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- Maine Residents Who Are 65 Years of Age or Older
- L.D. 1007 Resolve, To Study the Tax Exemption Provided to Nonprofit Entities
- L.D. 1055 An Act To Allow a Municipality To Abate Taxes Assessed on Property That Is Destroyed
- L.D. 1072 An Act To Encourage Maine's Economic Competitiveness
- L.D. 1126 An Act To Provide Property Tax Deferral for Senior Citizens and People with Disabilities
- L.D. 1148 An Act To Implement a Local Ballot Referendum for Municipalities To Disallow Tax-exempt Status to Large Land Trusts
- Veterans and Legal Affairs
- L.D. 762 An Act To Permit the Penobscot Nation To Operate Electronic High-stakes Bingo
- L.D. 1066 An Act To Provide for the Licensing of a Casino Owned by the Maliseet Tribal Government on Tribal Lands in Aroostook County
- L.D. 1084 RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Exclude Wildlife Issues from Citizen Initiatives
- L.D. 1111 An Act To Provide Funding to Municipalities To Assist with the Maintenance of Veterans' Graves
- L.D. 1213 An Act To Ensure Fair Competition by and between Maine's Commercial Tracks
- L.D. 1283 An Act To Stimulate Economic Development and Create Jobs by Amending the Laws Governing Gaming
- L.D. 1346 An Act To Establish a Comprehensive Gaming Policy
- L.D. 1357 An Act To Implement the Findings of the WhiteSand Gaming Study

Sincerely,
S/Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of House

READ.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians, Representative Bear.

Representative **BEAR**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, I rise merely to refer in communication 2.3 to you, Mr. Speaker, that it lists LD 1066, which is "An Act To Provide for the Licensing of a Casino Owned by the Maliseet Tribal Government on Tribal Lands in Aroostook County." And that is there, and I voted with the committee as a whole to against passage of it in committee.

I just wanted to rise to explain to the nearly 100 plus cosponsors, many of them in this body, and also in the Senate, the reason why, briefly, that that bill, which we are so very proud of, the product of collaboration and consultation with many parties, both in the counties and here in the House, that we are not giving up our position as to the bill's idea. But we understand in good faith that this is going to be brought over into a committee bill, so we aren't dropping it, we're just joining with and uniting with other parties who want a committee bill coming out of this process. So, thank you very much.

Subsequently, the Communication and accompanying papers were **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

The Following Communication: (H.C. 134)

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

May 5, 2015

Honorable Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Clerk Hunt:

Please be advised that pursuant to his authority, Governor Paul R. LePage has nominated the following:

On May 4, 2015

Dr. Robert Bruce Williamson of Knoxville, Tennessee for appointment as a Commissioner to the Public Utilities Commission. Pursuant to Title 35-A, MRSA §105, this appointment is contingent on the Maine Senate confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology.

Sincerely,
S/Mark W. Eves
Speaker of the House

READ and with accompanying papers **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

The Following Communication: (S.C. 265)

**MAINE SENATE
127TH LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY**

April 30, 2015

Honorable Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Clerk Hunt:

Please be advised the Senate today insisted to its previous action whereby it Failed to Enact Bill "An Act Regarding Prerecorded Telephonic Political Communications" (H.P. 278) (L.D. 412).

Please be advised the Senate today insisted to its previous action whereby it accepted the Minority Ought Not to Pass Report from the Committee on Health and Human Services on Bill "An Act To Provide Additional Oversight over the Management of the Department of Health and Human Services" (H.P. 245) (L.D. 358).

Please be advised the Senate today insisted to its previous action whereby it Failed to Finally Pass, "Resolve, Directing the Finance Authority of Maine To Convene a Stakeholder Group To Develop Solutions To Reduce the Negative Effect of Student Loan Debt on Home Ownership"" (H.P. 230) (L.D. 336).

Please be advised the Senate today adhered to its previous action whereby it accepted the Minority Ought to Pass Report from the Committee on Health and Human Services on Bill "An Act To Exempt Certain Capital Expenditures from the Maine Certificate of Need Act of 2002" (H.P. 39) (L.D. 45).

Best Regards,
S/Heather J.R. Priest
Secretary of the Senate

READ and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**