

ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE
 FIRST REGULAR SESSION
 1st Legislative Day
 Wednesday, December 5, 2018

Pursuant to Article IV, Part 3, Section 1 of the Constitution of the State of Maine, the Representatives-Elect to the One Hundred and Twenty-Ninth Legislature assembled in the Hall of the House and were called to Order by ROBERT B. HUNT of Yarmouth, Clerk of the House of the One Hundred and Twenty-Eighth Legislature.

Prayer by Senior Minister Diane Bennekamper, Congregational Church in Cumberland - United Church of Christ.

National Anthem by Shaina Graff and Josie Gideon, Freeport.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Doctor of the day, Robert Schlager, M.D., Newport.

COMMUNICATION

The Following Communication: (H.C. 1)

STATE OF MAINE

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

December 3, 2018

To Robert B. Hunt, Clerk of the House in the One Hundred and Twenty-eighth Legislature:

I, Matthew Dunlap, Secretary of State, pursuant to the provisions of Title 3 MRSA, Section 1, hereby certify that the following are the names and residences of the Representatives-elect to the One Hundred and Twenty-ninth Legislature, in accordance with the tabulation submitted to the Governor on November 26, 2018:

- District 1 Rykerson, Deane, Kittery
- District 2 Meyer, Michele, Eliot
- District 3 Blume, Lydia, York
- District 4 Hymanson, Patricia, York
- District 5 O'Connor, Beth A., Berwick
- District 6 Roberts-Lovell, Tiffany D., South Berwick
- District 7 Hobbs, Daniel J., Wells
- District 8 Babbidge, Christopher W., Kennebunk
- District 9 Denk, Diane M., Kennebunk
- District 10 Ingwersen, Henry L., Arundel
- District 11 Fecteau, Ryan Michael, Biddeford
- District 12 Foley, Victoria, Biddeford
- District 13 Gramlich, Lori Kathryn, Old Orchard Beach
- District 14 Bailey, Donna, Saco
- District 15 O'Neil, Margaret M., Saco
- District 16 Marean, Donald G., Hollis
- District 17 Prescott, Dwayne W., Waterboro
- District 18 Mastraccio, Anne-Marie, Sanford
- District 19 Harrington, Matthew A., Sanford
- District 20 Kryzak, Theodore J. Jr., Acton
- District 21 Sampson, Heidi H., Alfred
- District 22 Blier, Mark John, Buxton
- District 23 Ordway, Lester S., Standish
- District 24 Bryant, Mark E., Windham
- District 25 Corey, Patrick W., Windham
- District 26 Terry, Maureen Fitzgerald, Gorham
- District 27 McLean, Andrew John, Gorham
- District 28 Caiazzo, Christopher J., Scarborough
- District 29 Babine, Shawn A., Scarborough
- District 30 Carney, Anne M., Cape Elizabeth
- District 31 Reckitt, Lois Galgay, South Portland
- District 32 Kessler, Christopher J., South Portland

- District 33 Morales, Victoria E., South Portland
- District 34 Gattine, Andrew, Westbrook
- District 35 Peoples, Ann E., Westbrook
- District 36 Brennan, Michael F., Portland
- District 37 Farnsworth, Richard R., Portland
- District 38 Moonen, Matthew W., Portland
- District 39 Sylvester, Michael, Portland
- District 40 Ross, Rachel Talbot, Portland
- District 41 Jorgensen, Erik Clark, Portland
- District 42 Collings, Benjamin T., Portland
- District 43 Crockett, W. Edward, Portland
- District 44 Pierce, Teresa S., Falmouth
- District 45 Denno, Dale, Cumberland
- District 46 Sharpe, Braden K., Durham
- District 47 Cooper, Janice E., Yarmouth
- District 48 Gideon, Sara, Freeport
- District 49 Daughtry, Matthea E. L., Brunswick
- District 50 Tucker, Ralph L., Brunswick
- District 51 McCreight, Joyce, Harpswell
- District 52 DeChant, Jennifer, Bath
- District 53 Hepler, Allison L., Woolwich
- District 54 Tepler, Denise A., Topsham
- District 55 Berry, Seth A., Bowdoinham
- District 56 Mason, Richard G., Lisbon
- District 57 Martin, Thomas H. Jr., Greene
- District 58 Handy, James R., Lewiston
- District 59 Craven, Margaret M., Lewiston
- District 60 Cloutier, Kristen S., Lewiston
- District 61 Brooks, Heidi E., Lewiston
- District 62 Melaragno, Gina M., Auburn
- District 63 Bickford, Bruce A., Auburn
- District 64 Sheats, Bettyann W., Auburn
- District 65 Arata, Amy B., New Gloucester
- District 66 Fay, Jessica L., Raymond
- District 67 Austin, Susan M., Gray
- District 68 Cebra, Richard M., Naples
- District 69 Riseman, Walter N., Harrison
- District 70 Wadsworth, Nathan J., Hiram
- District 71 Millett, H. Sawin Jr., Waterford
- District 72 Dillingham, Kathleen Rose Jackson, Oxford
- District 73 Andrews, John E., Paris
- District 74 Riley, Christina, Jay
- District 75 Morris, Joshua K., Turner
- District 76 Keschl, Dennis L., Belgrade
- District 77 Perkins, Michael D., Oakland
- District 78 Nadeau, Catherine M., Winslow
- District 79 Theriault, Timothy S., China
- District 80 Bradstreet, Richard T., Vassalboro
- District 81 Hickman, Craig V., Winthrop
- District 82 Ackley, Kent, Monmouth
- District 83 Harnett, Thomas A., Gardiner
- District 84 Warren, Charlotte May, Hallowell
- District 85 Doore, Donna R., Augusta
- District 86 Fecteau, Justin J., Augusta
- District 87 Hanley, Jeffery P., Pittston
- District 88 Maxmin, Chloe S., Nobleboro
- District 89 Stover, Holly B., Boothbay
- District 90 Devin, Michael Gilbert, Newcastle
- District 91 Evangelos, Jeffrey, Friendship
- District 92 Matlack, Ann H., Saint George
- District 93 Beebe-Center, Anne H., Rockland
- District 94 Doudera, Victoria W., Camden
- District 95 Pluecker, William Donohue, Warren
- District 96 Zeigler, Stanley Paige, Montville
- District 97 Dodge, Janice S., Belfast

- District 98 Cuddy, Scott W., Winterport
- District 99 Kinney, MaryAnne, Knox
- District 100 Costain, Danny E., Plymouth
- District 101 Haggan, David G., Hampden
- District 102 Griffin, Abigail W., Levant
- District 103 Reed, Roger E., Carmel
- District 104 Foster, Steven D., Dexter
- District 105 Stetkis, Joel R., Canaan
- District 106 Strom, Scott Walter, Pittsfield
- District 107 Austin, Betty A., Skowhegan
- District 108 Rudnicki, Shelley J., Fairfield
- District 109 White, Bruce A., Waterville
- District 110 Madigan, Colleen M., Waterville
- District 111 Curtis, Philip A., Madison
- District 112 Skolfield, Thomas H., Weld
- District 113 Landry, H. Scott Jr., Farmington
- District 114 Hall, Randall C., Wilton
- District 115 Dolloff, Josanne C., Rumford
- District 116 Pickett, Richard A., Dixfield
- District 117 Head, Frances M., Bethel
- District 118 Grignon, Chad Wayne, Athens
- District 119 Stearns, Paul A., Guilford
- District 120 Higgins, Norman E., Dover-Foxcroft
- District 121 Drinkwater, Gary A., Milford
- District 122 Dunphy, Michelle, Old Town
- District 123 Tipping, Ryan S., Orono
- District 124 Frey, Aaron M., Bangor
- District 125 Kornfield, Victoria P., Bangor
- District 126 Schneck, John C., Bangor
- District 127 Cardone, Barbara A., Bangor
- District 128 Verow, Arthur C., Brewer
- District 129 Lyford, Peter A., Eddington
- District 130 Campbell, Richard H., Orrington
- District 131 Hutchins, Sherman H., Penobscot
- District 132 Grohoski, Nicole, Ellsworth
- District 133 Pebworth, Sarah A., Blue Hill
- District 134 McDonald, Genevieve L., Stonington
- District 135 Hubbell, Brian L., Bar Harbor
- District 136 Faulkingham, William R., Winter Harbor
- District 137 Lockman, Lawrence E., Amherst
- District 138 Alley, Robert W. Sr., Beals
- District 139 Tuell, William R., East Machias
- District 140 Perry, Anne C., Calais
- District 141 Javner, Kathy I., Chester
- District 142 Hanington, Sheldon M., Lincoln
- District 143 Stanley, Stephen S., Medway
- District 144 Swallow, Gregory Lewis, Houlton
- District 145 Johansen, Chris A., Monticello
- District 146 White, Dustin Michael, Washburn
- District 147 Stewart, Harold L. III, Presque Isle
- District 148 McCrea, David H., Fort Fairfield
- District 149 DeVeau, John, Caribou
- District 150 Martin, Roland Daniel, Sinclair
- District 151 Martin, John L., Eagle Lake

In Testimony Whereof, I have caused the Great Seal of the State to be affixed, given under my hand at Augusta this third day of December in the year Two Thousand and Eighteen.

S/Matthew Dunlap
Secretary of State

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

For the purpose of ascertaining the presence of a quorum, a certified roll of the Representatives-Elect was called by the Clerk of the House of the One Hundred and Twenty-Eighth Legislature.

A roll call was taken. 146 out of 151 members answered to their names and accordingly the Chair declared a quorum present.

Those absent were:

- Representative Elect FREY of Bangor
- Representative Elect GATTINE of Westbrook
- Representative Elect GRIGNON of Athens
- Representative Elect HUBBELL of Bar Harbor
- Representative Elect STEWART of Presque Isle

Motion by Representative-Elect JAVNER of Chester, that Representative-Elect COOPER of Yarmouth, Representative-Elect KINNEY of Knox, Representative-Elect TALBOT ROSS of Portland, Representative-Elect THERIAULT of China, Representative-Elect DEVIN of Newcastle, Representative-Elect MORRIS of Turner and Representative-Elect ALLEY of Beals were appointed a Committee to wait upon the Honorable Leigh I. Saufley, Chief Justice of the Maine Supreme Judicial Court and inform her that a quorum of the members of the House of Representatives-Elect have assembled in the Hall of the House of Representatives and request her attendance to administer to them the oaths required by the Constitution to qualify them to enter upon the discharge of their official duties.

Subsequently, Representative COOPER of Yarmouth reported that the Committee had delivered the message with which it was charged.

The Chief Justice, the Honorable Leigh I. Saufley, entered and administered to the members-elect and they subscribed the oaths required by the Constitution to qualify them to discharge their official duties.

Chief Justice **SAUFLEY**: Definitely. Good morning, everyone. What a great day. Please be seated. That was lovely. I thought you would sit, maybe I should; no.

I am so delighted to be here today. It's hard, really, even to express what this means. You may all be aware that this is the first time in recent history that the Chief Justice has had the honor of swearing in the Legislature. I have never done it and I think that the chiefs who preceded me did not have the opportunity either. So, this is just such a delightful day.

I want to welcome all of the incoming Representatives and all of their family members who have gathered here this morning. So, to be official, we are gathered in the House Chamber today for each of you to take the oath of office as a member of the House of Representatives of the great State of Maine. And I must begin today by acknowledging the passing of President George H.W. Bush. Although today is declared a National Day of Mourning, I really prefer to think of it as a day to celebrate a life well-lived. This was a man, after all, who served his country as a fighter pilot, as the director of the CIA, as the President of the United States and as a Senior Statesman. He loved Maine and I always admired the fact that he loved and valued his family in such a visible way. And he showed amazing courage. I've said this to a couple of people. We all are now seeing the images of the former president skydiving at the age of 90. Exactly. I am only in my 60s. I know it's hard to believe, but; but I am in my 60s and I am

terrified of falling on ice and he was throwing himself out of planes. That's courage. And when I think about what you are taking on today, I think that courage is the right theme for the day.

These are very challenging times to be a member of government. The demands are constant and sometimes unrealistic. The criticisms are instant and they ripple everywhere across the internet, and yet, here you all are, ready to take on the challenges to serve your state. That is courage. And I cannot tell you what an honor and an extraordinary privilege it is for me to have this opportunity to administer the oath to you today. Watching the process, set out in the Maine Constitution, come to life in the form of true citizen government is an awe-inspiring moment and, as you know, administering the oaths of office to Maine Legislators is ordinarily the responsibility of the state's governor. Unfortunately, Governor LePage is unavailable due to a medical issue and we know that Governor-Elect Mills is not yet sworn in to her new role. In these limited and unique circumstances, the Maine Constitution, Article IX, Section 1, for those of you who are keeping track, provides that the Chief Justice is authorized to administer the oaths of office to Maine Senators and Representatives. And although I am very sorry that the governor is dealing with medical issues, I am selfishly absolutely delighted to be here for the very first time. So, as we prepare you all to raise your right hands, I want to pause for a moment to consider the authority and the responsibility that is about to be reposed in you by the people of this state. You've worked long and hard to be here. You and your families have made sacrifices along the way. I just want you to know that has been the backdrop of my life for many years, so it feels like I'm at home.

I know that every one of you understands the truly momentous nature of the oath you are about to take. You, the Maine citizens who will now form the House of Representatives of the 129th Maine Legislature, have been chosen by your neighbors to make the laws and provide the funding that will affect almost every aspect of life in Maine. The challenges are enormous, but the opportunities are similarly vast and I thank you for your willingness to take on this job. And as I look out at this room, I know you are up to the task. So, I'm going to leave you with a brief trilogy of advice. You knew that I wasn't going to just say raise your right hand. Also, I have to tell you that I've given the Senate the same advice, so let's see who accepts the advice first.

My first piece of advice is, begin with the end in mind. And here I am quoting that famous scholar, Forrest Gump. If you don't where you're going, you probably won't end up there. Second, set your priorities and keep them in mind. You can't fix everything and if you try, you may find that you haven't fixed much. And third, collaborate and don't be afraid of occasional compromise. The strength of the Maine House of Representatives is in its diversity. Many of you heard last night from soon-to-be-former Attorney General Mills, also Governor-Elect, that that diversity has a very high value. Exactly as intended by the framers of the Maine Constitution, there is great diversity in this room. Just look around. You are Maine. That diversity will spark creativity and collaboration and it will point the way to solutions you might not have found individually. It is truly a gift. The talent, courage, and commitment to public service so necessary to represent your constituents is present throughout this room. You can accomplish so much if you leverage all that talent.

So, in closing, my hope for you is that in the spring of 2020, when the 129th Maine Legislature adjourns *sine die*, you

will look back on this day, December 5, 2018, with pride and with the knowledge that today began an extraordinary and successful session of the Maine Legislature. Are you ready? Let's turn to the oath.

I will ask everyone who has been elected to serve as a representative to stand up. You still have time. There's a lot of work coming your way, ladies and gentlemen. Raise your right hand and repeat after me:

I, (members stated their names) do swear, that I will support the Constitution of the United States and of this state, so long as I shall continue a citizen thereof. So help me God.

I, (members stated their names) do swear, that I faithfully discharge to the best of my abilities, the duties incumbent upon me as a Representative of the 129th Legislature of the State of Maine, according to the Constitution and the laws of this state.

Congratulations, and let's get to work. Thank you.

The Chief Justice retired

Motion by Representative BABBIDGE of Kennebunk, that Representative ORDDAY of Standish, Representative COOPER of Yarmouth, Representative SKOLFIELD of Weld, Representative AUSTIN of Skowhegan, Representative ARATA of New Gloucester and Representative McCREA of Fort Fairfield were appointed a Committee to receive, sort and count votes for the Speaker.

The CLERK: The Clerk recognizes the Representative from Biddeford, Representative Fecteau.

Representative **FECTEAU**: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Mr. Clerk, I move that the name of Sara Gideon of Freeport be placed in nomination for Speaker of the House and I wish to speak to my motion.

The CLERK: The Representative from Biddeford, Representative Fecteau, has placed the name of Sara Gideon of Freeport in nomination for Speaker of the House. The Representative may proceed.

Representative **FECTEAU**: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Mr. Chair, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, I am honored to second the nomination; I'm honored to present the nomination of Representative Sara Gideon to continue to serve as Speaker of the House. Those of you who are returning members of this body know that while this is some of the most fulfilling work you'll ever do, on some days it is immensely challenging work. There are most definitely moments of frustration. However, even in the face of challenging times, Speaker Gideon has led this body with strength and poise. Even at the peak of especially contentious debates, she has never lost sight of what brings each and every one of us here; our shared commitment to serving our neighbors in this great state. It's through that shared commitment that we are able to accomplish policymaking that seeks to make Maine an even better place to live, work and raise a family.

I first had the opportunity to cast a vote for Speaker Gideon for leadership during my first term here. As I'm sure many of you experienced, I was completely overwhelmed by the process for caucus leadership. I'd never met Speaker Gideon or the person running against her for assistant leader, but, of course, I had to make a decision. Speaker Gideon called me, and after we'd completed the conversation, something just resonated within me that told me Sara was the right person for the job. That indistinguishable gut sense that led me to believe Sara was the right person for assistant leader has evolved concretely into admiration and gratitude. Speaker Gideon has demonstrated integrity, resolve, and above all else, an unwavering determination to see this body do the best work

we possibly can for the people of Maine. With so much hard work and so many incredible opportunities ahead of us over the next two years, I can think of no one better to be at the helm of this body. I hope you will join me in supporting Speaker Sara Gideon to continue as our presiding officer in the Maine House of Representatives. Thank you.

Representative FECTEAU of Biddeford moved that the name of SARA GIDEON of Freeport be placed in nomination for the Speaker of the House.

The CLERK: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Dover-Foxcroft, Representative Higgins.

Representative **HIGGINS**: Thank you, Mr. Clerk, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I second the nomination of Sara Gideon of Freeport for Speaker of the House and I wish to speak to my motion.

The CLERK: The Representative from Dover-Foxcroft, Representative Higgins, seconds the nomination of Sara Gideon for Speaker of the House. The Representative may proceed.

Representative **HIGGINS**: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. During a contentious legislative session during the past two years, Representative Gideon has conducted herself with poise and dignity, insisting on respect for each other and for maintaining the integrity of the institution. I am honored to have the privilege of supporting my friend and colleague, Representative Sara Gideon, for Speaker of the House of the Maine Legislature. Thank you, ladies and gentlemen.

Representative HIGGINS of Dover-Foxcroft seconded the motion.

Representative MEYER of Eliot moved that nominations cease.

Motion by Representative DILLINGHAM of Oxford that the Committee cast one vote for the House for SARA GIDEON.

The Honorable ROBERT B. HUNT, Clerk of the House of the 128th Maine Legislature, administered the necessary oath of office to qualify the Speaker of the House to enter upon the discharge of her official duties.

The House was called to order by Speaker Sara Gideon, of Freeport.

At this point, pursuant to House Rule 201, the Speaker addressed the House.

Speaker **GIDEON**: So, good morning, everyone. It's a good thing that the Clerk of the House, Rob Hunt, is here to help me remember simple things like banging the gavel so everybody can sit down. I have to admit, I wasn't ready to come up here and find myself overwhelmed by emotion and tears, so forgive me for that beginning.

Representatives, family and friends, welcome to the People's House. When this chamber is full like it is today, you can start to sense the enormity of the work that we do here, the meaning of this place, the institution of the Legislature, the history that has come from this chamber, the impact on people's lives from the work that's done here. And, yes, you can also start to understand the raucous nature of a chamber of 151 people who were all elected individually in their districts.

So, today is the beginning of something special, indeed, and I extend my warmest congratulations to each one of you

members for earning your place in this chamber and also to all of the family and friends who are here today. I know, all of us know, how much you have sacrificed in order for your loved ones to be here and to represent people in Maine. So, I join with you today to celebrate your family and friends who have earned this seat. Obviously, today is about looking forward to the future, but I want to start by taking just a moment to pause and to look back together and to appreciate the hard work that it took for you to get here, even if you maybe sometimes want to forget all of those days. Now, whether you are brand-new or about to be sworn in for your fourth term, or if you are John Martin, about to be sworn in for your 25th term, you've achieved something that only some people in this state ever get to do. You did it with hard work. Absolutely. You did it with determination. You did it by knocking on the doors of thousands of homes over many, many months. You had conversations with strangers and old friends alike. Some of you I know had to have conversations with family members, maybe family members of the opposite party who you had to convince to believe in you, Dan Hobbs, I don't know who I'm talking about. Dan's brothers are of the opposite; -- different party. You've participated in forums and debates, you did newspaper interviews, you spent hours researching subjects and learning about issues. You climbed rickety porches, you used a lot of hand sanitizer in the fall, I'm sure, and maybe you made decisions about whether to even get out of the car based on how big a dog was in the driveway. It's happened to all of us. But, most importantly, you listened to the stories of what really matters to your friends and neighbors and you heard and maybe for the first time really understood what was happening in certain peoples' lives when you had those conversations with them. And I expect that you, like me, will never be able to drive through the towns, through the roads of your home towns without remembering the story of every person that you stopped to talk to; stories of success and family and love, stories of illness or chronic disease, stories of hope, stories of despair. That is the path that led each of us here today and that is what each of us will remember every day that we sit in these seats or work in our committees or have a robust debate or take a vote. I know what I'm about to say is something we hear often: From Sanford to Fairfield, from Casco to Calais, from Dover-Foxcroft to Presque Isle and every corner of Maine's 16 counties. All those people are represented here today. And though it's true that each one of us is sent here by the people who voted for us, a district of people, although it's true that being from that district, we might understand the unique set of challenges that certain towns face or certain areas face, the reality is that every one of us represents all the people of Maine. And in everything we do, it is incumbent on us to remember that, and I know that we will do that together. It's this solidarity that can exist between all of us, it's these connections to all the people in our state that I know personally make me feel so humbled to be a part of what I am as a Representative and as Speaker of this House. So, I want to thank you very much for giving me the opportunity to continue. I want to thank you, Representative Fecteau and Representative Higgins, for nominating me today to be Speaker, and I want to thank Representative Dillingham, with whom I feel already that we have worked with such honesty in our conversations and for recommending that we cast one ballot today.

As I enter what is my senior year here, my last two years, honestly it seems like just yesterday that I sat in this chamber for the first time. I was in seat 71 and my three kids, who are over here now, they're now 11, 14, and 15, were small enough

to actually sit on my lap and around me behind my chair. Now, my oldest son, Julian, I find that I'm telling him things like you better slow down right now or you're not driving my car again, and no, you may not have your girlfriend over when we're not home, and all of this, Representative Perkins, I say to him while looking up instead of down. And I mention this because so many of us know and understand that when we look at spending often eight years in the Legislature, we mark this passage of time by the growth of our children or our grandchildren, and it's a pretty poignant thing. Those three kids who are sitting here are still -- they were my inspiration for running for office and they are still why I do this job. Don't think that they are just fully always supportive. They say things like really, why aren't you home tonight? They say things like -- my son, Alex, I'll never forget, I was describing to him how we were going to like run a vote or something and he said well, why would you do that if you don't know that everyone's going to vote yes? And, you know, these are questions sometimes that you need to be asked by somebody who is outside of this process and this -- this environment that we put us into. They have kept me honest. They've also put up with so, so much. So, I want to thank Julian, Alex and Josie, for all the years that you have been my children and my teachers along the way. And I also just want to thank my husband, Ben, who is sitting right here. I would never do what I do -- I never would've run for State Representative and I certainly never would've tried to be Speaker or continue to be Speaker if this man, my husband, didn't say every day I believe in you and what you're doing, you should do what you want to do, we will find a way, I support you. And he does all of that while being an incredible role model for me of somebody who is incredibly successful in his own work, who is driven, who is compassionate, and who also, maybe most importantly, is the one who reminds us at the beginning and end of every single day that love and fun and family are the most important things. Thanks, Ben.

Okay, so fellow members of the 129th Legislature, as I talk to you today and as I thought about what I wanted to say, I'm going to admit that I was struggling a little bit with how to talk about starting fresh and how to talk about sort of resetting the table for us to come and do good work together. I mean, let's just be honest, for those of us who are returning, we had a heck of a hard time for two years. We did. And what is really important to me is to be able to come and have an honest conversation together, whether we're sitting in this environment or whether we're sitting person to person across from each other. I know that there are memories that we might have of going toe to toe with each other, where it seemed like things were contentious and challenging. But we have to reset and we have the ability to do that. It might feel harder in a politically charged environment that we live in, realistically, in Maine and in our country and in our entire world, and it might feel hard in a world where we live in where we are so saturated by social media and the ability for other people to weigh in and bad things to be said easily. But for the sake of everything that we believe in, for the sake of the people who voted to put us here and the people who didn't vote for us, it is our most important responsibility. So, I want to start this day off by asking something of each of us and I want you to know that as I say these things, I am asking them of myself too and I ask you to hold me accountable in the same way that I'm asking you.

First, I want us to believe in each other's good intentions. Remember that we often share the same goals but with different ideas about how to achieve them. When our goals are different; and they will be sometimes, to remember that the

other person's perspective is rooted in something equally as important as our own and as real as our own. Values, family, religion, life experience, and, by the way, I'm not just talking about people in like the other party. This happens within our own parties too, and we have to remember this.

Second, don't be afraid to be uncomfortable. I have looked at almost every single day that I've been in this Legislature as stepping outside of my comfort zone. I think of almost every conversation I have as an uncomfortable conversation. Sitting next to a stranger can be hard. Listening to another point of view can be really, really challenging. It can sometimes feel just deeply uncomfortable. Sitting around a horseshoe together or a table and actually letting go of an idea that, what is, is the only way that something can be done, letting that go, creating something new as we put together new legislation; that is where miracles happen and that actually, if we look at the history of our country is where everything meaningful and lasting has been done. And I challenge us to do that together in these two years.

Third, this one is actually pretty easy, though it seems hard; argue fair. Our arguments at root are always about our disagreement on how things should be done. They are never about doubting the intention of each other. This will become one of the greatest challenges in the heat of a moment but, we can always stop and remind ourselves how to talk to one another and how we want to be spoken to.

Fourth, maybe this is the most challenging of all; dare to be great. Dare to be great together. We are so often fettered and weighed down by linear thinking, by tradition, by a belief that, well, this is the way things are done. I've heard that said so many times during my tenure in the Legislature. If our founding fathers had followed that motto, we wouldn't be here today. We would not have the democracy that we have in this country. We wouldn't have the constitution that we revere. Our challenges are enormous but our resources and opportunity are so much greater than those challenges.

So, whether we think about modern infrastructure, lower healthcare costs, educating our kids, taking care of seniors, growing opportunities for families and businesses; these issues, number one, these issues are not rocket science. And, number two, they are not partisan. They're just not. We all want the same things and the same good lives for the people around us. There is a huge wide-open space for us to come together and find that.

So, all these things that I ask of you, I will just say again, I ask of myself too. We have so much that binds us together. Our foundation is strong. Our future is bright. Let's take risks together and let's dare to be great. Thank you for giving me the privilege of standing here and being a part of this body with you and being the Speaker for the next two years. I so look forward to serving with you and to getting to know those of you that we haven't had the chance to all get to know before. Thank you.

Motion by Representative COOPER of Yarmouth, that Representative TERRY of Gorham, Representative RILEY of Jay, Representative ZEIGLER of Montville, Representative RISEMAN of Harrison and Representative PIERCE of Falmouth were appointed a Committee to receive, sort and count votes for the Clerk of the House.

Representative **MOONEN**: Madam Speaker, I move that the name of Robert B. Hunt of Yarmouth be placed in nomination for Clerk of the House and I wish to speak to my motion.

The SPEAKER: The Representative from Portland, Representative Moonen, has placed the name of Robert B. Hunt of Yarmouth in nomination for Clerk of the House. The Representative may proceed.

Representative **MOONEN**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, Women and Men of the House, I am pleased to nominate the Honorable Robert B. Hunt to continue to serve as Clerk of the House. The role of the Clerk of the House and our success as a legislative body would be difficult to overstate. The Clerk is central to facilitating our work in a fair and consistent manner. Clerk Hunt takes that role incredibly seriously. His dedication to the institution of the Maine House of Representatives is evident in all of his work. He is fair, evenhanded, and an individual of unquestionable integrity.

As a former member of this body, Clerk Hunt brings a unique combination of experience to his work. Over his past four years as Clerk and the two before that as Assistant Clerk, he has proven himself an unmatched resource and an admirable public servant. Please join me in supporting the Honorable Rob Hunt to continue as Clerk of the House. Thank you.

Representative MOONEN of Portland moved that the name of ROBERT B. HUNT of Yarmouth be placed in nomination for the Clerk of the House.

Representative MAREAN of Hollis seconded the motion.

Representative STEARNS of Guilford moved that nominations cease.

Motion by Representative RYKERSON of Kittery that the Committee cast one vote for the House for ROBERT B. HUNT.

The Speaker of the House administered the necessary oath of office to qualify the Clerk of the House of the 129th Maine Legislature to enter upon the discharge of his official duties.

Motion by Representative STOVER of Boothbay, that Representative FOSTER of Dexter, Representative DOUDERA of Camden and Representative AUSTIN of Skowhegan were appointed a Committee to receive, sort and count votes for Assistant Clerk of the House.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Eagle Lake, Representative Martin.

Representative **MARTIN**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I move the name of Jennifer McGowan of Hallowell be placed in nomination for Assistant Clerk of the House and wish to speak to my motion.

The SPEAKER: The Representative from Eagle Lake, Representative Martin, has placed the name of Jennifer E. McGowan of Hallowell in nomination for Assistant Clerk of the House. The Representative may proceed.

Representative **MARTIN**: Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. Jennifer McGowan was born and raised in Pittsfield, graduated from MCI and comes from a rather political family. Her father was a member of the House and her brother, Pat, was also a member of the House. And so she's aware of what politics is about and so I'm really pleased to be able to do this today. I am convinced that in her work as -- in the Clerk's office since 2001, she's well-prepared to take over from Rob in the event that he has to go on vacation or take time off, or just want to do something else for a while. She's more than capable to occupy the position. I do want to point out that

she's a mother, she's a grandmother, and then when she really feels risky, she goes biking or skiing. So, we've got to be careful about her because they can't go together. So, I'm really pleased to wish her the best in the two years forthcoming as Assistant Clerk of the House.

Representative MARTIN of Eagle Lake moved that the name of JENNIFER E. MCGOWAN of Hallowell be placed in nomination for Assistant Clerk of the House.

Representative PERRY of Calais seconded the motion.

Representative CURTIS of Madison moved that nominations cease.

Motion by Representative HYMANSON of York that the Committee cast one vote for the House for JENNIFER E. MCGOWAN.

At this point, a message was received from the Senate, borne by Senator LIBBY of Androscoggin of that body, that the Senate had been duly organized by the election of the Honorable TROY D. JACKSON of Aroostook as President, DAREK M. GRANT as Secretary and MARCIA HOMSTEAD as Assistant Secretary, and the Senate was ready to transact such business as might come before it.

At this point, a message came from the Senate, borne by Senator LIBBY of Androscoggin of that body, proposing a Convention of both branches of the Legislature to be held at 2:00 o'clock in the Hall of the House for the purpose of electing an Attorney General, a Secretary of State and a State Treasurer.

At this point the Speaker appointed Representative FECTEAU of Biddeford to inform the Senate that the House was duly organized for business.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 8)

**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
SPEAKER'S OFFICE
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0002**

December 5, 2018
Wayne Fred Hatch
2 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333
Dear Wayne:

Pursuant to House Rule 201.1 (l) (b), I am pleased to appoint you as the Sergeant-at-Arms for the 129th Legislature.

On behalf of the entire House membership, I would like to welcome you and wish you well as you carry out your duties and responsibilities.

Sincerely,
S/Sara Gideon
Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Clerk of the House administered the necessary oaths of office to qualify the Assistant Clerk of the House and the Sergeant-at-Arms to enter upon the discharge of their official duties.

Motion by Representative DeCHANT of Bath, that Representative MASON of Lisbon, Representative BLUME of York, Representative HANINGTON of Lincoln, Representative CUDDY of Winterport, Representative ANDREWS of Paris, Representative COLLINGS of Portland and Representative GRIFFIN of Levant were appointed a Committee to notify the Governor of the organization of the House.

Thereupon the House voted to concur in the proposal for a Joint Convention to be held at 2:00 o'clock and the Speaker appointed Representative MOONEN of Portland to convey this message to the Senate.

Subsequently, Representative MASON of Lisbon reported that the Committee had delivered the message with which it was charged.

Subsequently, Representative FECTEAU of Biddeford reported that he had delivered the message with which he was charged.

Subsequently, Representative MOONEN of Portland reported that he had delivered the message with which he was charged.

ORDER

On motion of Representative MOONEN of Portland, the following House Order: (H.O. 1)

ORDERED, that the House Rules of the 128th Maine House of Representatives are the House Rules of the 129th Maine House of Representatives.

READ and PASSED.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: (H.C. 2)

STATE OF MAINE

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

December 3, 2018

To the Speaker of the House in the One Hundred and Twenty-ninth Legislature:

I, Matthew Dunlap, Secretary of State, in accordance with the Constitution and laws of the State of Maine, having tabulated the returns of the votes cast for State Representatives at the General Election held on the sixth day of November in the year Two Thousand and Eighteen;

REPORT AS FOLLOWS; that the following named persons having received a plurality of the votes cast, appear to have been elected:

District 1	
Howard, Andrew, Kittery	1,241
Rykerson, Deane, Kittery	2,914
District 2	
Ammons, Dan Lee, Eliot	1,854
Meyer, Michele, Eliot	3,045

District 3	
Blume, Lydia, York	3,272
Cavaretta, Allyson M., York	2,161

District 4	
Hymanson, Patricia, York	2,902
Moulton, Bradley S., York	2,058

District 5	
Cobb, Noah Arthur, Berwick	482
Galemmo, Charles, North Berwick	1,356
O'Connor, Beth A., Berwick	1,941

District 6	
Gove, Manley C. Sr., South Berwick	1,731
Roberts-Lovell, Tiffany D., South Berwick	2,400

District 7	
Hobbs, Daniel J., Wells	2,820
Howarth, John W., Wells	2,536

District 8	
Babbidge, Christopher W., Kennebunk	3,501
Ducharme, Bradley Scott, Kennebunk	1,879

District 9	
Denk, Diane M., Kennebunk	2,857
Seavey, Roger Alan, Kennebunkport	1,984

District 10	
Booth, James, Arundel	2,214
Ingwersen, Henry L., Arundel	2,374

District 11	
Fecteau, Ryan Michael, Biddeford	2,395
Rousseau, Emily M., Biddeford	1,466

District 12	
Foley, Victoria, Biddeford	2,389

District 13	
Gramlich, Lori Kathryn, Old Orchard Beach	2,775
MacDonald, Sharri K., Old Orchard Beach	1,889

District 14	
Bailey, Donna, Saco	2,609
DuPuis, Stephen R., Saco	1,282
Samp, Frederick, Saco	678

District 15	
Lynch, Joseph F., Saco	1,622
O'Neil, Margaret M., Saco	2,747

District 16	
Durrell, David P., Hollis	2,115
Marean, Donald G., Hollis	2,710

District 17	
Prescott, Dwayne W., Waterboro	3,022

District 18	
Buck, Pamela Diane, Sanford	1,133
Mastraccio, Anne-Marie, Sanford	1,583

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District 19		Peoples, Ann E., Westbrook	2,689
Harrington, Matthew A., Sanford	1,879		
Mele, Jeremy Meadows, Sanford	1,477	District 36	
District 20		Brennan, Michael F., Portland	2,617
Kryzak, Theodore J. Jr., Acton	2,215	Ledue, Samuel P., Portland	755
Lauzon, Daniel J., Lebanon	1,643	District 37	
District 21		Farnsworth, Richard R., Portland	2,974
McNamara, Kelcy, Alfred	1,700	Pollard, Justin Benjamin, Portland	391
Reinhardt, Justin L., Limerick	369	District 38	
Sampson, Heidi H., Alfred	2,296	Moonen, Matthew W., Portland	4,235
District 22		District 39	
Blier, Mark John, Buxton	2,259	Doyle, Peter I., Portland	659
Fitzgerald, Richard J., Buxton	1,970	Sylvester, Michael, Portland	4,270
District 23		District 40	
Goodwin, Timothy H., Standish	1,917	Ross, Rachel Talbot, Portland	3,134
Ordway, Lester S., Standish	2,298	District 41	
District 24		Jorgensen, Erik Clark, Portland	4,021
Bryant, Mark E., Windham	2,337	District 42	
Tyler, Thomas M., Windham	1,960	Abercrombie, Susan M., Portland	944
District 25		Collings, Benjamin T., Portland	3,293
Butler, Jennie L., Windham	1,735	District 43	
Corey, Patrick W., Windham	2,222	Crockett, W. Edward, Portland	4,161
District 26		District 44	
Terry, Maureen Fitzgerald, Gorham	3,306	Pierce, Teresa S., Falmouth	3,474
District 27		Sandlin, Sarah, Falmouth	2,090
Densmore, Roger E. III, Gorham	2,072	Schrock, Kathryn J., Falmouth	288
McLean, Andrew John, Gorham	3,056	District 45	
District 28		Denno, Dale, Cumberland	3,731
Caiazzo, Christopher J., Scarborough	2,792	Thomas, Tamsin M., Cumberland	2,007
Higgins, Linwood M., Scarborough	2,476	District 46	
District 29		Chace, Paul B., Durham	2,573
Babine, Shawn A., Scarborough	3,001	Sharpe, Braden K., Durham	2,652
Vachon, Karen R., Scarborough	2,602	District 47	
District 30		Cooper, Janice E., Yarmouth	2,987
Carney, Anne M., Cape Elizabeth	4,028	Welsh, Dennis Ward, Yarmouth	2,635
Rich, Charles Peter, Cape Elizabeth	1,332	District 48	
District 31		Gideon, Sara, Freeport	4,003
Decatur, Kenneth R., South Portland	1,063	Schulz, Paul Benjamin, Pownal	1,440
Reckitt, Lois Galgay, South Portland	4,017	District 49	
District 32		Daughtry, Matthea E. L., Brunswick	3,877
Kessler, Christopher J., South Portland	3,192	Stevens, Michael R., Brunswick	1,590
Walter, Tammy B., Cape Elizabeth	1,308	District 50	
District 33		Lawler, Michael J., Brunswick	1,168
Hoy, Christopher J., South Portland	906	Tucker, Ralph L., Brunswick	3,653
Morales, Victoria E., South Portland	2,644	District 51	
District 34		Hall, Sean N., Harpswell	2,008
Gattine, Andrew, Westbrook	3,322	McCreight, Joyce, Harpswell	3,115
District 35			
Bourque, James R., Westbrook	1,617		

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District 52		District 68	
DeChant, Jennifer, Bath	2,959	Barter, Janice C., Naples	2,163
Weidner, Bil, Bath	1,173	Cebra, Richard M., Naples	2,410
District 53		District 69	
Hepler, Allison L., Woolwich	2,583	Lorrain, Tony W., Harrison	1,979
Pierce, Jeffrey K., Dresden	2,466	Riseman, Walter N., Harrison	2,420
District 54		District 70	
Brillant, Leon C., Topsham	1,868	Richardson, Warren E., Fryeburg	1,892
Tepler, Denise A., Topsham	3,273	Wadsworth, Nathan J., Hiram	2,213
District 55		District 71	
Berry, Seth A., Bowdoinham	2,667	Colburn, Doretta M., Waterford	1,755
Lebida, Guy M., Bowdoin	2,066	Millett, H. Sawin Jr., Waterford	2,159
District 56		District 72	
Mason, Richard G., Lisbon	2,390	Cote, Raymond, Oxford	956
Poliquin, Martha M. S., Lisbon	1,556	Dillingham, Kathleen Rose Jackson, Oxford	2,243
District 57		O'Connor, Dennis M., Oxford	666
Gilchrist, Eryn M., Greene	1,493	District 73	
Martin, Thomas H. Jr., Greene	2,526	Andrews, John E., Paris	2,054
District 58		Faunce, Robert F., Hebron	1,466
Handy, James R., Lewiston	2,019	District 74	
Hurilla, Denise Mary, Lewiston	1,978	Riley, Christina, Jay	2,251
District 59		Staples, Robert P. II, Jay	1,498
Craven, Margaret M., Lewiston	2,503	District 75	
Reeder, John D., Lewiston	1,799	Morris, Joshua K., Turner	2,212
District 60		Nutting, John M., Leeds	1,972
Cloutier, Kristen S., Lewiston	2,040	District 76	
Dubois, Leslie T., Lewiston	649	Carothers, Carol L., Belgrade	2,324
District 61		Keschl, Dennis L., Belgrade	2,562
Brooks, Heidi E., Lewiston	1,350	District 77	
Jensen, Luke Dylan, Lewiston	151	Perkins, Michael D., Oakland	3,601
Lachance, Michael R., Lewiston	1,005	District 78	
Pfusch, Kimberly K., Lewiston	72	Nadeau, Catherine M., Winslow	2,153
District 62		Twitchell, Benjamin B. III, Winslow	1,717
Melaragno, Gina M., Auburn	1,943	District 79	
District 63		Castner, Dawn Marie, China	1,140
Bickford, Bruce A., Auburn	2,403	Harwath, Lindsey D., China	379
Carrier, Brian S., Auburn	1,652	Theriault, Timothy S., China	2,366
District 64		District 80	
Sheats, Bettyann W., Auburn	2,497	Ball, Stephen, Windsor	1,775
Travers, Michael C., Minot	1,892	Bradstreet, Richard T., Vassalboro	2,312
District 65		District 81	
Arata, Amy B., New Gloucester	2,368	Hickman, Craig V., Winthrop	3,120
Coolidge, Misty L., New Gloucester	1,996	District 82	
District 66		Ackley, Kent, Monmouth	2,155
Fay, Jessica L., Raymond	2,507	Greenwood, Randall Adam, Wales	2,139
Foster, Gregory Earl, Raymond	1,987	District 83	
District 67		Coutts, Denis, Gardiner	1,817
Austin, Susan M., Gray	2,417	Harnett, Thomas A., Gardiner	2,164
Gass, Anne B., Gray	2,134		

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District 84		District 100	
McCormick, Earle L., West Gardiner	2,320	Austin, Frederick H., Newport	1,183
Warren, Charlotte May, Hallowell	2,421	Costain, Danny E., Plymouth	2,456
District 85		District 101	
Doore, Donna R., Augusta	2,274	Davitt, James E., Hampden	1,542
Glusker, James Andrew, Augusta	1,362	Downs, Robin M., Newburgh	268
District 86		Haggan, David G., Hampden	2,514
Day, Jennifer L., Augusta	1,612	District 102	
Fecteau, Justin J., Augusta	1,682	Griffin, Abigail W., Levant	2,432
District 87		Hammill, Kimberly C., Levant	1,262
Hanley, Jeffery P., Pittston	2,416	District 103	
Putnam, Jason G., Wiscasset	2,109	Reed, Roger E., Carmel	2,955
District 88		District 104	
Lemelin, Michael H., Chelsea	2,054	Foster, Steven D., Dexter	2,881
Maxmin, Chloe S., Nobleboro	2,272	District 105	
District 89		Clark, John R., Hartland	1,249
Hawke, Stephanie, Boothbay Harbor	2,464	Stetkis, Joel R., Canaan	2,398
Stover, Holly B., Boothbay	2,624	District 106	
District 90		Short, Stanley Byron Jr., Pittsfield	1,541
Devin, Michael Gilbert, Newcastle	3,363	Strom, Scott Walter, Pittsfield	1,672
Van Knowe, Richard E., Bristol	1,783	District 107	
District 91		Amadon, Anne C., Skowhegan	1,474
Evangelos, Jeffrey, Friendship	2,168	Austin, Betty A., Skowhegan	1,752
Simmons, Abden Stephen, Waldoboro	2,035	District 108	
District 92		Rowden, Aaron Blaschke, Fairfield	1,428
Matlack, Ann H., Saint George	2,346	Rudnicki, Shelley J., Fairfield	1,988
Thompson, Justin, Saint George	1,930	District 109	
District 93		Rancourt-Thomas, Karen A., Waterville	1,126
Beebe-Center, Anne H., Rockland	2,408	White, Bruce A., Waterville	2,369
Stanley, Maynard L. Jr., Owls Head	1,478	District 110	
District 94		Andre, Mark R., Oakland	1,262
Casas, Owen D., Rockport	2,659	Madigan, Colleen M., Waterville	1,992
Doudera, Victoria W., Camden	2,970	District 111	
District 95		Curtis, Philip A., Madison	2,114
Pluecker, William Donohue, Warren	2,259	Wilder, Katherine J., Norridgewock	1,579
Sutton, Paula G., Warren	1,893	District 112	
District 96		Skolfield, Thomas H., Weld	2,607
Currier, Robert M., Belmont	2,136	Soma-Hernandez, Cynthia J., Anson	1,386
Zeigler, Stanley Paige, Montville	2,644	District 113	
District 97		Brown, Paul R., Farmington	1,692
Beatty, Bevelyn Zakia, Belfast	1,292	Landry, H. Scott Jr., Farmington	2,381
Dodge, Janice S., Belfast	3,440	District 114	
District 98		Hall, Randall C., Wilton	2,184
Cuddy, Scott W., Winterport	2,338	Harrison, Cherieann, Wilton	1,437
Kresge, Brian, Winterport	1,927	Lord, Maitland David Jr., Chesterville	408
District 99		District 115	
Kinney, MaryAnne, Knox	2,125	Dolloff, Josanne C., Rumford	1,883
Turner, April Dawn, Freedom	1,971	Madigan, John E. Jr., Rumford	1,649

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District 116		District 132	
McCollister, Benjamin S., Canton	1,340	Grohoski, Nicole, Ellsworth	2,396
Pickett, Richard A., Dixfield	2,367	Remick, Mark S., Trenton	2,014
District 117		District 133	
Head, Frances M., Bethel	2,497	Colwell, Nancy, Surry	1,759
LeBlanc, Stephanie L., Bethel	2,416	Pebworth, Sarah A., Blue Hill	3,039
District 118		District 134	
Grignon, Chad Wayne, Athens	2,219	Brady, Philip Jr., Deer Isle	1,547
Thiele, John, Bingham	1,238	McDonald, Genevieve L., Stonington	3,111
District 119		District 135	
Adkins, Tyler Jay, Monson	1,499	Hubbell, Brian L., Bar Harbor	3,913
Deertrack, Jaco Bebop, Abbot	127	Marshall, Maurice Joseph, Lamoine	1,300
Stearns, Paul A., Guilford	2,324		
District 120		District 136	
Evans, Richard A., Dover-Foxcroft	1,544	Bragdon, Kylie A., Winter Harbor	1,704
Higgins, Norman E., Dover-Foxcroft	1,853	Faulkingham, William R., Winter Harbor	2,308
District 121		District 137	
Casavant, Terri Jane, Corinth	1,208	Bunker, Douglas S., Franklin	1,468
Drinkwater, Gary A., Milford	2,143	Lockman, Lawrence E., Amherst	2,084
Young, Bonnie Lee, Argyle Township	154		
District 122		District 138	
Dunphy, Michelle, Old Town	2,238	Alley, Robert W. Sr., Beals	2,056
Toothman, Delaina Marie, Old Town	969	Robinson, Kimberley, Addison	1,621
District 123		District 139	
Jones, Derek Andrew, Orono	849	Hanscom, Lisa M., Roque Bluffs	1,100
Tipping, Ryan S., Orono	2,736	Tuell, William R., East Machias	2,708
District 124		District 140	
Frey, Aaron M., Bangor	2,346	Carter, Arthur L., Charlotte	1,293
LaPointe, Daniel R., Orono	1,360	Perry, Anne C., Calais	1,957
District 125		District 141	
Blackburn, Cody R., Bangor	195	Green, Donald M., Berry Township	901
Capehart, Gary E., Bangor	1,186	Javner, Kathy I., Chester	2,517
Kornfield, Victoria P., Bangor	1,978		
District 126		District 142	
Hiatt, Joshua Timothy, Bangor	1,100	Hanington, Sheldon M., Lincoln	2,034
Schneck, John C., Bangor	1,443	Nobel, Patricia A., Lincoln	1,184
District 127		District 143	
Cardone, Barbara A., Bangor	2,028	Hale, Galen S., East Millinocket	1,521
Smith, Carrie Mae, Bangor	1,142	Stanley, Stephen S., Medway	2,185
District 128		District 144	
Craig, Garrel Robert, Brewer	1,792	Sussman, Ted L., Houlton	1,481
Verow, Arthur C., Brewer	1,957	Swallow, Gregory Lewis, Houlton	1,773
District 129		District 145	
Lyford, Peter A., Eddington	2,734	Farnsworth, Laura A., Island Falls	1,148
		Johansen, Chris A., Monticello	2,281
District 130		District 146	
Campbell, Richard H., Orrington	2,506	LeClaire, Sarah E., Woodland	1,308
Reynolds, Michael L., Bucksport	1,677	White, Dustin Michael, Washburn	2,456
District 131		District 147	
Arruda, Nathalie J., Orland	2,178	Saucier, Robert J., Presque Isle	1,256
Hutchins, Sherman H., Penobscot	2,474	Stewart, Harold L. III, Presque Isle	1,737

District 148
McCrea, David H., Fort Fairfield 2,240
Schupbach, Katherine Louise, Fort Fairfield 1,134

District 149
DeVeau, John, Caribou 2,649

District 150
Cyr, Aaron, Madawaska 1,474
Martin, Roland Daniel, Sinclair 2,272

District 151
Bushey, Kevin A., Ashland 1,527
Martin, John L., Eagle Lake 2,254

I, Matthew Dunlap, Secretary of State, hereby certify that the foregoing report is a true tabulation of the votes cast for State Representatives at the General Election, as reported to me on the returns from the cities, towns, and plantations of the State.
S/Matthew Dunlap
Secretary of State

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

ORDERS

On motion of Representative MOONEN of Portland, the following House Order: (H.O. 7)

ORDERED, that Representative Sara Gideon of Freeport be declared Speaker of the House of Representatives for a term to expire on December 2, 2020; and be it further

ORDERED, that Robert B. Hunt of Yarmouth be declared Clerk of the House of Representatives for a term to expire on December 2, 2020; and be it further

ORDERED, that Jennifer E. McGowan of Hallowell be declared Assistant Clerk of the House of Representatives for a term to expire on December 2, 2020.

READ and PASSED.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: (H.C. 9)

**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0002**

December 5, 2018
The Honorable Matthew Dunlap
Secretary of State
148 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333
Dear Secretary Dunlap:
Having received the highest number of votes in House District 124 in the General Election held on November 6, 2018, I now decline to receive the oath of office to become a member of the 129th Maine Legislature.
Sincerely,
S/ Aaron M. Frey, Esq.
READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 3)
**INDIAN TOWNSHIP TRIBAL GOVERNMENT
PASSAMAQUODDY TRIBE
JOINT TRIBAL COUNCIL**

October 5, 2018
Honorable Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333
Dear Clerk Hunt:
It is certified that the Passamaquoddy Tribe duly elected Rena D. Newell, as Passamaquoddy Tribal Representative to the Maine Legislature for a term of four years commencing October 1, 2018 to September 30, 2022.
Tribal Elections were held at the Pleasant Point and Indian Township Passamaquoddy Reservations in September of 2018. If you need more information, please call me at (207) 853-2600 Ext. 210.
Sincerely,
S/Mary J. Lola
Passamaquoddy Joint Council Clerk
READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 4)
**HOULTON BAND OF MALISEET INDIANS
88 BELL ROAD
LITTLETON, MAINE 04730**

November 29, 2018
Honorable Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333
Dear Clerk Hunt:
This letter will serve as official notification that the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians has made the decision not to fill the Maliseet Tribal Representative seat to the 129th Maine State Legislature, beginning in December 2018.
Please feel free to contact my office if you have any questions.
Sincerely,
S/Clarissa Sabattis, Tribal Chief
Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians
READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 5)
**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE
TASK FORCE ON HEALTH CARE COVERAGE
FOR ALL OF MAINE**

November 15, 2018
Honorable Michael D. Thibodeau, President
Maine State Senate
Honorable Sara Gideon, Speaker
Maine House of Representatives
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333
Dear President Thibodeau and Speaker Gideon:
On behalf of the Task Force on Health Care Coverage for All of Maine, we are writing to recommend that the 129th Legislature identify one joint standing committee to centralize oversight of health care reform efforts and that that committee consider any proposed legislation related to cost containment, to access and affordability of health care coverage and to the structure of the health care system.

The task force recognizes that understanding Maine's complex health care system and issues related to the structure of that system and to health care affordability and access and developing proposals for health care reform will take a sustained effort over many years. While the work of the current task force is significant, the existence of any task force or other study committee is limited to two years and dissolves at the end of each legislative biennium. The task force believes that the sustained effort of one joint standing committee of the Legislature with the capacity to provide ongoing oversight of health care reform efforts is needed.

The task force believes this proposal would unify the consideration of legislative proposals related to the structure of the health care system and to health care access and affordability within a single committee that has the time and capacity to focus on our health care system in its entirety. The task force believes that this committee should also be responsible for continuing to study and monitor the innovations being introduced in other states and for working on a model for larger scale health care reform proposals. In our report, the task force also recommends that the 129th Legislature reestablish the task force and we anticipate that, if the task force does continue, it would work closely with the committee.

Thank you for your consideration. We look forward to talking with you further about this recommendation.

Sincerely,

S/Senator Rodney L. Whittemore

Senate Chair

S/Representative Heather B. Sanborn

House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 6)

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE
TASK FORCE ON HEALTH CARE COVERAGE
FOR ALL OF MAINE**

November 15, 2018

Honorable Michael D. Thibodeau, President

Maine State Senate

Honorable Sara Gideon, Speaker

Maine House of Representatives

State House

Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Thibodeau and Speaker Gideon:

On behalf of the legislative members of the Task Force on Health Care Coverage for All of Maine, we are writing to recommend that the Joint Standing Committee on Insurance and Financial Service be renamed the Health Care, Insurance and Financial Services Committee in the 129th Legislature and that the jurisdiction of the committee be expanded to oversee health care reform efforts and to consider proposed legislation related to cost containment, to access and affordability of health care coverage and to the structure of the health care system.

The task force believes that the sustained effort of one joint standing committee of the Legislature with the capacity to provide ongoing oversight of health care reform efforts is needed. The task force believes this proposal would unify the consideration of legislative proposals related to the structure of the health care system and to health care access and affordability within a single committee that has the time and capacity to focus on our health care system in its entirety.

While the members of the task force who are not legislators did not want to recommend which legislative committee should take on this role, the legislative members of the task force do recommend that you expand the jurisdiction of the Joint Standing on Insurance and Financial Services (IFS) so that committee can oversee health care reform efforts and consider proposed legislation related to cost containment, to access and affordability of health care coverage and to the structure of the health care system. We also recommend that IFS coordinate efforts related to its expanded role with the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services so that public spending through the MaineCare program is part of the broader conversation about health reform as well.

Thank you for your consideration. We look forward to talking with you further about this recommendation.

Sincerely,

S/Senator Rodney L. Whittemore

Senate Chair

S/Representative Heather B. Sanborn

House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 7)

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE
TASK FORCE ON HEALTH CARE COVERAGE
FOR ALL OF MAINE**

November 15, 2018

Honorable Michael D. Thibodeau, President

Maine State Senate

Honorable Sara Gideon, Speaker

Maine House of Representatives

State House

Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Thibodeau and Speaker Gideon:

Pursuant to Joint Order S.P. 592, the Task Force on Health Care Coverage for All of Maine is pleased to submit its final report. Copies of the full report have been distributed to committees or individuals as directed by law and copies have been placed on file with the Law and Legislative Reference Library. Others may access the full report on-line through the website of the Office of Policy and Legal Analysis at <http://legislature.maine.gov/opla>.

Sincerely,

S/Senator Rodney L. Whittemore

Senate Chair

S/Representative Heather B. Sanborn

House Chair

READ and with accompanying papers ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

ORDERS

On motion of Representative McCREIGHT of Harpswell, the following Joint Order: (H.P. 1)

ORDERED, the Senate concurring, that the Speaker of the House is authorized, at the Speaker's discretion, to permit radio or television in the Hall of the House of Representatives during joint conventions of the Legislature.

READ and PASSED.

Sent for concurrence.

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

On motion of Representative MARTIN of Sinclair, the following Joint Order: (H.P. 2)

ORDERED, the Senate concurring, that there be prepared by the Legislative Information Office, under the direction of the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House, after adjournment of the present session, a register of all the Bills and Resolves considered by both branches of the Legislature, showing the history and final disposition of each Bill and Resolve, and that there be printed sufficient copies to meet the needs of the Legislature. A copy shall be mailed to each member and officer of the Legislature and the State Law and Legislative Reference Library.

READ and PASSED.

Sent for concurrence. **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH.**

On motion of Representative PIERCE of Falmouth, the following House Order: (H.O. 2)

ORDERED, that each adjournment of the House be until 10 o'clock of the following morning unless otherwise ordered.

READ and PASSED.

On motion of Representative AUSTIN of Gray, the following House Order: (H.O. 3)

ORDERED, that the Clerk of the House is authorized and directed to furnish each member of the House with a copy of the Advance Journal and Calendar of the House, said copy to be on the desk of each member or electronically distributed at the opening of each daily session.

READ and PASSED.

On motion of Representative FAY of Raymond, the following House Order: (H.O. 4)

ORDERED, that the remaining subordinate officers of the House were appointed to serve for the present biennium as follows: by the Clerk of the House, a Chief Calendar Clerk, 2 Advance Journal and Calendar Clerks, an Administrative Assistant, a Journal Copy Clerk, a House Reporter, a Senior Systems Support Coordinator, a Telephone Receptionist and a Chamber Activities Coordinator; and be it further

ORDERED, that the Clerk of the House is hereby authorized to accept resignations and fill any vacancies of said subordinate officers during the biennium.

READ and PASSED.

On motion of Representative SKOLFIELD of Weld, the following House Order: (H.O. 5)

ORDERED, that the Clerk of the House is authorized to invite the clergy of Augusta, Hallowell and Gardiner to officiate as Chaplains of the House or to invite clergy from other areas of the State as requested by any member of the House; and be it further

ORDERED, that all clergy acting as Chaplains of the House shall receive \$30 for each officiation, to be paid on payrolls to be approved by the Clerk of the House.

READ and PASSED.

On motion of Representative DOORE of Augusta, the following House Order: (H.O. 6)

ORDERED, that the Speaker of the House is authorized, at the Speaker's discretion, to permit radio or television in the Hall of the House of Representatives while the House is in session.

READ and PASSED.

On motion of Representative DENK of Kennebunk, the following Joint Resolution: (H.P. 3) (Cosponsored by

Representatives: ACKLEY of Monmouth, ALLEY of Beals, ANDREWS of Paris, ARATA of New Gloucester, AUSTIN of Skowhegan, AUSTIN of Gray, BABBIDGE of Kennebunk, BABINE of Scarborough, BAILEY of Saco, BEEBE-CENTER of Rockland, BERRY of Bowdoinham, BICKFORD of Auburn, BLIER of Buxton, BLUME of York, BRADSTREET of Vassalboro, BRENNAN of Portland, BROOKS of Lewiston, BRYANT of Windham, CAIAZZO of Scarborough, CAMPBELL of Orrington, CARDONE of Bangor, CARNEY of Cape Elizabeth, CEBRA of Naples, CLOUTIER of Lewiston, COLLINGS of Portland, COOPER of Yarmouth, COREY of Windham, COSTAIN of Plymouth, CRAVEN of Lewiston, CROCKETT of Portland, CUDDY of Winterport, CURTIS of Madison, DAUGHTRY of Brunswick, DeCHANT of Bath, DENNO of Cumberland, DeVEAU of Caribou, DEVIN of Newcastle, DILLINGHAM of Oxford, DODGE of Belfast, DOLLOFF of Rumford, DOORE of Augusta, DOUDERA of Camden, DRINKWATER of Milford, DUNPHY of Old Town, EVANGELOS of Friendship, FARNSWORTH of Portland, FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor, FAY of Raymond, FECTEAU of Augusta, FECTEAU of Biddeford, FOLEY of Biddeford, FOSTER of Dexter, FREY of Bangor, GATTINE of Westbrook, Speaker GIDEON of Freeport, GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach, GRIFFIN of Levant, GRIGNON of Athens, GROHOSKI of Ellsworth, HAGGAN of Hampden, HALL of Wilton, HANDY of Lewiston, HANINGTON of Lincoln, HANLEY of Pittston, HARNETT of Gardiner, HARRINGTON of Sanford, HEAD of Bethel, HEPLER of Woolwich, HICKMAN of Winthrop, HIGGINS of Dover-Foxcroft, HOBBS of Wells, HUBBELL of Bar Harbor, HUTCHINS of Penobscot, HYMANSON of York, INGWERSEN of Arundel, JAVNER of Chester, JOHANSEN of Monticello, JORGENSEN of Portland, KESCHL of Belgrade, KESSLER of South Portland, KINNEY of Knox, KORNFIELD of Bangor, KRYZAK of Acton, LANDRY of Farmington, LOCKMAN of Amherst, LYFORD of Eddington, MADIGAN of Waterville, MAREAN of Hollis, MARTIN of Eagle Lake, MARTIN of Sinclair, MARTIN of Greene, MASON of Lisbon, MASTRACCIO of Sanford, MATLACK of St. George, MAXMIN of Nobleboro, McCREA of Fort Fairfield, McCREIGHT of Harpswell, McDONALD of Stonington, McLEAN of Gorham, MELARAGNO of Auburn, MEYER of Eliot, MILLETT of Waterford, MOONEN of Portland, MORALES of South Portland, MORRIS of Turner, NADEAU of Winslow, NEWELL of the Passamaquoddy Tribe, O'CONNOR of Berwick, O'NEIL of Saco, ORDWAY of Standish, PEBWORTH of Blue Hill, PEOPLES of Westbrook, PERKINS of Oakland, PERRY of Calais, PICKETT of Dixfield, PIERCE of Falmouth, PLUECKER of Warren, PRESCOTT of Waterboro, RECKITT of South Portland, REED of Carmel, RILEY of Jay, RISEMAN of Harrison, ROBERTS-LOVELL of South Berwick, RUDNICKI of Fairfield, RYKERSON of Kittery, SAMPSON of Alfred, SCHNECK of Bangor, SHARPE of Durham, SHEATS of Auburn, SKOLFIELD of Weld, STANLEY of Medway,

STEARNS of Guilford, STETKIS of Canaan, STEWART of Presque Isle, STOVER of Boothbay, STROM of Pittsfield, SWALLOW of Houlton, SYLVESTER of Portland, TALBOT ROSS of Portland, TEPLER of Topsham, TERRY of Gorham, THERIAULT of China, TIPPING of Orono, TUCKER of Brunswick, TUELL of East Machias, VEROW of Brewer, WADSWORTH of Hiram, WARREN of Hallowell, WHITE of Waterville, WHITE of Washburn, ZEIGLER of Montville, Senators: BELLOWS of Kennebec, BLACK of Franklin, BREEN of Cumberland, CARPENTER of Aroostook, CARSON of Cumberland, CHENETTE of York, CHIPMAN of Cumberland, CLAXTON of Androscoggin, CYRWAY of Kennebec, DAVIS of Piscataquis, DESCHAMBAULT of York, DIAMOND of Cumberland, DILL of Penobscot, DOW of Lincoln, FARRIN of Somerset, FOLEY of York, GRATWICK of Penobscot, GUERIN of Penobscot, HAMPER of Oxford, HERBIG of Waldo, President JACKSON of Aroostook, KEIM of Oxford, LAWRENCE of York, LIBBY of Androscoggin, LUCHINI of Hancock, MILLETT of Cumberland, MIRAMANT of Knox, MOORE of Washington, POULIOT of Kennebec, ROSEN of Hancock, SANBORN of Cumberland, SANBORN of Cumberland, TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin, VITELLI of Sagadahoc, WOODSOME of York)

**JOINT RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING AND HONORING
PRESIDENT GEORGE H. W. BUSH**

WHEREAS, President George Herbert Walker Bush, the 41st President of the United States, worked throughout his life serving freedom and advancing the public good through service in the military, in Congress and in the White House; and

WHEREAS, President Bush enlisted in the United States Naval Reserve in 1942 on his 18th birthday, as soon as possible after the attack on Pearl Harbor in December 1941, becoming one of the youngest naval aviators, and was assigned to Torpedo Squadron VT-51 in September 1943, with which he participated in operations against Marcus and Wake Islands and in the Marianas; and

WHEREAS, President Bush was first elected to the House of Representatives in 1966 and was appointed Ambassador to the United Nations in 1971; and

WHEREAS, President Bush also served as Chairman of the Republican National Committee, Chief of the Liaison Office in China and Director of Central Intelligence; and

WHEREAS, President Bush was chosen as President Ronald Reagan's running mate in 1980 and served as Vice President for 2 terms, heading task forces on deregulation and the war on drugs; and

WHEREAS, in 1988 President Bush ran a successful campaign to become the first incumbent Vice President in 152 years to be elected President; and

WHEREAS, during his term in office President Bush consistently and vigorously demonstrated the values of courage, duty, honor and compassion that define our nation and his life, encouraging Americans to be a "thousand points of light" through service to others; and

WHEREAS, President Bush while in office oversaw military operations in Panama and the Persian Gulf, guided the nation through the fall of the Berlin Wall and the dissolution of the Soviet Union and signed the North American Free Trade Agreement and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990; and

WHEREAS, President Bush and his family were longtime summer residents at the family compound on Walker's Point in Kennebunkport, Maine, and the Anchor to Windward monument was placed on Ocean Avenue by the town in

appreciation of the Bush family's generosity and charitable local efforts; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Twenty-ninth Legislature now assembled in the First Regular Session, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to recognize President George Herbert Walker Bush's lifetime commitment to public service and to send our condolences to his family upon his passing; and be it further

RESOLVED: That suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the family of the late George Herbert Walker Bush.

READ.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Kennebunk, Representative Denk.

Representative **DENK**: Madam Speaker, I don't know what I'm supposed to say but I hope that we will all honor Former President George Herbert Walker Bush and acknowledge the contributions that he has made during his lifetime and send our condolences and honor him in an appropriate way. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Oxford, Representative Dillingham.

Representative **DILLINGHAM**: Good afternoon. Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, I rise to join my fellow Mainers and Americans in paying tribute to our 41st President, George H.W. Bush, who we all know passed away over the weekend.

It is hard to memorialize a man whose obituary, if complete, would be book length. He was a patriot and loved our great country. He was a public servant and a devoted and loyal husband and father. Perhaps it is this aspect of his life that always drew me to President Bush; dedication to family. I had an early start in politics. In the Jackson family, that's normal. My uncle was -- served as a legislator in both houses and served as my introduction to public service and when I was 17, I volunteered on my first presidential campaign, that of Vice President Bush. I think I saw reflected in him the values I saw exemplified in my parents, aunts and uncles; a dedication to family, to community and to country.

President Bush was a man of immeasurable integrity, experience, and intellect. He knew the strength of America didn't rest in the federal government, but in every home and every family across our country. He famously talked about a thousand points of light and what he meant were those individuals, families, and private associations in every town and every state seeking to build great communities that protect our liberty, and in so doing, keep our nation free. President Bush wrote the American dream means giving it your all, trying your hardest, accomplishing something. And then I'd add to that, giving something back. No definition of a successful life can do anything but include serving others. When I think back on my nearly 18-year-old self and the world I was growing up in, it is this sentiment of family and community that my family modeled for me and what drew me to President Bush. Now, as a member of this body, I hope my service is a reflection of this sentiment and that all of us in mourning our 41st president can resolve to speak forcefully, not personally, and finding in each other a dedication to liberty and public service. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Knox, Representative Kinney.

Representative **KINNEY**: Thank you, Madam Speaker, Men and Women of the House. I rise to speak on be -- on an experience I had when the Former President was actually the Vice President.

My father was a welder at Bath Iron Works and at the time Vice President George Herbert Walker Bush came to speak at a launch of one of the ships that was built at Bath Iron Works. And my father was -- had brought all of us, my brother, several of my cousins, my aunt and uncle. And we looked around at one point to find -- to find that one of my cousins was lost. We lost him, he was gone, he was somewhere at the shipyard. When we finally were reunited with him, we found out that he had wiggled his way up through the crowds to go up and shake the hand of the Vice President of the United States of America. He got back, he was yelled at. Oh, my goodness, he got in so much trouble. I actually come from a family of Democrats so it's kind of strange to be on this side of the aisle, but at the time, you know, they were all -- he was just one of these kids, he just had to be -- had to get up there. We were all like you could've gotten arrested by the Secret Service and so on, but he wasn't and he has to this day this memory of being able to wiggle through that crowd and shake the hand of the Vice President of the United States who later became the President and it was just a really fun memory and I wanted to share that with all of you. Thank you.

At this point, the Members of the House stood and joined in a moment of silence in honor of President George Herbert Walker Bush.

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

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

SENATE PAPERS

The following Joint Order: (S.P. 1)

ORDERED, the House concurring, that the Joint Rules of the 128th Legislature are the Joint Rules of the 129th Legislature, except for the following changes.

Joint Rule 202 is amended by striking out all of the first paragraph and inserting the following:

All requests for bills and resolves submitted by Legislators for a first regular session must be submitted in complete form, as provided in Joint Rule 208, to the Revisor of Statutes by 4:00 p.m. on the 3rd Friday in December, except that for the First Regular Session of the 129th Legislature, the cloture date is December 31, 2018.

Joint Rule 301 is amended by striking out all of the last indented paragraph and inserting the following:

There were established 17 joint standing committees, which must be appointed at the commencement of the first regular session and which exercise jurisdiction in the following areas:

- Agriculture, conservation and forestry
- Appropriations and financial affairs
- Criminal justice and public safety
- Education and cultural affairs
- Energy, utilities and technology
- Environment and natural resources
- Health and human services
- Health coverage, insurance and financial services
- Inland fisheries and wildlife

- Innovation, development, economic advancement and commerce
 - Judiciary
 - Labor and housing
 - Marine resources
 - State and local government
 - Taxation
 - Transportation
 - Veterans and legal affairs
- Came from the Senate, **READ** and **PASSED**. **READ** and **PASSED** in concurrence.

The following Joint Order: (S.P. 2)

ORDERED, the House concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourn, they do so until Wednesday, January 2, 2019 at 10:00 in the morning.

Came from the Senate, **READ** and **PASSED**. **READ** and **PASSED** in concurrence.

The following Joint Order: (S.P. 3)

ORDERED, the House concurring, that there be paid to the members of the Senate and the House of Representatives as advances on account of compensation established by statute, 12 payments on a biweekly basis commencing January 5, 2019, according to lists certified to the State Controller by the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House, respectively.

Came from the Senate, **READ** and **PASSED**. **READ** and **PASSED** in concurrence.

The following Joint Order: (S.P. 4)

ORDERED, the House concurring, that the Executive Director of the Legislative Council be authorized and directed to prepare weekly, from expense accounts to be submitted to him by the members of the Senate and House, expense rosters showing the entitlement of each member for meals allowance and lodging reimbursement and to obtain approval thereof by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House, respectively, and deliver the same to the State Controller for processing and payment, in the manner and form recommended by the Joint Interim Committee of the 101st Legislature created to study and report on a method of implementing the administration of the provision of law relating to the mileage and expenses for members of the Legislature; and be it further

ORDERED, that the Executive Director of the Legislative Council be authorized and directed to provide the forms necessary for such purpose and provide suitable space in his office for the filing and safekeeping of all such expense accounts and other papers and records pertaining thereto.

Came from the Senate, **READ** and **PASSED**. **READ** and **PASSED** in concurrence.

The following Joint Order: (S.P. 5)

ORDERED, the House concurring, that all printing and binding authorized by the Legislature shall be under the direction of the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House.

Came from the Senate, **READ** and **PASSED**. **READ** and **PASSED** in concurrence.

The following Joint Order: (S.P. 6)

ORDERED, the House concurring, that the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House respectively, purchase such services, supplies and equipment as may be needed to carry on the business of the Senate and House, respectively.

Came from the Senate, **READ** and **PASSED**.
READ and **PASSED** in concurrence.

The following Joint Order: (S.P. 7)

ORDERED, the House concurring, that a sufficient number of the Legislative Record for the 128th Legislature be printed, one copy for each of the members of the Senate and the House of Representatives who so desires, the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House. The remainder to be deposited with the State Law Librarian for exchange and library use; and be it further

ORDERED, that a suitable index be prepared for such Legislative Record, under the direction of the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House.

Came from the Senate, **READ** and **PASSED**.
READ and **PASSED** in concurrence.

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

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Kennebunk, Representative Denk who wishes to address the house on the record.

Representative **DENK**: My question is, and I've had this conversation with some other new people; I don't know what you two are doing when you're talking at the same time. Are you both reading the exact same thing? I'm sorry if I spoke out of turn, if it's inappropriate, but in trying to understand the rules of the House, I don't know what you're both saying at the same time.

The SPEAKER: Thank you. So, well, a couple things. The Chair will clarify an answer to the question, the Clerk is reading -- there are all -- on the calendar, there are these items in front of us and every item has a body to it, whether it's small or large, and what I do when I speak over him is I am requesting to dispense with the reading because if we allowed the Clerk, not that he's verbose, but if we went and read everything that was on the calendar, it would take a very long time. So, we dispense with the reading of most items, and I ask for your permission to do it, that's why I say dispense with the reading, is this the pleasure of the House. Usually, we sort of just move quickly through these things, nobody objects, I say it's a vote, and then we're able to move to the next thing, yeah.

Let me just answer a bigger question, I think, which is understanding the complexity and rules and process of this body both in terms of what we do in the legislative chamber and in terms of what happens in committee and how things flow between the bodies, it is quite a process, it does take all members, honestly, years to learn, or at least months. We will be conducting -- I think both individual caucuses will be conducting training programs for their members and the Clerk also conducts a series of training programs for people. It's a lot of information to take in at once, so the best thing to do is to go to all those programs and then to come into this chamber

and really stay laser focused and pay attention because it's the only way to actually learn on the fly and then to go back and reexamine. That's a verbose answer, I know, but I hope that helps for now.

At this point, the Senate came and a Joint Convention was formed.

In Convention

The President of the Senate, the Honorable Troy D. Jackson in the Chair.

The Convention was called to order by the Chair.

The CHAIR: Nominations are now in order for the office of Secretary of State for the political years 2019 and 2020. The Chair recognizes the Senator from Hancock, Luchini.

Senator **LUCHINI**: Mr. Chair, I nominate Matthew Dunlap of Old Town for the office of Secretary of State for the political years 2019 and 2020.

The CHAIR: The Senator from Hancock, Senator Luchini, nominates Matthew Dunlap of Old Town for the office of Secretary of State for the political years 2019 and 2020.

Senator **LUCHINI**: Thank you, Mr. Chair, Members of the Joint Convention. I'm honored to rise before you today to nominate the Honorable Matthew Dunlap of Old Town to become Maine's next Secretary of State.

As many of you I'm sure are aware, the Secretary of State's office is charged with oversight of the State Archives, the Bureau of Motor Vehicles, the Bureau of Corporations, Elections and Commissions. And for those of you who don't know Matt, I'll briefly outline his qualifications and accomplishments and explain why I think he deserves to continue in his role as Secretary of State.

For a little bit of biographical information, Matt Dunlap was born in the great city of Ellsworth, so being from my home town, that's probably his best asset for Secretary, but he was raised in Bar Harbor shortly after birth. He graduated from MBI as well as the University of Maine and continued his education, taking executive programs at the Kennedy School at Harvard. He now lives in Old Town with his wonderful wife, the Honorable Michelle Dunphy, and their amazing daughter, Emily, who I think just performed in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in New York. It was pretty cool.

So, prior to serving as Secretary of State, Matt served in the Legislature as House Chair of the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Committee, which was a pretty appropriate place for him, for those who know him as an avid outdoorsman, who also served for two years as the Executive Director of the Sportsman Alliance of Maine. He's also the first Secretary of State to serve nonconsecutive terms since 1880. This is a bit of historical information which obviously the Secretary gave me because those types of facts and details of history are right up his alley.

In his previous roles as Secretary of State, Matt has focused on efficiency, modernizing the technological services at the Bureau of Motor Vehicles including Rapid Renewal online driver's license renewals. Regarding elections, Matt oversaw the implementation of the Central Voter Registration Act as well as -- the Central Voter Registration System, sorry, under the Help America Vote Act of 2002. And a particular source of pride for Matt was that he put a major focus on the MOVE Act, the Military and Overseas Voter Empowerment Act,

making Maine's system the best in the nation to ensure that our servicemen and women are able to receive and cast their ballots in Maine elections regardless of where they're stationed across the globe.

Aside from his resume and achievements, I've personally been impressed observing Matt from my position as Chair of the Veterans and Legal Affairs Committee over the last six years where we oversee elections. He clearly has a deep respect for the office, reveres the institution, and has developed a reputation of carrying out his duties in a professional, independent manner. He's a worthy ambassador for Maine on the national scene and has even served as the President of National Association of Secretaries of State.

Matt's consistently built and maintained strong teams at Motor Vehicles and Elections, filling those offices with skilled, dedicated public servants. And as the team leader, I've been particularly impressed with how freely and publicly Matt recognizes his staff, acknowledging the great people around him who make the office run so smoothly. In fact, when Matt left office in 2010, his successor kept many of those individuals in place despite being from a different political party, which speaks volumes to the quality of their work and both Secretaries of State.

For those who have worked with him here in Legislature, you know that Matt's incredibly responsive, whether it's direct communications from his constituents, requests from legislators, he enjoys helping his fellow Mainers. I think he lacks the ability to say no to requests to appear at events, traveling the state frequently, certainly lacks the ability to say no to requests for camera interviews, and is especially responsive when it comes to Maine events, building a sense of civic engagement at an early age. And I know personally I've found myself before stuck on the west coast with an expired driver's license trying to get on an airplane and my first call was to Secretary Dunlap and he fixed it for me.

So, as a final point and then I'll conclude, you know, I think Matt does this all for the right reasons. He's a true Mainer and has a deeply-rooted love for the State of Maine. He's driven by a desire to serve the public and he's a true student of Maine history. If you have any questions about Maine history, just ask him a question about it, pack a lunch maybe, and he'd be happy to talk to you about it for quite a while.

Again, I'm honored to be here to nominate the Secretary of State Matt Dunlap, a good friend of mine, and I thank you all for listening.

On motion of Senator LUCHINI of Hancock, the Honorable Matthew Dunlap of Old Town was placed in nomination for the office of Secretary of State for the political years 2019 and 2020.

The CHAIR: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Nobleboro, Representative Maxmin.

Representative **MAXMIN**: Okay. Mr. Chair, I second the nomination of Matt Dunlap of Old Town for Secretary of State.

The CHAIR: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Nobleboro, Representative Maxmin.

Representative **MAXMIN**: I have two very quick stories that I wanted to share about Secretary Dunlap and why we are so lucky to have him as our Secretary of State.

The first is, when I was 17 years old, a junior in high school, my house was struck by lightning and it burned to the ground and my family lost literally everything, including all my parents' driver's licenses, passports, birth certificates. We had

none of what we needed to rebuild our lives, and the person who came to our rescue was Matt Dunlap.

Another time that Matt has been in my life is when I ran for office and he came and brought his expertise as the former director of the Sportsman's Alliance of Maine to come to our overlooked rural community and inspire people around the promise and the potential of local politics. And I think we can all value a Secretary of State who looks out for each and every Mainer like he looked out for my family and who really makes sure that everybody in our state has the ability to engage with our political system. Thank you.

Representative **MAXMIN** of Nobleboro seconded the motion.

Senator **LIBBY** of Androscoggin moved that nominations cease.

On further motion of the same Senator, one vote was cast, on part of the Convention, for the Honorable Matthew Dunlap of Old Town for the office of Secretary of State for the political years 2019 and 2020.

The Chair declared the Honorable Matthew Dunlap of Old Town the Secretary for the State of Maine for political years 2019 and 2020.

Nominations are now in order for Office of Attorney General for the political years 2019 and 2020. The Chair recognizes the Representative from Harpswell, Representative McCreight.

Representative **McCREIGHT**: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Mr. Chair, I nominate Aaron Frey of Bangor for the office of Attorney General for the political years 2019 and 2020, and I wish to speak to my motion.

The CHAIR: The Representative from Harpswell, Representative McCreight, nominates Aaron Frey of Bangor for the office of Attorney General for the political years 2019 and 2020. The Representative may proceed.

Representative **McCREIGHT**: Thank you, Mr. Chair. It is my distinct honor to support our colleague, Aaron Frey, to be Attorney General of the State of Maine. I submit his name for that position.

The position of Attorney General is critical and the responsibilities are broad. We need a person who is an effective leader, who has vision and will innovate, who is creative and persistent, who listens and who acts, and I know that Aaron Frey has the qualities needed to do that job.

I've served with Aaron over the last four years, giving me the chance to observe him exercise leadership and supporting the initiatives of the Attorney General's office in fighting to protect Maine's indigent legal defense structure, in working to hold the administration accountable, and in advancing important goals of the Legislature. Having had the privilege of working closely with Aaron on critical issues and in multiple settings, I know that Aaron embodies the qualities needed to be an effective and productive Attorney General. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

On motion of Representative **McCREIGHT** of Harpswell, the Honorable Aaron Frey of Bangor was placed in nomination for the office of Attorney General for the political years 2019 and 2020.

Senator **BREEN** of Cumberland seconded the motion.

The same Senator moved that nominations cease.

On further motion of the same Senator, one vote was cast, on part of the Convention, for the Honorable Aaron Frey of Bangor for the office of Attorney General for the political years 2019 and 2020.

The Chair declared the Honorable Aaron Frey of Bangor the Attorney General for the State of Maine for political years 2019 and 2020.

The CHAIR: Nominations are now in order for Office of State Treasurer for the political years 2019 and 2020.

The Chair recognizes the Representative from Waterville, Representative Madigan.

Representative **MADIGAN**: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I am pleased to nominate Henry Beck for the office of State Treasurer for the political years 2017 and 2018; no, 2018 and 2019; 2020, hello, and I wish to speak to my motion.

The CHAIR: The Representative from Waterville, Representative Madigan, nominates Henry Beck of Waterville for the office of Treasurer for the political years 2019 and 2020. The Representative may proceed.

Representative **MADIGAN**: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Thank you, Mr. Chair and members of both bodies. I nominate Henry Beck to be our State Treasurer. Many of you know Henry, you may have served with him or he may have helped you in some way. I'm going to make a bet that I have known Henry longer than most of you. He's my friend, my neighbor, and he used to be my State Representative. I feel honored and lucky to serve in the seat he used to hold and to be his State Representative. We both come from Waterville. In all the years I have known Henry, he has served the people of the State of Maine. As a City Councilor, State Representative and as a lawyer, he has forged a career listening to people, serving them, helping them. Those of us in Waterville know this about Henry. He's the guy who helps deliver Thanksgiving meal baskets to families in need. I've known Henry to help people even when it is difficult or inconvenient or unpopular. Henry himself will speak about his years of service and experience on the Insurance and Financial Services Committee. He has served us well, sponsoring bills, chairing the committee, and working legislation for the benefit of us all. This is who Henry is.

From the moment I first met Henry, he was someone who listened, who was able to be respectful and sit with individuals with differing opinions and develop something that worked. I have watched Henry develop relationships with constituents and help that person learn more about themselves and become more involved. We need more of this. He is someone who listens and can drill down to the most important aspects of questions or problems. Henry listens and learns; then he works towards solutions. In truth, I have learned a lot from him because he always does his homework and he is as honest as the day is long.

Henry is someone I know who works hard for the people he represented in the Legislature and now in his law practice. He has done so as a friend and as a colleague. He has done so for his constituents when he was Representative. He continues to do so for his clients in his law practice. He is a strong advocate and partner. He will seek out the most up to date information regarding the bond markets and other financial matters. This is what he does. As our State Treasurer, I have no doubt that Henry will continue to be the same person I have known him to be for many years; honest, loyal, smart, no-nonsense, no drama and respectful. He will

continue to stand up for his values, for our values. He will continue to do what he has always done; serve the people of Maine honorably. He will put their needs, our needs first. Henry will continue to be the person that I know him to be, loyal to the people of the State of Maine, and he will continue to help in any way he can.

On motion of Representative MADIGAN of Waterville, the Honorable Henry Beck of Waterville was placed in nomination for the office of State Treasurer for the political years 2019 and 2020.

The CHAIR: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Scarborough, Representative Babine.

Representative **BABINE**: Mr. Chair, I second the nomination of Henry Beck for the office of State Treasurer and wish to speak to my motion.

Representative **BABINE**: Mr. Chair and members of the joint caucus, thank you. While Representative Madigan spoke of Mr. Beck's personal qualities and legislative service, I want to speak with you today in the context of my nearly 30 years of professional work in the banking and financial markets of Maine and why I know Mr. Beck's background and skillset qualify him to be our State Treasurer.

For nearly 30 years I've worked in the for-profit banking environment as a senior executive working for institutions that included Maine's smallest bank and North America's fifth largest. I've had experience in enterprise risk management and portfolio and asset management that the State Treasurer manages. While Mr. Beck is not a bond attorney, but like former State Treasurer David Lemoine of Saco, his knowledge of state government and his skillset as a litigator and negotiator in the private practice of law has prepared him well. Most recently, Mr. Beck has been the protector of Maine's Main Street and has even challenged Wall Street, recently overturning JD Powers and Associates own valuation model and weak rating of a Maine business in need of help. Mr. Beck has a skillset and the strength of conviction to protect Maine's strong financial position when going to market for bond calls. I believe he will be a skilled facilitator representing Maine's interests on the many boards our treasurer is a member of.

Mr. Chair, Mr. Beck is not just the best choice; he is the right choice for Maine's financial future. Mr. Beck will be an excellent State Treasurer. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

Representative BABINE of Scarborough seconded the motion.

The CHAIR: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Kennebec, Senator Pouliot.

Senator **POULIOT**: Mr. Chair, I nominate Terry Hayes of Buckfield for the office of Treasurer in the political years 2019 and 2020 and wish to speak to my motion.

The CHAIR: The Senator from Kennebec, Senator Pouliot, nominates Terry Hayes of Buckfield for the office of Treasurer for the political years 2019 and 2020. The Member may proceed.

Senator **POULIOT**: I come before you today to nominate Terry Hayes for the position of Treasurer of the State of Maine. One of my first interactions with Terry was back in the 126th Legislature, outside that Cross office building right over there. I was walking to my truck and she yelled to me from one of those little black benches hey, Matt, I've got to talk to you about something really quick. Come over here. I sat over next to Terry and she mentioned to me that the National Institute of Civil Discourse was coming to the State of Maine next week and that she would like for me to attend the training. I didn't know anything about the organization, but agreed to attend. The training was called Building Trust Through Civil Discourse.

As a freshman legislator nearing the end of my first term, I found the training to be very beneficial and helpful in many ways.

One of the things that's always stuck out to me most about Terry is her dedication to doing things in a civil and bipartisan manner while continually trying to improve the way our work is done, not for her sake, but for the sake of all involved. During our time in Leadership Maine together, it was Terry who really impressed upon others in our class the importance of being a civil leader and focusing on commonsense solutions to problems. It is quite fitting that on this National Day of Mourning, as we remember George H.W. Bush, an honorary chair of the National Institute of Civil Discourse, we have an opportunity to elect a proven leader who is committed to reviving civility at a time when our nation so desperately needs it.

In 2014, a constituent asked me to submit legislation to help disabled Mainers. Modeled after federal legislation, known as ABLE; which stands for Achieving Better Living Experience. In early 2015, I submitted that legislation. As drafted, it required the treasurer to take on the role of administrative duties for a program that would help thousands of Mainers with significant disabilities save for living expenses. Terry was a newly minted treasurer at the time, no pun intended, and agreed to come and testify in favor of the bill. In typical Terry fashion, she not only testified in favor, she really helped carry the water with the legislation and refine it and make it better, attending a number of national conferences and participating in focus groups about the issue, looking at ways that we could incorporate this in Maine in a manner that would have broader use. We're right on the verge of having the program go live through a partnership with Bangor Savings, and Terry truly has been at the helm of making that happen. Perhaps more important than this piece of legislation is the fact that Terry has a very fundamental understanding of how the legislative process works and can play a valuable role and aiding legislators craft better public policy to help Maine people live a better quality of life.

One of the leading roles of the Treasury is that they oversee the unclaimed property list program. My first term in office, I don't remember ever hearing about this, but once Terry became our Treasurer, she made it a point to focus on returning these dollars to the people of Maine. Since she became Treasurer, she created a friendly competition among the caucuses of which could return the most of their constituents. I have to add that, as a former member of the House Republican body, we continually won that competition. Maine has returned record amounts of money through this, more than 18.3 million last year alone, to Mainers who had no idea the list even existed. I think it really speaks to her character that she understands the role of the Treasury is more than providing financial services for all state agencies, issuing bonds and managing the state's debt. She is acutely aware that her office can be used to help the people of Maine in a more direct way and she makes every effort to lead the way in doing so.

Terry is a salt of the earth kind of person and a doer. There are plenty of people around this place who can talk a good game but few that really want to roll up their sleeves and do the process work day in and day out to really improve this state. Terry is one of these people. She is a consummate public servant. From giving kids in her district a ride, bringing every eighth grader to the State House to be a part of the legislative process nearly every day we were in session in the 126th and 127th Legislatures to buying these little civility pins

with her own money to hand out to people, she is the real deal and she lives and breathes public service. Terry reminds us that our opponents are not our enemies, that we can be different and open to different ideas and changing our minds and that facts matter and the devotion to our children's future can lead to honest compromise and shared progress.

I know some in this room are probably bitter that she ran against your choice for governor. Terry knows I didn't support her for that role, but I do believe she is most eminently qualified to be our Treasurer. She's been doing the job the last four years and, frankly, she's done an exceptional job. If it's more important to you that someone in the office of Treasurer have the same party affiliation as you, maybe Terry isn't the best choice. But if you care more about what is best for Maine and supporting someone with experience to do the job well, join me in voting for Terry Hayes. I know you won't regret it.

On motion of Senator POULIOT of Kennebec, the Honorable Terry Hayes of Buckfield was placed in nomination for the office of State Treasurer for the political years 2019 and 2020.

The CHAIR: The Chair recognizing the Representative from Westbrook, Representative PEOPLES.

Representative **PEOPLES**: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I second the nomination of Terry Hayes of Buckfield for the office of State Treasurer for the political years 19 -- 2019 and 2020 and I'd like to speak very briefly to my motion.

The CHAIR: The Representative may proceed.

Representative **PEOPLES**: Terry and I met 12 years ago when we were both brand-new legislators. She and I spent that whole entire eight years together working on projects together and she basically came up in leadership and she was Whip during the part of the time after the 2010 wipeout. And that; in 2011, my husband had a stroke and she was unbelievably helpful in supporting us at that particularly difficult time and the one thing that I would like to say about Terry, if I say nothing else, if you're in a hard place, she's going to be there for you. She'll move heaven and earth to make sure that people get what they need. Everybody needs to vote their conscience and do what they believe they want to do, but Terry is my friend and I am proud to be her second today. Thank you.

Representative PEOPLES of Westbrook seconded the motion.

Senator LIBBY of Androscoggin moved that nominations cease.

The CHAIR: The nominees are the Honorable Henry Beck of Waterville and the Honorable Terry Hayes of Buckfield for the office of State Treasurer for the political years 2019 and 2020. The Chair will appoint a committee to receive, sort and count votes for the office of the State Treasurer for the State of Maine for the political years 2019 and 2020.

Subsequently, the Chair appointed:

The Representative from Waterville, Rep. MADIGAN
 The Representative from Scarborough, Rep. BABINE
 The Senator from Kennebec, Senator POULIOT
 The Representative from Westbrook, Rep. PEOPLES

The Chair announced the result. 174 votes having been cast, 87 votes necessary for choice, the Honorable Henry Beck having received a majority of all votes cast, the Chair declared the Honorable Henry Beck of Waterville duly elected Treasurer for the State of Maine for the political years 2019 and 2020.

On a motion by Senator LIBBY of Androscoggin, the Secretary of the Senate was directed to notify the Governor of the election of Constitutional Officers.

The purpose for which the Convention was assembled having been accomplished, the Chair declared the same dissolved.

The Senate then retired to its chamber.

(After the Joint Convention)

The House was called to order by the Speaker.

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

On motion of Representative DILLINGHAM of Oxford, the House adjourned at 3:21 p.m., until 10 a.m., Wednesday, January 2, 2019, pursuant to the Joint Order (S.P. 2) and in honor and lasting tribute to President George H. W. Bush.