

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**State of Maine**

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ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTEENTH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION  
15th Legislative Day  
Thursday, February 20, 1997

Calling of the House to Order by the Speaker.  
Prayer by Jon Dillinger, Minister for the Church of Christ,  
Kittery.

Pledge of Allegiance.  
Doctor of the day, Brian P. O'Donnell, M.D., South Freeport.  
Reading of the Journal of Tuesday, February 18, 1997.

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**SENATE PAPERS**

The following Communication: (H.C. 30)  
THE SENATE OF MAINE  
3 State House Station  
Augusta, Maine 04333

February 11, 1997

The Honorable Elizabeth H. Mitchell  
Speaker of the House  
118th Maine Legislature  
2 State House Station  
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Speaker Mitchell:

In accordance with Joint Rule 506, please be advised the Senate today confirmed, upon the recommendation of the Joint Standing Committee on Business and Economic Development, the nomination of Dennis P. King of Hampden for appointment to the Maine State Housing Authority.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,  
S/Joy J. O'Brien

Secretary of the Senate  
Was read and ordered placed on file.

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The following Communication: (H.C. 31)  
THE SENATE OF MAINE  
3 State House Station  
Augusta, Maine 04333

February 18, 1997

The Honorable Elizabeth H. Mitchell  
Speaker of the House  
118th Maine Legislature  
2 State House Station  
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Speaker Mitchell:

In accordance with Joint Rule 506, please be advised the Senate today confirmed, upon the recommendation of the Joint Standing Committee on Labor, the nomination of David S. Wakelin of South Portland for reappointment to the Maine State Retirement System Board of Trustees.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,  
S/Joy J. O'Brien

Secretary of the Senate  
Was read and ordered placed on file.

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Bill "An Act to Protect Loons" (S.P. 333) (L.D. 1111)

Came from the Senate, referred to the Committee on **Inland Fisheries and Wildlife** and Ordered Printed.

(The Committee on Reference of Bills had suggested reference to the Committee on **Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry**)

Was referred to the Committee on **Inland Fisheries and Wildlife** in concurrence.

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**Non-Concurrent Matter**

Bill "An Act to Ban Partial Birth Abortions" (H.P. 390) (L.D. 535) which was referred to the Committee on **Judiciary** in the House on January 28, 1997.

Came from the Senate ruled not properly before the Body in non-concurrence.

On motion of Representative AHEARNE of Madawaska, the House voted to Recede.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Madawaska, Representative Ahearne.

Representative AHEARNE: Thank you Madam Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I move that the last four cosponsors listed on the cosponsor sheet be removed from L.D. 535. This merely needs to be done in order to comply with Joint Rule 206, which limits to eight cosponsors.

On further motion of the same Representative, pursuant to Joint Rule 206, the last four cosponsors listed were removed from the bill, in non-concurrence and sent up for concurrence.

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**Non-Concurrent Matter**

Bill "An Act to Require Recommended Silvicultural Stocking Standards on Land Ownerships Enrolled under the Tree Growth Tax Laws" (H.P. 704) (L.D. 968) which was referred to the Committee on **Taxation** in the House on February 11, 1997.

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on **Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry** in non-concurrence.

The House voted to Recede and Concur.

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**Non-Concurrent Matter**

Bill "An Act to Make the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife an Elected Position" (H.P. 698) (L.D. 962) which was referred to the Committee on **State and Local Government** and the Committee on **Inland Fisheries and Wildlife** in the House on February 13, 1997.

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on **State and Local Government** in non-concurrence.

The House voted to Recede and Concur.

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**COMMUNICATIONS**

The following Communication: (H.C. 29)

STATE OF MAINE  
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
STATE PLANNING OFFICE  
38 STATE HOUSE STATION  
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333

February 14, 1997

The Honorable Elizabeth H. Mitchell  
Speaker of the House  
State House Station #2  
Augusta, Maine 04333  
Dear Madam Speaker:

On behalf of the Maine Commission for Community Service, I am pleased to present the Commission's third annual report. In it, you will find a summary of the work accomplished over the last