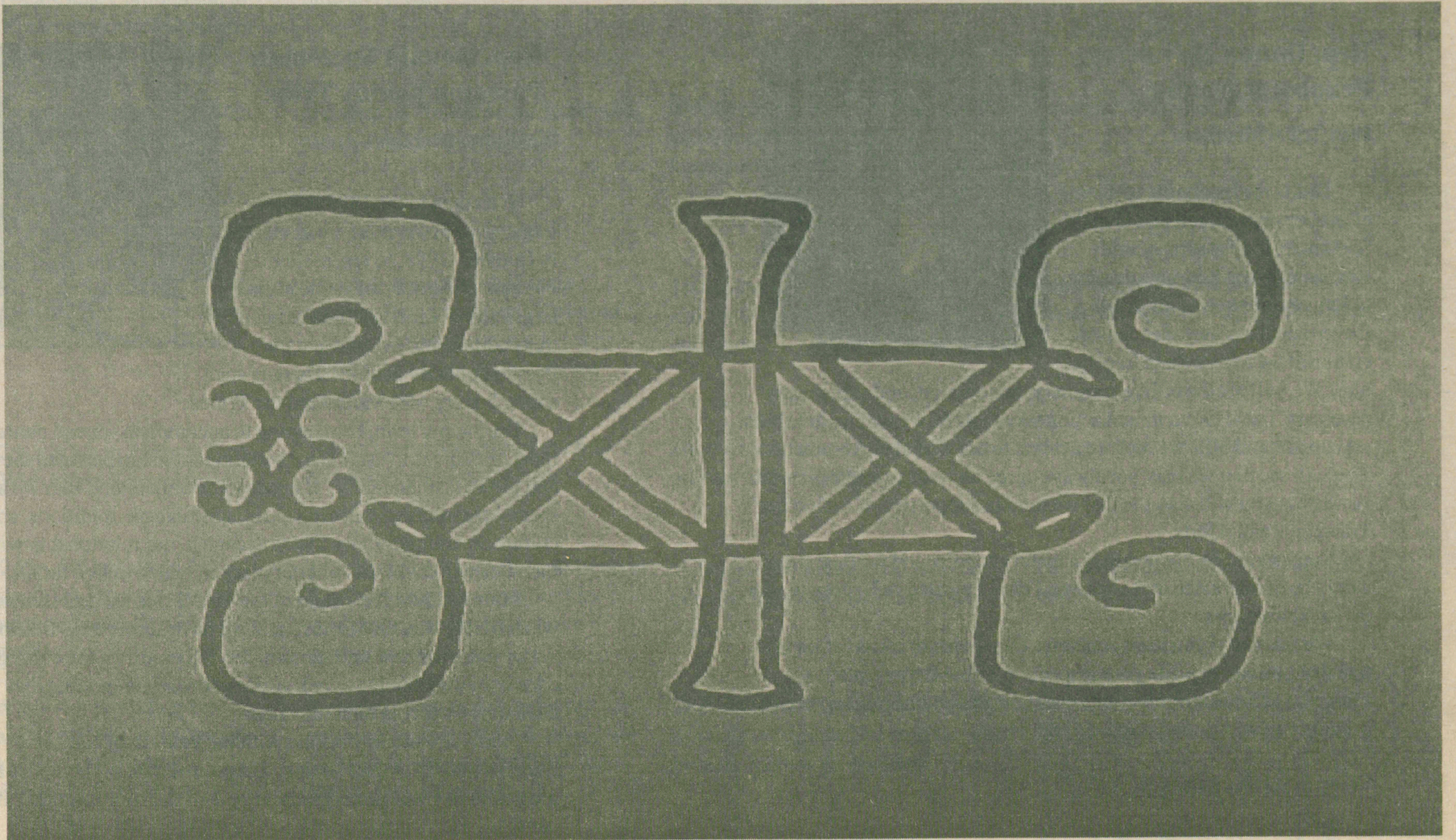


# Wabanaki Legislative Update



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# A Note from your Tribal Representatives

## Rep. Donna M. Loring Penobscot Nation

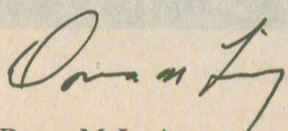
Dear Tribal Members,

This is the beginning of a joint effort between myself and Donald Soctomah, the Passamaquoddy Representative. It is our intention to fully inform you of all Tribal Government issues under consideration at the Maine State Legislature. We will list the bills, a summary, our opinion, and explain any necessary Tribal Government action taken. Also, we will include bills we support and bills we feel are a threat to our Tribal Governments. You will see that we may not always agree on ways to address certain issues, but you will also see that we remain supportive of each other's Tribal bills and efforts.

Representative Soctomah is a history scholar and we thought it would be of interest to include some Tribal Legislative History in each of our Newsletters.

We ask that if you have concerns, comments or ideas for legislation that you call or write your respective Tribal Representative. Please let us know your feelings and thoughts on this joint approach to provide you with a total picture of our issues.

Yours in the Spirit of Unity,



Donna M. Loring  
Tribal Representative, Penobscot Nation



## Rep. Donald Soctomah Passamaquoddy Tribe

Tan Kahk, greetings:

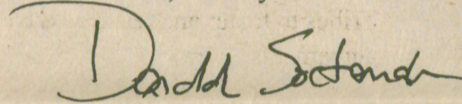
Welcome to the 1999 Native Legislative newsletter! I was elected in October, 1998, to represent the Passamaquoddy Tribe in the Maine Legislature. I feel honored to be in this position and to represent the Passamaquoddy people. There is such a long history with Maine and the Tribes.

During my term, I am hoping to accomplish several goals...the most pressing is to establish a better relationship between the State and the Passamaquoddy. It needs to be understood that we are a special community, that our values, spiritualism, traditions, and culture are unique. Once that is accepted, our relationship with the State will make this a better place in which to live for all.

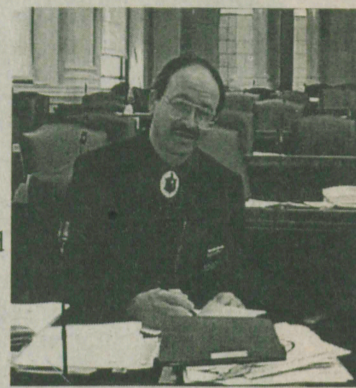
Maine should feel proud of the Tribes, for we represent a time when Maine was first formed and we have survived as a Tribe. As we enter the new millennium, the Tribes are on the cutting edge of new technology, and working toward integrating that technology with our cultural values.

I look forward to working with the Penobscot Nation Representative, Donna Loring. Her knowledge of the issues and her assistance will greatly help in both of our mutual goals. If I can be of assistance, you may call my pager at 264-4817.

Woliwon, Thank you.



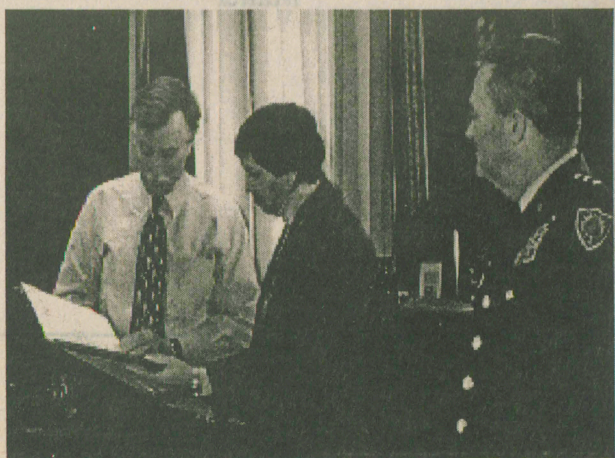
Donald Soctomah  
Tribal Representative, Passamaquoddy Tribe



Donna M. Loring was appointed Aide de Camp by Governor Angus S. King on March 17, 1999. The appointment carries with it the rank of Colonel in the Maine National Guard.

The position of Aide de Camp originated during the Revolutionary War, and have traditionally served as advisors to the officers.

Donna will be advising Governor King as Aide de Camp on issues regarding women veterans.



Passamaquoddy Tribal Representative Donald Soctomah attending a bill signing with Governor Angus S. King.

## TRIBAL ISSUES BEFORE THE 119TH LEGISLATURE

<i>LD # and Bill Title</i>	<i>Rep. Donna M. Loring's Comment</i>	<i>Rep. Donald Soctomah's Comment</i>	<i>Current Bill Status</i>
LD 426 An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Maine Indian Tribal-State Commission to Ensure Enforcement of Subpoenas by Tribal Courts.	We joined in on this bill, as I feel there should be reciprocity and full faith and credit.	This bill is designed to make exclusive, on and off reservation, tribal court jurisdiction.	Pursuant to Joint Rule 310 - Ought Not to Pass.
LD 523 An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Maine Indian Tribal-State Commission Relating to Child Welfare Services for Indian Children.	We support this bill as we feel the 4E moneys will follow the child.	Will correct inconsistencies in law, and will allow for 4E money for foster care children.	Became Public Law 392.
LD 793 An Act to Confine Tribal Gaming to the Reservation of the Licensed Organization.	Strongly oppose this bill, issue between Passamaquoddy Tribe and Albany Township, presently being adjudicated. Cannot circumvent legal system.	This bill will limit access to revenue and deny Tribal rights to land utilization.	Legislature accepted Committee Majority Report - Ought Not to Pass.
LD 1028 An Act to Prevent Tampering With Indian Archeological Sites.	Support preservation and study to effectively address this issue.	Should monitor and protect sites to prevent further looting.	Became Resolve Chapter 23.
LD 980 An Act to Extend the Homestead Tax Exemption to the Passamaquoddy and Penobscot Communities.	Tribal members contribute to General Fund with income, sales, and fee land taxes. Deserve to receive general surplus.	Tribal members entitled to receive benefits from state as a matter of right.	Pursuant to Joint Rule 310 - Ought Not to Pass.
LD 898 An Act Providing for Regulations for the Use of Surface Waters within or Affecting Passamaquoddy Territory.	Penobscot Nation has exclusive jurisdiction over land and should not delegate authority to MITSC, the State or any other entity.	This bill will enable Passamaquoddy officials to regulate and enforce boating laws on great ponds.	Pursuant to Joint Rule 310 - Ought Not to Pass.
LD 1341 An Act to Provide Additional Funding for the Maine Indian Tribal State Commission.	MITSC is an important resource; acts as a forum between State and Tribes to foster and reach mutual agreements.	MITSC provides a forum in the evolving and complex Maine Land Claims Settlement.	Became Private and Special Law Chapter 51.
LD 1384 An Act to Promote the Sale of Traditional Native Crafts.	Support the promotion of Native traditions through crafts.	Retailers will be able to identify crafts that have been unique to Maine for thousands of years.	Bill died between Houses.
LD 1449 Resolve, Directing Cooperation between the Department of Human Services and the Passamaquoddy Tribe in Providing Human Services Programs.	We have existing agreements with the Department of Human Services currently in place.	Would require the State to recognize foster homes approved by the Tribe and to require annual reviews.	Pursuant to Joint Rule 310 - Ought Not to Pass.
LD 1898 Resolve, That the Director of the Maine State Museum Shall Include Portraits of Outstanding Indians in the State House.	The State should lend more recognition to notable Native portraiture in the State House.	This bill will build cultural bridges and serve as an educational tool for visitors, lawmakers and the Native children.	Became Resolve Chapter 40.
LD 1914 An Act Concerning Tribal Jurisdiction Over Rights of Way or Abutting Tribal Lands and the Collection of Fines from Violations Occurring on Tribal Lands.	We have no Rights of Way issues.	This bill will make consistent hunting regulations on a certain strip of Tribal land.	Pursuant to Joint Rule 310 - Ought Not to Pass.
LD 2030 An Act to Implement Recommendations of the Maine Indian Tribal-State Commission Relating to Tribal Land Use Regulations.	Support this bill as an admission by the State that Tribes have exclusive authority over their own lands.	Would allow Passamaquoddy Tribe to oversee land use management of over 130,000 acres of Federal Tribal land.	Bill died in Concurrence.
LD 1029 An Act to Encourage Support of Passamaquoddy Tribal Government through On-reservation Business Activities.	Do not support as bill taxes Tribal property. Culturally, we do not do this. Other means include empowerment zones or market initiatives.	This bill will provide a revenue base, incentive for business, and employment.	Became Public Law Chapter 477.
Joint Order Relative to the Committee to Address the Recognition of the Tribal Government Representatives of Maine's Native Sovereign Nations in the Legislature.	Strongly support; assisted in crafting Joint Order. Serves as clarification of Tribal Representation Status in the House and Senate; also addresses voting rights.	Strongly support. Only Tribal Representatives can give comment on Native issues.	Passed in both the House and Senate as amended by S-A.
LD 2178 An Act to Amend the Act to Implement the Maine Indian Claims Settlement Concerning the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians.	Support the concept.	Strongly support. The Mailseet Band should have the same rights as the Passamaquoddy and Penobscot.	This is only a Concept Draft. Referred to Committee for study purposes.

# A BRIEF HISTORY OF INDIAN LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVES IN THE MAINE LEGISLATURE

By  
S. Glenn Starbird, Jr., 1983  
Updated by  
Donald Soctomah, 1999

Of all the fifty states in the Union, Maine is the only one that has Representatives in its legislature for its Indian Tribes. This unique practice has an interesting history.

The earliest record of Representatives being sent from the Penobscots is in 1823 and of the Passamaquoddies in 1842. At that time there was no State law regarding election of Indian Delegates or Representatives to the Legislature and the choice of this person or persons was determined by tribal law or custom only. Massachusetts records show that the practice of the two tribes sending Representatives to the State Legislature was not new with the formation of the new State of Maine in 1820 but probably had been going on since before the Revolutionary War.

The differences between the Old and New Parties in the Penobscot Tribe in the 1830's and 1840's caused such confusion that these two parties signed an agreement in 1850 which provided, among other things, that "an election should be held every year to choose one member of the Tribe to represent the Tribe before the Legislature and the Governor and the Council." This agreement governed the choice of Representative until the Legislature passed the so-called "Special Law" of 1866 which, with the Tribe's agreement, finally settled the procedure of election for not only its Representative but the Governor and Lieutenant Governor, as well.

A similar agreement setting forth the form of their Tribal Government was made between the two Passamaquoddy Reservations in what is known as the "Treaty of Peace of 1852." The system of government established by this document has remained unchanged in its essential provisions ever since, although it was not enacted into State Law until the Passamaquoddy Tribe petitioned the Legislature to do so in 1927. Among the Passamaquoddies, the Representative was to be elected alternately from each of the two Reservations.

A great deal more research must be done in regard to Indian Representation in the Maine Legislature, but our present meager knowledge of the subject shows that over the last half of the nineteenth century there was a gradual growth and development of the Indian Representative's status in the Legislative Halls.

Only from the middle 1890's was there a verbatim Legislative Record made, and not until 1907 is it provided with an index, but from that year on we can read clearly the record in session after session where the Indian Representatives were seated, sometimes spoke, and were accorded other privileges.

This gradual improvement in the status of Indian Representatives resulted in an effort during the 1939 Legislature to place Indian Representatives on a nearly equal footing with the others. This effort failed, however, and the 1941 session passed legislation that ousted the Indians entirely from the Hall of the House, their status being reduced to little better than state paid lobbyists. Since 1965, a gradual change for the better has occurred. Salaries and allowances have increased, and seating and speaking privileges were restored in 1975, after a lapse of thirty-four years.

The closest analogy to Indian representation in the Maine Legislature now existing are probably the Federal Laws that allow the territories and the District of Columbia to seat Delegates in the Federal House of Representatives. Under Federal Law and House Rule a delegate can do anything a regular House Member can do except vote on pending legislation. He can sit on a Committee and vote in Committee, he receives the same salary and allowances, and for all practical purposes, except the House vote, does what any member of Congress can do.

Opinions by the Office of the Maine Attorney General over the years would seem to indicate that Indian Representatives to the Maine House could have a position in the Maine Legislature very similar to delegates of the territories in Congress, under the law and House Rules as they now stand. At any rate, it is to be hoped that improvements in status will continue, for with the settlement of the Maine Indian Land

Claims in 1980, establishing an entirely new relationship with the State, the need for competent representation of the Indian Tribes in the Legislature is more vital than ever before.

In 1996, the Tribal Representatives sponsored a Native Bill for the first time ever, and in 1999 a rule change allowed the Passamaquoddy and Penobscot Representatives to Co-sponsor any Bill, statewide.

Currently, the Wisconsin, New Brunswick, and New Zealand Legislatures are reviewing Passamaquoddy and Penobscot Representative status. Now is the time for Native Representatives to be given the vote.

NOTE: *The above narrative of Indian Representation in the Legislature, is based on information derived from the Legislative Record, Federal and State House Rules, State Department Reports, Maine Public Laws, Resolves, Private and Special Laws, Federal Laws, Newspaper Articles, and other published accounts.*

## MAINE CITIZENS TOLL-FREE TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Citizens' Legislative Lines. To contact a legislator, leave your name & telephone number.

For State Representatives	1-800-423-2900
For State Senators	1-800-423-6900
Adult & Child Abuse/Neglect	1-800-452-1999
AIDS Hotline	1-800-851-2437
Alcoholics Anonymous	1-800-737-6237
Alliance for the Mentally Ill	1-800-464-5767
Blue Cross/Blue Shield	
Assistance	1-800-482-0966
Tel-Med Diseases	1-800-442-6385
Centers for Women, Work & Community	1-800-442-2092
Emergency Management Agency (MEMA)	1-800-452-8735
Emergency Oil & Hazardous Material Response (24 hr. service)	1-800-482-0777
Environmental Protection	1-800-452-1942
Home Delivered Meals	1-800-833-7572
Home Health Services Hotline	1-800-621-8222
Housing Discrimination	1-800-669-9777
Human Services (Child Support Enforcement, Child Protective Services, AFDC, Food Stamps, Medicaid)	1-800-452-1926
Land Use Regulation Commission (LURC)	1-800-452-8711
Legal Services for the Elderly	1-800-750-5353
Long-term Care Ombudsman Program	1-800-499-0229
Maine Advocacy Services	1-800-452-1948
Narcotics Anonymous	1-800-974-0062
Occupational Safety Hotline	1-800-828-2436
Poison Control Center	1-800-442-6305
Public Utilities Commission Consumer Assistance Division	1-800-452-4699
Rape Crisis	1-800-310-0000
Runaway Hotline	1-800-231-6946
State Housing Authority (MSHA)	1-800-452-4668

## PENOBSCOT LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVES

1823	Francis Loran and John Neptune	1909	Charles D. Mitchell
1824	John Attean, John Neptune, and Francis Loran	1911	Lola Coly
1831	John Neptune and Joseph Soc Basin	1913	Peter Ranco
1835	John Neptune, Jo Sockbasin, and Peol Malley	1915	Leo Shay, First time election
1836	Joe Socabeson, Joe Porus, John Peol Susop, and Peol Tomer	1917	Peter W. Ranco (Old Party)
1837	John Neptune and Peol Tomer; Nuil Luey	1919	Mitchell M. Nicolar
1842	Joe Porus, Joe Socabeson, Peol Newell	1921	Horace Nelson, First mention by Speaker who said, "The Chair extends the welcome of the House of Representatives to the Representative from Penobscot Tribe of Indians who is now seated in your body."
1844	Peol Porus, Joseph Sockbasin, John Neptune	1923	James P. Lewis, "Mr. Lewis is now in his seat with us in the rear of the hall." (Applause)
1850	Attean Lola; Joe Sockbasin; Joseph Porus	1925	Newell Gabriel, Escorted to Chair amid applause. Members rising.
1851	Attean Lolah, Representative of Penobscot	1927	Lawrence Mitchell
1853	Peol Sockis	1929	John Nelson, House Messenger escorted him to his seat amid applause.
1854	Peol Sockis, Representative; Attean Orson Special Agent of Tribe	1931	James P. Lewis, Assigned seat number 150 by Speaker.
1855	Peol Sockis	1933	Elmer Attean, was seated House Order giving both Indian representatives stamps and telephone call credit cards.
1856	Joseph Socabasin, Delegate	1935	John S. Nelson, was seated Number 151 and conducted there by the Sergeant-at-Arms amid the applause of the House.
1857	Socabason Swasson attending Legislature; Peol Sockes, as delegate	1937	John S. Nelson
1858	Peol Sockis, Representative	1939	Leo Shay
1859	Joseph Nicolar, Representative	1941*	Horace Polchies, a bill was introduced to change the words "Representative to the Legislature" to "representative at the Legislature." Indian Representatives were, prior to this date, allowed to sit in the House Hall and speak.
1860	Joseph Nicolar, Representative	1943	James Lewis, was conducted to the center aisle and greeted by the Speaker.
1861	Peol Sockis, Representative	1945	Horace Polchies
1862	Joseph Nichola, Representative	1947	Horace Polchies
1863	Peol Sockis, Representative, Joseph Sockbasin services Comm. of Indian Affairs	1949	Ernest Goslin
1864	Peol Sockis, Representative	1951	John S. Nelson
1865	Joseph Nicolar, Representative	1953	John Mitchell
1866	Joseph L. Orono, Representative; Peol Sockis, before Legislature for tribe	1955	Francis Ranco
1867	Peol Mitchell Francis	1957	John Nelson, was the Tribal Representative, serving through the 1957, 1959, 1961, 1963, 1965, 1967, and 1969 sessions.
1868	Sockabasin Swassian, Delegate	1971	John M. Mitchell, Sr., Elected in December 1970 in a Special Election
1869	Saul Neptune before Legislature.	1973	Vivian F. Massey, Ran on a write-in-ticket in September 1972. Won by four votes after a re-count. First woman to ever be elected Indian Representative.
1870	Joseph N. Soccalexis before Legislature.	1975**	Ernest J. Goslin, On January 22, 1975, the Maine House of Representatives voted to seat the Indian Representatives and give them speaking privileges by a vote of 107-40, thus ending a ten year effort to restore the rights taken from Indian Representatives by the 1941 Legislature. Re-elected in September 1976 for the term 1977-1978.
1871	Newel Neptune, Representative	1979	Timothy Love
1872	Sockbesin Swassin, Representative	1981	Reubin Phillips
1873	Joseph Necolar, Representative	1983	James G. Sappier
1874	Joseph N. Socklexis, Delegate	1985	Priscilla Attean, serving through the 1987, 1989, 1991, and 1993 sessions.
1875	Mitchell Paul Susup, Delegate	1995***	Paul Bisulca
1876	Joseph Francis, Representative	1997/98	Paul Bisulca, resigned as Representative to the Legislature.
1877	Sebattis Dana, Representative	1998****	Donna M. Loring
1878	Joseph M. Soccalexis, Representative	1999	Donna Loring, re-elected and presently serving.
1879	Sebbatus Dana, Representative		
1880	Lola Cola, Representative		
1881	Joseph Nicolar, Representative		
1882	Lola Cola, Representative		
1885	Joseph Nicolar, Representative		
1887	Lola Coly, Representative		
1889	Joseph Nicolar, Representative		
1891	Lola Coly, Representative		
1893	Joseph Nicolar, Representative		
1895	Lola Coly, Representative		
1897	Horace Nicola, Representative		
1899	Sebatis Shay, Representative		
1901	Thomas Dana, Representative		
1903	Joseph Mitchell, Jr.		
1905	Peter N. Nelson		
1907	Nicholas Sockabasin		

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1842	Joseph Salmo & Sabattus Neptune	1911	Louis Mitchell
1843	Joseph Salmo & Sabattus Neptune	1913	Peter Newell
1844	Joseph Loler Salmo	1915++	Frank Francis
1845	Sabattus Neptune	1917	Wallace Lewey
1852	John Gabriel, Attean Lewie, & Joseph Lolar	1919	John Mitchell
1854+	Joe Lolar Selmore	1921	Wallace Lewey
1855	John Newell	1923	Samuel Dana
1856	John Francis	1925	Frank Socoby
1857	John Gabriel	1927	Simon Soctomah
1858	Lewy Benauit	1929	Newell Lewey
1859	Peol Tomah	1931	Peter Moore
1860	Peter Sabattus	1933	George Stevens
1861	Peter Nicola Sepsis	1935	Samuel Dana
1862	Joseph Lolar Selmore	1937	William Sockabasin
1864	Nicolar Andrew Dana	1939	Samuel Dana
1865	Newell Neptune	1941*	George Soctomah
1866	Sapiel Gabriel	1943	Samuel Dana
1867	Sabatus Lewy	1945	Albert Dana
1868	Peropole Sabattus	1947	William Neptune
1869	Peol Tomah	1949	George Stevens Jr
1870	Louis Benewit	1951	Joseph Nichloas
1871	John Gabriel	1953	Archie LaCoote
1872	Salmore Francis	1955	Joseph Nicholas
1873	Peter Sepsis	1959	Newell Tomah
1874	Peter Salmore	1961	George Steven Jr.
1875	John Dana	1963	Joseph Nicholas
1876	Lewey Snow	1965	George Stevens Jr.
1877	Tomah Peol Tomah	1967	George Francis
1878	Peter Selmore	1969	Albert Dana
1879	Newell Joseph	1971	John Bailey
1880	Lewy Mitchell	1973	Albert Dana
1881	Newell Joseph - 2 year term	1975**	Joseph Nicholas
1883	Lewy Mitchell	1977	George Stevens Jr.
1885	Mitchell Lewy	1979	Reubin Cleaves - 4 year term
1887	Peter Gabriel	1983	Wayne Newell
1889	Peter Newell	1987	Joseph Nicholas
1891	Newell Francis	1991	MaDonna Soctomah
1893	Joseph Sepsis	1995***	Fred Moore
1895	Lewy Mitchell	1999****	Donald Soctomah
1897	Atienne Lewy		
1899	Thomas Bailey		
1901	Joseph Sepsis		
1903	Lewy Mitchell		
1905	Peter Neptune		
1907	Joseph Neptune		
1909	Joseph Mitchell		

\* no seating or speaking rights / \*\* restored seating and speaking rights /  
 \*\*\* Indian Bills sponsorship / \*\*\*\* All Bills co-sponsorship /  
 +Old Party, Pleasant Point / ++First election held.

## COMMITTEES OF THE 119th LEGISLATURE

**Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry Committee.** Department of Agriculture; agricultural marketing; animal welfare; food inspection; dairy industry; pesticides regulation; soil/water conservation; farmland preservation; harness racing; public access to lands; forest practices; fire control; Department of Conservation, including state parks, memorials and historic sites, public lands and coastal islands registry, Maine Land Use Regulation Commission (LURC); Baxter State Park Authority, geological surveying and mapping.

**Appropriations and Financial Affairs Committee.** General Fund budget; federal fund/special revenue/block grant allocations; Rainy Day Fund; unappropriated surplus; bond issues; collective bargaining; review of revenue estimates; performance-based/zero-based budgeting; general fiscal policy; and financial evaluation of state agencies.

**Banking and Insurance Committee.** Banking; financial institutions; credit unions; consumer credit; Uniform Consumer Credit Code; Bureau of Banking; Officer of Consumer Credit Regulation; securities; Bureau of Insurance; credit, automobile, life, property and casualty insurance; health insurance; health maintenance organizations; mandated health benefits; insurance rating, regulation and practices; agents and brokers; licensing; Maine Employers Mutual Insurance Company, self-insurance; and workers' compensation.

**Business and Economic Development Committee.** Corporations; business practices; auto and fuel sales; professional/occupational licensing; retail pricing; franchising; advertising; returnable containers; real estate; insulation; credit law (business related); consumer protection; Maine State Housing Authority; affordable housing; homelessness; Finance Authority of Maine (FAME); economic planning/development; venture capital and trade; opportunity zones; import competition; product marketing; public services; technology transfers (Maine Science and Technology Foundation); tourism.

**Criminal Justice Committee.** Criminal law; law enforcement; Department of Public Safety; Criminal Justice Academy; victims' rights; intensive supervision; probation and parole; county jails; adult/juvenile/community corrections; Criminal Justice Commission; Department of Corrections; operating under the influence; fire safety and arson; firearms; private investigators; and security guards.

**Education and Cultural Affairs.** State Board and Department of Education; Univeristy of Maine System; Maine Technical College System; elementary and secondary schools; teachers; vocational and special education; State Library and Museum; curriculum, including gifted and talented programs; and school funding, including the funding of educational services at the Maine Youth Center.

**Fisheries and Wildlife Committee.** Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife; hunting; fishing; trapping; recreational and hunter safety; fisheries and wildlife research; fish hatcheries; wardens; licensing; ATVs; snowmobiles; boat registration; and white water rafting.

**Health and Human Services Committee.** Department of Human Services and Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services; public health and disease control; smoking; medical (hospitals, health care); social and rehabilitation services; substance abuse; mental health; public assistance; nursing and boarding homes; and elderly and aging.

**Judiciary Committee.** Courts; civil and property law; probate; family law; guardianship; child support; adoptions; legal services; trustees; attorneys; errors and inconsistencies in laws; judges; attorney General; Uniform Commercial Code; human rights; Indian land claims; and child protection.

**Labor Committee.** Wage and hour laws; employment security; job service; unemployment compensation; workers' compensation; labor relations; collective bargaining; workers' health and safety; job training; retirement eligibility and benefits for state and municipal employees, including teachers; and judicial and legislative retirement systems.

**Legal and Veterans' Affairs Committee.** Claims against the State; liquor; lottery; gambling; games of chance (beano, fairs, raffles, machines); off-track betting; nonprofit corporations; elections; campaign financing; voter registration; governmental ethics; lobbyist registration; landlord-tenant; veterans' programs; Department of Defense and Veterans Services; sale and furnishing of cigarettes to minors; and National Guard.

**Marine Resources Committee.** Department of Marine Resources; commercial marine fisheries management, licensing and enforcement; processing and sale of marine fish and shellfish; aquaculture; and anadromous fish.

**Natural Resources Committee.** Department of Environmental Protection; air and water quality; natural resource protection; Site location, shoreland zoning, subdivisions, and growth management; management and disposal of solid, hazardous, biomedical and special wastes; hydropower and dams; energy facility siting; waste-to-energy facilities; mining; and general environmental policy.

**State and Local Government Committee.** State contracts and fiscal procedures; state government organization; oversight of state officials; state personnel and property; administrative procedures; boards and commissions; capitol area planning; constitutional amendments; county and regional government; Legislature; and municipal and local government.

**Taxation Committee.** Bureau of Taxation; taxes; tax exemptions and credits; Maine Residents Property Tax Program; property valuation and assessment; tax increment financing; municipal revenue sharing; and unorganized territories and tree growth tax issues.

**Transportation Committee.** Department of Transportation; Maine Turnpike Authority; Highway Fund; transportation policy; aeronautics; highway/bridge construction and maintenance; highway safety; waterways; railroads; and motor vehicles.

**Utilities and Energy Committee.** Public Utilities Commission; Public Advocate; regulated public utilities (electric, gas, water and telephone); electric industry restructuring; telecommunications; cable television; water, sewer and utility district charters; nonutility power generation; energy efficiency/conservation; alternate energy sources; nuclear power; and energy production and transmission.

**Joint Select Committee on Research and Development.** Development policies, promotion, studies and legislation pertaining to research and development.

## TESTIFYING AT A LEGISLATIVE HEARING

### INFORMATION ON PUBLIC HEARINGS

As a rule, notices of public hearings on legislation are printed in the *Weekend Edition of the Bangor Daily News*, the *Maine Sunday Telegram* and the *Lewiston Sunday Sun*, 1 to 2 weeks in advance of the hearing, and will contain the LD number, title of the bill, hearing room and time and day of the hearing. You may also call the Legislative Information Office at 287-1692 to find out hearing times or the status of any bill. It is a good idea to reference the Legislative Document number or "LD" number when you need information about a bill.

### PREPARING TESTIMONY

Legislators are very interested in knowing all of the effects a proposed piece of legislation may have, so it is important that you are clear and concise. In fact, most people provide written testimony. Written testimony also ensures that committee members who are not present have the opportunity to read what was said during the public hearing. **If you do provide written testimony, please bring 16 copies.** (Photocopying is available in the Law and Legislative Reference Library (Room 200 of the State House) for a nominal charge.)

### WHEN YOU ARRIVE

Most committee hearings are held in the State House or in the State Office Building, which is connected to the State House by a tunnel on the ground floor. The committee hearing times and locations are posted on the third floor of the State House and on the ground floor of the State Office Building. You can pick up copies of bills and amendments on the third floor, Room 315 in the State House. (Be sure to have an LD number for bills and an amendment filing number for amendments.)

### PUBLIC HEARING PROCEDURES

**Speaking order:** At the beginning of each hearing the presiding committee chair will call the public hearing to order and announce the bill to be heard. The sponsor of the bill will formally introduce the bill, and after the sponsor has spoken, the presiding chair will ask if any other sponsors wish to testify. Once all sponsors have had the opportunity to speak, the presiding chair will then invite members of the public to speak. Generally, the speakers are divided into three categories: those favoring the bill, those against the bill, and those neither for nor against the bill. Some committees ask members of the public to rise or raise their hand if they wish to testify before the committee. **NOTE:** The committee may be hearing a number of bills during a public hearing. It is a good idea to check with the Committee Clerk to try to get a sense of when the bill you are interested in might be heard.

**Your turn at the podium:** When you are invited to testify, stand at the podium to speak and sign your name on the sign-up sheet at the podium. You should begin by addressing both the Senate and House Chairs by name. (For example, "Senator Smith, Representative Jones and members of the committee.") Introduce yourself and who you represent, indicate whether you support the bill, oppose it or are offering suggestions to improve it, and then explain your reasoning. If other speakers have already made your point, let the committee know that you agree with the previous remarks of other speakers, but please try to avoid repeating the testimony of previous speakers. When you finish, please remain at the podium for a moment, in case committee members want to ask you questions.

**Comings and Goings:** Many hearings last throughout the day, and most Legislators are members of more than one committee. Legislators may need to leave and re-enter the room if they are scheduled to be at another public hearing or work session in another committee. However, they will receive any written information, which is a good reason why you should provide written testimony.

**Decorum in Committee Proceedings:** The public hearing process is an important part of the lawmaking process. Please give your courteous attention to other speakers, regardless of their views. Don't applaud or indicate pleasure or displeasure with anyone's remarks. Only members of the committee may ask questions of persons who testify.

**Work sessions:** Work sessions are used by the committee to discuss the merits of a bill and to decide whether to recommend its approval. Any further public participation is left up to the discretion of the presiding committee chair. If you would like to be notified of a work session, let the Committee Clerk know.

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### 1999 MAINE FAIRS

Jun 24-27 ..... Twelve Oaks Park Fair (Chester)  
Jun 26 ..... Indian Island Ceremony Day  
Public Invited -- End of Wabanaki Conference  
Jul 2-5 ..... Houlton Fair  
Jul 8-11 ..... Ossipee Valley Fair (S. Hiram)  
Jul 15-18 ..... Pittston Fair  
Jul 23-25 ..... World's Fair (Waterford)  
Jul 30-Aug 8 ..... Bangor State Fair  
Aug 6-7 ..... Pleasant Point Ceremony Days  
Aug 4-7 ..... Monmouth Fair  
Aug 6-8 ..... Athens Fair  
Jul 30-Aug 7 ..... Northern Maine Fair (Presque Isle)  
Aug 8-14 ..... Topsham Fair  
Aug 12-21 ..... Skowhegan State Fair

Aug 22-28 ..... Union Fair  
Aug 26-29 ..... Acton Fair  
Aug 26-29 ..... Piscataquis Valley (Dover-Foxcroft)  
Aug 29-Sept 6 ..... Windsor Fair  
Sept 2-6 ..... Blue Hill Fair  
Sept 2-6 ..... Springfield Fair  
Sept 9-12 ..... Clinton Lions Club  
Sept 10-12 ..... Litchfield Fair  
Sept 15-18 ..... Oxford County Fair (Oxford)  
Sept 16-19 ..... N. New Portland Lions Club Fair  
Sept 19-25 ..... Franklin County Fair (Farmington)  
Sept 24-26 ..... Common Ground Fair (Unity)  
Sept 26-Oct 2 ..... Cumberland Farmers Club Fair  
Oct 3-10 ..... Fryeburg Fair