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GOVERNOR

July 17, 2015

Chief Justice Saufley
Associate Justices of the Maine Supreme Judicial Court
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To the Honorable Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court:

Please accept my request for an Opinion of the Justices of the Maine Supreme Judicial Court pursuant to Article VI, Section 3 of the Maine Constitution. I seek your advice upon important questions of law regarding my constitutional obligation to faithfully execute the laws, specifically, 65 bills vetoed by me on July 16, 2015, 17 of which are emergency legislation.

When the Legislature adjourned on June 30 with no date to reconvene, I was prevented from returning the bills to their houses of origin. This triggered the constitutional provision that I could hold the bills until the Legislature reconvened for three consecutive days. The Legislature reconvened on July 16, providing the earliest opportunity to return the bills since the Legislature's adjournment. I promptly returned all 65 vetoes to their respective houses of origin on that date.

The Legislature's failure to timely extend the first regular session beyond the statutory adjournment date of June 17, then adjourning on June 30 with no date of return, has resulted in a dispute over the validity of the 65 bills. Now that the Legislature has refused to consider the vetoes, insisting that the bills have already become law, my constitutional duty as Governor to "take care that the laws be faithfully executed" is in question. I must know whether the 65 bills have become law.

To determine this, I must know what type of adjournment prevents the return of a bill to the Legislature. I must know whether the Legislature triggered the constitutional three-day procedure for the exercise of the Governor's veto. And finally, I must know whether the 65 bills I returned to the Legislature on July 16 were presented properly before that body for reconsideration.



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FACTUAL BACKGROUND

The first regular session of the 127th Legislature began on December 3, 2014. Over the course of the session, the Legislature enacted bills and presented them to me for action. I signed numerous bills into law; I allowed others to become law without my signature; I vetoed many others. The statutory adjournment date for this session was June 17, 2015. Despite knowing the statutory adjournment date – a date published in numerous Legislative calendars – the Legislature failed to timely extend the session by the close of the June 17 meeting. This is so even though a Joint Order to extend the first regular session by five legislative days was prepared on June 17 (Exhibit 1, SP 549). That Joint Order was never presented, however. Instead of timely extending the first regular session, the Legislature simply adjourned and returned on June 18, creating a question around its legal authority to reconvene the session at all. A verbal motion to extend the session (which had arguably already ended by operation of law) was passed in the House (Exhibit 2, Roll Call #296) and in the Senate (Exhibit 3, Remarks, and Exhibit 4, Roll Call #288)¹. The Legislature then met on June 19, 22, 23, and 24. On June 24, the Legislature attempted, by Joint Order, to further extend the session by five more legislative days (Exhibit 5, HP 991). At the close of that day, the Senate and House adjourned until June 30, 2015 at 10:00 in the morning (Exhibit 6, SP 550). In contrast, at the close of the June 30 meeting, the Legislature, by Joint Order, adjourned “... until the call of the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House, respectively, when there is a need to conduct business or consider possible objections of the Governor” (Exhibit 7, SP 556). The Joint Order did not set any date certain on which the Legislature would reconvene.

Pursuant to the Maine Constitution, Article IV, Pt. 3, §2, when the Legislature is in session, I have 10 days (excepting Sundays) in which to return bills with my objections to their legislative houses of origin. The Constitution also provides, however, that if “the Legislature by their adjournment prevent [a bill’s] return”, there is an alternative veto process that ensures that the Governor has the opportunity to exercise his veto power and that the Legislature has time to reconsider the bill in light of the Governor’s objections. That process allows the Governor to return the bills “within 3 days after the next meeting of the same Legislature which enacted the bill”

Prior to June 30, I had received 23 bills from the Legislature, six of which were emergency bills. The respective deadlines for return of these bills were all later than June 30. Just prior to its adjournment on June 30, the Legislature presented me with an additional 58 bills, 14 of which were emergency bills. The deadline for the return of these bills would have been July 11, 2015 if the Legislature had been in session.

Instead, the Legislature conditionally adjourned on June 30 with no date for its return. Moreover, the indefinite condition that could have prompted its return – the call of the Senate President and Speaker of the House – did not come to pass on or before July 11. In fact, while there were unofficial reports that the legislators would reconvene on July 16, the legislative record confirms that the date for reconvening was ambiguous at best (Exhibit 8, House

¹ The failure of the Legislature to properly extend the first regular session along with their subsequent attempt to do so after the session was statutorily adjourned was not discovered by the Governor’s counsel until early July.

Legislative Record on HP 991, Rep. Fredette's remarks). By their adjournment without a set date of return, I was prevented from returning these bills to their houses of origin.

Believing these circumstances triggered the constitutional three-day procedure², I held the bills until the Legislature reconvened, understanding that the Constitution afforded me the opportunity to hold the bills until the Legislature reconvened for four consecutive days. *See Opinion of the Justices*, 437 A.2d 597 (1981) and *Opinion of the Justices*, 484 A.2d 999 (1984). I had the opportunity to consider the bills and draft objections. Consequently, when the Legislature reconvened on July 16, I returned them within the time allowed me under the Constitution. July 16 was the very first opportunity after the Legislature's June 30 adjournment when I could return the bills. I returned the bills to their appropriate houses of origin with a request to the Legislative leadership that they reconsider the bills in light of my objections. The Speaker of the House refused to reconsider the bills, maintaining that they were laws that at his direction had already been chaptered. After refusing to reconsider the bills and my objections, the Legislature adjourned on July 16, 2015, using the words, "adjourned without day" in the House and "adjourned *sine die*" in the Senate, respectively.

I have a constitutional duty, as Governor, to "take care that the laws be faithfully executed" (Me. Const. Art. V, Pt. 1, §12). Accordingly, I must know whether the 65 bills I was prevented by the Legislature's adjournment from returning to their houses of origin by July 11 have become law. This is a particularly pressing issue because 17 of these bills are emergency legislation, meaning they are effective immediately after the conclusion of the session. There is no dispute that at this time, the first regular session of the 127th Legislature is over; the exact date of the end of the session is likely disputed, however. I must know whether the three-day procedure was triggered by the Legislature's action or inaction during and/or after the session. If so, the exercise of my veto power and the return of the bills on July 16 kept those bills from "having the same force and effect as if" I had signed them.

With great deference, therefore, I respectfully submit to you that these facts present the "important questions of law" and "solemn occasion" necessary to invoke your constitutional authority to issue advisory opinions under Article VI, Section 3 of the Maine Constitution. There can be no doubt that the validity of the laws at issue is a constitutionally important question. Likewise, according to a 1975 Opinion of the Justices, "for it to be a solemn occasion ... the questions must not be 'tentative, hypothetical and abstract'" *Opinion of the Justices*, 330 A.2d 912, 915 (Me. 1975). "Subjects of advisory opinions must be of 'instant, not past nor future concern; things of live gravity.'" *Opinion of the Justices*, 134 Me. 510, 513, 191 A. 487 (1936). The questions of whether the constitutional three-day procedure was triggered by the Legislature's action or inaction, including but not limited to its failure to legally extend the session and/or its conditional "adjournment without day" raise sufficiently important legal questions that must be answered because the faithful discharge of my constitutional duty to

² See *Bands of the State of Washington v. United States and Okanogan, Methow, San Poelis, Nespelem, Colville, and Lake Indian Tribes v. US*, 279 U.S. 655 (1929) and *Wright v. United States*, 302 U.S. 583 (1938). While these cases address "pocket vetoes" pursuant to the United States Constitution and the instant situation is not a question of a pocket veto, the language and analysis used by the U.S. Supreme Court is pertinent to the questions raised in this letter.

execute numerous laws depends on the answers. Moreover, the guidance I seek is needed with respect to matters of instant concern and live gravity.

QUESTIONS

The Constitution of the State of Maine provides in pertinent part,

If the bill or resolution shall not be returned by the Governor within 10 days (Sundays excepted) after it shall have been presented to the Governor, it shall have the same force and effect as if the Governor had signed it unless the Legislature by their adjournment prevent its return, in which case, it shall have such force and effect, unless returned within 3 days after the next meeting of the same Legislature which enacted the bill or resolution ...

Me. Const. Art. IV, pt. 3, §2.

The Constitution further provides, in pertinent part, "The Legislature shall enact appropriate statutory limits on the length of the first regular session ..." Pursuant to this constitutional mandate, the Legislature enacted 3 M.R.S. §2, which provides in pertinent part, "The first regular session of the Legislature, after its convening, *shall adjourn no later than the 3rd Wednesday in June ...*" [emphasis added].

In order to fulfill my constitutional obligation to faithfully execute duly passed, constitutionally sound laws, I must have answer[s] to the following question[s]:

- 1) What form of adjournment prevents the return of a bill to the Legislature as contemplated by the use of the word, adjournment, in Art. IV, pt. 3, §2 of the Maine Constitution?
- 2) Did any of the action or inaction by the Legislature trigger the constitutional three-day procedure for the exercise of the Governor's veto?
- 3) Are the 65 bills I returned to the Legislature on July 16 properly before that body for reconsideration?

In light of the constitutional importance of these questions as well as the need now for guidance on how to appropriately meet my constitutional duty to faithfully execute the laws, I request the Court provide its answers to these questions as promptly as the Court is able. I would be happy to expeditiously provide any briefing requested by the Justices.

Sincerely,



Paul R. LePage
Governor

STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION
SENATE ADVANCED JOURNAL AND CALENDAR

Wednesday, June 17, 2015

SUPPLEMENT NO. 19

ORDERS

Joint Order

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Maine Supreme Judicial Court

(4-1) On motion by Senator CUSHING of Penobscot, the following Joint Order:
S.P. 549

Ordered, the House concurring, that in accordance with emergency authority granted under the Maine Revised Statutes Annotated, Title 3, Section 2, the First Regular Session of the 127th Legislature shall be extended for five legislative days.

EXHIBIT 1

EXTEND FIVE LEGISLATIVE DAYS

DATE: 6/18/2015

MOTION: EXTEND

VOTES REQUIRED: 94

YES: 118 NO: 23 ABSENT: 10

MOTION: PREVAILS

Y	Alley	N	Farrin	Y	Kruger	N	Russell
Y	Austin	N	Fecteau	Y	Kumiega	Y	Rykerson
Y	Babbidge	Y	Foley	Y	Lajoie	X	Sanborn
Y	Bates	Y	Fowle	N	Lockman	Y	Sanderson
Y	Battle	Y	Fredette	N	Long	Y	Saucier
Y	Beavers	Y	Frey	Y	Longstaff	X	Sawicki
Y	Beck	Y	Gattine	Y	Luchini	Y	Schneck
Y	Beebe-Center	Y	Gerrish	N	Lyford	Y	Seavey
Y	Bickford	Y	Gideon	Y	Maker	Y	Shaw
N	Black	Y	Gilbert	X	Malaby	N	Sherman
X	Blume	Y	Gillway	Y	Marean	Y	Short
Y	Brooks	Y	Ginzler	N	Martin, J.	N	Sirocki
Y	Bryant	Y	Golden	Y	Martin, R.	N	Skolfield
N	Buckland	N	Goode	Y	Mastraccio	Y	Stanley
Y	Burstein	Y	Grant	Y	McCabe	Y	Stearns
Y	Campbell, J.	N	Greenwood	Y	McClellan	Y	Stetkis
Y	Campbell, R.	Y	Grohman	Y	McCreight	Y	Stuckey
Y	Chace	N	Guerin	Y	McElwee	Y	Sukeforth
Y	Chapman	Y	Hamann	Y	McLean	Y	Tepler
Y	Chenette	Y	Hanington	Y	Melaragno	Y	Theriault
Y	Chipman	N	Hanley	Y	Monaghan	N	Timberlake
Y	Cooper	Y	Harlow	Y	Moonen	Y	Timmons
Y	Corey	Y	Hawke	Y	Morrison	Y	Tipping-Spitz
N	Crafts	Y	Head	Y	Nadeau	Y	Tucker
Y	Daughtry	Y	Herbig	Y	Noon	Y	Tuell
X	Davitt	Y	Herrick	X	Nutting	N	Turner
X	DeChant	Y	Hickman	N	O'Connor	Y	Vachon
X	Devin	Y	Higgins	Y	Parry	Y	Verow
Y	Dillingham	Y	Hilliard	Y	Peterson	Y	Wadsworth
Y	Dion	Y	Hobart	Y	Picchiotti	Y	Wallace
Y	Doore	Y	Hobbins	N	Pickett	N	Ward
Y	Duchesne	Y	Hogan	Y	Pierce, J.	Y	Warren
N	Dunphy, L.	Y	Hubbell	Y	Pierce, T.	Y	Welsh
Y	Dunphy, M.	Y	Hymanson	Y	Pouliot	Y	White
Y	Edgcomb	Y	Jorgensen	Y	Powers	Y	Winsor
Y	Espling	X	Kinney, J.	Y	Prescott	Y	Wood
Y	Evangelos	Y	Kinney, M.	Y	Reed	Y	Mr. Speaker
Y	Farnsworth	X	Kornfield	Y	Rotundo		

MAINE STATE SENATE
 127TH LEGISLATURE
 First Regular Session

Extend Beyond Statutory
 Adjournment

DATE: June 18, 2015

Yea: 35 Nay: 0 Absent: 0 Excused: 0 MOTION: PREVAILS
 (2/3 Vote Required)

	Yea	Nay	Abs	Exc		Yea	Nay	Abs	Exc
Alfond	X				Johnson	X			
Baker	X				Katz	X			
Brakey	X				Langley	X			
Breen	X				Libby	X			
Burns	X				McCormick	X			
Collins	X				Millett	X			
Cushing	X				Miramant	X			
Cyrway	X				Patrick	X			
Davis	X				Rosen	X			
Diamond	X				Saviello	X			
Dill	X				Thibodeau	X			
Dutremble	X				Valentino	X			
Edgecomb	X				Volk	X			
Gerzofsky	X				Whittemore	X			
Gratwick	X				Willette	X			
Hamper	X				Woodsome	X			
Haskell	X				PROTEM Mason	X			
Hill	X				TOTALS =>	35	0	0	0

EXHIBIT 4

HP 991

HP 991

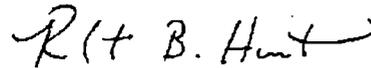
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

June 24, 2015

READ.

ON MOTION OF REPRESENTATIVE GIDEON OF FREEPORT,
TABLED PENDING PASSAGE.

LATER TODAY ASSIGNED.


CLERK

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

June 24, 2015

SPEAKER LAID BEFORE THE HOUSE

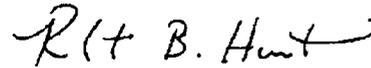
SUBSEQUENTLY, THE JOINT ORDER WAS PASSED.

PURSUANT TO JOINT RULE 102, THIS JOINT ORDER REQUIRED
THE AFFIRMATIVE VOTE OF TWO-THIRDS OF THOSE PRESENT
FOR PASSAGE.

ROLL CALL NO. 395

(YEAS 120 - NAYS 21 - ABSENT 10 - EXCUSED 0)

SENT FOR CONCURRENCE. ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH.


CLERK

IN THE SENATE CHAMBER

June 24, 2015

READ AND PASSED, IN CONCURRENCE.

2/3 VOTE REQUIRED.

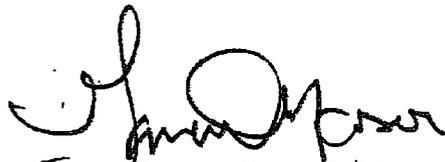

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STATE OF MAINE

SP0550

In Senate June 23, 2015

Ordered, the House concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourn, they do so until Tuesday, June 30, 2015 at 10:00 in the morning.



Name: Senator Garrett E. Mason
County: Androscoggin

EXHIBIT 6

SP 550

SP 550

IN THE SENATE CHAMBER

June 23, 2015

ON MOTION BY SENATOR MASON OF ANDROSCOGGIN READ
AND PASSED.

ORDERED SENT DOWN FORTHWITH FOR CONCURRENCE.



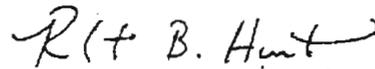
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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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READ AND PASSED.

IN CONCURRENCE. ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH.



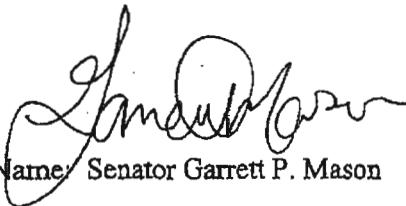
CLERK

STATE OF MAINE

SP0556

In Senate June 30, 2015

Ordered, the House concurring, that when the House and Senate adjourn they do so until the call of the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House, respectively, when there is a need to conduct business, or consider possible objections of the Governor.



Name: Senator Garrett P. Mason

County: Androscoggin

EXHIBIT 7

SP 556

SP 556

IN THE SENATE CHAMBER

June 30, 2015

ON MOTION BY SENATOR MASON OF ANDROSCOGGIN READ
AND PASSED.

ORDERED SENT DOWN FORTHWITH FOR CONCURRENCE.



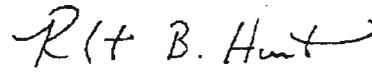
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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

June 30, 2015

READ AND PASSED.

IN CONCURRENCE. ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH.



CLERK

After Midnight

ORDERS

On motion of Representative McCABE of Skowhegan, the following Joint Order: (H.P. 991)

Ordered, the Senate concurring, that in accordance with emergency authority granted under the Maine Revised Statutes Annotated, Title 3, Section 2, the First Regular Session of the 127th Legislature shall be extended for five legislative days.

READ.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Skowhegan, Representative McCabe.

Representative McCABE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Men and Women of House, we've done some good work, some bipartisan work in the last few days. There are some remaining items still with the other body so extending these days is appropriate so that we make sure that we can act on that work beyond July, I mean beyond June 30th. And, at this time, I hope that when we take this vote, folks will support this and will be prepared so that when we do come back July 16th, we can take up any remaining items as well as when we come back on the 30th. So, thank you very much.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Newport, Representative Fredette.

Representative FREDETTE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, our conversations have sort of focused around trying to sort of finish up tonight before 11:59 p.m., so that we could leave one legislative day to focus on the 30th to come back and vote on the budget. And to the extent that now it's 12:10 p.m., I, quite frankly, would like to have an opportunity to speak to my caucus in regards to at least my understanding is, under the Constitution, we are allowed to extend two times, five legislative days, to complete the work of the Legislature. This would be the second time to do that. We have agreed to extend one time. Tonight is the expiration of that. Because we are at 12:10 p.m., the first five days, and to the extent that we are asking to extend that a second five days, I would like the opportunity to speak to my caucus to make sure that they are in agreement with that before we vote on this motion, because I don't want to make that decision on my own. And, so I would ask that this motion be Tabled until later in today's session. Thank you.

The same Representative moved that the Joint Order be TABLED until later in today's session pending PASSAGE.

The SPEAKER: The House will be in order. The Representative from Newport, Representative Fredette, has moved that this item be Tabled. The Tabling motion is out of order because the Representative made an argument prior to presenting the Tabling motion.

Subsequently, the Chair RULED that the motion was OUT OF ORDER.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Skowhegan, Representative McCabe.

Representative McCABE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Men and Women of the House, I spent some time in the Clerk's Office reviewing some of the bills that we are sort of...that remain out there. There are a number of bills, as I mentioned before, that sit on the table in the other body. There is also a number of bills that have yet to become law or be signed or move forward without the Chief Executive's signature, and I just sort of continue to think of the number of bills, a lot of them good bipartisan bills, things that we debated on both sides of the aisle, things like the

Lyme disease bill, some things around broadband. I believe in the possession of this body is still a gaming bill that seemed important to folks on both sides of the aisle. So I just want to make sure that when we go forward tonight, we think about all the things that we have still pending and that we take the appropriate action so that we can deal with those in an appropriate manner.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Newport, Representative Fredette.

Representative FREDETTE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and I agree with the good Representative from Skowhegan. If we could recess for 10 minutes, just to allow our caucus to caucus this particular issue, then I think that we would probably have some sort of resolution to this.

On motion of Representative GIDEON of Freeport, TABLED until later in today's session pending PASSAGE.

The Chair laid before the House the following item which was TABLED earlier in today's session:

Ordered, the Senate concurring, that in accordance with emergency authority granted under the Maine Revised Statutes Annotated, Title 3, Section 2, the First Regular Session of the 127th Legislature shall be extended for five legislative days.

(H.P. 991)

Which was TABLED by Representative GIDEON of Freeport pending PASSAGE.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Newport, Representative Fredette.

Representative FREDETTE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, my understanding is, according to the Maine Constitution, this chamber is permitted to extend five legislative days, two separate times, under the Maine Constitution. We have already done that once. So, therefore, in terms of my read of the Maine Constitution, we are now at, under this Supplement No. 22, the opportunity for this body to vote on the extension of five additional days, under the Maine Constitution, to complete our work. I think it was our hope and our anticipation in the extension of the first five additional days that we would be able to complete our work, including the work that we would anticipate on June 30th in regards to the budget. Obviously, recognizing the hour, at 12:45 p.m., on the fifth day of the first extension of the five additional days, under the first vote of extending the legislative session five additional days, we've expended those days. I have requested and graciously thank the body for the opportunity to speak to my caucus in regards to the question before the body today on Supplement No. 22, in regards to the question of extending the second and final five days as permitted under the Maine Constitution, to complete the work of this session of the Legislature. Our caucus is focused on the work that we need to do in terms of completing the work on our budget and other items that may or may not be related to vetoes related to the Chief Executive and anticipation on maybe coming back on a second day beyond June 30th which may or may not be July 16th, which is also a day which is in conflict with a tour which I understand that is currently scheduled by a farming organization that would include members of this body. And so that would be a conflict. So, Mr. Speaker, I believe I speak on behalf of my caucus in terms of the fact that we are in support of extending the second and final five legislative days as permitted under the Maine Constitution, but, quite frankly, are frustrated by the slow pace of the work between the bodies, and believe that we should be able to complete that work in an expeditious way so that it doesn't take five additional days to complete that work. We would

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anticipate, my anticipation is that we would be able to anticipate that we would be able to come back on the 30th of June, complete some work on that day and come back on a second day, which may or may not be July the 16th, and complete some additional work that is required by this body on behalf of the people of the State of Maine, and then be able to complete that work in a timely fashion so that we don't have to use those complete five additional days. We have done, we have done our due diligence. We are here. It is 1 o'clock in the morning. So let's complete our work, let's do it in a timely fashion. There is no need to continue to be here five additional days. That's the message from my caucus, Mr. Speaker. Let's do this in a timely fashion, let's do it in a responsible way, let's do it in a reasonable way, and let's get the work done. We are committed to doing the work on behalf of the people of the State of Maine. Let's extend the five days, but let's get the work done in a timely fashion. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The Chair ordered a division on **PASSAGE**.

Representative McCABE of Skowhegan REQUESTED a roll call on **PASSAGE**.

More than one-fifth of the members present expressed a desire for a roll call which was ordered.

The SPEAKER: A roll call has been ordered. The pending question before the House is Passage. All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

Pursuant to 3 M.R.S.A., Section 2, this Joint Order required the affirmative vote of two-thirds of those present for **PASSAGE**.

ROLL CALL NO. 395

YEA - Alley, Austin, Babbidge, Bates, Battle, Beavers, Beck, Beebe-Center, Bickford, Black, Blume, Brooks, Bryant, Burstein, Campbell J, Campbell R, Chace, Chapman, Chipman, Cooper, Corey, Crafts, Daughtry, Davitt, DeChant, Devitt, Dion, Doore, Dunphy M, Edgecomb, Esping, Evangelos, Farnsworth, Fecteau, Fowie, Fredette, Frey, Gattine, Gideon, Gilbert, Ginzler, Golden, Goode, Grant, Hamann, Hanley, Harlow, Hawke, Head, Herbig, Hickman, Hilliard, Hobart, Hobbins, Hogan, Hubbell, Hymanson, Jorgensen, Kornfield, Kruger, Kumlega, Lajole, Longstaff, Luchini, Lyford, Maker, Martin J, Martin R, Mastraccio, McCabe, McClellan, McCreight, McElwee, McLean, Melaragno, Monaghan, Moonen, Morrison, Nadeau, Noon, Nutting, Parry, Peterson, Picchiotti, Pickett, Pierce J, Pierce T, Poullot, Powers, Prescott, Reed, Rotundo, Russell, Rykerson, Sanderson, Sauder, Schneek, Shaw, Sherman, Short, Stanley, Stearns, Stetkis, Stuckey, Sukeforth, Tepler, Theriault, Tipping-Spitz, Tucker, Tuell, Turner, Vachon, Verow, Ward, Warren, Welsh, White, Winsor, Wood, Mr. Speaker.

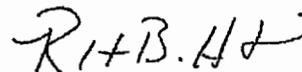
NAY - Buckland, Dillingham, Dunphy L, Farin, Foley, Gerrish, Greenwood, Grohman, Hanington, Higgins, Kinney M, Lockman, Long, O'Connor, Sawicki, Seavey, Sirocki, Skolfield, Timberlake, Wadsworth, Wallace.

ABSENT - Chenette, Duchesne, Giliway, Guerin, Herrick, Kinney J, Malaby, Marean, Sanborn, Timmons.

Yes, 120; No, 21; Absent, 10; Excused, 0.

120 having voted in the affirmative and 21 voted in the negative, with 10 being absent, and accordingly the Joint Order was **PASSED**. Sent for concurrence.

This is to certify that this is a true and accurate copy of the House Legislative Record dated June 23, 2015.



Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House
July 13, 2015