

Representatives	10	Cebra of Naples, Gillway of Searsport, Hogan of Old Orchard Beach, Mazurek of Rockland, Parry of Arundel, Peoples of Westbrook, Rioux of Winterport, Rosen of Bucksport, Theriault of Madawaska, Willette of Mapleton
NAYS	0	
ABSENT	0	

Thirteen members of the Committee having voted in the affirmative and none in the negative, it was the vote of the Committee that the nomination of Honorable Daniel E. Wathen of Augusta, for appointment to the Maine Turnpike Authority be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Ronald F. Collins  
Senate Chair

S/Richard M. Cebra  
House Chair

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(2-2) The Following Communication:

S.C. 430

**STATE OF MAINE  
125TH LEGISLATURE  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

10 June 2011

The 125<sup>th</sup> Legislature of the State of Maine  
State House  
Augusta, ME

Dear Honorable Members of the 125<sup>th</sup> Legislature:

Under the authority vested in me by Article IV, Part Third, Section 2 of the Constitution of the State of Maine, I am hereby vetoing LD 340, “An Act Regarding Timber Harvesting on State Land.”

“I do swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States and of this State, so long as I shall continue a citizen thereof. So help me God.” This is the first oath I took upon entering the Office of Governor of the State of Maine. It is the same oath taken by yourselves as you swore in as the 125<sup>th</sup> Legislature of the State of Maine.

These are not hollow words. Rather, it is a sacred oath that we must adhere to as we faithfully discharge the people's business. As the Attorney General mentioned in his letter of 15 April to certain members of the Legislature, this bill runs afoul of the 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the United States Constitution as well as Article VI of the same. It may also be in violation of Article I of the Maine Constitution, our Declaration of Rights.

This veto has nothing to do with the policy outlined in the bill. Governor Baldacci vetoed LD 284 in the 121<sup>st</sup> Legislature on the same grounds. The Constitution is not a partisan document. It is the foundation of our Republic and we must ensure that every law passed is in accordance with it.

For these reasons, I return LD 340 unsigned and vetoed. I strongly urge the Legislature to sustain it.

Sincerely,

S/Paul R. LePage  
Governor

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The accompanying Bill "An Act Regarding Timber Harvesting on State Land"  
S.P. 102 L.D. 340

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## **ORDERS**

### **Joint Order**

An Expression of Legislative Sentiment recognizing:

(4-1) June Flagg, of Strong, on the occasion of her retirement after more than 39 years in education. Ms. Flagg taught in Kindergarten to grade 12. She coached Public Speaking and Drama and was involved in variety shows and craft shows. She was President of the Mt. Abram Teachers' Association. Ms. Flagg is an avid painter and she helped to paint the rotunda in Strong School. We extend our appreciation to Ms. Flagg for her commitment to the youth of the State and wish her well in her future endeavors;

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Sponsored by Senator SAVIELLO of Franklin.

Cosponsored by Representatives: BLACK of Wilton, CROCKETT of Bethel.

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