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COMMITTEE ON INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES

MEMORANDUM

To: Senator Margaret Rotundo, Senate Chair
 Representative Jeremy Fischer, House Chair
 Joint Standing Committee on Insurance and Financial Services

From: Senator Nancy B. Sullivan, Senate Chair
 Representative John R. Brautigam, House Chair
 Joint Standing Committee on Insurance and Financial Services

Date: April 9, 2008

Subject: Committee Priority for Bills on Special Appropriations Table

We are writing to provide the committee's priorities for final passage of bills placed on the Special Appropriations Table. At this time, 4 IFS bills have been identified for placement on the Special Appropriations Table: LD 1047, LD 1072, LD 1760 and LD 2247. All of these bills have yet to be considered by the House and Senate; their current status is "unfinished business." The committee is divided on each of these bills so we ask that you consider the committee's votes on each of these bills as an indication of the committee's priorities. The committee's votes are as follows:

LD 1047, An Act to Lower the Cost of Health Insurance
Committee Vote: 7 ONTP; 6 OTP-A

LD 1072, An Act to Establish a Single-payor Health Care System
Committee Vote: 8 OTP-A; 5 ONTP

LD 1760, An Act to Restore Competition in Maine's Health Insurance Market
Committee Vote: 7 ONTP; 5 OTP-A; 1 absent

LD 2247, An Act to Continue Maine's Leadership in Covering the Uninsured
Committee Vote: 6 OTP-A (Report "A"); 5 ONTP (Report "B"); 1 OTP-A (Report "C"); and 1 absent

Thank you for your consideration of our comments.

cc: Members, Joint Standing Committee on Insurance and Financial Services