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Record Number of Signatures

On Friday, January 17th history was quietly made at the Secretary of State's Offices on the 4th floor of the Burton Cross State Office Building.

The "history" was the submission of boxes upon boxes of petitions signed by Maine voters living in municipalities all across Maine – 98,103 signatures in all – more signatures ever collected in this state to advance a citizen initiative, and virtually all of those signatures gathered in just a single day!

The initiative, originally developed by MMA, is entitled "The School Finance and Tax Reform Act of 2003". It is a proposal that would give Maine taxpayers much needed property tax relief by requiring the State to honor its longstanding promise to provide 55% state funding for K-12 education. Residents in every town and city in Maine could see a property tax reduction as a result of this measure. The proposal would also compel comprehensive tax reform, create investments in structural changes to achieve efficiencies in the delivery of educational and governmental services, and direct the Legislature to develop a comprehensive plan to address Maine's overall tax burden.

Every element of the proposal reflects core issues directly relevant to the challenges currently facing the Legislature and all of Maine's citizens.

According to published reports, the threshold number of signatures necessary to advance a citizen initiative is now 50,519, representing 10% of the number of voters who cast a ballot for a gubernatorial candidate on November 5th. With nearly double the requisite number of voters putting their names to this proposal in just a single



A record number of signatures – 98,103 – were submitted on January 17, 2003 to the Secretary of State's Office by Citizens to Reduce Local Property Taxes Statewide. Above, Mechanic Falls Town Manager Dana Lee answers reporters questions following delivery of the petitions.

day of collection, this tax reform initiative has clearly struck a chord.

The group promoting the initiative is the *Citizens to Reduce Local Property Taxes Statewide*, and the two municipal officials representing that group and lugging those boxes of petitions into the Secretary of State's Office were Mechanic Falls Town Manager Dana Lee and Troy Selectwoman Jennifer Wixson.

In response to reporters' inquiries at the press conference, both Wixson

and Lee translated the crushing property tax burden in real-life terms and within the context of their communities. For municipal officials, the burden on the property tax is not a theoretical problem. Wixson described how it wasn't "hired guns" but the regular citizens of Troy — neighbors and volunteers — who responded so positively to this initiative in her town, either by being a petition circulator or just lining up to learn about and then sign the

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popular proposal. Over 80% of the people who voted in Troy on November 5th put their names down in support of responsible property tax relief and comprehensive tax reform.

Boasting a similar support ratio in Mechanic Falls, Lee described for reporters the horrible task of foreclosing against local people who are being taxed out of their homes. "When you have to sell people's homes to pay for K-12 education," Lee observed, "something has gone seriously awry".

For any citizen initiative to be presented to the Legislature in 2003, it had to be submitted to the Secretary of State's Office by the end-of-business day yesterday (January 23). In addition to "The School Finance and Tax Reform Act of 2003", only two other initiatives were submitted by the deadline, both of which are gambling-related: *An Act to Allow Slot Machines at Commercial Horse Racing Tracks* and *The Maine Tribal Gaming Act*. The property tax cap initiative advanced by Carol Palesky was not delivered to the Secretary of State's Office by the deadline, so that proposal will be presented to the Legislature in 2004 at the earliest.

According to Deputy Secretary of State Julie Flynn, her Office has a 30-day period, or until February 24th, to review the work that has been done by all the municipal clerks in verifying that the signatures on these petitions are all registered voters and otherwise legitimate. At that point, all initiatives certified by the Secretary of State will be presented to the Legislature in the

same manner that any other bill.

According to procedures established by the Maine Constitution, the Legislature will have several choices when the tax reform initiative is presented. It could adopt the proposal, which at its centerpiece merely establishes a contract that the State will actually pay that slight majority share (55%) of K-12 education that has been its unfulfilled "intention" for the last 18 years. By the terms of the initiative,

enacting the proposal would also put into immediate motion three projects...comprehensive tax reform, the development of a comprehensive tax burden management plan, and the development of service delivery efficiency systems.

Or the Legislature could flatly reject the proposal, in which case it would automatically appear on a ballot for an up-or-down vote of the people on election day, November 4, 2003.

MMA Policy Committee to Convene

There will likely be 500 bills acted upon by the Legislature over the next five months that directly affect municipal government. The decision to support, oppose, or take no position on each of those bills is decided by MMA's 70-member Legislative Policy Committee (LPC).

On Wednesday, January 29th the LPC will convene for its first day-long meeting of this legislative session to identify the Association's position on over 70-plus separate legislative proposals that have either been printed as a "Legislative Document" (LD) or are in the process of being printed and have been provided to MMA by the sponsor or the interest group supporting the legislation.

One out of every three of the bills to be reviewed by the LPC next week involves taxation proposals, including several plans to change Maine's Constitution to provide property tax breaks to commercial fishing property, ancestral homes, or to make personal property taxation a "local option". There are also several tax reform proposals in "concept" rather than in detail, plans to repeal the homestead exemption, plans to expand the homestead exemption, plans to expand Circuit Breaker rebate program, and the perennial proposal to apply the motor vehicle excise tax to the "sale" price rather than the "list" price.

In the transportation area, the LPC will be revisiting the gas tax indexing law in light of a bill that would repeal it. Transportation also has its share of proposed constitutional amendments to expand the allowable uses of Highway Fund revenue.

Within the purview of the "State and Local Government" bills, the LPC will be reviewing some repeat legislation as to whether there should be restrictions on "retroactive" citizen initiatives and more standards governing when school construction payments can and can not be "retained" before the school project is completed.

A sampling of the bills the LPC will be looking at in the environmental and various "resource" areas would include a slate of growth management bills that are re-entering this session from last, a tightening-up of the junkyard statutes, a proposal that seeks to identify the limits of municipal authority with respect to the siting of aquaculture facilities, and a couple of strategies focused on creating a uniformity of building code regulation.

Anyone interested in learning more about the full LCP agenda should contact Laura Veilleux at 1-800-452-8786.

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(The bill summaries are written by MMA staff and are not necessarily the bill's summary statement or an excerpt from that summary statement. During the course of the legislative session, many more bills of municipal interest will be printed than there is space in the *Legislative Bulletin* to describe. Our attempt is to provide a description of what would appear to be the bills of most significance to local government, but we would advise municipal officials to also review the comprehensive list of LDs of municipal interest that can be found on MMA's website, www.memun.org.)

Appropriations & Financial Affairs

LD 190 – An Act to Expand Funding and Services to Students of Limited Proficiency in English. (Sponsored by Rep. Cummings of Portland; additional cosponsors)

This bill would appropriate \$205,000 for each year of the FY 04-05 biennium in order to boost by 10% the component of the General Purpose Aid to Education appropriation dedicated to the English as a 2nd Language program.

Criminal Justice & Public Safety

LD 103 – An Act to Establish the Regional County Corrections Construction Authority. (Sponsored by Rep. Snowe-Mello of Poland; additional cosponsors)

This bill is a "concept draft" that would establish the Regional County Corrections Construction Authority, which would be a board comprised of state, county and local officials authorized to issue bonds for the construction of regional county correction facilities.

LD 111 – An Act to Allow Volunteer Firefighters To Use Red Flashing Lights when Responding to a Fire. (Sponsored by Rep. Goodwin of Pembroke)

This bill would allow certain active members of a municipal or volunteer fire department to use flashing red lights on their personal vehicles when en route to, or at the scene of, a fire or other emergency. The members entitled to this privilege would have to be at least 21 years of age, have three or more years experience in active service, and have completed a state-certified emergency vehicle operators course.

LD 151 – An Act Concerning Full-time Law Enforcement and Corrections Officers. (Sponsored by Sen. Davis of Piscataquis County; additional cosponsor)

Under current law, a correction officer or law enforcement officer is considered "full time", and therefore in need of certain training qualifications, if he or she is earning at \$10,000 a year from that employment. This bill would change the \$10,000 threshold to an hours-of-work threshold of at least 1,040 hours a year.

LD 249 – An Act to Aid Law Enforcement in Complying with Maine's Freedom of Access Laws. (Sponsored by Rep. Koffman of Bar Harbor; additional cosponsors)

This bill would require Maine's Criminal Justice Academy to develop by June 1, 2004 minimum standards with respect to the Right-to-Know law compliance standards that all law enforcement agencies must meet, and further require that all law enforcement agencies adopt written policies regarding compliance with Maine's "Right to Know Law" in accordance with those minimum standards by June 1, 2005.

Education & Cultural Affairs

LD 162 – An Act to Provide for the Fair Distribution of Resources for Teaching Students of Limited Proficiency in English. (Emergency) (Sponsored by Sen. Rotundo of

Androscoggin County; additional cosponsors)

This bill would amend the law governing the distribution of state educational subsidy (General Purpose Aid to Education) to create an appropriation within the overall GPA appropriation that would be distributed to schools on the basis of the schools' student populations needing special English as a 2nd Language services.

LD 203 – An Act to Establish the Full Right of Petition and Redress in Local School Board Decisions. (Sponsored by Rep. Glynn of South Portland; additional cosponsor)

This bill would create both a direct initiative and a people's veto process for school policies and rules. The initiative and people's veto process would not apply to staffing and salary matters, personnel matters or budgetary matters.

LD 230 – An Act Concerning Restructuring of School Districts. (Sponsored by Sen. Martin of Aroostook County; additional cosponsors)

This bill is a "concept draft" that proposes the restructuring of the school districts in northern Maine to provide for only one school administrative district covering Aroostook county.

Inland Fisheries & Wildlife

LD 114 – An Act to Enhance Trail Revenue. (Sponsored by Rep. Lundeen of Mars Hill [by request]; additional cosponsors)

This bill would increase the registration fees for snowmobiles, ATVs and off-road motorcycles by \$35, provide a \$25 rebate to members of snowmobile clubs, and dedicate the net additional revenue to the Snowmobile Trail Fund.

LD 158 – An Act to Limit Agent Fees to the Number of Transactions. (Sponsored by Sen. Bryant of Oxford County; additional cosponsors)

This bill would limit the aggregate transaction fee that can be charged by agents of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife for the issuance of certain hunting and fishing licenses to \$2 per transaction regardless of the number of licenses or permits being issued during that transaction.

Labor

LD 117 – An Act Relating to Unemployment Compensation. (Sponsored by Sen. Bryant of Oxford County; additional cosponsors)

This bill would repeal the one-week waiting period before unemployment compensation is paid.

LD 240 – An Act to Ensure that Maine's Unemployment System is Responsive to the Needs of Today's Workforce. (Sponsored by Rep. Norton of Bangor; additional cosponsors)

Current law requires a person receiving unemployment benefits to be available for full-time work. This bill would allow for the provision of unemployment benefits if the recipient is only available for part-time work.

Legal & Veterans' Affairs

LD 212 – An Act to Establish Instant Run-off Voting. (Sponsored by Rep. Bull of Freeport; additional cosponsors)

This bill would establish a new system of tabulating the ballots for President, Vice President, United States Senator, United States Representative to Congress, Governor, State Senator, and State Representative. The new system of tabulation is called the "instant run-off voting method". Under this method, the various candidates for each office are ranked in order of preference by the voter, and there are successive tabulations of the voters' rankings as the low-

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ranking candidates are gradually eliminated.

Natural Resources

LD 188 – An Act To Amend the Waste Management Laws Regarding the Spreading of Sludge on Land. (Sponsored by Rep. Rines of Wiscasset; additional cosponsors)

This bill would amend the law that limits municipal home rule authority with respect to ordinances that govern the land spreading of sludge. Specifically, this bill would expressly authorize those ordinances to contain standards governing the land spreading of out-of-state sludge to be at least as stringent as the standards in the state where the sludge originates, or that state's political subdivisions.

LD 215 – Resolve, to Direct the Department of Environmental Protection to Create Statewide Standards for Incinerators. (Sponsored by Rep. Sullivan of Biddeford; additional cosponsors)

This resolve would direct the Department of Environmental Protection to adopt rules that provide uniform standards governing emissions from incinerators that would be applicable to all communities.

State & Local Government

LD 110 – An Act to Clarify Rights of Retainage in Public Construction Contracts. (Sponsored by Rep. Mills of Cornville)

This bill would amend the laws governing a school board's right to "retain" up to 5% of the costs of a school construction project. Specifically, the bill would allow for that "retainage" until the point of "substantial completion", at which time the amount retained could be no more than 1.5 times the value of the "punch list", which is a list generated at the time of "substantial completion" that identifies defective or incomplete work.

LD 141 – An Act to Increase Revenue Sharing to a Municipality by 5% of its Allocation if it Shares Fire, Police and Recreation Services with Adjoining Municipalities. (Sponsored by Sen. Martin of Aroostook County; additional cosponsors)

This bill would amend the municipal revenue sharing formula to provide a 5% increase in revenue sharing funds for any municipality that shares police, fire and recreation services with one or more adjoining municipalities.

LD 149 – An Act to Transfer Bureau of General Services School Construction Functions to the Maine Department of Education. (Sponsored by Sen. Nass of York County; additional cosponsors)

This bill is a "concept draft" that would move current oversight of state-approved school construction projects from the Bureau of General Services to the Department of Education for the purpose of creating a single oversight and service entity regarding school construction, from the point of application through final project completion.

LD 168 – An Act to Allow a Municipality To Donate Abandoned Bicycles to a Charitable Organization. (Sponsored by Rep. Fischer of Presque Isle; additional cosponsors)

This bill would allow a municipality to adopt an ordinance that would govern the distribution of abandoned bicycles to charitable organizations that primarily benefit children. Under the terms of the bill, such an arrangement would trigger no obligations the municipality might otherwise incur under Maine's abandoned property law.

LD 211 – An Act to Modify the County Budget Procedures for Sagadahoc County. (Sponsored by Rep. Lessard of Topsham; additional cosponsors)

This bill would increase the authority of the Sagadahoc County Budget Advisory Committee. Under current law, the Budget Committee is purely advisory to the County Commissioners, who adopt the final budget. This bill gives over final budget adoption authority to the Budget Advisory Committee.

Taxation

LD 107 – Resolution, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Allow Municipalities to Limit Property Taxes for Elderly Residents. (Sponsored by Rep. Usher of Westbrook; additional cosponsors)

This resolution would send out to the voters a proposed constitutional amendment that would authorize municipalities to reduce or limit the taxes on real property that is owned by elderly or disabled people.

LD 109 – An Act to Exempt from Tax State-mandated Fish Passage Facilities. (Sponsored by Rep. Tardy of Newport; additional cosponsors)

This bill would create a property and a sales tax exemption for "state-mandated" fish passage facilities.

LD 174 – An Act to Restructure the Maine Income Tax Law. (Sponsored by Rep. Lemoine of Old Orchard Beach)

This bill is a "concept" draft that proposes to restructure Maine's income tax law.

LD 179 – An Act to Restructure the Tax System and Make the Restructured System Subject to Referendum. (Sponsored by Rep. Lemoine of Old Orchard Beach; additional cosponsors)

This bill is a "concept draft" that proposes to restructure Maine's system of taxation and send the restructuring plan out to the voters for ratification.

LD 184 – An Act to Clarify the Ability of the Maine Forest Service and Tax Assessors to View Private Landowners' Forest Management Plans. (Sponsored by Rep. Jodrey of Bethel; additional cosponsors)

Current law allows municipal tax assessors and the Director of the Bureau of Forestry access to a copy of a landowner's forestry management plan to assist in the review of that landowner's eligibility for the Tree Growth property tax break, but the forest management plan is otherwise a confidential record. This bill would limit the access of municipal assessors and the Forestry Director to only "view" the management plan upon request.

LD 202 – An Act To Make Certain Housing an Acceptable Use of Tax Increment Financing. (Sponsored by Rep. Suslovic of Portland; additional cosponsors)

This bill would expand the list of components in a "development program" under Tax Increment Financing law that are eligible for TIF funding. Specifically, the bill would authorize TIF expenditures for affordable housing in municipalities where affordable housing is found to be a barrier to economic development.

LD 204 – An Act To Require That the Excise Tax on Vehicles Be Based on the Purchase Price. (Sponsored by Rep. Glynn of South Portland)

This bill would require that the motor vehicle excise tax for motor vehicles and campers be based on the purchase price rather than the manufacturers suggested retail price.

LD 206 – An Act to Expand the Maine Residents Property Tax Program. (Sponsored by Rep. Mills of Cornville; additional cosponsor)

This bill would reduce the value of the homestead property tax exemption from \$7,000 to \$3,000 and the state "savings" from that reduction would be used to expand the Circuit Breaker property tax and rent rebate program in three ways: (1) the renter's presumed property tax payment would be increased from 18% to 20% of gross rent; (2) the maximum circuit breaker payment would increase from

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\$1,000 to \$3,000; and (3) when the property tax obligation exceeds 4% of the household income, the Circuit Breaker rebate would be 80% of the remaining property tax bill, rather than 50%.

LD 208 – Resolution, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine Related to the Taxation of Personal Property. (Sponsored by Rep. Lemoine of Old Orchard Beach)

This bill would send out to the voters a proposed constitutional amendment that would repeal the tax on all “business” personal property but allow any municipality to adopt an ordinance to levy the personal property tax as a matter of local option.

LD 218 – Resolution, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Stabilize Real Estate Valuation and Protect Ancestral Homes. (Sponsored by Rep. Sullivan of Biddeford; additional cosponsors)

This resolution is prepared as a “concept draft” that would send out to the voters a proposed constitutional amendment that would limit the ability of municipalities to increase the valuation of homes. Under the conceptual resolution, the baseline value of all homes would be the value of the home in 1985, which could only be adjusted if there were major renovations to the home, the home was sold, or at points of transference of the home within the family from generation to generation.

LD 219 – An Act to Expand the Maine Residents Property Tax Program, the so-called “Circuit Breaker Program”. (Sponsored by Rep. Eder of Portland)

This bill would expand the Circuit Breaker property tax and rent rebate program in two ways. First, it would increase the maximum benefit from \$1,000 to \$3,000. Second, it would increase the qualifying maximum income threshold for single person household from \$25,700 to \$51,400 and for multi-person households from \$40,000 to \$80,000.

LD 251 – An Act Concerning Tax-acquired Property. (Sponsored by Rep. Glynn of South Portland)

This bill would require municipalities to create an opportunity for any property owner facing tax lien foreclosure to enter into a payment plan based on ability to pay in order to avert the foreclosure. The opportunity would also have to be extended to the owner who has lost his or her property through foreclosure. No sale of the tax acquired property could be made as long as the payment plan was being honored in good faith by the property owner. This bill would also require a municipality that sells tax acquired property to return all proceeds of the sale to the former owner, except for the value of all taxes, interest and direct costs.

LD 259 – An Act to Amend the Laws Governing the Assessment of Property Taxes in the Event of a Change of Ownership of the Property. (Sponsored by Sen. Bromley of Cumberland County; additional cosponsors)

This bill would shift all legal obligation to pay property taxes from the seller to the purchaser of the taxable property at the time of sale.

LD 261 – An Act To Require Disclosure Statements Regarding Proration of Property Taxes When Real Estate is Sold. (Sponsored by Sen. Kneeland of Aroostook County; additional cosponsors)

When taxable property is sold and the property tax obligation for that tax year is not placed in a designated escrow account, this bill would require a person selling real estate to provide to the purchaser a disclosure statement at the time of sale clearly defining the terms of the proration agreement and the respective property tax obligations of the buyer and the seller to completely fulfill the property tax obligation.

LD 266 – An Act To Provide Meaningful Property Tax Relief. (Sponsored by Sen. Bromley of Cumberland County; additional cosponsors)

This bill would repeal the Homestead Exemption. This bill

would also expand the Circuit Breaker property tax and rent rebate program by: (1) increasing the renter’s presumed property tax payment from 18% to 20% of gross rent; (2) increasing the maximum circuit breaker payment from \$1,000 to \$3,000; and (3) reducing the property-tax-to-income threshold which triggers Circuit Breaker benefits from 4% of income to 3% of income.

Transportation

LD 108 – Resolution, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Allow Transportation Revenues to Fund a Flexible and Modern Transportation Policy. (Sponsored by Rep. Faircloth of Bangor; additional cosponsors)

Maine’s Constitution currently requires state Highway Fund revenue to be used only for administrative costs, state police enforcement costs, and hard costs associated with road and bridge construction. This resolution would send out to the voters a proposed constitutional amendment that would open up the uses of Highway Fund revenue to include other purposes the Legislature deems appropriate, including the cost of administration, construction, equipment purchase and other expenses for mass transit and for trails and routes for human-powered transportation.

LD 155 – An Act to Allow a Business to Obtain a Municipal Permit for One Off-premises Business Advertising Sign. (Sponsored by Sen. Davis of Piscataquis; additional cosponsors)

This bill would allow a business to apply to the municipality in which it is located for permission to install one off-premises advertising sign on private property within the municipality and within 5 miles of the business. The sign must not be illuminated or changeable or larger than 16 square feet, and only one sign per private lot would be allowed. Municipalities would be authorized to provide additional limitations.

LD 205 – Resolution, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Permit Funding of Public Transportation from Motor Vehicle and Motor Vehicle Fuel Revenues. (Sponsored by Rep. Mills of Cornville)

This resolution would send out to the voters a proposed constitutional amendment that would allow Highway Fund revenue to be used to fund public transportation.

LD 221 – An Act to Amend the Method of Establishing Evidence of Insurance. (Sponsored by Rep. Gerzofsky of Brunswick; additional cosponsors)

This bill would provide that a person satisfies the requirement of showing proof of automobile liability insurance for the purpose of registering a motor vehicle through the mail by providing the name of the insurance company, the policy number and the date of policy expiration.

LD 244 – Resolve, directing the Department of Transportation To Conduct a Feasibility Study as Required by the Federal Government To Increase the Weight Limits on Interstate 95 from Augusta to Houlton, Making the Weight Limits Equivalent to Restrictions South of Augusta. (Sponsored by Rep. Marley of Portland; additional cosponsors)

This resolve would direct the Department of Transportation to conduct a study to check the feasibility of increasing the truck weight limits from 80,000 to 100,000 lbs. on Interstate 95 from Augusta to Houlton, consistent with Interstate 95 south of Augusta.

Utilities & Energy

LD 222 – An Act Providing for Regulation of the Cable Television Industry by the Public Utilities Commission. (Sponsored by Rep. Gerzofsky of Brunswick; additional cosponsors)

This bill would subject basic tier rates and services of cable t.v. systems to regulation by the Public Utilities Commission.

LEGISLATIVE HEARINGS

Note: You should check your newspapers for Legal Notices as there may be changes in the hearing schedule. Weekly schedules and supplements are available at the Senate Office at the State House and the Legislature's web site at <http://www.state.me.us/legis/senate/Documents/hearing/ANPHFrame.htm>. If you wish to have updates to the Hearing Schedules e-mailed directly to you, sign up on the ANPH homepage listed above. Work Session schedules and hearing updates are available at the Legislative Information page at <http://janus.state.me.us/legis/lio/>.

Monday, January 27

Appropriations & Financial Affairs

Room 228, State House, (all day)

Tel: 287-7635

Budget Bill (LD number not assigned as yet) – An Act to Make Supplemental Appropriations for the Expenditures of State Government and to Change Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2003.

Tuesday, January 28

Appropriations & Financial Affairs

Room 228, State House, 1:00 p.m.

Tel: 287-7635

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Tuesday, February 4

Business, Research & Economic Development

Room 208, Cross State Office Building, 1:00 p.m.

Tel: 287-1331

LD 42 – An Act to Establish Rent Caps on Property in Southern Maine. (Sponsored by Rep. Laverriere-Boucher of Biddeford; additional cosponsors)

Education & Cultural Affairs

Room 214, Cross State Office Building, 1:30 p.m.

287-3125

LD 69 – An Act to Clarify the Intent of School Budget Referendum Language. (Sponsored by Speaker Colwell of Gardiner; additional cosponsors)

LD 23 – An Act Authorizing the University of Maine System to Enter into Cooperative Agreements with Local Law Enforcement Agencies. (Sponsored by Rep. Dunlap of Old Town; additional cosponsors)

Natural Resources

Room 437, State House, 2:00 p.m.

Tel: 287-4149

LD 30 – An Act to Appropriate Funds for Special Testing at the Norridgewock Landfill. (Sponsored by Rep. Cowger; additional cosponsor)

Transportation

Room 126, State House, 1:00 p.m.

Tel: 287-4148

LD 12 – An Act to Enhance School Zone Safety. (Sponsored by Rep. Marley of Portland; additional cosponsors)

LD 63 – An Act to Protect Motor Vehicles From Dangerous Pedestrians. (Sponsored by Rep. O'Neil of Saco)

Wednesday, February 5

Criminal Justice & Public Safety

Room 211, Cross State Office Building, 10:00 a.m.

Tel: 287-1122

LD 151 – An Act Concerning Full-time Law Enforcement and Corrections Officers. (Sponsored by Sen. Davis of Piscataquis County; additional cosponsor)

State & Local Government

Room 216, Cross State Office Building, 1:00 p.m.

Tel: 287-1330

LD 66 – An Act to Repeal the Mandate to Perambulate the Municipal Boundary Lines when there is No Boundary Dispute. (Sponsored by Rep. Heidrich of Oxford; additional cosponsors)

Utilities & Energy

Room 209, Cross State Office Building, 1:00 p.m.

Tel: 287-4143

LD 29 – An Act to Eliminate the Telephone Service Tax Dedicated to Libraries and Schools. (Sponsored by Rep. Gagne-Friel of Buckfield; cosponsors)