

ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION
13th Legislative Day
Thursday, February 20, 2020

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

Prayer by Reverend Sara Bartlett, Alfred First Parish Church, UCC.

National Anthem by Honorable Deane Rykerson and Augusto Salazar, Kittery.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Doctor of the day, Renee Fay-LeBlanc, M.D., Portland.

The Journal of Tuesday, February 18, 2020 was read and approved.

SENATE PAPERS

The following Joint Resolution: (S.P. 746)

**JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING FEBRUARY 5, 2020
AS NATIONAL GIRLS AND WOMEN IN SPORTS DAY**

WHEREAS, the National Girls and Women in Sports Day Coalition celebrates National Girls and Women in Sports Day in Washington, D.C. and encourages its celebration in communities across the nation; and

WHEREAS, this day exists to recognize the past and current sports achievements of girls and women, the positive influence of sports participation and the continuing struggle for equality and access for girls and women in sports; and

WHEREAS, National Girls and Women in Sports Day began in 1987 as a day to remember Olympic volleyball player Flo Hyman for her athletic achievements and her commitment to ensure equality for women's sports; and

WHEREAS, the history of girls and women in sports is rich and long, yet there has been little national recognition of the significance of girls' and women's athletic achievements; and

WHEREAS, at all levels of athletics, girls and women develop self-discipline, initiative, confidence and leadership skills regardless of background; and

WHEREAS, the bonds girls and women build through athletics help to break down the social barriers of racism and prejudice, and the communication and cooperation skills learned through sports play a key role in the athletes' contributions at home, at work and to society; and

WHEREAS, a need for increased opportunities exists for girls to participate in and pursue physical activity in the community and at the scholastic level so that they may, beginning at an early age, improve their health and well-being on a daily basis and develop lifelong fitness habits; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Twenty-ninth Legislature now assembled in the Second Regular Session, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to recognize February 5, 2020 as National Girls and Women in Sports Day.

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

READ.

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from South Portland, Representative Reckitt.

Representative **RECKITT**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise today because I think most of you think I was born with the Equal Rights Amendment tattooed on my arm, but in reality, what brought me to women's rights issues was women in sports. And I wanted to share with you my route, quickly.

Junior high school, I played basketball. In high school, I played field hockey, basketball, tennis. In college, I played field hockey, basketball, softball and I played on a co-ed volleyball team in Greater Boston. All that time, I watched the disparity between the way that the girls, of which I was one at the time, and the boys were treated on the athletic fields. The boys got to eat steak, we got to eat in the cafeteria, the boys traveled on buses, we traveled in our own cars, we practiced when the boys weren't in the gym. And so, I think there was a lot of disparity. I'm talking 1971. In 1972, there was a monumental thing that happened and it's the reason that I began to be active in the women's movement and that is the necessity to bring equality for women in sports. And it was 1972 when Title IX of the Higher Education Act was passed and there began to be equality.

This Resolution today marks a subsequent occasion when we honored Flo Hyman, who is an Olympic athlete, but it's the same chain. And I think it's important that we all remember that we're almost coming up on 50 years since women and girls were given equal opportunity in sports and it was not an easy battle and it was a lot of fun and it's the way I learned my ropes. But it's the way that girls all over this country have learned to speak out, to act out, to cooperate, to rise to leadership positions, and I think it's a really important message that we remember every year that girls and women, as well as boys and men, learn much of their cooperative and collaborative skills by learning to win at sports. It's also, I might add, where I learned to lose, which has also been a useful tool in my life, including in this Chamber. And I think that it's really important that you learn by playing sports that if you lose a game, it's not the end of the universe; you can come back to the next game and the next game. And I think that that's a critically important lesson for girls and women and boys and men to learn.

So, I appreciate this Resolution from the Senate and I'm grateful to speak on it today and I am happy to accede to the passage that we just did quickly. Thank you so much.

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Kennebunk, Representative Babbidge.

Representative **BABBIDGE**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I thank the Representative for the Resolution. I also wanted to just share, especially for the younger people in the room, the evolution that has taken place that has been witnessed by some of us that are a little older.

In the 1960s, when I was in high school, I don't ever remember seeing a girls' athletic contest. But my wife actually in that mid-60s period is when girls' basketball went from half court to full court. Less than two decades later, the Olympics introduced the women's marathon. And I think a lot of us in this room, they didn't follow the race from beginning to end, they had no idea who was going to be leading until they came through the tunnel at the coliseum in Los Angeles. But for those of us that witnessed that on television, it was a moment of great pride to have that first person through the tunnel be a young woman from Cape Elizabeth, Maine. Imagine; we were debating whether or not a woman could run the length of a court and if it would be good for her, and then less than two decades later, we have a women's marathon champion from the great State of Maine.

In 1972, when the educational amendments were passed that we call Title IX today, basically, the Civil Rights Act of '64 and what came after. I was graduated from college, a senior, and substituting at Greeley and Scarborough high schools. The following year, I went to Greenville and taught there eight years. In the 1970s, as student council advisor, we'd have our

state conference every year and that state conference was dominated by boys. There were very few female student council leaders in the 1970s. In the 1980s, I had gone to Kennebunk to teach and I recall the story of Kennebunk actually having canceled a girls' basketball game so that the boys could have the gym for practice. In the 1980s, we had the new Maine Educational Assessment Tests and girls were performing lower than boys in Social Studies classes. As department chair, I asked my staff to monitor how many times they called on boys in class versus girls in class. I don't know if that was the factor, but in three or four years, we saw girls' scores rise dramatically.

I just want to point out this amazing evolution that has happened. It wasn't easy. When Title IX was enforced, sometimes, rather than expand opportunities for girls, for instance the University of New Hampshire decided to cancel boys' baseball in order to comply, which they've never actually returned that program. So, over the evolution in these, what is it, 48 years, there has been a dramatic change in participation in public life and certainly in sports. I have three daughters and am grateful for this remarkable change and I appreciate this Resolution being put forward. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Topsham, Representative Tepler.

Representative **TEPLER**: Thank you, Madam Speaker, and Men and Women of the Chamber. My story is a little different. I also am from that slightly older section of the room, but I did not have any expectations that I would play sports as a young woman. I had very few or no role models to look at. I never really learned the skills of being on a team in sports the way that I saw boys around me learn. I learned those skills later in intellectual pursuits. And I am just so pleased today that young women have so many role models. For me, the only name I remember is Babe Didrikson, the golfer. There were very, very few women who I could look up to who were well-known in sports. But today we have Megan Rapinoe and, for those of us in Maine, Joanie Benoit Samuelson, who previous speakers have spoken of. I think that it makes a huge difference for women's leadership ability that women can today have those role models and look to role models in sport and to expect to play on the main fields with the lights at their high schools. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Dexter, Representative Foster.

Representative **FOSTER**: Thank you, Madam Speaker, and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, I think I can sum up my feelings on this quite more quickly. From my mother who played half-court basketball at Hartland Academy during her high school years in the '50s, to watching my classmates in the early '70s play their games right after school in our gym, to watching my daughter, who was one of the first female basketball players for Dexter High School to cut down a net in the Bangor auditorium; you've come a long way, baby.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Hampden, Representative Haggan.

Representative **HAGGAN**: Thank you, Madam Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I would just like to briefly pound my chest in great pride. My wife was on the Hampden Academy girls' varsity basketball team in 1976 and they won the first State Championship.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Bowdoinham, Representative Berry.

Representative **BERRY**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker and Men and Women of the House, I would

be remiss if I did not recognize Diane Fournier today. We all are familiar with the story, the great story of Joanie Benoit Samuelson. Two women who inspired Joanie Benoit and who she regularly gives credit to are Robin Emery of Maine and Diane Fournier of Maine, both members of the Maine Running Hall of Fame.

Diane Fournier and Robin Emery integrated the sport. They were the first top women runners in the State of Maine beginning in 1970, shortly after women were actually being pulled off of the Boston Marathon course for daring to run as women. Diane is still coaching today, remarkably, at Mt. Ararat High School and coached my son as a runner, to his success, and I personally owe her a great debt of gratitude and I think it's safe to say that the entire State does as well. Thank you.

Subsequently, the Joint Resolution was **ADOPTED** in concurrence.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: (H.C. 341)

STATE OF MAINE

ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

February 13, 2020

The Honorable Troy Jackson

President of the Senate

The Honorable Sara Gideon

Speaker of the House of Representatives

129th Legislature

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 Health and Human Services from its review and evaluation of the Maine Developmental Disabilities Council under the State Government Evaluation Act, Title 3 Maine Revised Statutes, chapter 35.

The Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services finds that the Maine Developmental Disabilities Council is operating within its statutory authority.

Sincerely,

S/Senator Geoffrey M. Gratwick

Senate Chair

S/Representative Patricia Hymanson

House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

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Sincerely,

S/Senator Geoffrey M. Gratwick

Senate Chair

S/Representative Patricia Hymanson

House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 340)

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE
SECRETARY OF STATE
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0148**

February 13, 2020

The Honorable Robert B. Hunt

Clerk of the House

2 State House Station

Augusta, Maine 04333-0002

Dear Clerk Hunt:

Governor Mills has set Tuesday, March 3, 2020, as the date for the Special Election to be held in District 128.

Please find enclosed a certified copy of the Governor's Proclamation. Please contact the Division of Elections at 624-7650 if you have any questions regarding this election.

Sincerely,

S/Matthew Dunlap

Secretary of State

READ and with accompanying papers ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 343)

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

February 20, 2020

Honorable Robert B. Hunt

Clerk of the House

2 State House Station

Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Clerk Hunt:

Please be advised that pursuant to her authority, Governor Janet T. Mills has nominated the following:

on February 18, 2020

Lisa Marchese Eames of Cumberland for reappointment to the University of Maine System Board of Trustees.

Pursuant to Title 5, MRSA §12004-C, this reappointment is contingent on the Maine State Senate's confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs.

Honorable Emily Ann Cain of Orono for appointment to the University of Maine System Board of Trustees.

Pursuant to Title 5, MRSA §12004-C, this appointment is contingent on the Maine State Senate's confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs.

Irene Neal of Fort Kent for appointment to the University of Maine System Board of Trustees as the Student Trustee.

Pursuant to Title 5, MRSA §12004-C, this appointment is contingent on the Maine State Senate's confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs.

Please be advised that pursuant to her authority, Governor Janet T. Mills has re-nominated the following:

on February 18, 2020

Lucas St. Clair of Falmouth for appointment to the Board of Trustees, Maine Public Broadcasting Corporation given the thirty-day timeframe to have his confirmation hearing has passed.

Pursuant to PL 2013, Ch. 367, §3, this appointment is contingent on the Maine State Senate's confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs.

Sincerely,

S/Sara Gideon

Speaker of the House

READ and with accompanying papers ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 344)

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

February 19, 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:"

Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

L.D. 1525 An Act To Require Insurance on Motorized

Watercraft

Taxation

L.D. 163 An Act Regarding Property Tax Relief for Veterans

L.D. 903 An Act To Improve Corporate Tax Fairness by Amending the Rates Imposed on Corporate Income

L.D. 1156 An Act To Create the Savings Account

Program for Small Businesses

L.D. 1647 An Act To Provide Tax Fairness to Maine's

Middle Class and Working Families

Sincerely,

S/Robert B. Hunt

Clerk of House

READ and with accompanying papers ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (S.C. 931)

**MAINE SENATE
129th LEGISLATURE**

February 18, 2020

Honorable Sara Gideon

Speaker of the House

2 State House Station

Augusta, Maine 04333-0002

Dear Speaker Gideon:

In accordance with 3 MRSA §158 and Joint Rule 506 of the 129th Maine Legislature, please be advised that the Senate today confirmed the following nomination:

Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs, Peter DeGreco of North Yarmouth for appointment to the Maine Community College System, Board of Trustees.

Best Regards,
S/Darek M. Grant

Secretary of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

PETITIONS, BILLS AND RESOLVES REQUIRING REFERENCE

Bill "An Act To Prevent Charter Schools from Using State Funds for Anti-union Campaigns"

(H.P. 1506) (L.D. 2113)

Sponsored by Representative SYLVESTER of Portland.
Cosponsored by Senator MILLETT of Cumberland and Representatives: BABBIDGE of Kennebunk, DODGE of Belfast, DUNPHY of Old Town, HANDY of Lewiston, McCREA of Fort Fairfield, PLUECKER of Warren, RISEMAN of Harrison, TALBOT ROSS of Portland.

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** suggested and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed.

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Limit the Use of Hydrofluorocarbons To Fight Climate Change"

(H.P. 1505) (L.D. 2112)

Sponsored by Representative TUCKER of Brunswick.
(GOVERNOR'S BILL)

Cosponsored by Senator FOLEY of York and Representatives: BLUME of York, CAMPBELL of Orrington, Speaker GIDEON of Freeport, HUBBELL of Bar Harbor, KESCHL of Belgrade, MARTIN of Eagle Lake, MOONEN of Portland, Senator: VITELLI of Sagadahoc.

Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** suggested and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** and ordered printed.

Sent for concurrence.

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

ORDERS

On motion of Representative FARNSWORTH of Portland, the following House Order: (H.O. 44)

ORDERED, that Representative John Andrews of Paris be excused February 4 for health reasons, and February 6 and 18 for personal reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Mark John Blier of Buxton be excused February 4 for personal reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Richard M. Cebra of Naples be excused February 6 for personal reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Danny Edward Costain of Plymouth be excused February 4, 13 and 18 for health reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Matthea Elisabeth Larsen Daughtry of Brunswick be excused February 6 for personal reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative John DeVeau of Caribou be excused January 28 and 30 for health reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Josanne C. Dolloff of Rumford be excused February 6 for personal reasons and February 13 for health reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Richard R. Farnsworth of Portland be excused February 13 for health reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Ryan M. Fecteau of Biddeford be excused February 4 for personal reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Abigail W. Griffin of Levant be excused February 6 for health reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative David G. Haggan of Hampden be excused January 23 for personal reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Frances M. Head of Bethel be excused February 6 for health reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Norman E. Higgins of Dover-Foxcroft be excused February 6 and 13 for personal reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Theodore Joseph Kryzak, Jr. of Acton be excused February 13 for personal reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Peter A. Lyford of Eddington be excused February 13 for personal reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Genevieve McDonald of Stonington be excused February 6 for personal reasons and February 13 for health reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative H. Sawin Millett, Jr. of Waterford be excused February 11 for personal reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Victoria E. Morales of South Portland be excused January 21 and 23 for personal reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Catherine M. Nadeau of Winslow be excused January 14 for health reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Margaret M. O'Neil of Saco be excused January 23 and 30 for personal reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Anne C. Perry of Calais be excused February 11 and 13 for personal reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Richard A. Pickett of Dixfield be excused February 6 for personal reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Braden Sharpe of Durham be excused January 30 for health reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Joel R. Stetkis of Canaan be excused February 6 for health reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Michael A. Sylvester of Portland be excused February 4 for health reasons and February 18 for personal reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Nathan J. Wadsworth of Hiram be excused February 4 and 6 for health reasons, and February 11 and 13 for personal reasons.

READ and PASSED.

SPECIAL SENTIMENT CALENDAR

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

Recognizing:

Greg Sweetser, of Cumberland, who is retiring after 24 years of service as Executive Director of the Ski Maine Association, a nonprofit association representing the Maine ski industry whose mission is to increase the availability and enjoyment of Maine skiing and snowboarding for children, families and individuals. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

(SLS 859)

On **OBJECTION** of Representative MORIARTY of Cumberland, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

READ.

The **SPEAKER:** The Chair recognizes the Representative from Cumberland, Representative Moriarty.

Representative **MORIARTY:** Thank you, Madam Speaker, Women and Men of the House. I rise this morning to recognize my friend and former neighbor.

The **SPEAKER:** The Representative will defer. Just a reminder that the House is in order. It's difficult to hear the Representative who is speaking right now. The Representative may continue.

Representative **MORIARTY:** Thank you. I rise to recognize my friend and former neighbor in Cumberland, Greg Sweetser, in connection with the Sentiment that has been presented. He is not with us today in the House. He was here in the State House on Tuesday where he was recognized in the other body.

Now, locally, Greg is probably best known as an apple grower and the owner and operator of Sweetser's Orchards, a fifth-generation family farm in Cumberland. The farm is located just behind the ancestral home and the orchard produces 53 varieties of apples on its 1,000 trees. If you come to the Cumberland Fair in September of any year, be sure to stop by the family farmstead, known as the Apple Barrel, which is an extremely popular spot in the fall. However, on a broader and statewide basis, Greg is best recognized and known for an entirely different kind of activity. At the end of the current ski season, Greg will retire after over 24 years of service as the Executive Director of the Ski Maine Association, a nonprofit organization representing the Maine ski industry. The ski industry in Maine pumps over \$3,000,000 into the State economy annually, primarily in the rural and underdeveloped areas of the State. The Ski Maine Association fosters cooperation between the larger and smaller ski areas and represents 16 alpine areas as well as 21 Nordic ski centers. It also works closely with the Maine Office of Tourism to promote the industry. In his career, Greg co-founded Winter Kids, an

organization whose mission is to inspire kids to get outside during the winter for exercise and recreation.

Under Greg's leadership, Ski Maine has expanded its focus to include snowboarding and snowshoeing and has encouraged the increased use of trails on an all-season basis. This has helped economic growth and job opportunities in our rural mountain communities. The State is indebted to Greg for his years of dedication to winter activities and as he retires, he leaves behind a legacy we can all appreciate and admire.

Thank you, Madam Speaker.

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

Recognizing:

Meredith Messer, of Camden, Camden Hills Regional High School varsity girls soccer head coach, who has been named the National Girls Soccer Coach of the Year by the National Federation of State High School Associations. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

(HLS 844)

Presented by Representative DOUDERA of Camden.

Cosponsored by Senator MIRAMANT of Knox.

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

READ.

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

Representative **DOUDERA:** Thank you. Madam Speaker, Men and Women of the House, a few weeks ago you heard me speak about soccer star Kristina Kelly of Camden Hills Regional High School, who made history for Maine when she was named National Player of the Year. Today, I have the honor of introducing you to her coach, Meredith Messer, the National Federation of State High School Association's National Coach of the Year for girls' soccer.

Coach Messer teaches math at Camden Hills Regional High School and completed her 25th season coaching at Camden Hills this past fall, leading the Windjammers to an 18-0 record and it's fourth straight Class A Girls Soccer Championship.

Coach Messer has received many coaching awards, but this one, naming her National Coach of the Year, is huge for all of us here in Maine and I believe really speaks not just to her many wins but to her coaching philosophy. Coach Messer believes that athletics should provide young women the chance to challenge themselves, to be part of something bigger than themselves and to build confidence. She strives to create an environment where it's okay to fail as long as you're working hard, an environment where your contribution is valued and your obligation to your teammate comes before your obligation to yourself. Where your attitude and your work ethic brings you the reward of being successful with wins, just as it will in life, your job, family and other relationships. If her players leave her program with confidence in their abilities to work with others, a willingness to be challenged and never settle for less than their best and they know how to put a team or family first, then she's been successful.

I reached out to one young woman who played for Coach Messer a decade ago. She said when I think back to my time on the Camden Hills girls' varsity team, what stands out most is the community that Coach Messer was able to create. She provided us the opportunity to share our concerns, our successes and our goals. She has an incredible talent to bring

the team together and it shows on the field. That player is my daughter, Alexandra, and I know she joins me today, along with players from many years back as well as students who Meredith has mentored, chaperoned, or served as class advisor, in recognizing a remarkable woman and role model.

Congratulations to the Federation of State High School Association's 2018/2019 National Girls Soccer Coach of the Year, Meredith Messer.

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

In Memory of:

Robert Woodbury, of Freeport. Mr. Woodbury, a lifelong resident of Maine, served as a lieutenant in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. After the war, Mr. Woodbury returned to Maine, where he was a school teacher and principal and eventually superintendent of schools for the Madison School District. He was also an Adjutant for American Legion Post #35 for 11 years. In 1990, he moved to Gray, where he was superintendent of schools for 4 years before retiring. After retirement, he moved to his family's home in Freeport, where he lived until his passing. Mr. Woodbury will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family and friends and all those whose lives he touched;

(HLS 847)

Presented by Speaker GIDEON of Freeport.

Cosponsored by Senator CARSON of Cumberland.

On **OBJECTION** of Representative INGWERSEN of Arundel, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

READ.

The **SPEAKER:** The Chair recognizes the Representative from Arundel, Representative Ingwersen.

Representative **INGWERSEN:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, I rise today to speak a little bit in the memory of Robert Woodbury of Freeport.

Mr. Woodbury was a lifelong resident of Maine and served as a lieutenant in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. After the war, Mr. Woodbury returned to Maine, where he was a schoolteacher and principal and eventually superintendent of schools for the Madison school district. Robert was also an Adjutant for the American Legion Post 35 for 11 years. In 1990, he moved to Gray, where he was a superintendent of schools for four years before his retirement. After retirement, he moved to his family's home in Freeport, where he lived until his passing.

Mr. Woodbury will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family and friends and all of those whose lives he touched.

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

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The following matter, in the consideration of which the House was engaged at the time of adjournment, Tuesday, February 18, 2020, had preference in the Orders of the Day and continued with such preference until disposed of as provided by House Rule 502.

Expression of Legislative Sentiment Recognizing Cushnoc Brewing Company, of Augusta

(HLS 833)

TABLED - February 13, 2020 (Till Later Today) by Representative FECTEAU of Augusta.

PENDING - **PASSAGE.**

The **SPEAKER:** The Chair recognizes the Representative from Augusta, Representative Fecteau.

Representative **FECTEAU:** Thank you, Madam Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. When I addressed this body last week, I told you all about Augusta's recognition in *Downeast Magazine* and it being named one of the best places to live. These things don't happen by accident. They are made possible by vision, investment, blood, sweat, and tears, a dash of luck, and a whole lot of trust in the community to support new and interesting things. Well, today, we are graced with what could possibly be the greatest catalyst in Augusta's revitalization or, as I call it, our cultural renaissance. I am speaking about the entrepreneurs behind Cushnoc Brewing.

After main streets throughout our country finally lost trench warfare with big box chains, we have witnessed a conscious and brave effort to bring back local. For Augusta, it was Maine's greatest brewery and some of the best pizza the State has to offer. The folks at Cushnoc showed us all that if you build it, they will come. Not only has their business been a wild success that has grown faster than they could've ever imagined, they set off a brushfire of reinvestment all around the Kennebec River. We've witnessed a more engaged city council with a hotly contested election, the cleaning up of Commercial, Front and Water Streets, handfuls of new businesses coming downtown, cultural events that attract things like nationally-renowned bands, vendors from southern Maine, and thousands of residents for our Halloween event. It has been a complete 180 with public perception about the direction of Maine's capital city. Who knew it was going to be pizza and beer to bring Augusta back to its former glory? While Casey, Chris, Tobias, and James from Cushnoc are here today to accept the Sentiment for their exemplary business image and job creation, I'm here to thank them for so much more than that. Thank you.

The **SPEAKER:** The Chair recognizes the Representative from Augusta, Representative Doore.

Representative **DOORE:** Thank you, Madam Speaker and thank you, Representative Fecteau, that was very elegant.

I just remember the very first time that I realized that Cushnoc Brewing was open. I had been away on vacation, I come back, and I was coming down from Mount Vernon Avenue. It was a Saturday night. Both sides of our street, of Water Street, were full of cars and I was so excited I called Matt Pouliot and I said Matt, what's going on, and he explained to me about Cushnoc there, so he's so excited. But one thing that I don't believe the Representative from Augusta mentioned which is so dear to my heart is some of the folks associated with Cushnoc Brewing are very, very prominent in bringing back our Colonial Theater on the other end of Water Street. So, I just want to say thank you to those folks and thank you to all the new businesses that have come in to our wonderful little city of Augusta. Thank you.

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

**Refer to the Committee on State and Local Government
Pursuant to Statute**

Representative MARTIN for the **Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government** on Bill "An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the State Compensation Commission"

(H.P. 1508) (L.D. 2115)

Reporting that it be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 3, section 2-B, subsection 2.

Report was **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **REFERRED** to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT**.

Sent for concurrence.

**Refer to the Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs
Pursuant to Public Law**

Representative SCHNECK for the **Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs** on Bill "An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Secretary of State Regarding Automatic Voter Registration"

(H.P. 1507) (L.D. 2114)

Reporting that it be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** pursuant to Public Law 2019, chapter 409, section 7.

Report was **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **REFERRED** to the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS**.

Sent for concurrence.

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

Divided Report

Majority Report of the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-682)** on Bill "An Act To Ensure Comprehensive Interdepartmental Planning, Coordination and Collaboration on Aging Policy" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 1235) (L.D. 1733)

Signed:

Senators:

CLAXTON of Androscoggin
DESCHAMBAULT of York

Representatives:

MARTIN of Sinclair
BRYANT of Windham
EVANGELOS of Friendship
PEBWORTH of Blue Hill
RISEMAN of Harrison
TERRY of Gorham
TUELL of East Machias

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on same Bill.

Signed:

Senator:

DAVIS of Piscataquis

Representatives:

KINNEY of Knox
REED of Carmel

READ.

On motion of Representative MARTIN of Sinclair, the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report was **ACCEPTED**.

The Bill was **READ ONCE**. **Committee Amendment "A" (H-682)** was **READ** by the Clerk and **ADOPTED**.

Under suspension of the rules the Bill was given its **SECOND READING WITHOUT REFERENCE** to the Committee on **Bills in the Second Reading**.

Under further suspension of the rules the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-682)** and sent for concurrence.

CONSENT CALENDAR

First Day

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

(S.P. 708) (L.D. 2006) Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Waste Discharge Analysis by Laboratories Operated by Waste Discharge Facilities" Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** reporting **Ought to Pass**

(S.P. 102) (L.D. 362) Resolve, To Require the Department of Health and Human Services To Submit a State Plan Amendment To Exempt Retirement and Educational Assets from Calculations for Medicaid Eligibility Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-387)**

(S.P. 601) (L.D. 1777) Bill "An Act To Add Rivers, Streams and Brooks to the Department of Environmental Protection's Compensation Fee Program" Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-385)**

(S.P. 653) (L.D. 1901) Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Prohibiting the Use of Handheld Phones and Devices While Driving" (EMERGENCY) Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-386)**

(H.P. 1461) (L.D. 2057) Bill "An Act To Ensure an Efficient Contracting Process for the Department of Health and Human Services" Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** reporting **Ought to Pass**

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

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

ENACTORS

Emergency Measure

An Act To Correct the Maine Revised Unclaimed Property Act To Reflect Recent Changes

(H.P. 1335) (L.D. 1864)

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 and sent to the Senate.

Emergency Measure

An Act To Provide for the 2020 and 2021 Allocations of the State Ceiling on Private Activity Bonds

(S.P. 706) (L.D. 2004)

(C. "A" S-381)

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. 118 voted in favor of the same and 2 against, and accordingly the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Emergency Measure

An Act To Require That Parking Lots for State Agencies Meet the Standards Set Forth in the Federal Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990

(H.P. 1439) (L.D. 2018)

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. 118 voted in favor of the same and 0 against, and accordingly the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Acts

An Act To Make Allocations from Maine Turnpike Authority Funds for the Maine Turnpike Authority for the Calendar Year Ending December 31, 2021 and To Increase the Maine Turnpike Authority Revenue Bond Limit

(H.P. 1332) (L.D. 1861)

(C. "A" H-673)

An Act To Amend the Protection from Abuse Laws Concerning Consent Agreements

(H.P. 1336) (L.D. 1865)

(C. "A" H-674)

An Act To Provide Noncommercial Lobster and Crab Fishing Licenses and Scallop Licenses to Disabled Veterans at No Cost

(H.P. 1348) (L.D. 1882)

(C. "A" H-672)

An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Thermal Renewable Energy Credits

(S.P. 648) (L.D. 1896)

(C. "A" S-384)

An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Motor Vehicle Child Restraint Systems To Allow Certain Exceptions

(S.P. 652) (L.D. 1900)

(C. "A" S-382)

An Act To Allow the Assignment of State Vehicles to Field Personnel Directly Concerned with Maine National Guard Facilities and To Allow State Vehicles Assigned to Military Bureau Employees To Be Used for Commuting

(S.P. 699) (L.D. 1997)

(C. "A" S-380)

Reported by the Committee on **Engrossed Bills** as truly and strictly engrossed, **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The following matter, in the consideration of which the House was engaged at the time of adjournment, Tuesday, February 18, 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 Public Safety through Coordinated Reentry of Prisoners into the Community

(H.P. 1250) (L.D. 1756)

(C. "A" H-580)

TABLED - January 14, 2020 (Till Later Today) by Representative TALBOT ROSS of Portland.

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 **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** in **NON-CONCURRENCE** and sent for concurrence.

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

SENATE PAPERS

The following Joint Order: (S.P. 757)

ORDERED, the House concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourn, they do so until Tuesday, February 25, 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**.

On motion of Representative HEAD of Bethel, the House adjourned at 11:24 a.m., until 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, February 25, 2020, pursuant to the Joint Order (S.P. 757) and in honor and lasting tribute to the memory of Lorenzo E. Miller Jr. of Andover, Virginia Hastings Gamble of Bethel and Robert Woodbury of Freeport.