The legislature adjourned Thursday morning at 3:30 a.m. However, they did not adjourn sine die which would indicate a plan to return in the near future, probably for a veto day, so stay tuned! I’ve attached copies of all laws enacted at this time and will forward the final update with the remaining few laws once the governor has signed them.

Five bonds passed with two thirds majority, two of them are important to the University of Maine System, an $11.3 million bond for Higher Education includes:

$7,800,000 University of Maine System — Provides funds for a freestanding biosafety level 3 laboratory, including an animal diagnostic laboratory and a plant diagnostic and insect identification laboratory.

$3,000,000 Maine Community College System — Provides funds to expand necessary capital infrastructure improvements and equipment including at least to be used for machine tool technology.

$500,000 Maine Maritime Academy — Provides funds to expand necessary capital infrastructure improvements and equipment.

Question to voters will read: “Do you favor an $11,300,000 bond issue to provide funds for capital to build a diagnostic facility for the University of Maine System; for capital improvements and equipment, including machine tool technology, for the Maine Community College System; and for capital improvements and equipment at the Maine Maritime Academy?”
The other bond of interest to the University of Maine System is a $20 million dollar bond for Research & Development, administered through the Maine Technology Institute.

Question to voters will read: Do you favor a $20,000,000 bond issue to provide funds for research and development for Maine-based public and private institutions for environmental and renewable energy technology, biomedical technology and biotechnology, aquaculture and marine technology, composite materials technology, advanced technologies for forestry and agriculture, information technology and precision manufacturing technology through a competitive process?