

ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION
7th Legislative Day
Thursday, January 30, 2020

Representative DAUGHTRY of Brunswick assumed the Chair.

The House met according to adjournment and was called to order by the Speaker Pro Tem.

Prayer by Pastor Matthew Ward, Charleston Church.

National Anthem by Charleston Church Trio.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Doctor of the day, Lisa Letourneau, M.D., Portland.

The Journal of Tuesday, January 28, 2020 was read and approved.

The following items were taken up out of order by unanimous consent:

CONSENT CALENDAR

First Day

In accordance with House Rule 519, the following item appeared on the Consent Calendar for the First Day:

(H.P. 1350) (L.D. 1884) Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Dual Liquor Licenses" Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-664)**

Under suspension of the rules, Second Day Consent Calendar notification was given.

There being no objection, the House Paper was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED as Amended** and sent for concurrence.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Second Day

In accordance with House Rule 519, the following items appeared on the Consent Calendar for the Second Day:

(H.P. 1430) (L.D. 2009) Bill "An Act To Permit the Expansion of Municipal Membership of the Greater Portland Transit District" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 299) (L.D. 390) Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Dangerous Buildings" (C. "A" H-662)

No objections having been noted at the end of the Second Legislative Day, the House Papers were **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED** or **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED** and sent for concurrence.

By unanimous consent, all matters having been acted upon were **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH**.

SENATE PAPERS

Non-Concurrent Matter

An Act To Address Student Hunger with a "Breakfast after the Bell" Program

(S.P. 99) (L.D. 359)

PASSED TO BE ENACTED in the House on May 23, 2019. (Having previously been **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-78) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-100)** thereto)

Came from the Senate **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-78) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "B" (S-373)** thereto in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

The House voted to **RECEDE AND CONCUR**.

Non-Concurrent Matter

An Act To Create Affordable Workforce and Senior Housing and Preserve Affordable Rural Housing

(H.P. 1180) (L.D. 1645)

PASSED TO BE ENACTED in the House on June 7, 2019. (Having previously been **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-481)**)

Came from the Senate **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-374)** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

Speaker Pro Tem DAUGHTRY of Brunswick moved that the House **RECEDE AND CONCUR**.

The SPEAKER PRO TEM: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Waterford, Representative Millett.

Representative MILLETT: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I am supportive of the motion. I'd like to speak briefly for my reasons for supporting it.

As a co-sponsor of the original bill and as someone who has had positive experience with Maine State Housing programs over the years and, in particular, a recent project in one of my area towns that worked out extremely well for low-income seniors, making available to them affordable homes in a much more pleasant and home-like environment than they might otherwise have found. This bill was on the Appropriations Table when we left here in June. I had been approached by a member of the administration asking if we could be, on my side of the aisle, supportive. And I was a little reluctant because we're right in the middle of discussions on a budget and a bond package, and the bill as proposed would have allowed for a \$20 million a year credit over a four-year period starting in the next biennium. I agreed to work on something that stretched that out a bit and provided for a lesser level of fiscal loss in the upcoming biennium and that is the product that is before us today.

It allows for a \$10 million credit over an eight-year period and provides for other provisions that address the priority population. And we all know of areas in our regions and our districts that are crying out for affordable housing stock for people who are in their declining years can no longer live in their houses but need something short of assisted living or nursing home care. And that is exactly what this proposal would do, by allowing \$10 million a year of approvable authorizations over an eight-year period and limiting the amount that would be lost in revenue forecast starting in the upcoming biennium. And I would make a point of saying to you in full disclosure, there is a cost involved here in that there would be an \$8.7 million loss of General Fund revenue starting in FY22. However, my experience with the project locally and in talking with many of the folks with Maine State Housing and the development community, is that this might be one of those rare examples of a dynamic fiscal note wherein the investment costs and the ultimate transfer of many properties that were nontaxable into new taxable programs locally and the credit that would be allowed would be at least partially offset by the increased economic activity.

I support the program, I believe in the amendments to the bill and the motion to recede and concur this morning, and I urge your support.

Subsequently, the House voted to **RECEDE AND CONCUR**.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: (H.C. 295)

**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
SPEAKER'S OFFICE
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0002**

January 30, 2020

Honorable Robert B. Hunt

Clerk of the House

2 State House Station

Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Clerk Hunt:

Pursuant to my authority under House Rule 201.1 (H), I appoint Representative Matthea Elisabeth Larsen Daughtry of Brunswick to serve as Speaker Pro Tem to convene the House on Thursday, January 30, 2020.

Sincerely,

S/Sara Gideon

Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 296)

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

January 27, 2020

The Honorable Troy Jackson

President of the Senate

The Honorable Sara Gideon

Speaker of the House of Representatives

State House

Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Gideon:

Please accept this letter as the report of the findings of the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government from its review and evaluation of the Capitol Planning Commission under the State Government Evaluation Act, Title 3 Maine Revised Statutes, chapter 35.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Act, the committee notified the Department of Administrative and Financial Services by letter dated April 29, 2019 of its intent to conduct a review. The department submitted its program evaluation report on January 15, 2020 and presented the report to the committee that day. The committee held a work session on January 24, 2020.

The committee unanimously finds that the Capitol Planning Commission is operating within its statutory authority.

Sincerely,

S/Senator Ned Claxton

Senate Chair

S/Roland Danny Martin

House Chair

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State House

Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Gideon:

Please accept this letter as the report of the findings of the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government from its review and evaluation of the Department of Administrative and Financial Services under the State Government Evaluation Act, Title 3 Maine Revised Statutes, chapter 35.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Act, the committee notified the department by letter dated April 29, 2019 of its intent to conduct a review. The department submitted its program evaluation report on December 27, 2019 and presented the report to the committee on January 15, 2020. The committee held a work session on January 24, 2020.

The committee unanimously finds that the Department of Administrative and Financial Services is operating within its statutory authority.

Sincerely,

S/Senator Ned Claxton

Senate Chair

S/Roland Danny Martin

House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 298)

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

January 27, 2020

The Honorable Troy Jackson

President of the Senate

The Honorable Sara Gideon

Speaker of the House of Representatives

State House

Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Gideon:

Please accept this letter as the report of the findings of the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government from its review and evaluation of the Department of the Secretary of State under the State Government Evaluation Act, Title 3 Maine Revised Statutes, chapter 35.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Act, the committee notified the Secretary of State by letter dated April 29, 2019 of its intent to conduct a review. The department submitted its program evaluation report on November 1, 2019 and presented the report to the committee on January 15, 2020. The committee held a work session on January 24, 2020.

The committee unanimously finds that the Department of the Secretary of State is operating within its statutory authority.

Sincerely,

S/Senator Ned Claxton

Senate Chair

S/Roland Danny Martin

House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 302)

**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
SPEAKER'S OFFICE
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0002**

January 28, 2020

Honorable Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Clerk Hunt:

Pursuant to my authority under Title 5, Chapter 371-A §7030 of the Maine Revised Statutes, I am pleased to re-appoint Meredith Strang Burgess of Cumberland to the Permanent Commission on the Status of Women effective immediately.

If you have any questions regarding this re-appointment, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

S/Sara Gideon

Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 303)

**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
SPEAKER'S OFFICE
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0002**

January 28, 2020

Honorable Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Clerk Hunt:

Pursuant to my authority under Title 5, Chapter 371-A §7030 of the Maine Revised Statutes, I am pleased to re-appoint Ruth Kermish-Allen of Appleton to the Permanent Commission on the Status of Women effective immediately.

If you have any questions regarding this re-appointment, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

S/Sara Gideon

Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 299)

**MAINE COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
323 STATE STREET
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04330-7131**

January 22, 2020

Honorable Sara Gideon
Speaker of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333
Honorable Troy D. Jackson
President of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333-0002

Dear Speaker Gideon and President Jackson:

On behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Maine Community College System (MCCS), I respectfully submit the attached report on certain procurements, contributions, and policy

changes for the period July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019 as required by 5 MRSA §12023.

To compile this report, MCCS used customized reporting features built into our business management systems. We then tested the validity of those reports and reviewed several transactions with college personnel. Combined, the seven colleges and the MCCS System Office make thousands of purchases each year.

While reporting is complex, our review indicates that the colleges' compliance with existing policies is extremely high, and expenditures are consistently mission related. In those few areas where we have identified need for improvement, refinements have been made or are under way.

MCCS will continue to use its internal controls and annual outside audit to adapt its systems to changing needs, and our Board of Trustees will continue to monitor compliance through regular reporting and an ongoing dialogue with auditors.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

S/David Daigler

President

READ and with accompanying papers ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 300)

**STATE OF MAINE
LORING DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF MAINE
154 DEVELOPMENT DRIVE, SUITE F
LIMESTONE, MAINE 04750**

January 23, 2020

Honorable Troy D. Jackson
President of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333
Honorable Sara Gideon
Speaker of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Gideon:

Pursuant to 5 MRSA, Section 12023, please consider this the letter of transmittal for the required report from the Loring Development Authority of Maine due by February 1, 2020.

Please contact me if you have any questions or need additional information.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

S/Carl W. Flora

President & CEO

READ and with accompanying papers ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 301)

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE STATE AUDITOR
66 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0066**

Letter of Transmittal

January 24, 2020

Honorable Troy D. Jackson

President of the Senate

Honorable Sara Gideon

Speaker of the House of Representatives

Honorable Janet T. Mills
Governor of Maine

I am pleased to submit the Communication with Those Charged with Governance at the Conclusion of the Audit in reference to the financial statement audit for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019. Auditing standards require us to communicate audit matters that are, in our professional judgement, significant and relevant to those charged with Governance in overseeing the financial reporting process. This report is being communicated in accordance with 5 MRSA §243.

This document contains the following reports and schedules:

- Communication with Those Charged with Governance at the Conclusion of the Audit
- Schedule of Uncorrected Misstatements
- Management Representation Letter

Please contact me if you have questions or comments about the Communication with Those Charged with Governance at the Conclusion of the Audit.

Respectfully submitted,
S/Pola A. Buckley, CPA, CISA
State Auditor

READ and with accompanying papers **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

The Following Communication: (H.C. 304)

**STATE OF MAINE
CLERK'S OFFICE
2 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0002**

January 30, 2020
Honorable Sara Gideon
Speaker of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Speaker Gideon:
Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, the following Joint Standing Committees have voted unanimously to report the following bills out "Ought Not to Pass:"

Appropriations and Financial Affairs
L.D. 12 An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for the Design and Construction of a New Fish Hatchery and To Improve Hatchery Infrastructure (BOND ISSUE)

Criminal Justice and Public Safety
L.D. 1215 An Act Relating to Defenses and Self-defense in the Maine Criminal Code
Environment and Natural Resources

L.D. 951 An Act To Improve the Research Capabilities of State Agencies
L.D. 952 An Act To Coordinate and Standardize Data Collection Protocols

L.D. 1687 An Act Regarding the Water Quality Certification of Graham Lake on the Union River (EMERGENCY)

Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services
L.D. 1985 Resolve, Directing the Board of Speech, Audiology and Hearing To Adopt Rules To Facilitate Speech-Language Therapy

Sincerely,
S/Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of House

READ and with accompanying papers **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

ORDERS

On motion of Representative FARNSWORTH of Portland, the following House Order: (H.O. 41)

ORDERED, that Representative Danny Edward Costain of Plymouth be excused January 23 for health reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Scott W. Cuddy of Winterport be excused January 14 for health reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Richard R. Farnsworth of Portland be excused January 21 for health reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Sheldon Mark Hanington of Lincoln be excused January 8 for health reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Theodore Joseph Kryzak, Jr. of Acton be excused January 23 for personal reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Thomas H. Martin, Jr. of Greene be excused January 23 for personal reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Tiffany Roberts of South Berwick be excused January 21 and 23 for health reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Deane Rykerson of Kittery be excused January 8 for personal reasons.

READ and PASSED.

SPECIAL SENTIMENT CALENDAR

In accordance with House Rule 519 and Joint Rule 213, the following items:

Recognizing:

Kristina Kelly, of Lincolnville, a student at Camden Hills Regional High School and a player on the girls soccer team, who has been named National Soccer Player of the Year for High School Girls by United Soccer Coaches. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

(SLS 938)

On **OBJECTION** of Representative DOUDERA of Camden, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

READ.

The **SPEAKER PRO TEM**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Camden, Representative Doudera.

Representative **DOUDERA**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. It's my great pleasure to stand before you today and recognize Kristina Kelly. She led her team, Camden Hills Regional High School, to four consecutive Class A State Championships. I won't say the team that she beat the last two years, but I feel like my seatmate from EUT, the good Representative from Scarborough, probably won't be passing me candy today.

Along the way, she earned three All-America awards. And she's so good that she played under a restriction from her coach to score no more than three goals in regular season games. Nonetheless, she finished her high school career with 159 goals and 58 assists as the Windjammers went to 71 and one.

Kristina is the first high school athlete from Maine to win a national player of the year award in any sport. That's a big deal. She plans to continue her career at Central Connecticut State University and I'm sure we all wish her well. Thank you.

Subsequently, this Expression of Legislative Sentiment was **PASSED** and sent for concurrence.

Recognizing:

the Bonny Eagle High School Girls Cross Country Track Team, of Standish, which won the Class A State Championship. Members of the team include Delany Hesler, Emmaline Pendleton, Hannah Stevens, Emma Abbott, Ella Dunn, Gwendolyn Catalano and Emma Noonan; and coach Mike Burlison. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

(HLS 806)

Presented by Representative MAREAN of Hollis. Cosponsored by Senator DIAMOND of Cumberland, Representative BLIER of Buxton, Representative ORDWAY of Standish, Senator SANBORN, L. of Cumberland, Senator CHENETTE of York.

On **OBJECTION** of Representative MAREAN of Hollis, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

READ.

The **SPEAKER PRO TEM**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Hollis, Representative MAREAN.

Representative **MAREAN**: Thank you, Madam Speaker and good morning. Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, today I am pleased to stand on behalf of the Bonny Eagle High School delegation which is represented by the good Representative from Buxton, Representative Blier and the good Representative from Standish, Representative Ordway.

We welcome the Lady Scots of Bonny Eagle High School to the State House and recognize them for their outstanding accomplishments. The Bonny Eagle girls' cross-country teams have shown their talents and endurance by winning state championships several times. Not only did they win in 2019, but they also won in 2012, 2013, 2015, 2016, 2018. That's six times out of the last eight years. This is accomplished under the coaching of head coach, Mike Burlison and assistant coach, TJ Hesler. Coach Burlison was the National Federation of High School's District 1 Coach of the Year last year and this is a very huge honor for him because it covers all of New England.

Congratulations for a job well done, Lady Scots and Coach Burlison. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Subsequently, this Expression of Legislative Sentiment was **PASSED** and sent for concurrence.

Recognizing:

the Bonny Eagle High School Football Team, of Standish, which won the Class A State Championship. Members of the team include Jacob Humphrey, Aidan Walcott, Johnathan Merrill, Zac Oja, Trent Nevelis, Nate Ferris, Zach Maturo, Alex Dyer, Nick Klein, Bode Day Coombs, Keegan Meredith, Shaun Brilliant, Ryan Tomison, Cam Gardner, Garison Emerson, Izak Alie, Mitchell Havu, Mason Ryan, Cam MacDonald, Chase Graves, Dawson Bradway, Ethan Hall, Dom Gordon, Owen Luedders, Trevor Perkins, Kegan Sicina, Jordan French, Cam Boston, Nolan Davis, Garrett Gonyea, Nick Riker, Devon Carter, Eli LeBlanc, Jake McDonald, Jace Sellick, Jesse Charette, Brody Ernst, Chase Harris, Drew Dubois, John Dugan, Ethan Robbins, Connor Leeman, Will Horton, Thomas Horton, Jake Harriman, Carlos Tribaldos, Jake Esty and Collin Lizotte; managers Jasmine Collins, Jordan Tardif and Jordan Gryskwicz, freshman coaches John Trull and Jordan Adams, assistant coaches Ben Ledue, Josh Lund, Andrew Nielsen and

Jake Newcomb; and head coach Kevin Cooper. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

(HLS 807)

Presented by Representative MAREAN of Hollis. Cosponsored by Senator DIAMOND of Cumberland, Senator CHENETTE of York, Senator SANBORN, L. of Cumberland, Representative BLIER of Buxton, Representative ORDWAY of Standish.

On **OBJECTION** of Representative MAREAN of Hollis, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

READ.

The **SPEAKER PRO TEM**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Hollis, Representative MAREAN.

Representative **MAREAN**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, it is with enthusiasm and pride, Scot pride, that is, that I stand this morning to welcome the students and coaches of Bonny Eagle High School to the Maine House of Representatives to be recognized for their achievements.

The Bonny Eagle delegation also include the good Representative from Buxton, Representative Blier and the good Representative from Standish, Representative Ordway. We're so proud of these kids. I'm sure we can all appreciate how positive our schools are in bringing communities together. Team sports and other curricular activities in our school help build the fabric of our community. Families prioritize their time to attend school functions, often packing the auditoriums and the fields, which helps to stimulate our teams to excel in their efforts, building championship teams such as the ones we have here today. It makes us all proud.

The Bonny Eagle students' motto from kindergarten kids, known as the Little Scots, to our high school seniors all proudly display and practice Scot Pride. This year, our high school football team won the State Class A Championship for the seventh time since 2004. And I have been fortunate enough to be in this House every time the team has come here to be recognized and to visit us in the Chambers. It's exciting to see a new group of students on each championship. I would expect and would credit Coach Kevin Cooper with his exceptional coaching techniques, along with the help of his coaching staff and of course the commitment of the players. Coach Cooper has coached at Bonny Eagle since 1998 and has made Bonny Eagle football a top contender in Class A as well as helped building our community. Thank you, Coach, and a big congratulations to our Scots on a very exciting year. Thank you, Madam Speaker. Scot Pride.

The **SPEAKER PRO TEM**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Standish, Representative Ordway.

Representative **ORDWAY**: Thank you, Madam Speaker, my Colleagues in the House. I rise to send forth my congratulations to both of our Class A teams here today and speak a little bit about B-E pride, be proud.

These kids have just made all the members in our community so proud. And as I go around the State, I just want to relate that yesterday I was having lunch in the City of Auburn and minding my own business until I heard people next to me say Bonny Eagle. So, then I didn't keep to myself any more, I kind of listened in. And it happened to be the coach of a local high school in Auburn, I won't say the name, but it rhymes with Edward Little, and they were talking about how worried they are of playing Bonny Eagle. And so, you can imagine my pride, my Bonny Eagle pride. So, congratulations, students, you're a great representation of our community. Keep up the good work in your future endeavors, whatever you do, we are Bonny Eagle proud of you.

Subsequently, this Expression of Legislative Sentiment was **PASSED** and sent for concurrence.

Recognizing:

Zach Maturo, of Standish, a student at Bonny Eagle High School and a member of the football team, who has been named the 2019-20 Gatorade Maine Football Player of the Year for his athletic and academic excellence and his exemplary character. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

(HLS 808)

Presented by Representative MAREAN of Hollis.

Cosponsored by Senator DIAMOND of Cumberland, Senator CHENETTE of York, Senator SANBORN, L. of Cumberland, Representative BLIER of Buxton, Representative ORDWAY of Standish.

On **OBJECTION** of Representative MAREAN of Hollis, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

READ.

The SPEAKER PRO TEM: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Hollis, Representative MAREAN.

Representative **MAREAN**: Thank you again, Madam Speaker, and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. Today is Bonny Eagle High School's day of recognition at the State House, as we've all seen. We have two state championship teams with us today and both have made several appearances here to celebrate their several state championships.

Today with the champs is a champ himself, that has excelled throughout his high school career. He is a senior this year and he will leave a pretty large void both in the Bonny Eagle football team and the Bonny Eagle basketball team upon his graduation in June. Bonny Eagle has had several outstanding individuals in the past, but this young man is an exception for sure. One of his coaches said, and I quote, when you look at both basketball and football, Zach might be the best that Bonny Eagle has ever had, end of quote.

During the 2019/20 sports year, his accomplishments have been recognized as an outstanding achiever of high school sports and he has been selected as the Gatorade Player of the Year. This award recognizes not only outstanding athletic excellence, but also standards of academic achievement. He has a GPA of 3.47 and an exemplary character demonstrated both on and off the field. The Gatorade award distinguishes him as Maine's best high school football player. He's also been awarded the SMAA Dave Allen award, an award voted on by the coaches, designating him as player of the year in Maine Class A football. He's seen as the best player on the best team in the best Class A league.

He came very close to scoring a triple in awards this year. He was also selected as one of the three Fitzpatrick trophy finalists and even though he wasn't a final winner, he has been afforded the privilege of adding that to his resume. While these awards all pertain to football, Zach is also excelling in Bonny Eagle basketball. He scored his one thousandth career point in December at Deering High School and I was there at that game. And Deering was so hospitable, as were the fans. He was given a standing ovation and the game ball. It was a thrill to see such camaraderie among our high school sports. Zach is only one of five Bonny Eagle boys ever to score 1,000 points. But he also has in the history book two of our Lady Scots that scored 1,000 points. This young man has done so much for sports in the RSU school system and he shares his

passion and his experience with our youth by participating with the Little Scots as a mentor and a leader.

We are proud of all of our students and our teachers and our coaches for their dedication and commitment, for it's them that help to make our champions. The students we have here today are examples of teams with great achievements and we have one special high achiever, of which we all can be proud. Congratulations, Zach, we all wish you the very best. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Subsequently, this Expression of Legislative Sentiment was **PASSED** and sent for concurrence.

Recognizing:

Kris Croteau, of Skowhegan, a guidance counselor at Messalonskee Middle School in Oakland, who has been named the 2020 Maine School Counselor of the Year by the Maine School Counselor Association. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

(HLS 809)

Presented by Representative AUSTIN of Skowhegan.

Cosponsored by Senator FARRIN of Somerset, Senator POULIOT of Kennebec, Representative MADIGAN of Waterville, Representative PERKINS of Oakland.

On **OBJECTION** of Representative AUSTIN of Skowhegan, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

READ.

The SPEAKER PRO TEM: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Skowhegan, Representative Austin.

Representative **AUSTIN**: Thank you, Madam Speaker Pro Tem. I'm pleased to stand and recognize Kris, who has been doing a difficult job, at least I think so. When you work with middle school students that it's such a difficult time in their lives sometimes. And she is doing such a great job that she was named the Maine Counselor of the Year for counselors. And I just am pleased and honored that she is from Skowhegan and being honored. Thank you.

The SPEAKER PRO TEM: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Waterville, Representative Madigan.

Representative **MADIGAN**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I'm pleased to get up and recognize Kris Croteau. I have a little story to tell. Kris Croteau and I go way back. I used to be her boss. I did, I used to be her boss. I ran a school-based mental health program and Kris Croteau worked for me for many years in schools in Kennebec and Somerset County, for many years in the Bingham schools, at the time of the dawn of the opiate epidemic. And I have to say that I am not surprised she's being recognized because I've known her for years to be an amazing person with kids, particularly middle school aged kids, families, and community, and gathering them all together to solve problems and help kids and families. I can't say how honored I am for this. I'm so happy she's being recognized. When she left the program that I administered and I was her boss, I was so sad, but I knew Messalonskee Middle School was going to have an incredible asset and I'm so glad the State of Maine is recognizing her today because she deserves it and the people of that district are lucky to have her. Thank you very much.

Subsequently, this Expression of Legislative Sentiment was **PASSED** and sent for concurrence.

Recognizing:

Adrian L. Phair, of Oakland, who has been selected as the 2020 Maine Mother of the Year by American Mothers, Inc. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

(HLS 814)

Presented by Representative PERKINS of Oakland.

Cosponsored by Senator POULIOT of Kennebec, Representative MADIGAN of Waterville.

On **OBJECTION** of Representative PERKINS of Oakland, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

READ.

The SPEAKER PRO TEM: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Oakland, Representative Perkins.

Representative **PERKINS**: Thank you, Madam Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. It gives me great pride and pleasure to speak on behalf of Ms. Adrian Phair as the Mother of the Year for the State of Maine to go to Washington DC and represent us in DC.

Adrian has two children. Both of them, I asked earlier, or Senator Pouliot actually asked them earlier what made her the Mother of the Year and they couldn't come up with the answer, so I'll do that for them. Adrian's a phenomenal lady. She takes in and has a camp called Camp To Belong that all these foster children throughout the State go there and what she tries to do is if they have siblings, she'll try to get the siblings involved, they have birthday parties that week, they just try to get the kids to reconnect with each other, with their brothers and sisters. It's totally free. She's done this, they clean up after the kids, they take care of the kids just all week long, and it's amazing what she's done. And no disrespect to any other mom in here, but I believe Adrian is awesome and thank you for her to step forward and accept this award. Thank you very much, Madam Speaker.

Subsequently, this Expression of Legislative Sentiment was **PASSED** and sent for concurrence.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

Change of Committee

Representative HICKMAN from the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** on Resolve, Authorizing the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry To Convey Certain Land in the Little Moose Unit of Moosehead Junction Township

(H.P. 1280) (L.D. 1799)

Reporting that it be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT**.

The Report was **READ**.

The SPEAKER PRO TEM: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Winthrop, Representative Hickman.

Representative **HICKMAN**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I just wanted to let the chamber know why we are doing this. There is a statute that requires that any land under one-quarter of an acre that is owned by the State to be held before the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government. So that is what this is about.

Subsequently, the Report was **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT**.

Sent for concurrence.

The following items were taken up out of order by unanimous consent:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The following matters, in the consideration of which the House was engaged at the time of adjournment, Tuesday, January 28, 2020, had preference in the Orders of the Day and continued with such preference until disposed of as provided by House Rule 502.

An Act To Support Medically Monitored Crisis Support and Intervention

(H.P. 950) (L.D. 1315)

(C. "A" H-351)

TABLED - January 14, 2020 (Till Later Today) by Representative GATTINE of Westbrook.

PENDING - Motion of same Representative to **SUSPEND THE RULES** for the purpose of **RECONSIDERATION**.

On motion of Representative MOONEN of Portland, the Bill and all accompanying papers were **COMMITTED** to the Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** in **NON-CONCURRENCE** and sent for concurrence.

An Act To Establish the Maine Workforce, Research, Development and Student Achievement Institute

(H.P. 970) (L.D. 1342)

(S. "A" S-341 to C. "A" H-467)

TABLED - January 14, 2020 (Till Later Today) by Representative DAUGHTRY of Brunswick.

PENDING - Motion of same Representative to **SUSPEND THE RULES** for the purpose of **RECONSIDERATION**.

On motion of Representative MOONEN of Portland, the Bill and all accompanying papers were **COMMITTED** to the Committee on **INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS** in **NON-CONCURRENCE** and sent for concurrence.

Resolve, To Establish a Stakeholder Group To Develop an Adult Dental Benefit under MaineCare

(H.P. 1065) (L.D. 1453)

(S. "A" S-371 to C. "A" H-409)

TABLED - January 14, 2020 (Till Later Today) by Representative GATTINE of Westbrook.

PENDING - Motion of same Representative to **SUSPEND THE RULES** for the purpose of **RECONSIDERATION**.

On motion of Representative MOONEN of Portland, the Resolve and all accompanying papers were **COMMITTED** to the Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** in **NON-CONCURRENCE** and sent for concurrence.

SENATE PAPERS

The following Joint Order: (S.P. 742)

ORDERED, the House concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourn, they do so until Tuesday, February 4, 2020 at 10:00 in the Morning.

Came from the Senate, **READ** and **PASSED**.

READ and **PASSED** in concurrence.

By unanimous consent, all matters having been acted upon were **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH**.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The following matter, in the consideration of which the House was engaged at the time of adjournment, Tuesday, January 28, 2020, had preference in the Orders of the Day and continued with such preference until disposed of as provided by House Rule 502.

An Act To Improve Consistency within the Maine Human Rights Act

(H.P. 1218) (L.D. 1703)

(C. "A" H-643; S. "A" S-349; H. "A" H-654)

TABLED - January 14, 2020 (Till Later Today) by Representative BAILEY of Saco.

PENDING - Motion of same Representative to **SUSPEND THE RULES** for the purpose of **RECONSIDERATION**.

Subsequently, the rules were **SUSPENDED** for the purpose of **RECONSIDERATION**.

On motion of Representative BAILEY of Saco, the House **RECONSIDERED** its action whereby the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**.

On further motion of the same Representative, the rules were **SUSPENDED** for the purpose of **FURTHER RECONSIDERATION**.

On further motion of the same Representative, the House **RECONSIDERED** its action whereby the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**.

On further motion of the same Representative, the rules were **SUSPENDED** for the purpose of **FURTHER RECONSIDERATION**.

On further motion of the same Representative, the House **RECONSIDERED** its action whereby **Committee Amendment "A" (H-643)** was **ADOPTED**.

On further motion of the same Representative, **Committee Amendment "A" (H-643)** was **INDEFINITELY POSTPONED**.

On further motion of the same Representative, the rules were **SUSPENDED** for the purpose of **FURTHER RECONSIDERATION**.

On further motion of the same Representative, the House **RECONSIDERED** its action whereby **House Amendment "A" (H-654)** was **ADOPTED**.

On further motion of the same Representative, **House Amendment "A" (H-654)** was **INDEFINITELY POSTPONED**.

On further motion of the same Representative, the rules were **SUSPENDED** for the purpose of **FURTHER RECONSIDERATION**.

On further motion of the same Representative, the House **RECONSIDERED** its action whereby **Senate Amendment "A" (H-349)** was **ADOPTED**.

On further motion of the same Representative, **Senate Amendment "A" (H-349)** was **INDEFINITELY POSTPONED**.

The same Representative **PRESENTED House Amendment "C" (H-665)**, which was **READ** by the Clerk and **ADOPTED**.

Subsequently, the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED as Amended by House Amendment "C" (H-665)** in **NON-CONCURRENCE** and sent for concurrence. **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH**.

SENATE PAPERS

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Arbitration under Certain Public Employees Labor Relations Laws"

(S.P. 739) (L.D. 2090)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Amend the Marijuana Legalization Act and Make Other Implementing Changes"

(S.P. 741) (L.D. 2091)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** in concurrence.

By unanimous consent, all matters having been acted upon were **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH**.

ENACTORS

Emergency Measure

An Act To Permit the Expansion of Municipal Membership of the Greater Portland Transit District

(H.P. 1430) (L.D. 2009)

Reported by the Committee on **Engrossed Bills** as truly and strictly engrossed. This being an emergency measure, a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to the House being necessary, a total was taken. 117 voted in favor of the same and 0 against, and accordingly the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**, signed by the Speaker Pro Tem and sent to the Senate.

By unanimous consent, all matters having been acted upon were **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH**.

On motion of Representative TIPPING of Orono, the House adjourned at 11:38 a.m. until 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, February 4, 2020, pursuant to the Joint Order (S.P. 742).