

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE  
SECOND REGULAR SESSION  
3rd Legislative Day  
Tuesday, January 10, 2006

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

Prayer by Reverend Jay Hodge, Wales Presbyterian Church.  
National Anthem by Jennifer MacDonald, Saco.  
Pledge of Allegiance.  
Doctor of the day, Guy Raymond, M.D., Wallagrass.

At this point, the Speaker recognized the Representative from Fort Kent, Representative Jackson, the Representative from Ellsworth, Representative Crosthwaite and the Representative from Hartland, Representative Stedman, and they were added to the quorum call of the Second Regular Session of the 122nd Legislature.

The Journal of Thursday, January 5, 2006 was read and approved.

At this point, the Speaker recognized the Representative from Cumberland, Representative McKenney, and he was added to the quorum call of the Second Regular Session of the 122nd Legislature.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

The Following Communication: (H.C. 338)

**STATE OF MAINE  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
1 STATE HOUSE STATION  
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0001**

January 6, 2006

To the Honorable Members of the 122nd Maine Legislature:

At the close of the last Legislative session, following passage by the Legislature, I was presented with L.D. 1690, "An Act to Authorize, Subject to State Referendum, a Tribal Commercial Track and Slot Machines in Washington County." The bill required a statewide election to be held "on the Tuesday following the first Monday of November following passage of this Act." Adjournment of the first special session prohibited my taking action on the bill, but the Constitution allows me to take that action now. Thus, even though the Act's proposed November election date has come and gone, I am returning this bill without my signature or approval and urge that you sustain my veto.

I have never believed that slot machine gambling is a positive contribution to Maine's economy or quality of life. I have made my decisions on slot machine gambling based upon that belief. Accordingly, I am respectfully vetoing H.P. 1197, L.D. 1690.

Sincerely,  
S/John E. Baldacci  
Governor

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

The accompanying Bill "An Act To Authorize, Subject to State Referendum, a Tribal Commercial Track and Slot Machines in Washington County"

(H.P. 1197) (L.D. 1690)

On motion of Representative CUMMINGS of Portland, **TABLED** pending **RECONSIDERATION** and later today assigned.

The Following Communication: (S.P. 747)  
**122ND MAINE LEGISLATURE  
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333**

January 3, 2006

Sen. Scott W. Cowger  
Senate Chair, Joint Standing Committee on Natural Resources  
Rep. Theodore S. Koffman  
House Chair, Joint Standing Committee on Natural Resources  
122nd Legislature  
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Senator Cowger and Representative Koffman:

Please be advised that Governor John E. Baldacci has nominated David Littell of Portland for appointment as the Commissioner of the Maine Department of Environmental Protection.

Pursuant to Title 38 M.R.S.A. Ch. 2 § 341-A, this nomination will require review by the Joint Standing Committee on Natural Resources.

Sincerely,  
S/Beth Edmonds  
President of the Senate  
S/John Richardson  
Speaker of the House

Came from the Senate, **READ** and **REFERRED** to the Committee on **NATURAL RESOURCES**.

**READ** and **REFERRED** to the Committee on **NATURAL RESOURCES** in concurrence.

Under suspension of the rules, members were allowed to remove their jackets.

**PETITIONS, BILLS AND RESOLVES REQUIRING REFERENCE**

The following Bills were received, and upon the recommendation of the Committee on Reference of Bills were **REFERRED** to the following Committees, ordered printed and sent for concurrence:

**APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS**

Bill "An Act To Recapitalize the Maine Downtown Center"  
(H.P. 1370) (L.D. 1956)

Sponsored by Speaker RICHARDSON of Brunswick.  
Cosponsored by Representatives: GROSE of Woolwich, PERCY of Phippsburg, WATSON of Bath.  
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Bill "An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Create a Block Grant Program To Promote Economic and Cultural Development"

(H.P. 1372) (L.D. 1960)  
Sponsored by Representative CUMMINGS of Portland.  
Cosponsored by Senator MARTIN of Aroostook and Representatives: ASH of Belfast, BLISS of South Portland, BRAUTIGAM of Falmouth, BRYANT of Windham, CLARK of Millinocket, DUCHESNE of Hudson, DUNN of Bangor, DUPLESSIE of Westbrook, EBERLE of South Portland, FAIRCLOTH of Bangor, FISCHER of Presque Isle, GROSE of Woolwich, HUTTON of Bowdoinham, JACKSON of Fort Kent, LERMAN of Augusta, LUNDEEN of Mars Hill, MARRACHÉ of