande présence de franco-américains dans le Maine peut renforcer davantage nos relations avec le Canada, la France, et les autres pays francophones; et

Considérant que, le premier Jour Franco-Américain a été célébré mercredi, 6 mars, 2002, à la Capitale de l'État; maintenant, alors, qu'il soit

Résolu, que nous, les membres de la Cent-Vingt-deuxième Législature, assemblés dans la deuxième session régulière, au

WHEREAS, the State of Maine is named after the Province of Maine in France and the towns of Paris and Calais owe their names to the capital city of France and the French port city of Calais, respectively; and

WHEREAS, more than 1/3 of the population of Maine is of French and Canadian descent. Franco-Americans in Maine have contributed much to the beauty and quality of this State; and

WHEREAS, French is the primary language of thousands of Mainers and there has been a resurgence in the use of the French language and a heightened appreciation of the Franco-American heritage throughout the State; and

WHEREAS, cultural tourism can be greatly enhanced by the genuine Franco-American centers throughout the State and the large Franco-American presence in Maine can further strengthen our relationships with Canada, France and the rest of the francophone world; and

WHEREAS, the first Franco-American Day was celebrated on Wednesday, March 6, 2002 at the State Capitol; now, therefore, be it

RÈSOLUTION: That We, the members of the One Hundred and Twenty-second Législature now assembled in the Second Regular Session, on behalf of the people we represent, proclaim that Wednesday, March 22, 2006 is Franco-American Day, to be celebrated at the State Capitol; and be it further

RÉSOLVED: That we suggest that Franco-American Day be celebrated annually to commemorate the rich history of the French people in the State of Maine and the United States of America.

READ. The SPEAKER PRO TEM: La Président reconnaît le Député de Frankfort, Député Lindell. The Chair recognizes the Representative from Frankfort, Representative Lindell.

Representative LINDELL: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. Merci Messieur Speaker. Messieurg Speaker, mesdames et messieurs de la Maison.

RÉSOLUTION CONJOINTE HONORANT LES FRANCO-AMÉRICAINS

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Considérant que, le premier Jour Franco-Américain a été célébré mercredi, 6 mars, 2002, à la Capitale de l'État; maintenant, alors, qu'il soit

Résolu, que nous, les membres de la Cent-Vingt-deuxième Législature, assemblés dans la deuxième session régulière, au
nom des gens que nous représentons, proclamons que mercredi, 22 mars, 2006 est le Jour Franco-Américain, soit célébré à la Capitol de l’État; et qu’il soit aussi
Résolu, que nous suggérons que le Jour Franco-Américain soit célébré chaque année pour commémorer la riche histoire du peuple français dans l'état du Maine et aux États-Unis d'Amérique.

Subsequently, the Joint Resolution was ADOPTED. Sent for concurrence.

On motion of Representative PINGREE of North Haven, the following Joint Order: (H.P. 1480) ORDERED, the Senate concurring, that the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services shall report out, to the House, a bill to address eating disorders.

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Recognizing: The Kennebec Company, of Bath, on its being chosen for the October issue of This Old House, the magazine affiliated with the award-winning show of the same name, as “one of the best building pros” in the country. The Kennebec Company joins an elite group of artisans recommended by the staff of the television show and was recognized for its "period-inspired" cabinetry work. The company specializes in building kitchens for older houses undergoing restoration. Founded in 1974 by Dave Leonard, who is now semi-retired, and co-owned by Jeffrey Peavey, the company has more than 40 employees, including 28 cabinetmakers and 12 designers. We extend our congratulations to The Kennebec Company on its receiving this extraordinary honor and we send them our best wishes for future success; (HLS 1550)

Presented by Representative WATSON of Bath. Cosponsored by Senator MAYO of Sagadahoc, Representative GROSE of Woolwich.

OFFICIAL SENTIMENT CALENDAR

On motion of Representative PINGREE of North Haven, the following Joint Order: (H.P. 1480)

ORDERED, the Senate concurring, that the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services shall report out, to the House, a bill to address eating disorders.

READ and PASSED. Sent for concurrence.

SPECIAL SENTIMENT CALENDAR

In accordance with House Rule 519 and Joint Rule 213, the following items:

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Presented by Representative WATSON of Bath. Cosponsored by Senator MAYO of Sagadahoc, Representative GROSE of Woolwich.

On OBJECTION of Representative WATSON of Bath, was REMOVED from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

READ.

The SPEAKER PRO TEM: La Président reconnaît le Député de Bath, Député Watson. The Chair recognizes the Representative from Bath, Representative Watson.

Representative WATSON: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Men and Women of the House. We have all used the adage that small business forms the backbone of the Maine economy. There is no truer example than this young company in Bath, the Kennebec Company. It is the national leader in the design and crafting of custom period cabinetry. The company is run by co-owners Jeff Peavey and Dave Leonard. Jeff Peavey you might remember, his wife Judy was a four-term legislator and Mr. Leonard was a two-term legislator from Woolwich. They employ 40 people between their design offices in the Old Customs House in Bath and their manufacturing facility at the Wing Farm Business Park just outside of town.

Two key factors of the Kennebec Company's success are the unique blend of experienced architectural designers and cabinet makers who hand craft and hand finish custom period cabinetry and secondly a level of quality in customer service that is unsurpassed in the cabinet industry. The Kennebec Company has delivered the finest Maine made cabinetry throughout the country, in Maine, New England and every state in this country.

In October of last year This Old House Magazine, the most respected national publication concerning home restoration, published a list of the 40 best contractors in the nation and named the Kennebec Company as the best cabinet making company on the list. Now, This Old House is familiar with the Kennebec Company as you might be because that company has been selected by them four times to participate in the PBS television show of the same name. I am proud today to commend the Kennebec Company for its fine record, its high employment, its good business sense and its expression of the basis of Maine's economy, small business. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Subsequently, the Sentiment was PASSED and sent for concurrence.

Recognizing: the Old Town High School United States Army Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps (JROTC) program, which has achieved the status of Honor Unit with Distinction, the highest unit award in the United States Army JROTC program, upon completion of its first Annual Formal Inspection. The JROTC program teaches cadets good citizenship through community involvement; to communicate using verbal, non-verbal, visual and written techniques; to take responsibility for actions and choices; to treat self and others with respect; and how to apply critical thinking techniques. The Old Town JROTC is led by retired Lieutenant Colonel Amedeo J. Lauria, and he and the cadets have spent the past three and a half years working hard to ensure they would all be ready for this inspection. The inspection was conducted by 2 officers from Area Command Dix located at Fort Dix, New Jersey. The cadets were evaluated as a full battalion and also in individual areas. The unit received high marks in individual inspection, the color guard and drill team performances and the Unit Status briefing and received commendation from the inspection team on 4 of the 5 staff areas. The receipt of this standing represents years of dedication and commitment and is truly a significant accomplishment. We extend our congratulations to the instructors and the cadets, and to all those involved in this honor. We send them our best wishes for continued success; (HLS 1736)

Presented by Representative LANSLEY of Sabattus. Cosponsored by Senator SCHNEIDER of Penobscot, Representative BLANCHARD of Old Town.

On OBJECTION of Representative LANSLEY of Sabattus, was REMOVED from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

The SPEAKER PRO TEM: La Président reconnaît le Député de Sabattus, Député Lansley. The Chair recognizes the Representative from Sabattus, Representative Lansley.

Representative LANSLEY: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. This honor is really no surprise for me. Colonel Lauria is extremely dedicated and he travels every day from Sabattus, two hours up and two hours back and put into this program his heart and his life and it shows in these fine young citizens of Maine. These folks are just absolutely incredible. Some of the cadets, Daniel Wheaton has been accepted to the US Naval Academy and also has been offered a four year scholarship at Maine Maritime. Jeffrey Dow has been offered an appointment West Point and received a four year Naval ROTC scholarship. Forest Bush is undecided between the US Naval Academy and the US Air Force Academy.
and also was accepted at the US Coast Guard Academy and the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. So this is no small achievement that they have had. Also here the Battalion Commander, Lt. Colonel Jeffery Dow, Alpha Company Commander, Captain Ryan Grant, Bravo Company Commander, Captain Brendan Paradis. If you get a chance to meet these folks they are incredible. I just wanted to stand and honor them. They do an excellent job and the commitment that the staff has shown to the program and to these kids is absolutely incredible. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Subsequently, the Sentiment was PASSED and sent for concurrence.

Recognizing:
Melanie Dorice Saucier, of Fort Kent, who at the age of 10 has already thrilled thousands of people with her exceptional voice and charming personality. She has garnered rave reviews at special events, radiothons, telethons, festivals, concerts and benefit appearances as well as in church choirs throughout Maine and the other New England states and the Maritime Provinces and Quebec in neighboring Canada. She has often won the top prize in musical contests in Canada where few Americans have appeared, let alone win. Her ever-expanding repertoire includes not only traditional French, Canadian and Franco-American songs, but also songs in Latin and Italian. She has sung the American national anthem in French and English in both the House and Senate for 5 successive years, starting on her 6th birthday. Her melodious voice has graced the annual Franco-American Day through her solo concerts under the Rotunda, providing a peaceful respite during an often hectic day. She has many friends and fans at the Capitol who have been intimately following her promising career. This bilingual musical prodigy has already sung with her favorite international group, Sweet People, when on tour in Canada and has accepted their invitation to sing with them in their native Switzerland. She will travel to Las Vegas with her parents to meet with Celine Dion, her favorite female singer. In the fall of 2004, Melanie launched her first CD, entitled "Crossing Borders." We wish Melanie success in her future endeavors;

Presented by Representative PARADIS of Frenchville.
Cosponsored by Senator MARTIN of Aroostook, Representative JACKSON of Allagash.
On OBJECTION of Representative DUDLEY of Portland, was REMOVED from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

READ.
The SPEAKER PRO TEM: La Président reconnaît le Député de Portland, Député Dudley. La Chaire reconnaît le Député de Portland, Député Dudley.

Representative DUDLEY: Pour la moitié de sa vie, Melanie Sauzier est venue nous entretenir ici à la Législature du Maine. For six straight years Melanie has entertained here at the State House. Elle s'est fait beaucoup d'amis avec sa voix exceptionnelle et son charme personnel. She has made many friends with her exceptional voice and flexibility as a singer. Chaque semaine quelqu'un demande si j'une fille de la Vallée St. Jean reviendra chanter l'hymne national. Almost every week someone asks if the little girl from the St. John Valley is returning to sing the national anthem. Millie McFarland, our Clerk of the House, is one of her biggest fans.

Il ya beaucoup de gens qui considère Mélanie un miracle medical. Many people consider her a miracle baby. Née prématurément, elle a lutté pour la vie au Centre Médical de l'Est du Maine à Bangor. On lui donnait pas beaucoup de chance a survivre. Born prematurely she was not given much of a chance to survive.

Quelle belle surprise! Melanie n'apras seulement survécu, elle a grandi en pleine santé. Elle est très intelligente, douée, et personable. Surprise of Surprises! Not only has Melanie survived, she has thrived. She is healthy, very intelligent, personable and, as we all know, exceptionally musically gifted. Sa voix mélodieuse l'a lancée sur la scène international. Elle a déjà chanté avec Alain Morisod et Sweet People de la Suisse. Elle va se recontrer avec Celine Dion à Las Vegas le mois prochain. She has already become an international star, singing twice with Alain Morisod and the Sweet People of Switzerland and is slated to meet with Celine Dion in Las Vegas next month.

Malgré son étoile montante, Mélanie a su maintenir l'équilibre dans sa vie. She remains a very balanced and sensitive young girl. When Representative Paradis' mother-in-law passed away a few years ago, she offered to sing at her funeral – "for my good friend Judy and her family," she said.

Melanie, on t'aime beaucoup! Melanie, we love you!
Richard nous a démontré un courage extraordinaire dans sa vie personnelle et dans sa mission de donner à nos veterans tous les soins qu’il leur faut. Il a suivi un accident terrible sur la route: sa voiture avait frappé un gros camion. Les deux jambes mal casées, on ne s’attendait pas à ce qu’il puisse marcher le reste de sa vie. Mais grâce à un courage extraordinaire et une foi profonde, il a reappris à marcher. Richard a démontré un extraordinaire courage dans son personnal life and in his mission to find the veterans all the care they need. He suffered a terrible accident several years ago when his car hit a tractor-trailer. Both his legs were so terribly smashed that it was feared that he would never walk again, but through extraordinary courage and a deep faith he learned to walk again.

C’est ce même courage qu’il apporte sa grande lutte pour les veterans. That’s the same courage that he brings to his battle for veterans’ rights.

Subsequently, the Sentiment was PASSED and sent for concurrence.

Recognizing:
Alcée and Cecile Vigue, of Waterville, on their induction into the Franco-American Hall of Fame. Mr. and Mrs. Vigue have volunteered in support of the French Reacquisition Project in Waterville and have been featured in the featured film, “Waking Up French,” by Maine filmmaker Ben Levine. They have been involved members of the Franco-American Heritage Society of the Kennebec Valley, helping out on guided tours of the "Museum in the Streets," with schools and visitors. Mr. Vigue is involved with the "Bavards," who meet every Saturday morning to help those who are reclaiming their native French or learning it for the first time. The Viques have hosted several French language gatherings in their home and enjoy all things French. Both husband and wife emigrated from Canada to the United States in the 1930s and Mr. Vigue served in the United States Navy from 1943 to 1945 and saw action at the battles of Iwo Jima and Okinawa on a destroyer built in Bath. One of his fondest memories was witnessing the raising of the American flag on Iwo Jima. After the war, Mr. Vigue worked at Keyes Fiber for 44 years. Since his retirement in 1985, he has been cooking at the Sacred Heart Soup Kitchen and has been a scout master and commander of his American Legion post. Mrs. Vigue attended Notre Dame Parochial School and later received her high school diploma through the Waterville Adult Education program. She is an accomplished cook and seamstress and does beautiful handiwork for her family and for donations to children’s charities. She is active in the community, including the Ladies of St. Anne Sodality, where she served as president, and Maine General Hospital, where she served as a volunteer. We extend our congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Vigue on their induction into the Franco-American Hall of Fame and we send them our best wishes;

(HLS 1752)

Presented by Representative MARRACHÉ of Waterville.
Cosponsored by Senator GAGNON of Kennebec, Representative CANAVAN of Waterville, Representative PARADIS of Frenchville.

On OBJECTION of Representative MARRACHÉ of Waterville, was REMOVED from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

READ.

the SPEAKER PRO TEM: La Président reconnaît le Député de Waterville, Député Marraché. The Chair recognizes the Representative from Waterville, Representative Marrache.

Representative MARRACHÉ: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Men and Women of the House.

Malgré leur âge assez avancée, Alcée et Cecile Vigue ont retenu une certaine jeunesse, celle qui vient d’un optimism illimité et d’un espoir en un monde meilleur. Despite their relatively advance age, the Viques have retained a certain youth, one that emanates from an optimism without limits and a hope in a better world.

Bien qu’ils aient pris leur retrait de leur carrière respectives, ce beau couple de Waterville est toujours bien impliqué dans la vie de Waterville, surtout dans les milieux francophones de cette ville qui avaient avé avance anciennement beaucoup de gens qui parlaient français couramment. Although they have both retired from their respective careers, this imposing couple from Waterville is always very involved in the life of their city, especially in Franco-American circles in a city that once boasted many people who spoke French fluently.

Leur défis est tout simplement de créer une renaissance de la langue et de la culture française. C’est pour ça qu’il les voit un peu partout à Waterville et ses environs, donnant leur tout pour leur cause suprême. Their challenge is simply to bring about a renaissance of the French language and culture. That’s why they can be seen everywhere in Waterville and the surrounding areas giving all they can for their great cause.

Quel bel exemple qu’ils donnent aux jeunes qui veul reclamer leur culture et leur langue ancestrale! Ils inspirent aussi les autres gens ages de faire confiance aux jeunes et de jouer un rôle actif dans le renouvellement de leur histoire et de leur retour aux sechs. What a beautiful example they give to young people who want to reclaim their culture and ancestral language. They also inspire other elderly people to believe in the younger generations and to play an active role in the revival of one’s history and the return to solid roots.

Acee et Cecile, on vous admerre et on vous aiment beaucoup. We love you. Congratulations!

Subsequently, the Sentiment was PASSED and sent for concurrence.

Recognizing:
Anne L. Roy, of Van Buren, on her induction into the Franco-American Hall of Fame. Mrs. Roy has been a remarkable force for the preservation of the French-Acadian heritage of the St. John Valley and the rest of Maine. For several years, she has been the director of the Acadian Village in Van Buren. She oversees the repairs and growth of the Village, which is a replica of Acadian life in northern Aroostock County in the early 1900s. Mrs. Roy was instrumental in planning and developing onsite the Levasseur-Dube Museum, the Martine Pelletier Book Nook and the Violette Industrial Building. Since 1982, she has also been the president of L’Hérédité Vivant-Living Heritage Historical Society. She is the director of the Maine Acadian Heritage Council and vice-president of Le Club Français. A native of the French Valley, she worked to support the French Reacquisition Project in Waterville and sent for concurrence.

Mr. Roy was the recipient of the Alumna of the Year Award from the University of Maine at

Presented by Representative MARRACHÉ of Waterville.
Cosponsored by Senator GAGNON of Kennebec, Representative CANAVAN of Waterville, Representative PARADIS of Frenchville.

On OBJECTION of Representative MARRACHÉ of Waterville, was REMOVED from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

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Fort Kent. She is presently the coordinator for the Town of Van Buren's 125th Anniversary Celebration, as well as the Acadian Village's 30th Anniversary. We extend our appreciation to Mrs. Roy on all her accomplishments and send her our congratulations on being inducted into the Franco-American Hall of Fame;

Presented by Representative SMITH of Van Buren, (HLS 1753)
Cosponsored by Senator MARTIN of Aroostook, Representative PARADIS of Frenchville, Representative JACKSON of Allagash.

On RECOGNITION of Representative TOWMEY of Biddeford, the Chair recognizes the concurrence.

For plusieurez annees déja, Anne Parent Roy a été une force pour la culture acadienne et la langue française dans la Vallée St-Jean au nord du Maine. Elle a été une force pour Acadian culture and the French language in her corner of the world.

Elle est très fière de ses origines: la fille de parents francophones et acadiens de Van Buren. Elle n'hésite pas à commencer une conversation en français, surtout avec les jeunes qui n'osent pas la se lancer en français. Anne does not hesitate to initiate a conversation in French, especially with young people who are reluctant at times to speak French.

Professeur dévoué pendant plusieurs années à l'élèvement, elle a apporté un moteur ses élèves et leur apprend à croire en eux-mêmes. Aujourd'hui elle se sert des mêmes talents pour encourager les adultes à se dévouer à la survieance de la culture acadienne et de la langue française dans son coin du monde. Elle se donne pleinement à la préservation de l'héritage Acadien du Maine et du Club Français de la vallée. Elle est très fière de ses origines: la fille de parents francophones et acadiens de Van Buren. Elle n'hésite pas à commencer une conversation en français, surtout avec les jeunes qui n'osent pas la se lancer en français. Anne does not hesitate to initiate a conversation in French, especially with young people who are reluctant at times to speak French.

Toujours optimiste, Anne se dévouer aussi au sein du Conseil d'Héritage Acadien du Maine et du Club Français de la vallée. Elle se donne pleinement à la préservation de l'héritage Acadien et l'instruction des jeunes, soit à travers des concours oratoires ou des cours d'été. Always the optimist, Anne devotes herself also to the Maine Acadian Heritage Council and Le Club Français of the St. John Valley. She gives one hundred percent to these organizations, especially their programs for young people. Merci Messieur la Président.

The SPEAKER PRO TEM: La Président reconnaît le Député de Van Buren, Député Smith.

Representative SMITH: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I have known Ann from the days when we were both students in the Van Buren schools. It is with great pride that I join in recognizing her contributions to the preservation of the Franco-American heritage in the St. John Valley and in our community.

Truly, this sentiment is well deserved. Her unceasing efforts have made my community and the surrounding communities a better place to live in and have brought great pride to the community. Merci Anne, et la bonne chance à vous dans tous vos efforts. Thank you Anne and good luck to you in all of your efforts.

Subsequently, the Sentiment was PASSED and sent for concurrence.

Recognizing:
Yvon Labbé, on his induction into the Franco-American Hall of Fame. Mr. Labbé is the founder of the Centre Franco-Américain at the University of Maine and has been its executive director since 1972. His work encompasses the preservation of the many linguistic, cultural and historical treasures of the large francophone population of Maine and includes, among many other efforts, making the general public aware of the many monolingual French Mainers in the State's mental health hospitals who are unable to communicate due to the language barrier. He has initiated annual conferences on multiculturalism in Maine, educating teachers and the community. Mr. Labbé has coordinated exchanges with France, Canada, Africa and Haiti for several decades, and he is cofounder and vice-president of Le Forum Francophone des Affaires, offering the United States opportunities in trade and business with the rest of the francophone world. He founded the successful bilingual newspaper at the University of Maine, Le Forum, as well as the multicultural magazine Maine Mosaic. He was one of the organizers of the Maine Kennebec/Chaudière Heritage Tourism Project, which has been successful in both Maine and Québec. Mr. Labbé has been involved in many television projects on the Maine Public Broadcasting Network and other networks, as well as teaching college courses with bilingual and bicultural objectives. He has participated in several world summits with francophone heads of state. His vision, expertise and commitment to the French heritage and francophone presence in the State of Maine have been the inspiration to many students and colleagues in working for full recognition of the many contributions of Franco-Americans, and working to use the potential of the French language and culture on the international stage. Mr. Labbé has undergraduate and graduate degrees in French from the University of Maine and is a son of the Beauce Region of Québec. We send him our appreciation for all his work and commitment to the State of Maine and its French heritage and we congratulate him on his induction into the Franco-American Hall of Fame;

Presented by Representative PARADIS of Frenchville, (HLS 1750)
Cosponsored by Senator SCHNEIDER of Penobscot, Senator PERRY of Penobscot, Representative CAIN of Orono, Representative BLANCHARD of Old Town, Representative DUNN of Bangor, Representative NEVILLE of the Penobscot Nation.

READ and PASSED.

On motion of Representative CAIN of Orono, the House RECONSIDERED its action whereby the Sentiment was PASSED.
The SPEAKER PRO TEM: La Président reconnaît le Député de Orono, Député Cain. The Chair recognizes the Representative from Orono, Representative Cain.

Representative CAIN: Merci Messieur la Président, Madams and Messieurs de la chambre. Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Men and Women of the House.

Pendant plusieurs années, Yvon Labbe a travaillé très fort pour les Franco-Américains du Maine. For several decades Yvon Labbe has been an advocate for excellence for the Franco-Americans of Maine. 

Yvon is a champion of equal rights and opportunity for all, so it their origin national, their religion or their views politiques. Yvon is a champion of rights and opportunity for all, whatever their national origin,color, language, religion or political views. Pendant plusieurs années, il a améné des groupes de journalistes du tiers monde au Maine pour qu’ils aient l’expérience d’une société libre qui respecte la presse indépendante. Over the years he has brought groups of journalists to Maine from underdeveloped countries to experience an open society with freedom of the press. Parmi ces journalistes sont des femmes de pays musulmans qui ont appris comment être des champions des droits de la femme dans leur propre pays. Some of these visitors were from Muslim countries who have become advocates for women’s rights in their native countries.

Yvon est un visionnaire et un réaliste. Il a conçu le Forum Francophone des Affaires au Maine, un organisme qui pourrait connecter le Maine, avec son héritage francophone-américain, au reste du monde francophone et établir des liens historiques, culturels, linguistiques et économiques. Yvon is a visionary and a realist who visualized the Francophone trade Forum, an organization that could connect Maine, with its proud Franco-American tradition, to the rest of the Francophone world by establishing historical, cultural, linguistic and business links. His dream of a closely intertwined francophone world is today bearing fruit.

Yvon est un homme de courage qui a dû lutter souvent avec ses supérieurs à l’Université du Maine pour assurer un Centre Franco-American stable, un département de français de première classe. Yvon is a man of courage who has often had to fight with his superiors to ensure a viable Franco-American Center at the university.

Yvon, on te salut et te remercie du fond du Coeur. We thank you profusely and wish you well.

Subsequently, the Sentiment was PASSED and sent for concurrence.

The Speaker resumed the Chair, The House was called to order by the Speaker.

In Memory of:

the Honorable Lucien Babe Dutremble, of Biddeford, who served as mayor, city councilor, state representative and county commissioner during a political career that spanned 6 decades. He served as a member of the Maine House of Representatives during the 108th, 109th, 113th-116th and 118th Legislatures. Mr. Dutremble was a dedicated public servant whose efforts and commitment improved the lives of the people of Biddeford, York County and this State. During World War II he served with the United States Marine Corps. He owned and operated the Duty’s Grocery store he, and his brothers established the Blue Diamond Club as a clubhouse for neighborhood kids. Mr. Dutremble enjoyed local and professional sports and closely followed the activities of his children and grandchildren. We extend our condolences to his loving family. Mr. Dutremble will be greatly missed by his family, friends, colleagues and others that he met during his public service to his community and State;

Mr. Dutremble is survived by his loving family. Mr. Dutremble will be greatly missed by his family, friends, colleagues and others that he met during his public service to his community and State;

Representative ASH of Belfast, Representative AUSTIN of Gray, Representative BABBITT of Kennebunk, Representative BARSTOW of Gorham, Senator BARTLETT of Cumberland, Representative BERNARD of Southport, Representative BIERMAN of Someroro, Representative BISHOP of Boothbay, Representative BLANCHARD of Old Town, Representative BLANCHETTE of Bangor, Representative BLISS of South Portland, Representative BOWEN of Rockport, Representative BOWLES of Sanford, Representative BRANNIGAN of Portland, Representative BRAINTIGAM of Falmouth, Senator BRENNAN of Cumberland, Senator BROMLEY of Cumberland, Representative BROWN of South Berwick, Representative BROWNE of Vassalboro, Senator BRYANT of Oxford, Representative BRYANT of Windham, Representative BRYANT-DESCHENES of Turner, Representative BURNS of Berwick, Representative CAIN of Orono, Representative CAMPBELL of Newfield, Representative CANAVAN of Waterville, Representative CARR of Lincoln, Representative CEBRA of Wells, Senator COURTNEY of York, Senator COWGER of Kennebec, Representative CRAVEN of Lewiston, Representative CRESSEY of Cornish, Representative CROSBY of Topsham, Representative CROSTHWAITE of Ellsworth, Representative CUMMINGS of Portland, Representative CURLEY of Scarborough, Representative CURTIS of Madison, Representative DAGLE of Arundel, Senator DAMON of Hollis, Representative DAVIS of Falmouth, Representative DAVIS of Augusta, Senator DAVIS of Picataquis, Senator DIAMOND of Cumberland, Senator DOW of Lincoln, Representative DRISCOLL of Westbrook, Representative DUCKETT of Houlton, Representative DUGUERIE of Caribou, Representative DUNN of Bangor, Representative DUPLESSIE of Westbrook, Representative DUPREY of Hampden, Representative EBERLE of South Portland, Representative EDGECOMB of Caribou, President EDMONDS of Cumberland, Representative EMERY of Cutler, Representative FAIRCLOTH of Bangor, Representative FARRINGTON of Gorham, Representative FINCH of Fairfield, Representative FISCHER of Presque Isle, Representative FISHER of Brewer, Representative FITTS of Pittsfield, Representative FLETCHER of Winslow, Representative FLOOD of Windthrop, Senator GAGNON of Kennebec, Representative GERZOFSKY of Brunswick, 

Presented by Speaker RICHARDSON of Brunswick.

Cospresented by Senator SULLIVAN of York, Senator BOBBINS of York, Representative TWOMEY of Biddeford, Representative BARTLETT of Biddeford, Representative BEELEY of Kennebunkport, Representative ADAMS of Portland, Senator ANDREWS of York, Representative ANNIS of Dover-Foxcroft, (HLS 1748)
Representative GLYNN of South Portland, Representative GOLDMAN of Cape Elizabeth, Representative GREELEY of Levant, Representative GROSE of Woolwich, Representative HALL of Holden, Representative HAMPER of Newcastle, Representative HANLEY of Paris, Representative HANLEY of Gardiner, Representative HARLOW of Portland, Senator HASTINGS of Oxford, Representative HOGAN of Old Orchard Beach, Representative HORAN of Damariscotta, Representative HUTTON of Bowdoinham, Representative JACOBSEN of Waterboro, Representative JACKSON of Allagash, Representative JENNINGS of Leeds, Representative JODREY of Bingham, Representative JONES of Crystal Lake, Representative KAPLAN of Winthrop, Representative KOFFMAN of Bar Harbor, Representative LANSLEY of Sabattus, Representative LERMAN of Augusta, Representative LEWIN of Eliot, Representative LINDELL of Frankfort, Representative LUNDEEN of Mars Hill, Representative MCCONKEY of Auburn, Representative MARLEY of Portland, Representative MARRACHE of Waterville, Senator MARTIN of Aroostook, Senator MAYO of Sagadahoc, Representative MAZUREK of Rockland, Representative MCKANE of Newcastle, Representative McKENNY of Cumberland, Representative McLEOD of Lee, Representative MERRILL of Anson, Representative MULLEN of Somerville, Representative MILLETT of Waterford, Representative MILLS of Farmington, Senator MILLS of Somerset, Senator MITCHELL of Kennebec, Representative MOODY of Manchester, Representative MOORE of Bristol, Representative MOORE of Standsish, Representative MOULTON of York, Representative MUSE of Fryeburg, Representative NASS of Acton, Senator NASS of York, Representative NORTON of Bangor, Senator NUTTING of Androscoggin, Representative NUTTING of Oakland, Representative O'BRIEN of Lewiston, Representative OTT of York, Representative PARADIS of Frenchville, Representative PATRICK of Rumford, Representative PHILIPSON of Auburn, Representative PERRY of Pittsfield, Representative PENOBSCOT of Calais, Senator PERRY of Penobscot, Representative PILON of Saco, Representative PINAUX of Jay, Representative PINGREE of North Haven, Representative PIOTTO of Unity, Senator PLUMMER of Houlton, Senator PLUMMER of Windham, Senator RAYE of Washington, Representative RECTOR of Thomaston, Representative RICHARDSON of Carmel, Representative RICHARDSON of Greenville, Representative RICHARDSON of Skowhegan, Representative RICHARDSON of Warren, Representative RINES of Wiscasset, Representative ROBINSON of Raymond, Representative ROSEN of Buckport, Senator ROSEN of Hancock, Senator ROTUNDU of Androscoggin, Representative SAMPSON of Auburn, Senator SAVAGE of Knox, Representative SAVIELLO of Wilton, Representative SCHEATZ of Blue Hill, Senator SCHNEIDER of Penobscot, Representative SHERMAN of Hodgdon, Representative SHIELDS of Auburn, Representative SMITH of Monmouth, Representative SMITH of Van Buren, Senator SNOWE-MELLO of Androscoggin, Representative SOCKALEXIS of the Penobscot Nation, Representative STEDMAN of Houlton, Senator STRIMLING of Cumberland, Representative SYKES of Harrison, Representative TARDY of Newport, Representative THOMAS of Ripley, Representative THOMPSON of China, Representative TRAHAN of Waldoboro, Senator TURNER of Cumberland, Representative TUTTLE of Sanford, Representative VALENTINO of Saco, Representative VAUGHAN of Durham, Representative WACOCC of Lewiston, Representative WATSON of Bath, Representative WEBSTER of Freeport, Senator WESTON of Waldoboro, Representative WHEELER of Kittery, Representative WOODBURY of Yarmouth, Senator WOODCOCK of Franklin.

On OBJECTION of Representative TWOMEY of Biddeford, was REMOVED from the Special Sentiment Calendar. READ.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Biddeford, Representative Twomey.

Representative TWOMEY: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Men and Women of the House. It is with a heavy heart that I rise today, but in celebration of Mr. Dutremble's life, a man who spent his whole life in public service. As you just heard Mr. Dutremble, better known as Babe, – that is how you know someone is special when you just have to say one name, Babe and they knew who he was. He served in the 108th, 109th, 113th, 114th, 115th, 116th, 117th Maine State Legislature. He served as mayor, he served as a councilor and like the energizer bunny at 83 he was still in public service being the York County Commissioner. He was amazing and I have to tell you that wherever he went people would wave. He was really loved.

Every time that I went to a senior citizen outing Mr. Dutremble was there. All the seniors would talk to him because he was down to earth. He owned a small grocery store with his brothers, in which they were very respected for among neighbors still has his children. He loved sports and he loved children and the elderly loved him.

When I went to his funeral I couldn't get over the beautiful testimony given by his children. Denis served as the first Franco-American President of the Senate and it was a big, big accomplishment. It was wonderful that we had someone serving as the President of the Senate from the Franco-American community. They spoke about his love for his family and Cecil, his wife of 61 years. She is the most beautiful woman you would ever want to meet inside and out. She never ages. She is just beautiful. There was his son Allen who sang at his funeral and his grandchildren, 13 grandchildren who said that their grandpa never missed a game. They were always there no matter how he felt; no matter how sick he was. That was the number one thing that was important to Mr. Dutremble was going to those games. He loved sports, he loved politics, but most of all he loved his family.

I was just overwhelmed at the funeral when I found out that the grandchildren, every single one, 13, all graduated with honors. That was their priority, education from a man who came without a lot of money. He worked hard; he owned a small store. That's who he was. That's what represented Biddeford, a man with heart, a man who cared for those who didn't have a lot of money and a lot of resources. He would find the way to help them and he was very respected and this chamber still has his spirit. I still feel it when I come in here. So, I think that it is appropriate, especially today when we are celebrating our heritage – the Franco-American heritage – that we speak about Babe, a man who was really loved. So it is with sadness, but also with celebration of his life that I say to his family that we honor him, we will miss him, rest in peace. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Cumberland, Representative BEAUDETTE.

Representative BEAUDETTE: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I don't know how many of you have the pleasure of Babe Dutremble's acquaintance, if you did not you missed the opportunity of meeting one of the finest gentlemen you could have had the opportunity to meet. He was a consummate listener whenever he was at an event or any type of gathering. He was very adept at listening to all that would be going on and would reserve his
comments for later and many times he would not necessarily make that comment in public. He would seek you out, go to the portion of the room where you might be standing, come over and shake your hand, and when Babe shook your hand it was as well as a greeting an expression of I am very glad to see you. That is the way he was and when he shook your hand he would take your hand in his hand and he would use his other hand to put it on your arm knowing that you were welcomed and that he was very pleased to speak to you.

He had great instincts because of his ability to listen very well. He was always able to make very astute evaluations of whatever situation may have presented itself and give you advice in a manner in which you really enjoyed receiving that advice, not that you were being preached to. He had tremendous care for others and I think that the most important aspect in Babe’s life is that he was the true and consummate family patriarch. His sons are all gentlemen, usually polite, as was the father and, as the Representative from Biddeford has stated, all of Babe’s grandchildren were, I believe, all honor students and just an expression of Babe’s value of always doing the right thing. I don’t think any of them ever got into any kind of trouble whatsoever. Now, what better legacy to leave to your community than the children and the grandchildren that proceeded from him? Babe truly left the world a better place than when he entered it. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Sanford, Representative Tuttle.

Representative TUTTLE: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Mr. Speaker, Representative Smith, Representative Smith, Representative Smith, Representative Smith, Representative Smith from Biddeford, Representative Smith from Biddeford, Representative Smith from Biddeford, Representative Smith from Biddeford, Representative Smith from Biddeford, Representative Smith from Biddeford, Representative Smith from Biddeford, Representative Smith from Biddeford, Representative Smith from Biddeford, Representative Smith from Biddeford, Representative Smith from Biddeford, Representative Smith from Biddeford, Representative Smith from Biddeford, Representative Smith from Biddeford, Representative Smith from Biddeford, Representative Smith from Biddeford, Representative Smith from Biddeford, Representative Smith from Biddeford, Representative Smith from Biddeford, Representative Smith from Biddeford, Representative Smith from Biddeford, Representative Smith from Biddeford, Representative Smith from Biddeford, Representative Smith from Biddeford, Representative Smith from Biddeford, Representative Smith from Biddeford, Representative Smith from Biddeford, Representative Smith from Biddeford, Representative Smith from Biddeford, Representative Smith from Biddeford, Representative Smith from Biddeford, Representative Smith from Biddeford, Representative Smith from Biddeford, Representative Smith from Biddeford, Representative Smith from Biddeford, Representative Smith from Biddeford, Representative Smith from Biddeford, Representative Smith from Biddeford, Representative Smith from Biddeford, Representative Smith from Biddeford, Representative Smith from Biddeford, Representative Smith from Biddeford, Representative Smith from Biddeford, Representative Smith from Biddeford, Representative Smith from Biddeford, Representative Smith from Biddeford, Representative Smith from Biddeford, Representative Smith from Biddeford, Representative Smith from Biddeford, Representative Smith from Biddeford, Representative Smith from Biddeford, Representative Smith from Biddeford, Representative Smith from Biddeford, Representative Smith from Biddeford, Representative Smith from Biddeford, Representative Smith from Biddeford, Representative Smith from Biddeford, Representative Smith from Biddeford, Representative Smith from Biddeford, Representative Smith from Biddeford, Representative Smith from Biddeford, Representative Smith from Biddeford, Representative Smith from Biddeford, Representative Smith from Biddeford, Representative Smith from Biddeford, Representative Smith from Biddeford, Representative Smith from Biddeford, Representative Smith from Biddeford, Representative Smith from Biddeford, Representative Smith from Biddefor...
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JOINT RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE HOLOCAUST AND HUMAN RIGHTS CENTER OF MAINE'S LEGISLATIVE AWARENESS DAY AND YOM HASHOAH, THE DAY OF REMEMBRANCE OF THOSE WHO SUFFERED AS VICTIMS OF THE HOLOCAUST

WHEREAS, from 1933 to 1945, 6,000,000 Jews were murdered in the Holocaust as part of a systematic program of genocide, and millions of other people suffered as victims of Nazism; and

WHEREAS, the people of the State of Maine should always remember the atrocities committed by the Nazis so that such horrors are never repeated; and

WHEREAS, the people of the State of Maine should always remember those who liberated the Nazi concentration camps, some at the cost of their lives and others with lifelong emotional suffering, as holding an honored place in our history; and

WHEREAS, the people of the State of Maine should continually re dedicate themselves to the principle of equal justice for all people, remain eternally vigilant against all tyranny and recognize that bigotry provides a breeding ground for tyranny to flourish; and

WHEREAS, March 22, 2006 has been designated as the Holocaust and Human Rights Center of Maine's Legislative Awareness Day; and

WHEREAS, April 25, 2006 has been designated internationally as a Day of Remembrance of the Victims of the Holocaust and is known as Yom HaShoah; and

WHEREAS, the national community, pursuant to an Act of Congress, will be commemorating April 23rd to April 30th as the Days of Remembrance of the Victims of the Holocaust, with the theme of "Legacies of Justice" in honor of the courage of, and the precedents set by, those who testified during the trials of Nazi war criminals; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate for the people of the State of Maine to join in the state, national and international commemorations; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That, We, the Members of the One Hundred and Twenty-second Legislature now assembled in the Second Regular Session, on behalf of the people we represent, pause in the spirit of remembrance and reverence for all who suffered, as holding an honored place in our history; and remember those who liberated the Nazi concentration camps, some at the cost of their lives and others with lifelong emotional suffering, as holding an honored place in our history; and

RESOLVED: That suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the House of Representatives and the Senate.

By unanimous consent, all matters having been acted upon were ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

Divided Report

Majority Report of the Committee on LABOR reporting Ought Not to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-493) on Bill "An Act To Require the Maine State Retirement System To Divest Itself of Certain Holdings" (S.P. 675) (L.D. 1758)

Representatives:

Signed:

Senators:

STRIMLING of Cumberland
SNOWE-MELLO of Androscoggin
BARTLETT of Cumberland

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting Ought Not to Pass on same Bill.

Signed:

Representatives:

DUPREY of Hampden
CRESSEY of Cornish
Representative Smith of Van Buren moved the Majority Ought to Pass as Amended Report.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Auburn, Representative Simpson.

Representative Simpson: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Men and Women of the House, I rise today to ask you to support this bill directing the Maine State Retirement System to divest itself of holdings involving companies that do business in the Darfur region of Sudan. A tragedy is ensuing in Darfur. About 400,000 non-Arabs have been murdered and it is estimated that more than 2.5 million more have been forced to leave their homes and are now refugees. They are subject to torture, rape and plunder. Sadly, it is a way of life for millions today in that part of the world.

I understand if you were wondering why genocide in Sudan, where the murder rate is now estimated to be 500 people per day, is relevant to the Maine Legislature. It is relevant because we have a moral imperative to oppose it. The State of Maine clearly cannot intervene in this conflict, but we can speak with our dollars by requiring the Maine State Retirement System to divest itself of holdings that involve companies doing business in Sudan. There are many other investment operations that we can pursue that would not have such drastic consequences for millions of innocent people. While we cannot guarantee the safety protection and health of the Sudanese, we still have the opportunity to cut the profits to the Sudanese government that are being used to finance this genocide. As technology makes our world community smaller, whether through cell phones, email or satellite television our responsibility to make our voices heard on issue grows.

Maine has a history of acting responsibly in this way. In the 1990s we passed similar legislation sponsored by our colleague in this House, the Representative from Portland, Representative Adams to divest retirement holdings form Apartheid South Africa and Ireland and I hope that you will consider doing so again.

In passing this legislation today we will be joining the Pension Board of California, which took action without prompting from its Legislature and in the states of New Jersey and Oregon and many universities.

This vote is of special significance today because we are also commemorating, in this House, Yom HaShoah, the day of remembrance for those who suffered and died as victims of the Holocaust. The survivors, by their very existence remind us of our responsibility as human beings to honor the memory of the many millions who perished during the twentieth century genocides, but we can only honor them by our actions for words alone are not enough. To know about an atrocity and to do nothing is to be complicit and that is an atrocity in and of itself.

When accepting the Nobel Peace Prize Holocaust survivor and author Elfie Weizel made this point more eloquently than I can and I ask for your patience as I borrow from his words, "The world did know and remained silent and that is why I swore never to be silent. Whenever and wherever human beings endure suffering and humiliation we must take sides. Neutrality helps the oppressor, never the victim. Silence encourages the tormentor; never the tormented and sometimes we must interfere. When human lives are endangered, when human dignity is in jeopardy, national borders and sensitivities become irrelevant. Wherever men and women are persecuted because of their race, religion or political views that place must, at that moment, become the center of the universe."

Mr. Speaker, men and women of the House it is with concern not only for the well being of the people of Darfur, but also our own moral standing that I ask you to join me in supporting this bill. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Lewiston, Representative Makas.

Representative Makas: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Men and Women of the House, I encourage you to support this measure. As you, I have seen the faces of the people in these villages, the villages of Darfur. But, for me it is very, very personal. Thirty-one years ago I traveled across Africa with some friends and we spent a considerable amount of time in the Sudan, including the Darfur region. In that region we, as young somewhat irresponsible campers, met some of the most kind people that I have met anywhere. The people that we met then as children are now the adults of Darfur and it breaks my heart to see them being punished as they are by an oppressive government. I encourage you to support this for the kind people that we met there. Thank you.

Subsequently, the Majority Ought to Pass as Amended Report was ACCEPTED.

The Bill was READ ONCE. Committee Amendment “A” (S-493) was READ by the Clerk and ADOPTED. The Bill was assigned for SECOND READING Thursday, March 23, 2006.

Majority Report of the Committee on EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS reporting Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment “A” (H-838) on Bill “An Act To Amend the Elementary School Closing Process for School Administrative Districts and Community School Districts” (H.P. 1307) (L.D. 1867)

Signed: Senator: TURNER of Cumberland

Representatives: DAVIS of Falmouth FINCH of Fairfield NORTON of Bangor GOLDMAN of Cape Elizabeth STEDMAN of Hartland MAKAS of Lewiston LANESLEY of Sabattus

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting Ought Not to Pass on same Bill.

Signed: Senators: KITCHELL of Kennebec SCHNEIDER of Penobscot

Representatives: GARDNER of Caribou CAIN of Orono MERRILL of Appleton

READ. Representative NORTON of Bangor moved that the House ACCEPT the Majority Ought to Pass as Amended Report.
The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Bangor, Representative Norton.

Representative NORTON: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. The process to close an elementary school is complex and costly. This bill is an effort to save time and money for both the local district and the state. It eliminates the requirement for a referendum in a town where the school board has voted to close an elementary school and there is no opposition. To further ensure that parents have been informed of the decision those of us on the Majority Report voted for an amendment that requires that parents be informed of the closing of the school in a timely fashion so that if there is opposition it can come forward.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Waldoboro, Representative Trahan.

Representative TRAHAN: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I will be very brief. I think that it is a great thing and it is difficult to close a rural school, a small school and I am going to be voting against this for that very reason. I hope that it becomes even more cumbersome to close them. I think when you do that national studies will show you that when you close a school you are really killing a community and over time, when that school is gone so is the community and that is the sad, sad state of affairs.

What I would like to see instead of this approach where we make it easier to close schools is that we start to recognize these communities and their vulnerabilities and the fact that their schools are in jeopardy and find ways of changing that situation not ways of making it easier to close them, but bringing vitality back to those communities. Mr. Speaker, when the vote is take I request a roll call.

Representative TRAHAN of Waldoboro REQUESTED a roll call on the motion to ACCEPT the Majority Ought to Pass as Amended Report.

More than one-fifth of the members present expressed a desire for a roll call which was ordered.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Falmouth, Representative Davis.

Representative DAVIS: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Men and Women of the House. This bill only closes a school with the permission of the local people. So, if there is no controversy and they agree to close the school then they will close it and that actually saves money and time. Thank you very much Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Lincoln, Representative Carr.

Representative CARR: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Men and Women of the House. I just want to say a couple of words on this. As you know, one of the SADs that I represent, SAD 31, has been really struggling on the issue of the new high school and as a result of that I have actually become aĕ ular school and as a result of that I have actually become a member of the bill committee and I have actually become a member of the bill committee. It really has no place in that debate. It is strictly trying to respond to small communities requests not to have to spend the extra money to go to referendum. If you vote for the bill they don't have to spend that extra money. If you vote against the bill you keep that in there and that is all this bill is dealing with. Thank you very much.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Calais, Representative Perry.

Representative PERRY: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I get up to speak to this as a school board member and as a citizen in a rural area. My concern about this is that we have one school that is looking at this as being an issue because of the cost. I am saying that we don't have to go through all the steps of the process. If it happens to those communities that don't have agreement and now the people have to go and request a referendum instead of it...
becoming automatic. What we have done is that we have taken a piece of the public process that was automatic out of it. It is more the norm that there is some discussion that has to happen as it relates to public schools. This has to be a public decision and we are taking an automatic public vote out of this because it may cost one district a little bit more. It may cost other districts a lot more in time, effort and petitions because this piece is taken out of it and I ask that you vote against this.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Van Buren, Representative Smith.

Representative SMITH: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I have got a great, great deal of concern about what this bill will actually do. An important part of our process for schools and government is that the citizens be given a voice and that they be given a chance to be informed at a meeting and have a chance to vote at a meeting on the important affairs for their community. One of the most important affairs for a community is whether or not a school is going to remain open, this is important not just to the parents of students who are already enrolled, it is also important to the parents of students who are thinking of enrolling their children for the next year. It is important to parents who are considering whether or not they are going to locate their residences in the community rather than in another community. These decisions should not be left to be handled at meetings that don't have a public notice and the protections of a referendum. It is fine to say that they can petition, this is like the opt-in/opt-out. Well, I don't think that we should use the petition to opt-out of a school closing. The people who do not give the voice or the opportunity to people that they should have. I won't vote against this because I believe that the time-honored methods of informing and voting on the important affairs of the community should continue. We are not looking to try to shortcut and certainly elections and referendums cost money, but they are an important part of our process, let's not leave them behind to save a few dollars.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Standish, Representative Moore.

Representative MOORE: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. Not to reiterate the good points that have already been made by several folks in the auditorium today, but experience teaches me that closing small schools in rural communities and elsewhere is a very gut wrenching experience for the community. It is one that can leave a long-standing sense of distrust with the school board. It can be a long-standing feeling of distrust with the school board. It can leave a lot of negative perceptions about the schools. It is a process that should be as long and as complicated and as arduous for those who seek to close them as possible.

All of the points that have been made on both sides of the divide here regarding closure of schools are well taken. I also think that we should use the petition to opt-out of a school closing. The people who do not give the voice or the opportunity to people that they should have. I won't vote against this because I believe that the time-honored methods of informing and voting on the important affairs of the community should continue. We are not looking to try to shortcut and certainly elections and referendums cost money, but they are an important part of our process, let's not leave them behind to save a few dollars.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Canbou, Representative Edgecomb.

Representative EDGECOMB: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. This legislation was brought forth because of one situation that occurred in the state and it may be years before we are faced with another situation where a community does not wish to have a referendum. That situation will be extremely rare therefore I will vote in opposition to this legislation.

The SPEAKER: A roll call has been ordered. The pending question before the House is acceptance of the Majority Ought to Pass as Amended Report. All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 386


ABSENT - Bubbridge, Bliss, Hotham, Jennings, Lerman, McFadden, Paradis, Sampson, Saviello, Stedman, Walcott.

Yes, 34; No, 106; Absent, 11; Excused, 0.

34 having voted in the affirmative and 106 voted in the negative, with 11 being absent, and accordingly the Majority Ought to Pass as Amended Report was NOT ACCEPTED.

Subsequently, the Minority Ought Not to Pass Report was ACCEPTED and sent for concurrence.

By unanimous consent, all matters having been acted upon were ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH.

Majority Report of the Committee on LABOR reporting Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-839) on Bill "An Act To Clarify the Unemployment Laws Relating to Subcontractors" (H.P. 1287) (L.D. 1847) Signed:

Senators:

Representatives:

HAMPER of Oxford

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting Ought Not to Pass on same Bill.

Signed:

Senator:

Representatives:

SMITH of Van Buren

JACKSON of Allagash

HUTTON of Bowdoinham

TUTTLE of Sanford

ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH
CONSENT CALENDAR

First Day
In accordance with House Rule 519, the following items appeared on the Consent Calendar for the First Day:

(H.P. 1431) (L.D. 2034) Bill "An Act Relating to Mergers and Consolidations of Corporations without Capital Stock" (EMERGENCY) Committee on JUDICIARY reporting Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-854)

(H.P. 893) (L.D. 1296) Bill "An Act To Provide for Victims of Trafficking" Committee on JUDICIARY reporting Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-854)


(H.P. 1236) (L.D. 1728) Resolve, Directing the Cumberland County Commissioners To Establish a Task Force To Establish New County Commissioner Districts (C. "A" H-840)

(H.P. 1300) (L.D. 1860) Bill "An Act Concerning Certain Provisions Regarding Protection of Natural Resources Related to Activities in Coastal Areas" (C. "A" H-842)


(H.P. 1323) (L.D. 1883) Bill "An Act To Clarify the Liquor Laws" (C. "B" H-856)

(H.P. 1416) (L.D. 2016) Bill "An Act To Extend the Corrections Alternatives Advisory Committee" (EMERGENCY) (C. "A" H-859)

(H.P. 1420) (L.D. 2019) Bill "An Act To Amend the Charter of the Kennebunk Light and Power District" (EMERGENCY) (C. "A" H-835)

(H.P. 1438) (L.D. 2040) Resolve, Directing the Department of Transportation To Amend Its Rules Regarding Noise Abatement and Abatement Costs (C. "A" H-857)

There being no objections, the above items were ordered to appear on the Consent Calendar tomorrow under the listing of Second Day.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Second Day
In accordance with House Rule 519, the following items appeared on the Consent Calendar for the Second Day:


(H.P. 1236) (L.D. 1728) Resolve, Directing the Cumberland County Commissioners To Establish a Task Force To Establish New County Commissioner Districts (C. "A" H-840)

(H.P. 1300) (L.D. 1860) Bill "An Act Concerning Certain Provisions Regarding Protection of Natural Resources Related to Activities in Coastal Areas" (C. "A" H-842)


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(H.P. 1438) (L.D. 2040) Resolve, Directing the Department of Transportation To Amend Its Rules Regarding Noise Abatement and Abatement Costs (C. "A" H-857)

No objections having been noted at the end of the Second Legislative Day, the Senate Paper was PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED in concurrence and the House Papers were PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED and sent for concurrence.

By unanimous consent, all matters having been acted upon were ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH.


On motion of Representative CUMMINGS of Portland, was REMOVED from the Second Day Consent Calendar.

The Unanimous Committee Report was READ.

On further motion of the same Representative TABLED, pending ACCEPTANCE of the Committee Report and later today assigned.

On motion of Representative RINES of Wiscasset, was REMOVED from the Second Day Consent Calendar.

The Committee Report was READ and ACCEPTED. The Bill was READ ONCE. Committee Amendment "A" (H-858) was READ by the Clerk and ADOPTED.

Under suspension of the rules, the Bill was given its SECOND READING WITHOUT REFERENCE to the Committee on Bills in the Second Reading.

Representative RINES of Wiscasset PRESENTED House Amendment "A" (H-868), which was READ by the Clerk.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Wiscasset, Representative Rines.

Representative RINES: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. This is a technical amendment from Bills in the Second Reading and it changes the status of the bill so that it doesn't conflict with current statute. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Subsequently, House Amendment "A" (H-868) was ADOPTED.

Under further suspension of the rules, the Bill was PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-858) and House Amendment "A" (H-868) sent for concurrence.

BILLS IN THE SECOND READING

House
Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 130: Implementing the State Purchasing Code of Conduct, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Administrative and Financial Services (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 1401) (L.D. 1999)

Bill "An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry Relating to Review of the Department of Conservation" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 1474) (L.D. 2083)

Resolve, Concerning the Collection of the Statewide E-9-1-1 Surcharge from Prepaid Wireless Telephone Service

(H.P. 1476) (L.D. 2088)

House as Amended

Bill "An Act To Improve Recreational Watercraft Safety"

(H.P. 231) (L.D. 307) (C. "A" H-850)


Reported by the Committee on Bills in the Second Reading, read the second time, the House Papers were PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED or PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED and sent for concurrence. ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH.

Resolve, Directing the Secretary of State To Establish a Task Force To Develop a Plan for the Maine State Cultural Building in Augusta (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1473) (L.D. 2082)

Was reported by the Committee on Bills in the Second Reading and READ the second time.

Onmotion of Representative BARSTOW of Gorham, was SET ASIDE.

On further motion of the same Representative, TABLED pending PASSAGE TO BE ENGROSSED and later today assigned.

The following items were taken up out of order by unanimous consent:

CONSENT CALENDAR
First Day

In accordance with House Rule 519, the following item appeared on the Consent Calendar for the First Day:

(H.P. 1445) (L.D. 2051) Resolve, To Name the New Bridge in Augusta Spanning the Kennebec River "Cushnoc Crossing" Committee on TRANSPORTATION reporting Ought to Pass

There being no objections, the above item was ordered to appear on the Consent Calendar tomorrow under the listing of Second Day.

In accordance with House Rule 519, the following items appeared on the Consent Calendar for the First Day:

(S.P. 627) (L.D. 1682) Bill "An Act To Support Sibling Rights in Child Welfare Custody Matters" Committee on JUDICIARY reporting Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-500)

(S.P. 702) (L.D. 1785) Bill "An Act To Promote Economic Development by Enhancing Educational Opportunities" Committee on EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS reporting Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-497)

(S.P. 723) (L.D. 1923) Bill "An Act To Maintain Standards for the Plumbing Profession" Committee on BUSINESS, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT reporting Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-498)

(S.P. 737) (L.D. 1936) Bill "An Act To Include Oral Health Assessment with Other Preschool Testing for Maine's Children" Committee on EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS reporting Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-501)

(S.P. 786) (L.D. 1986) Resolve, To Name the New Bridge over the Penobscot River Committee on TRANSPORTATION reporting Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-503)

(S.P. 774) (L.D. 2012) Bill "An Act Amending and Restating the Charter Of The President and Trustees of Colby College" Committee on EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS reporting Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-502)

There being no objections, the above items were ordered to appear on the Consent Calendar tomorrow under the listing of Second Day.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE
Divided Reports

Majority Report of the Committee on BUSINESS, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT reporting Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-502) on Bill "An Act To Continue the Tourism Cooperative Marketing Fund"

(S.P. 652) (L.D. 1698)

Signed:

Senators:
BROMLEY of Cumberland
HOBIBNS of York
DOW of Lincoln

Representatives:
CROSBY of Topsham
BEAUDETTE of Biddeford
BERUBE of Lisbon
FARRINGTON of Gorham
SMITH of Monmouth
RECTOR of Thomaston
ROBINSON of Raymond
USTIN of Gray
O'BRIEN of Lewiston

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting Ought Not to Pass on same Bill.
Signed:
Representative:
JACOBS of Waterboro

 Came from the Senate with the Majority OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED Report READ and ACCEPTED and the Bill PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-502).
READ.

On motion of Representative SMITH of Monmouth, the Majority Ought to Pass as Amended Report was ACCEPTED. The Bill was READ ONCE. Committee Amendment "A" (S-502) was READ by the Clerk and ADOPTED. The Bill was assigned for SECOND READING Thursday, March 23, 2006.

Majority Report of the Committee on EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS reporting Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-495) on Bill "An Act Regarding the Sharing of Costs in Certain School Districts" (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 750) (L.D. 1953)
Signed:
Senators:
MITCHELL of Kennebec
SCHNEIDER of Penobscot

H-1336
Speaker: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Cape Elizabeth, Representative Goldman.

Representative Goldman: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. This particular bill was brought forward by some of the municipalities that are part of SADs and the EPS formula was, in their opinion, that is the purpose of the bill, they were being penalized for not receiving the degree of special ed funding that they would have received if they were stand alone municipalities if that is the stand alone municipality, even if they are low receivers, meaning they have high property value, would be receiving either 100 percent of special ed costs or 84 percent of special ed costs depending on whether they are low or minimum receivers. However, those municipalities who would have high property value and be low receivers and who are participating in SADs were not receiving anything for their special ed costs. I take that value and be low receivers and who are participating in SADs to talk about removing themselves or applying to remove the situation was regarded as unfair enough to pressure certain SADs to talk about removing themselves or applying to remove themselves from the SAD. After due consideration, as you can see, the majority here has voted to equalize the situation so that those municipalities within SADs who would qualify for the special education supplement if they were stand alone municipalities would now get that supplement. Thank you.

Representative Tardy of Newport REQUESTED a roll call on the motion to ACCEPT the Majority Ought to Pass as Amended Report. More than one-fifth of the members present expressed a desire for a roll call which was ordered.

The SPEAKER: A roll call has been ordered. The pending question before the House is acceptance of the Majority Ought to Pass as Amended Report. All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 387


NAYS - Austin, Berube, Bishop, Bowen, Bowles, Bryant-Deschenes, Cebra, Cressay, Crouchwale, Curtis, Daigle, Duprey, Edgecomb, Finch, Fitts, Fletcher, Hall, Hamper, Hodae, Joy, Lansley, Lewin, Lindell, Marrean, McKane, Melrod, Moore G, Moulton, Ott, Plummer, Rector, Richardson E, Richardson M, Robinson, Rosen, Shields, Tardy, Thomas, Vaughan.

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ABSSENT - Babbidge, Bliss, Collins, Dudley, Greeley, Hotham, Lerman, McFadden, McKenney, O'Brien, Paradis, Saviello, Sherman, Stedman, Twomey, Walcott.

Yes; 96; No: 39; Absent: 16; Excused: 0. 96 having voted in the affirmative and 39 voted in the negative, with 16 being absent, and accordingly the Majority Ought to Pass as Amended Report was ACCEPTED.

The Bill was READ ONCE. Committee Amendment "A" (S-495) was READ by the Clerk and ADOPTED. The Bill was assigned for SECOND READING Thursday, March 23, 2006.

Six Members of the Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES report in Report "A" Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-508) on Bill "An Act To Ensure Proper Disposal of Debris and Protection of the Environment" (S.P. 47) (L.D. 141)

Signed: Senator:

COWGER of Kennebec

Representatives:

WHEELER of Kittery
DUCESNE of Hudson
EBERLE of South Portland
KOFFMAN of Bar Harbor
THOMPSON of China

Six Members of the same Committee report in Report "B" Ought Not to Pass on same Bill.

Signed:

Senators:

Eugenio of Aroostook
SNOWE-MELLO of Androscoggin

Representatives:

JOY of Crystal
DAIGLE of Arundel
ANNIS of Dover-Foxcroft
ROSEN of Bucksport

One Member of the same Committee reports in Report "C" Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "B" (S-509) on same Bill.

Signed:

Six Members of the same Committee report in Report "A" Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-508) on Bill "An Act To Ensure Proper Disposal of Debris and Protection of the Environment"

Signed:

Senators:

Eugenio of Aroostook
SNOWE-MELLO of Androscoggin

Representatives:

JOY of Crystal
DAIGLE of Arundel
ANNIS of Dover-Foxcroft
ROSEN of Bucksport

One Member of the same Committee reports in Report "C" Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "B" (S-509) on same Bill.

Signed:

Six Members of the same Committee report in Report "A" Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-508) on Bill "An Act To Ensure Proper Disposal of Debris and Protection of the Environment"

Signed:

Senators:

Eugenio of Aroostook
SNOWE-MELLO of Androscoggin

Representatives:

JOY of Crystal
DAIGLE of Arundel
ANNIS of Dover-Foxcroft
ROSEN of Bucksport

One Member of the same Committee reports in Report "C" Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "B" (S-509) on same Bill.

Signed:

Six Members of the same Committee report in Report "A" Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-508) on Bill "An Act To Ensure Proper Disposal of Debris and Protection of the Environment"

Signed:

Senators:

Eugenio of Aroostook
SNOWE-MELLO of Androscoggin

Representatives:

JOY of Crystal
DAIGLE of Arundel
ANNIS of Dover-Foxcroft
ROSEN of Bucksport

One Member of the same Committee reports in Report "C" Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "B" (S-509) on same Bill.

Signed:
Representative: TWOMEY of Biddeford

Came from the Senate with the Reports READ and the Bill and accompanying papers COMMITTED to the Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES.

READ.

On motion of Representative KOFFMAN of Bar Harbor, the Bill and all accompanying papers were COMMITTED to the Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES in concurrence.

Came from the Senate with the Reports

Subsequently, the House voted to MARLEY of Portland.

PENDING - TABLED - March 14, 2006 (Till Later Today) by Representative

On motion of Representative KOFFMAN of Bar Harbor, the READ NATURAL RESOURCES and accompanying papers was engaged at the time of adjournment yesterday, had preference in the Orders of the Day and continued with such preference until disposed of as provided by House Rule 502.

The following matter, in the consideration of which the House had preference in the Orders of the Day and continued with such preference until disposed of as provided by House Rule 502.

- In House, Majority (11) OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED Report of the Committee on TRANSPORTATION READ and ACCEPTED and the Bill PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-764) on February 28, 2006.

- In Senate, Minority (2) OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED Report of the Committee on TRANSPORTATION READ and ACCEPTED and the Bill PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "B" (H-765) in NON-CONCURRENCE.

TABLED - March 14, 2006 (Till Later Today) by Representative MARLEY of Portland.

PENDING - FURTHER CONSIDERATION.

Subsequently, the House voted to RECIDE AND CONCUR.

By unanimous consent, all matters having been acted upon were ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH.

Representative SYKES of Harrison, moved that Bill "An Act To Create Mandatory Minimum Sentences for Persons Convicted of Certain Sex Offenses against Victims under 12 Years of Age" (H.P. 1213) (L.D. 1706)

Be REMOVED from the unassigned table.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Harrison, Representative Sykes.

Representative SYKES: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I move that we take from the table LD 1717, "An Act to Create Mandatory Minimum Sentences for Persons Convicted of Certain Sex Offenses Against Victims Under 12 Years of Age", which was previously tabled unassigned. I request a roll call and wish to speak to the motion.

Representative SYKES of Harrison REQUESTED a roll call on the motion to REMOVE from the unassigned table.

The SPEAKER: The motion is out of order for this reason: it would properly be a motion to be made, however, according to the rules you must have all of the matters off of the table before moving to the table unassigned. So the motion would be out of order until the table, meaning the table of Unfinished Business has been fully dealt with. To that end, it is probably appropriate right now to indicate to members of the body that there are 17 items on the Unfinished Business list. I am going to be moving those items off of the Unfinished Business list in chronological order, starting of course with unfinished one, two and three. I am going to be moving those matters off the Unfinished Business list until that list has been eliminated. That is just to provide ample notice to a number of members who are drafting amendments, checking with other members or checking with constituents. We are at the point now in the process where we need to move to the Unfinished Business list rapidly. We need to do so. If you are negotiating on an issue related to the Unfinished Business list items then you need to negotiate that item with whomever and you need to offer your amendments and get those prepared as quickly as possible because it is my intention to clean up the Unfinished Business list here very quickly. I hope that answers the Representative's question.

Subsequently, the Chair RULING that the motion was Out of Order.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Newport, Representative Tardy.

Representative TARDY: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Men and Women of the House. Mr. Speaker, I appeal the ruling of the chair that the motion is out of order.

Representative TARDY of Newport APPEALED the RULING OF THE CHAIR.

The SPEAKER: The Record will reflect the appeal of the Chair's ruling. The Chair will take the matter under advisement and have a final ruling on the matter by the next legislative day.

The Chair also further understands that the Representative from Newport, Representative Tardy, has tabled the appeal pending a ruling from the chair that will be determined tomorrow. Is this now the pleasure of the House?

On further motion of the Representative TARDY of Newport, the APPEAL was TABLED. (Roll Call Requested)

By unanimous consent, all matters having been acted upon were ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH.

On motion of Representative TWOMEY of Biddeford, the House adjourned at 12:36 p.m., until 10:00 a.m., Thursday, March 23, 2006 in honor and lasting tribute to the Honorable Lucien "Babe" Dutremble, of Biddeford.