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The Following Communication: (H.C. 312)

**STATE OF MAINE**  
**ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE**  
**JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE ON PROPERTY TAX REFORM**

June 16, 2005

The Honorable Beth Edmonds, President of the Senate  
The Honorable John Richardson, Speaker of the House  
122nd Maine Legislature  
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Edmonds and Speaker Richardson:

We are pleased to report that all business which was placed before the Joint Select Committee on Property Tax Reform during the First Regular and First Special Sessions of the 122nd Legislature has been completed. The breakdown of bills and papers before our committee follows:

Total Number of Bills and Papers	6	
Unanimous Reports		1
Ought to Pass	0	
Ought to Pass as Amended	1	
Ought Not to Pass	0	
Divided Reports		1
Committee Bills & Papers		4
Pursuant to Joint Order		4

Respectfully submitted,  
S/Dennis S. Damon  
Senate Chair  
S/Richard G. Woodbury  
House Chair

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

The Following Communication: (H.C. 313)

**STATE OF MAINE**  
**ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE**  
**COMMITTEE ON TAXATION**

June 17, 2005

The Honorable Beth Edmonds, President of the Senate  
The Honorable John Richardson, Speaker of the House  
122nd Maine Legislature  
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Edmonds and Speaker Richardson:

We are pleased to report that all business which was placed before the Joint Standing Committee on Taxation during the First Regular and First Special Sessions of the 122nd Legislature has been completed. The breakdown of bills and papers before our committee follows:

Total Number of Bills and Papers	153	
Unanimous Reports		104
Ought to Pass	1	
Ought to Pass as Amended	23	
Ought Not to Pass	80	
Divided Reports		32
Joint Study Orders		1
Carry Overs		14
Received by the Clerk Pursuant to Joint Rule 309	2	

Respectfully submitted,  
S/Joseph C. Perry  
Senate Chair  
S/Richard G. Woodbury  
House Chair

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

The Speaker appointed the following members on the part of the House to wait upon his Excellency, Governor JOHN E. BALDACC, and inform him that the House was ready to adjourn without day:

Representative BRANNIGAN of Portland  
Representative DUDLEY of Portland  
Representative CRAVEN of Lewiston  
Representative FISCHER of Presque Isle  
Representative LERMAN of Augusta  
Representative MILLS of Farmington  
Representative MILLETT of Waterford  
Representative NUTTING of Oakland  
Representative BOWEN of Rockport  
Representative CURLEY of Scarborough

The Speaker appointed Representative CUMMINGS on the part of the House to inform the Senate that the House was ready to adjourn without day.

Subsequently, Representative CUMMINGS reported that he had delivered the message with which he was charged.

Subsequently, the Committee reported that they had delivered the message with which they were charged.

THE GOVERNOR: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. Nice job. Please sit down. I won't keep you long. I know that it has been a long day and night. It has been so enjoyable to listen to all of you downstairs and I would like to also echo the sentiments of all of you in appreciation of the leadership of the Speaker of the House, John Richardson and I appreciate the working relationship that he has established along with Majority Leader Cummings and Assistant Majority Leader Duplessie, with Minority Leader Bowles and Assistant Minority Leader Tardy. It has been a session where there are differences of opinion, but for the most part it has been done in a very agreeable fashion so we do appreciate all of the good leadership Mr. Speaker.

This has been a session with many accomplishments. You can be proud that the people have of Maine have been well served by your leadership, hard work and dedication. Thank you on their behalf.

As you return to your families, friends and work and leave for a time your colleagues here in Augusta please know that from your actions, deliberations and tough decisions, Maine will be a better place, a place where we protect our working families, our communities and small businesses. We are continuing to put Maine's fiscal house in order and in the budgets that we have passed this year we have lived within the new state-spending cap. The rate of growth of the two biennial budgets is 3%, well under the personal income rate increases and less than any other administration and Legislature for the last 30 years. Collectively, the budgets that we have passed this year have cut state spending by more than 600 million and going forward we have reduced the structural gap by 50%.

We funded historic hospital settlements going back as far as 1993, representing over \$108 million to Maine's hospitals and most importantly, and very personally to all of us here in this

chamber and to the citizens throughout the state we have repealed the \$450 million borrowing. Congratulations.

We have passed LD 1, a landmark and historic piece of legislation, providing property tax relief for Maine families, including a historic increase in funding for local education. We have enhanced our economic plan by creating a biomedical research triangle, investing in R&D for new jobs in the 21st Century and strengthening the Pine Tree Zones, which will yield almost 3,000 new jobs.

We have provided renewable energy incentives for solar energy and cleaner burning vehicles and we passed legislation to ensure civil rights for all Maine people. Maine is a place of technology, talent and tolerance. Collectively we did many, many other things on behalf of the public from the working waterfront to drug disclosure laws and on behalf of the people of Maine I say thank you and I wish you well and commend you on a job well done and hope that you have an enjoyable summer and have enjoyable times with your families and friends it is well deserved. Congratulations.

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At this point, a message came from the Senate borne by Senator Gagnon of that Body, informing the House that the Senate was ready to adjourn without day.

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On motion of Representative RICHARDSON of Greenville, the House adjourned without day at 3:03 a.m., Saturday, June 18, 2005.