

## **Bow tie caucus to gather; adjournment time considered**

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AUGUSTA -- This week in **Statehouse Notes**, see the best guess on adjournment, read about global warming and get the inside scoop on a meeting of guys who wear bow ties.

### ADJOURNMENT?

This time of year, it's a Statehouse ritual to speculate as to exactly when the Legislature will adjourn for the session. Strictly speaking, the statutory deadline is Wednesday.

Here's a quick poll of those in the know:

- Rep. Ken Fletcher, R-Winslow: 12:45 a.m. Saturday
- Rep. Deborah Hutton, D-Bowdoinham: 1 a.m. Saturday
- State Chamber of Commerce lobbyist Chris Hall: 3 a.m. Saturday
- Maine Municipal Association lobbyist Geoff Herman: 1:30 a.m. Sunday

### CLIMATE CHAMP

Gov. John Baldacci received an award last week at the Global Warming Solutions 2005 Conference in New York City. He received the Climate Champion Award from Clean Air--Cool Planet, a nonprofit group in the Northeast that works to find solutions to global warming.

The group praised Baldacci for reducing state government greenhouse-gas emissions by 8 percent in two years by increasing the state's renewable power purchases, reducing vehicle miles traveled by state employees, making state buildings more energy-efficient and using biodiesel in some buildings.

### OTHER SIDE

On the other side of the global warming debate is Rep. Henry Joy, R-Crystal. Joy recently sponsored a bill to require the state to do a cost-benefit analysis before legislators are asked to vote on bills to reduce global warming.

Joy doesn't believe what he considers to be hype from environmental types. His bill passed the Legislature and was signed by the governor.

"The reason I introduced this legislation is because Maine has jumped off on a tangent that assumes global warming is really happening," he said in a statement.

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