

The Candle will highlight bills, presentations, and work sessions on matters we identify as important to working families, and which Maine legislators and state officials will debate and vote on in the months ahead.

Below is a peek of the some of the issues under consideration by several of the Maine House and Senate Joint Committees.

For a full listing of Maine’s Legislative Committee Schedules and General Information click here, and use the drop-down menu for each committee. .

The Maine House and Senate will meet in their respective chambers on Tuesday’s and Thursday’s for the month of January, beginning at 10:00 AM.

As the session advances in February and March, each chamber will gradually fill out each week with more formal sessions.

Click here for a link to the calendar of the Maine Legislature and follow the prompts or arrows for daily summaries of what’s happening, and further links to legislative happenings.

This chart below of some key committees’ Tuesday, January 9, 2017 scheduled matters, will give the reader a sense of where the Maine legislators are at as they get down to serious business in this year’s session.

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS	
Tuesday	1:00 PM - <i>PUBLIC HEARING</i> - Marianne MacMaster, Committee Clerk Tele: 287-1635 All meetings are held in State House, Room 228 unless otherwise noted.
Legislative Document #	Document Title
L.D. 178	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Provide Jobs, Improve Road Infrastructure and Protect Water Resources
L.D. 319	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for Riverfront Community Development
L.D. 955	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Recapitalize the Municipal Investment Trust Fund
L.D. 1118	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Support Local Infrastructure
L.D. 1510	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Fund Wastewater Infrastructure Projects for Ratification by Voters in the June 2017 Election

L.D. 1511	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for the Protection of Public Health and Marine Resources and To Achieve Cost Savings in State Facilities Owned by the Department of Marine Resources
L.D. 1602	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for Agricultural Water Resource Development and Marketing
	COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
Tuesday	12:30 PM - <i>PUBLIC HEARING</i> - Julianne McLaughlin, Committee Clerk Tele: 287-1317 All meetings are held in Cross Building, Room 209 unless otherwise noted.
	Marijuana Legalization Implementation Chairs' Report
	1:00 PM - PUBLIC HEARING
L.D. 470	An Act To Strengthen Maine's Hospitals and Increase Access to Health Care
L.D. 898	An Act To Address Mandatory Overtime for Hospital Professionals
	2:00 PM - PUBLIC HEARING
L.D. 1329	An Act To Allow Tobacco Retail Establishments To Serve Alcohol
L.D. 1495	An Act To Break the Generational Cycle of Domestic Violence
	COMMITTEE ON MARIJUANA LEGALIZATION IMPLEMENTATION

Tuesday	1:00 PM - <u>PUBLIC HEARING</u> - Dylan Sinclair, Committee Clerk Tele: 287-1670 All meetings are held in Cross Building, Room 216 unless otherwise noted.
(L.D. 1719)	Bill “An Act To Implement a Regulatory Structure for Adult Use Marijuana” (HP1199) (EMERGENCY) (Presented by Representative PIERCE of Falmouth) (Cosponsored by Senator KATZ of Kennebec) Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.
	COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY
Tuesday	1:00 PM - <u>Confirmation Hearing</u> - Abben Maguire, Committee Clerk Tele: 287-4143 All meetings are held in Cross Building, Room 211 unless otherwise noted.
CONFIRMATION HEARING	Albert E. Hodsdon III of Fairfield for Reappointment to Efficiency Maine Trust Board
	2:00 PM - <u>PUBLIC HEARING</u> All meetings are held in Cross Building, Room 211 unless otherwise noted.
L.D. 1671	An Act To Authorize the Public Utilities Commission To Determine the Amount of the E-9-1-1 Surcharge
L.D. 1632	An Act To Establish the Manufacturing Jobs Energy Program
WORK SESSION	2:30 PM - <u>Work Session</u> All meetings are held in Cross Building, Room 211 unless otherwise noted.
L.D. 822	An Act To Ensure Fairness among Large Consumers of Natural Gas

L.D. 1515	An Act To Reduce Electric Rates for Maine Businesses by Amending the Laws Governing Spending from the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative Trust Fund
	COMMITTEE ON LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
Tuesday	1:00 PM - <i>Report Presentation</i> - Diane Steward, Committee Clerk Tele: 287-1331 All meetings are held in Cross Building, Room 208 unless otherwise noted.
Presentation	1:00 PM - OPEGA's review of Pine Tree Development Zones
Presentation	1:45 PM - Government Evaluation Act Presentation - Workers' Compensation Board
	COMMITTEE ON TAXATION
Tuesday	1:00 PM - <i>Work Session</i> - Dianne Dubord, Committee Clerk Tele: 207-287-1552 All meetings are held in State House, Room 127 unless otherwise noted.
L.D. 442	An Act To Create a Family Caregiver Income Tax Credit
L.D. 1537	An Act To Replace the Educational Opportunity Tax Credit with the Student Loan Repayment Credit for Maine Residents
L.D. 1338	An Act To Create and Sustain Jobs through Development of Cooperatives and Employee-owned Businesses
L.D. 1461	An Act To Encourage the Construction of Affordable Housing
L.D. 1283	An Act To Modernize the Mining Excise Tax
L.D. 1479	An Act To Modernize and Improve Maine's Property Tax System

L.D. 1565	An Act To Ensure the Effectiveness of Tax Increment Financing
	COMMITTEE ON INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES
Tuesday	1:00 PM - <i>Presentation</i> - Veronica Snow, Committee Clerk Tele: 287-1314 All meetings are held in Cross Building, Room 220 unless otherwise noted.
	1:00 PM - Overview of IFS Committee Work in the 2nd session.
Presentation	Presentation of the Bureau of Insurance Mandate Reports on LD# 1030-An Act to Require Nondiscrimination Policies in Providing Health Care services and LD# 1417-An Act to Require Insurance Coverage for the Diagnosis and Treatment of Lyme Disease.