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TO: Senator Richard W. Rosen, Senate Chair
 Representative Patrick S. A. Flood, House Chair
 Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs

FROM: Senator David R. Hastings III, Senate Chair
 Representative Joan M. Nass, House Chair
 Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary

DATE: June 10, 2011

RE: **Priorities for bills on Appropriations Table**

Pursuant to Joint Rule 314(7), we are reporting our committee's priorities for final passage of bills reported out of our committee that are now on the Appropriations Table.

The Judiciary Committee has two bills currently on the Appropriations Table. LD 194 is our first priority for funding, and LD 247 costs do not apply until the next biennium.

1	<p>LD 194, An Act To Make Permanent the Direction of Fines Derived from Tribal Law Enforcement Activities to the Passamaquoddy Tribe and the Penobscot Nation</p> <p>removes the sunset on the law that requires fines be paid to the Passamaquoddy Tribe and the Penobscot Nation when tribal law enforcement officers contributed to enforcement, investigation and arrests that lead to the collection of fines. This process has been working very well. The existing distribution of fines is fair and just. The only reason there is fiscal impact is because the original bill that created the process included a sunset of 2012.</p> <p>Estimated total cost for biennium: \$24,000 [FY12 = \$12,000; FY13 = \$12,000]</p>
2	<p>LD 247, An Act To Amend the Gift Card Laws has no cost in the biennium.</p>

Please let us know if you have any questions.

cc: Members, Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs
 Members, Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary