

ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION  
15th Legislative Day  
Tuesday, May 16, 2023

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

Prayer by Reverend Ted Kanellakis, Episcopal Diocese of Maine Committee on Indigenous Relations, Belfast.

National Anthem by Honorable John "Jack" E. Ducharme III, Madison.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Under suspension of the rules, members were allowed to remove their jackets.

The Journal of Thursday, May 11, 2023 was read and approved.

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 Thursday, May 11, 2023, 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 Shawn Vincent, of Auburn

(HLS 238)

TABLED - April 12, 2023 (Till Later Today) by Representative ARATA of New Gloucester.

**PENDING - PASSAGE.**

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Poland, Representative Boyer.

Representative **BOYER**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, I'm proud to honor our local middle school principal, Principal Shawn Vincent. He was named Maine Principal Association Principal of the Year. One eighth grader described him as unbelievable and he makes kids want to come to school. If that's not an endorsement, I'm not sure what is. We have a strong tight-knit community in Poland, Mechanic Falls and Minot, and we're very grateful for leaders like Principal Vincent and we're just very proud of him. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Waterville, Representative White.

Representative **WHITE**: Thank you, Madam Speaker, and Men and Women of the House. I am not surprised by this award. Shawn has always been passionate about education. I have known Shawn for many years, since my daughter is married to Shawn's brother, Seth. Shawn ran in the Boston Marathon a few years ago. Obviously, it takes a lot of hard work and determination to qualify for the Boston Marathon. He takes running seriously, but not as seriously as he takes his duties as an educator and as a principal. He leads by example and he is not afraid to pitch in and help where help is needed at school. Whether it is to clean up after an event or filling in for a teacher's duty. Congratulations to Shawn and his family. I know Shawn will continue to make his family and his school proud for years to come.

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

**SPECIAL SENTIMENT CALENDAR**

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

**Recognizing:**

Kristen Miale, of Kennebunk, President of Good Shepherd Food Bank, on the occasion of her stepping down from the position after 12 years of service. We extend our appreciation and best wishes;

(HLS 92)

Presented by Representative SALISBURY of Westbrook. Cosponsored by Senator RAFFERTY of York, Speaker TALBOT ROSS of Portland, Representative GERE of Kennebunkport, Representative SAYRE of Kennebunk.

On **OBJECTION** of Representative SALISBURY of Westbrook, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

**READ.**

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Westbrook, Representative Salisbury.

Representative **SALISBURY**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Kristen Miale is the President of the Good Shepherd Food Bank, a role she has had the honor to hold for the past 12 years. She has reoriented the food bank's work to prioritize access to healthy food for all, more than tripled the organization's food distribution and expanded community partnerships across the State. She and her team of over a hundred people work with a network of more than 600 community-based organizations to distribute 30 million meals a year, making Good Shepherd Food Bank Maine's largest hunger relief organization. Before Kristen became President of the food bank, she worked for over a decade in the private equity and business consulting fields. After volunteering for hunger relief organizations, she decided to make her passion for ending hunger her occupation. Kristen founded and ran Cooking Matters Maine, a cooking and nutrition education program created by the national Cooking Matters organization and implemented through the Good Shepherd Food Bank for low-income families.

Kristen received her undergraduate degree from Boston College and her Master's in Business Administration from Boston University, where she studied both entrepreneurship and nonprofit management. Currently, she serves on the board of Maine Philanthropy Center and the Board of Crown of Maine Organic Cooperative. When she isn't traveling the State from Aroostook to York, Kristen resides in Kennebunk with her husband Drew and two sons, Sam and Alex. I'm so thankful that she is here today so that we can honor her and especially as someone who runs a food pantry, I am especially thankful for the work that the Good Shepherd Food Bank does for people in Maine that are food insecure. So, I'm thankful she's here today.

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

**Recognizing:**

Joyce Rhoades, of Topsfield, on her retirement from East Range II School. Ms. Rhoades served the school as a bus driver and substitute teacher for 20 years and as a bus driver and school secretary for 5 years. She also served on the AOS 90 school board for many years. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

(HLS 342)

Presented by Representative QUINT of Hodgdon.  
Cosponsored by Senator MOORE of Washington.

On **OBJECTION** of Representative FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

**READ.**

On motion of the same Representative, **TABLED** pending **PASSAGE** and later today assigned.

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**In Memory of:**

Albert Edward Hodson III, of Fairfield. Mr. Hodson was a licensed engineer, water operator and wastewater treatment plant operator and a site evaluator for several New England States. He founded A.E. Hodson Engineers. He served on many boards, including those of Efficiency Maine, the State of Maine Tax Board, the Manufactured Housing Board and the Maine Water Utilities Association. He also served his community of Fairfield by participating with the Kennebec Water District, the Kennebec Sanitary Treatment District, the Solid Waste Committee and the Budget Committee. The Town of Fairfield dedicated its 2022 Town Report in his memory. Mr. Hodson will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family and friends and all those whose lives he touched;

(SLS 475)

On **OBJECTION** of Representative BRIDGEO of Augusta, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

**READ.**

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

Representative **BRIDGEO**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. At a very tender age, I moved to Calais, Maine, and became the City Manager there in 1979. Shortly thereafter, I met and worked with for a number of years, Al Hodson, who was the consulting engineer handling the city's water and wastewater utilities for us. He was a wonderful guy. I had not seen him of late. I was saddened to learn of his passing and I would like to read just briefly from what was in the Fairfield Town Report last year when they dedicated it to him.

It says; he was the epitome of hard work and dedication to Fairfield and communities around the State. Al cherished his family and especially enjoyed sailing the Maine coastline on the, quote, SeaJab, close-quote. A book of knowledge, he quietly left his mark on many and will be long-remembered. He was predeceased by his wife of 49 years, Jill Hodson, in 2019, who likewise served the Town of Fairfield as dedicated election clerk. It was fitting their Celebration of Life was held together in May of 2022.

Al's dedication, engineering discernment, steadfast willingness to volunteer his service over the span of decades, his voice of reason and subtle sense of humor will be missed. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Subsequently, this Expression of Legislative Sentiment was **ADOPTED** in concurrence.

**In Memory of:**

Michelle "Mickey" Worth, of Ellsworth. Mrs. Worth worked as a social worker employed by Community Health and Counseling Services from 1991 to 2016. She was active in the Unitarian Universalist Church of Ellsworth and A.A. Mrs. Worth will be long remembered and sadly missed by her husband of 45 years, the Honorable J. Mark Worth, her family and friends and all those whose lives she touched;

(SLS 478)

On **OBJECTION** of Representative WORTH of Ellsworth, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

**READ.**

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Ellsworth, Representative Worth.

Representative **WORTH**: Madam Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, thank you. I cannot speak adequately to Mickey's life and so, I will simply say that she made me a better person and, Madam Speaker, I wish to have you express my thanks to yourself for your support through these difficult times for me. I would like the House to know of one particular incident when you called us when we were in the emergency room to check and see how we were doing and how grateful I am. I would like to express my thanks to the Democratic Leadership and also to the Republican Leadership and to my colleagues on both sides of the aisle for their expressions of support and sympathy. Thank you.

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Blue Hill, Representative Milliken.

Representative **MILLIKEN**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I understand that Mr. Worth laid his beautiful wife, Mickey, to rest this weekend at a funeral service. I wasn't able to attend but I did want to stand up and just say that in my experiences with grief, some of the hardest times come after the ceremony of services, celebration of life, so, I just wanted to send my friend, Representative Worth, heartfelt condolences again and let him know that you have ongoing support here in the House of Representatives and to take good care of yourself and be patient with yourself as you navigate your grief. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Subsequently, this Expression of Legislative Sentiment was **ADOPTED** in concurrence.

**In Memory of:**

the Honorable Arlan Jodrey, of Bethel. Mr. Jodrey was a veteran of the United States Army Reserve. Employed by the Portland Pipeline from 1953 until his retirement, he served as a Selectman for the Town of Bethel for 19 years, was a member of the town's Budget Committee and Planning Board, worked as an assessor and served as a volunteer firefighter for Bethel for over 30 years. He was a member of the Bethel Historical Society and a member of the Bethel Airport Authority, for which he received an award in 2022 for 30 years of service. He served on the Advisory Committee, and then the Executive Committee, of the Maine Municipal Association from 1988 to 1991. For many years, he was on the Androscoggin Valley Council of Governments Transportation Committee. In 1990, he was awarded the Henry Hastings Citizenship Award. He served many years with the Oxford County Soil and Water Conservation District. He served 4 terms in the Maine Legislature, from 1998 to 2006. He was President and then Vice President of the Riverside Cemetery Association from 2008 until 2019, and he was a part of the Veteran's Honor Roll Park committee from 2011 to 2022. He and his wife, Ellie, who were tree farmers, were recognized as Maine Tree Farmers of the Year in 2002 and received a Northeast Regional Tree Farmer Award. He also was a Director and Trustee of the Eastern States Exposition in West Springfield, Massachusetts. Mr. Jodrey will be long remembered and sadly missed by his wife of 61 years, Ellie, his family and friends and all those whose lives he touched;

(HLS 340)

Presented by Representative HENDERSON of Rumford.  
Cosponsored by Senator KEIM of Oxford, Representative JACKSON of Oxford.

On **OBJECTION** of Representative HENDERSON of Rumford, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.  
**READ.**

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Rumford, Representative Henderson.

Representative **HENDERSON**: Thank you, Madam Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. The Honorable Arlan Jodrey passed away surrounded by his family on April 26th. He attended Bethel schools and graduated from Gould Academy in 1954. He joined the Army Reserve in 1958 and served until 1964 and was also employed by Portland Pipeline from 1953 until his retirement. Arlan was a Selectman for the Town of Bethel for 19 years, a member of the Budget Committee, Planning Board, as well as an Assessor. He was also on the Executive Committee of the Maine Municipal Association. I'm proud to be holding his seat in which Representative Jodrey served for four terms in the House of Representatives from 1998 until 2006, and he was very proud to be a part of the Transportation Committee. His favorite pastime was working in the forest on his tree farms. This included growing more than a thousand Christmas trees to help supplement his grandchildren's college education. He and his wife, Ellie, were awarded Maine Tree Farmers of the Year and received a Northeast Regional Tree Farmer Award for 12 states in 2002. Arlan Jodrey will be remembered for his legislative service but more importantly, he will be remembered by all of those friends and family members whose lives he deeply touched. Thank you.

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

Representative **MILLETT**: Thank you, Madam Speaker, and ladies and gentlemen. I would just echo the words of the Representative from Bethel, Representative Henderson. She's spoken eloquently to Arlan's many years of public service and

all of the accomplishments that he and his family have done. I would just like to speak briefly for those of us here in the Chamber who had the honor of serving with Arlan during those four terms from the 119th to the 122nd. If my memory is correct and the Register is up to date, I think there were three Democrats and three Republicans, including myself, who served with Arlan. He was in every respect not only a solid Representative but a true gentleman. You could not have asked for a nicer person. He served mostly on the Transportation Committee but his word was his bond. He was an outstanding public servant, as Rachel has indicated, and he and his wife, Ellie, lived together for 60-plus years. Their family and I were separated only about two miles from my current district boundaries and I consider him a lifelong friend, a true gentleman and an honored public servant. Rest in peace.

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

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**COMMUNICATIONS**

The Following Communication: (H.C. 170)

**SENATE OF MAINE  
131ST LEGISLATURE  
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT**

May 10, 2023  
Honorable Robert Hunt  
House Clerk  
2 SHS  
Augusta, ME 04333  
Clerk Hunt:

Pursuant to my authority under Public Law, Chapter 163, I am pleased to appoint Katie Bernhardt to the Maine Library of Geographic Information Board seat 10, representing the real estate and development interests, effective the date of this letter.

Please let me know if you have questions about this appointment.

Sincerely,  
S/Troy Jackson  
President of the Senate

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

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The Following Communication: (H.C. 173)

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

May 15, 2023  
Honorable Robert B. Hunt  
Clerk of the House  
2 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Clerk Hunt,

Pursuant to my authority under Title 38, Chapter 3, Subchapter 2-B, §568-B, 1, of the Maine Revised Statutes, I have reappointed Captain Prentice Strong, III of Southwest Harbor to the Clean-up and Response Fund Review Board, effective immediately.

Please contact my office if you have any questions regarding this reappointment.

Sincerely,  
S/Rachel Talbot Ross  
Speaker of the House

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

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The Following Communication: (H.C. 169)

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

May 16, 2023

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 May 11, 2023

Lance Boucher of Manchester for reappointment to the Midcoast Regional Redevelopment Authority.

Pursuant to Title 5, MRSA §13083-I, this reappointment is contingent on the Maine State Senate's confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business.

Linda J. Conti, Esquire of Augusta for appointment as Superintendent, Bureau of Consumer Credit.

Pursuant to 9-A MRSA §6-103, this appointment is contingent on the Maine State Senate's confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services.

Roger G. Grant of Ellsworth and John Neptune of Indian Island for appointment to the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Advisory Council.

Pursuant to Title 11, MRSA §10151, these appointments are contingent on the Maine State Senate's confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.

Sincerely,

S/Rachel Talbot Ross

Speaker of the House

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

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The Following Communication: (H.C. 171)

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

May 16, 2023

Honorable Rachel Talbot Ross

Speaker of the House

2 State House Station

Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Speaker Talbot Ross:

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

Education and Cultural Affairs

L.D. 241 An Act to Reform Education

L.D. 310 An Act to Increase the Workforce in the State

L.D. 338 An Act to Allow Education Funding to Follow the Student

Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business

L.D. 786 Resolve, Directing the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation to Study Financial Incentives for Plumbing and Electrical Contractor Services

L.D. 1157 An Act to Stabilize Licensing Fees

Judiciary

L.D. 1649 An Act to Support Local Governments in Responding to Freedom of Access Act Requests

State and Local Government

L.D. 863 An Act to Require an Analysis Prior to the Start of State-funded Building Construction over \$1,000,000

L.D. 1239 An Act to Make General Election Day a State Holiday and to Allow Certain Employees an Opportunity to Vote

L.D. 1275 An Act to Clarify the Powers of the Government Oversight Committee and Enable Committee Access to Department of Health and Human Services Documents Related to Investigations of Child Deaths

L.D. 1348 An Act to Modernize Executive Branch and Legislative Branch Compensation

L.D. 1553 An Act to Mitigate So-called Forever Chemicals in Decommissioned Schools by Establishing a Fund for Mitigation Projects

L.D. 1669 An Act to Require That Copies of Deeds and Survey Plans Be Provided to Municipal Assessors

Transportation

L.D. 1122 Resolve, to Rename Bridges in the Town of Cornish

L.D. 1587 An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicle Inspection Law to Exempt Certain Motor Vehicles Less than 3 Years Old

L.D. 1634 An Act to Grant Municipalities the Authority to Set Certain Lower Motor Vehicle Speed Limits Without a Department of Transportation Speed Study

L.D. 1694 An Act to Improve the Rest Stop Facilities Located on Interstate 95 in Medway

Sincerely,

S/Robert B. Hunt

Clerk of the House

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

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The Following Communication: (H.C. 172)

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

May 16, 2023

Honorable Rachel Talbot Ross

Speaker of the House

2 State House Station

Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Speaker Talbot Ross:

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, the Committee on Judiciary has approved the request by the sponsor, Senator Bailey of York, to report the following "Leave to Withdraw:"

L.D. 1913 An Act to Support Emerging Adults Involved in the Criminal Justice System

Sincerely,

S/Robert B. Hunt

Clerk of the House

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

The following item was 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 Thursday, May 11, 2023, 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 in Memory of Joann Grohman, of Carthage.

(HLS 264)

TABLED - May 3, 2023 (Till Later Today) by Representative HALL of Wilton.

**PENDING - ADOPTION.**

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Wilton, Representative Hall.

Representative **HALL**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Carthage is a very small town. It's in my district. I didn't know Ms. Grohman myself personally but I do know where her family farm was and I'm glad to see today that there is a book that she wrote on everyone's desk for a copy of them to read; *Keeping a Family Cow*. Personally, like I said, I didn't know her but I'm sure that we had an awful lot in common and I'm going to defer to let anyone else speak, if they'd like to.

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

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**PETITIONS, BILLS AND RESOLVES REQUIRING REFERENCE**

Bill "An Act to Amend the Maine Food Sovereignty Act"

(H.P. 1251) (L.D. 1947)

Sponsored by Representative FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor.

Cosponsored by Senator HICKMAN of Kennebec and Representatives: BOYER of Poland, GRIFFIN of Levant, LANDRY of Farmington, POIRIER of Skowhegan, QUINT of Hodgdon, SAMPSON of Alfred, WILLIAMS of Bar Harbor, Senator: BRAKEY of Androscoggin.

Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** suggested and ordered printed.

**REFERRED** to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** and ordered printed.

Sent for concurrence.

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Bill "An Act to Establish an Affirmative Defense to the Crime of Criminal Trespass and Aggravated Criminal Trespass That the Person Was Unhoused and Seeking Shelter"

(H.P. 1253) (L.D. 1949)

Sponsored by Speaker TALBOT ROSS of Portland.

Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** suggested and ordered printed.

**REFERRED** to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** and ordered printed.

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Require Broadband Internet Access Service Providers to Prorate Customer Bills"

(H.P. 1240) (L.D. 1932)

Sponsored by Representative FAY of Raymond.

Cosponsored by Senator GROHOSKI of Hancock and Representatives: BAGSHAW of Windham, BOYER of Poland, BOYLE of Gorham, CARLOW of Buxton, CLOUTIER of Lewiston, WORTH of Ellsworth, Senators: BENNETT of Oxford, DUSON of Cumberland.

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

Bill "An Act to Increase the Debt Limit of the Limerick Water District" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 1241) (L.D. 1933)

Sponsored by Representative WOODSOME of Waterboro.

Cosponsored by Senator: LIBBY of Cumberland.

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

Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** suggested and ordered printed.

**REFERRED** to the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** and ordered printed.

Sent for concurrence.

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Bill "An Act to Allow Certified Nurse Practitioners to Provide In-home Care Without a Home Health Care Provider License"

(H.P. 1244) (L.D. 1936)

Sponsored by Representative GRAHAM of North Yarmouth.

Cosponsored by Representatives: EATON of Deer Isle, FREDERICKS of Sanford, JAVNER of Chester, MEYER of Eliot. Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** suggested and ordered printed.

**REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** and ordered printed.

Sent for concurrence.

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Bill "An Act to Foster Stable and Affordable Home Ownership in Mobile Home Parks by Amending the Laws Relating to the Sale of Mobile Home Parks"

(H.P. 1239) (L.D. 1931)

Sponsored by Representative GERE of Kennebunkport.

Cosponsored by Representatives: ABDI of Lewiston, ANKELES of Brunswick, DILL of Old Town, DOUDERA of Camden, KESSLER of South Portland, OSHER of Orono, RIELLY of Westbrook, SUPICA of Bangor.

Committee on **JUDICIARY** suggested.

On motion of Speaker TALBOT ROSS of Portland, the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Joint Select Committee on **HOUSING**, ordered printed and sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Promote Workforce Development by Establishing a Workforce Development Program" (H.P. 1243) (L.D. 1935)

Sponsored by Representative BRENNAN of Portland.  
Cosponsored by Senator PIERCE of Cumberland and Representatives: CLOUTIER of Lewiston, DODGE of Belfast, GATTINE of Westbrook, MALON of Biddeford, PERRY of Calais, ROEDER of Bangor, SALISBURY of Westbrook, SKOLD of Portland.

Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** suggested and ordered printed.

**REFERRED** to the Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** and ordered printed.

Sent for concurrence.

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Resolve, to Improve the Coordination and Delivery of Planning Grants and Technical Assistance to Communities in Maine

(H.P. 1242) (L.D. 1934)

Sponsored by Representative SACHS of Freeport.  
Cosponsored by Senator DUSON of Cumberland and Representatives: CLOUTIER of Lewiston, COPELAND of Saco, GERE of Kennebunkport, GOLEK of Harpswell, MALON of Biddeford, MATLACK of St. George, RANA of Bangor, SARGENT of York.

Bill "An Act to Amend the State's Data Governance Program Regarding Proprietary Data"

(H.P. 1252) (L.D. 1948)

Sponsored by Speaker TALBOT ROSS of Portland.

Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** suggested and ordered printed.

**REFERRED** to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** and ordered printed.

Sent for concurrence.

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Bill "An Act to Provide a Property Tax Exemption to All Veterans Who Are 62 Years of Age or Older and Increase the Current Exemption"

(H.P. 1249) (L.D. 1945)

Sponsored by Representative COLLINGS of Portland.

Bill "An Act to Amend the Income Tax Law to Expand the Middle Tax Bracket, Increase the Lodging Tax and Increase the Short-term Automobile Rental Tax"

(H.P. 1250) (L.D. 1946)

Sponsored by Representative MOONEN of Portland.

Committee on **TAXATION** suggested and ordered printed.

**REFERRED** to the Committee on **TAXATION** and ordered printed.

Sent for concurrence.

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Bill "An Act to Require a Reminder for Vehicle Registration Renewal"

(H.P. 1246) (L.D. 1938)

Sponsored by Representative SOBOLESKI of Phillips.  
Cosponsored by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin and Representatives: CAMPBELL of Orrington, LANDRY of Farmington, LEMELIN of Chelsea.

Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** suggested and ordered printed.

**REFERRED** to the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** and ordered printed.

Sent for concurrence.

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Bill "An Act to Remove the Confidentiality of the Transportation of Hazardous Materials by Railroad Companies" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 1245) (L.D. 1937)

Sponsored by Speaker TALBOT ROSS of Portland.

Cosponsored by Senator BENNETT of Oxford and Representatives: HASENFUS of Readfield, MOONEN of Portland, Senator: GUERIN of Penobscot.

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

Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** suggested.

On motion of Representative WILLIAMS of Bar Harbor, the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY**, ordered printed and sent for concurrence.

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Bill "An Act Regarding Tribal Gaming"

(H.P. 1248) (L.D. 1944)

Sponsored by Representative COLLINGS of Portland.

Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** suggested and ordered printed.

**REFERRED** to the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed.

Sent for concurrence.

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

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Establish a Parental Bill of Rights

(H.P. 1255) (L.D. 1953)

Sponsored by Representative POIRIER of Skowhegan.  
Cosponsored by Senator GUERIN of Penobscot and Representatives: DUCHARME of Madison, FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor, GREENWOOD of Wales, HENDERSON of Rumford, NESS of Fryeburg, PARRY of Arundel, SAMPSON of Alfred, WHITE of Guilford.

Committee on **JUDICIARY** suggested and ordered printed.

**REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** and ordered printed.

Sent for concurrence.

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Bill "An Act to Allow On-site Cannabis Consumption"

(H.P. 1254) (L.D. 1952)

Sponsored by Representative BOYER of Poland.

Cosponsored by Representatives: BLIER of Buxton, FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor, FREDERICKS of Sanford, MILLIKEN of Blue Hill, SUPICA of Bangor, THERIAULT of Fort Kent, WILLIAMS of Bar Harbor, WOOD of Greene.

Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** suggested and ordered printed.

**REFERRED** to the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed.

Sent for concurrence.

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

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**ORDERS**

On motion of Representative MORIARTY of Cumberland, the following Joint Resolution: (H.P. 1247) (Cosponsored by Senator PIERCE of Cumberland)

**JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE CUMBERLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY ON THE GRAND OPENING OF ITS RESTORED HEADQUARTERS**

WHEREAS, the Cumberland Historical Society has restored its headquarters building; and

WHEREAS, constructed as a brick schoolhouse in 1853, the building served as an elementary school for nearly 100 years before it became the town hall and police station; and

WHEREAS, the Cumberland Historical Society took occupancy of the building in 1989 and the building was moved to the library grounds in 2020, where it underwent a total renovation; and

WHEREAS, the headquarters now provides a beautiful space for welcoming visitors and displaying the Town of Cumberland's rich history; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Thirty-first Legislature now assembled in the First Special Session, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to congratulate the Cumberland Historical Society on the grand opening of its restored headquarters.

**READ.**

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

Representative MORIARTY: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I did not intend to speak. I think the Resolution states the case fairly well and this will be presented by myself locally next month. Thank you.

Subsequently, the Joint Resolution was **ADOPTED** and sent for concurrence.

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEE**

**Change of Committee**

Representative STOVER from the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** on Bill "An Act to Provide Financial Relief for Certain Volunteers Under the Corporation for National and Community Service, the Maine Service Fellows and the Maine Climate Corps"

(H.P. 1018) (L.D. 1573)

Reporting that it be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TAXATION.**

Report was **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TAXATION.**

Sent for concurrence.

**Divided Reports**

Majority Report of the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-76)** on Bill "An Act to Fund Consultation Services to Ensure Affordable Health Care for Maine Residents"

(S.P. 446) (L.D. 1077)

Signed:

Senator:

BAILEY of York

Representatives:

- PERRY of Calais
- ARFORD of Brunswick
- CLUCHEY of Bowdoinham
- CYRWAY of Albion
- MASTRACCIO of Sanford
- MATHIESON of Kittery
- MORRIS of Turner
- NUTTING of Oakland
- PRINGLE of Windham
- SWALLOW of Houlton

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

Signed:

Senator:

BRAKEY of Androscoggin

Came from the Senate with the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-76).**

**READ.**

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

The Bill was **READ ONCE. Committee Amendment "A" (S-76)** 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" (S-76)** in concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-74)** on Bill "An Act to Place Restrictions on Candidate Speech and Clothing, Buttons and Other Items at Voting Places"

(S.P. 376) (L.D. 879)

Signed:

Senators:

- HICKMAN of Kennebec
- BRENNER of Cumberland
- TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin

Representatives:

- SUPICA of Bangor
- COLLINGS of Portland
- MALON of Biddeford
- MONTELL of Gardiner
- RIELLY of Westbrook
- RISEMAN of Harrison

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "B" (S-75)** on same Bill.

Signed:

Representatives:

- ANDREWS of Paris
- BOYER of Poland
- HYMES of Waldo
- RUDNICKI of Fairfield

Came from the Senate with the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-74).**

**READ.**

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

The Bill was **READ ONCE**. **Committee Amendment "A" (S-74)** 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" (S-74)** in concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-124)** on Bill "An Act to Reclassify Certain Offenses Under the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Laws and Increase the Efficiency of the Criminal Justice System"

(H.P. 261) (L.D. 428)

Signed:

Senators:

BEEBE-CENTER of Knox  
HARRINGTON of York  
LaFOUNTAIN of Kennebec

Representatives:

SALISBURY of Westbrook  
ARDELL of Monticello  
HASENFUS of Readfield  
LAJOIE of Lewiston  
NEWMAN of Belgrade  
NUTTING of Oakland  
PERKINS of Dover-Foxcroft

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "B" (H-125)** on same Bill.

Signed:

Representatives:

LOOKNER of Portland  
MATHIESON of Kittery  
MILLIKEN of Blue Hill

**READ.**

Representative SALISBURY of Westbrook moved that the House **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report.

Representative MATHIESON of Kittery **REQUESTED** a roll call on the motion to **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report.

More than one-fifth of the members present expressed a desire for a roll call which was ordered.

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Kittery, Representative Mathieson.

Representative **MATHIESON**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I understand the need to reform the criminal justice system and agree with the overall thrust of LD 428. I support decriminalization in most instances but not when the crimes involve bears. Bears have a very special place in the hearts of Mainers. The statewide referendum to ban hunting bears using bait traps and dogs almost passed in 2014, with close to 300,000 Mainers voting against bear baiting, trapping and hunting with dogs. This type of hunting lacks the element of fair chase and is cruel. The Majority Report as proposed applies merely a fine to the violations of Maine's unpopular bear hunting laws. The Minority Report simply removes from the bill the provisions

lowering the penalty for violating laws relating to bear hunting, bear trapping and interfering with other persons' bear bait site during the open season for hunting bears. For this reason, I will not be supporting the Ought to Pass motion. Thank you.

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Albion, Representative Cyrway.

Representative **CYRWAY**: Thank you, Madam Speaker, and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I was on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife during the bear baiting issue and I will say that our population of bears went from 24,000 up to 36,000 and it's been increasing and it's because we don't have the hunting that we used to have, they're very elusive and so, they use these means of what's been traditional. This law being taken to a civil violation, I believe the wardens and Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, I spoke to the Commissioner today and he thought that this was a fair assessment of what they came up with. So, I just wanted to let you know that. Thank you.

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Monticello, Representative Ardell.

Representative **ARDELL**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. This bill had merit and was able to reclassify several IF&W crimes that are currently misdemeanor crimes and bring them down to civil violations. The Criminal Justice and Public Safety Committee was able to, in a bipartisan way, determine which of these offenses were merely regulations and which were actual crimes, such as crimes that met the definition of fraud and involved knowing and criminal intent. This bill represents a modification of some minor offenses to better serve Mainers and was an excellent example of bipartisan committee work. I ask you; and I ask this Body to follow the Majority Ought to Pass Report and I thank you for your time.

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Warren, Representative Pluecker.

Representative **PLUECKER**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I am the sponsor of this bill. I want to be clear that we maintain the illegality of leaving your bait too close to a trail, of the bait staying out closer within 30 days of the hunting season; those things are still illegal, they are just no longer Class E crimes. The offender still needs to go to court, the offender will still face punishment, but what we are doing here is we are freeing up space in the courts for crimes that may be of greater significance than leaving your bait too close to the trail. Thank you.

The **SPEAKER**: A roll call has been ordered. The pending question before the House is Acceptance of the Majority Ought to Pass as Amended Report. All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

**ROLL CALL NO. 73**

YEA - Abdi, Adams, Albert, Andrews, Ankeles, Arata, Ardell, Babin, Bagshaw, Bell, Blier, Boyer, Bradstreet, Bridgeo, Campbell, Carlow, Carmichael, Cloutier, Cluchey, Collamore, Copeland, Costain, Crafts, Cray, Crockett, Cyrway, Davis, Dhalac, Dill, Drinkwater, Ducharme, Dunphy, Faulkingham, Fay, Foster, Fredericks, Gattine, Gere, Gifford, Golek, Graham, Greenwood, Griffin, Guerrette, Haggan, Hall, Hasenfus, Henderson, Hepler, Hymes, Jackson, Jauch, Javner, Kuhn, Landry, Lanigan, LaRochelle, Lee, Lemelin, Libby, Lyman, Madigan, Malon, Mason, Mastraccio, Matlack, Meyer, Millett H, Milliken, Montell, Moonen, Morris, Murphy, Ness, Newman, Nutting, O'Connell, Parry, Paul, Paulhus, Perkins, Perry A, Perry J, Pluecker, Poirier, Polewarczyk, Pomerleau, Pringle, Quint, Reckitt, Rielly, Riseman, Roeder, Rudnicki, Sachs, Salisbury, Sampson, Sayre, Schmersal-Burgess, Shagoury, Shaw, Sheehan, Smith, Soboleski, Stover, Strout, Supica, Swallow, Terry, Theriault, Thorne, Underwood, Walker, Warren,



White B, White J, Williams, Wood, Woodsome, Zager, Madam Speaker.

NAY - Arford, Brennan, Collings, Craven, Dodge, Doudera, Eaton, Geiger, Gramlich, Lookner, Mathieson, Millett R, Moriarty, O'Neil, Osher, Rana, Runte, Sargent, Skold, Worth.

ABSENT - Boyle, Galletta, Hobbs, Kessler, Lajoie, Lavigne, Roberts, Russell, Zeigler.

Yes, 121; No, 20; Absent, 9; Vacant, 1; Excused, 0.

121 having voted in the affirmative and 20 voted in the negative, 1 vacancy with 9 being absent, and accordingly the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report was **ACCEPTED**.

The Bill was **READ ONCE**. **Committee Amendment "A" (H-124)** 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-124)** and sent for concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** reporting **Refer to the Committee on Health and Human Services** on Bill "An Act to Support Public Health by Protecting Certain Activities Conducted Under Comprehensive Community Drug Checking Initiatives"

(H.P. 1124) (L.D. 1745)

Signed:

Senators:

BEEBE-CENTER of Knox  
LaFOUNTAIN of Kennebec

Representatives:

SALISBURY of Westbrook  
HASENFUS of Readfield  
NEWMAN of Belgrade  
NUTTING of Oakland  
PERKINS of Dover-Foxcroft

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

Signed:

Representative:

ARDELL of Monticello

**READ.**

On motion of Representative SALISBURY of Westbrook, **TABLED** pending **ACCEPTANCE** of either Report and later today assigned.

Majority Report of the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on Bill "An Act Regarding Renewable Energy Projects"

(H.P. 275) (L.D. 442)

Signed:

Senators:

LAWRENCE of York  
GROHOSKI of Hancock

Representatives:

ZEIGLER of Montville  
BABIN of Fort Fairfield  
BOYLE of Gorham  
GEIGER of Rockland  
KESSLER of South Portland  
RUNTE of York  
WARREN of Scarborough

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-123)** on same Bill.

Signed:

Representatives:

DUNPHY of Embden  
FOSTER of Dexter  
PAUL of Winterport

**READ.**

On motion of Representative TERRY of Gorham, **TABLED** pending **ACCEPTANCE** of either Report and later today assigned.

Majority Report of the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on Bill "An Act Requiring the Installation of Electric Vehicle Charging Stations in New Commercial and Multifamily Parking Lot Construction"

(H.P. 329) (L.D. 524)

Signed:

Senators:

GROHOSKI of Hancock  
HARRINGTON of York

Representatives:

BABIN of Fort Fairfield  
DUNPHY of Embden  
FOSTER of Dexter  
PAUL of Winterport  
WARREN of Scarborough

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-122)** on same Bill.

Signed:

Senator:

LAWRENCE of York

Representatives:

ZEIGLER of Montville  
BOYLE of Gorham  
KESSLER of South Portland  
RUNTE of York

**READ.**

On motion of Representative TERRY of Gorham, **TABLED** pending **ACCEPTANCE** of either Report and later today assigned.

Majority Report of the Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** reporting **Ought to Pass** on Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 119: Motor Vehicle Fuel Volatility Requirements, a Late-filed Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Environmental Protection (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 1064) (L.D. 1652)

Signed:

Senators:

BRENNER of Cumberland  
CARNEY of Cumberland

Representatives:

GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach  
BELL of Yarmouth  
BRIDGEO of Augusta  
CAMPBELL of Orrington  
DOUDERA of Camden  
HOBBS of Wells  
O'NEIL of Saco  
SCHMERSAL-BURGESS of Mexico  
WOODSOME of Waterboro

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

Signed:

Senator:

LYFORD of Penobscot

Representative:

SOBOLESKI of Phillips

**READ.**

On motion of Representative GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach, the Majority **Ought to Pass** Report was **ACCEPTED**.

The Resolve was **READ ONCE**.

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

Under further suspension of the rules the Resolve was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED** and sent for concurrence.

Under further suspension of the rules the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-129)** and sent for concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-127)** on Bill "An Act Concerning Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Data Collection in Health Care Facilities"

(H.P. 603) (L.D. 956)

Signed:

Senators:

BALDACCI of Penobscot  
INGWERSEN of York  
MOORE of Washington

Representatives:

MEYER of Eliot  
CRAVEN of Lewiston  
GRAHAM of North Yarmouth  
MADIGAN of Waterville  
SHAGOURY of Hallowell  
ZAGER of Portland

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

Signed:

Representatives:

FREDERICKS of Sanford  
GRIFFIN of Levant  
JAVNER of Chester

**READ.**

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

The Bill was **READ ONCE**. **Committee Amendment "A" (H-127)** 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-127)** and sent for concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-129)** on Bill "An Act to Provide Natural Organic Reduction Facilities for Maine Residents for the Conversion of Human Remains to Soil"

(H.P. 341) (L.D. 536)

Signed:

Senators:

BALDACCI of Penobscot  
INGWERSEN of York

Representatives:

MEYER of Eliot  
CRAVEN of Lewiston  
GRAHAM of North Yarmouth  
MADIGAN of Waterville  
SHAGOURY of Hallowell  
ZAGER of Portland

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

Signed:

Senator:

MOORE of Washington

Representatives:

FREDERICKS of Sanford  
GRIFFIN of Levant  
JAVNER of Chester  
LEMELIN of Chelsea

**READ.**

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

The Bill was **READ ONCE**. **Committee Amendment "A" (H-129)** 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**.

Majority Report of the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on Bill "An Act to Allow All Corporations to Self-insure Motor Vehicles"

(H.P. 511) (L.D. 822)

Signed:

Senators:

BAILEY of York  
BRAKEY of Androscoggin  
RENY of Lincoln

Representatives:

PERRY of Calais  
ARFORD of Brunswick  
CLUCHEY of Bowdoinham  
CYRWAY of Albion  
MASTRACCIO of Sanford  
MATHIESON of Kittery  
MORRIS of Turner  
PRINGLE of Windham  
SWALLOW of Houlton

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought to Pass** on same Bill.

Signed:

Representative:  
NUTTING of Oakland

**READ.**

On motion of Representative PERRY of Calais, the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report was **ACCEPTED** and sent for concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on Bill "An Act to Increase Transparency of and Lower Health Care Costs"

(H.P. 680) (L.D. 1085)

Signed:

Senators:

BAILEY of York  
RENY of Lincoln

Representatives:

PERRY of Calais  
ARFORD of Brunswick  
CLUCHEY of Bowdoinham  
MASTRACCIO of Sanford  
MATHIESON of Kittery  
PRINGLE of Windham

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought to Pass** on same Bill.

Signed:

Senator:

BRAKEY of Androscoggin

Representatives:

CYRWAY of Albion  
MORRIS of Turner  
NUTTING of Oakland  
SWALLOW of Houlton

**READ.**

Representative PERRY of Calais moved that the House **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report.

Representative MORRIS of Turner **REQUESTED** a roll call on the motion to **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report.

More than one-fifth of the members present expressed a desire for a roll call which was ordered.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Turner, Representative Morris.

Representative **MORRIS**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise in opposition to the pending motion. This bill is about consumer protection, this bill is about transparency and this bill is about lowering cost to consumers. Right to Shop was enacted in 2017. It had a sunset that is due to expire at the end of this year. This bill would extend that sunset. It also would extend the Right to Shop to other procedures such as surgical procedures. This is important. There's a number of differences between surgical procedures and this would allow people to be able to shop outside of their health insurance plan and outside of their network and shop for cheaper services. This would save them money, it would save the insurance companies money, and it would save the system money as well. It also extends the Right to Shop to HMOs, which were exempted in the original law. The overwhelming majority of people in Maine have HMO plans. This would extend the Right to Shop to them and, most

importantly, what this bill will do is it requires more of a rebate go back to the consumer than what is currently being done. All the current law says is that consumers that they have to rebate a portion of the savings. This would mandate that those savings would have to be at least 25% of what they are saving the insurance company.

This bill is really about helping people be more aware of what health care costs are. I think we have seen over the last few years people become disconnected and not fully understanding the reason for their health care costs. This allows them the opportunity to understand those costs. This bill was opposed by, of course, the insurance companies as well as the health care providers. This is about putting ourselves on the right side with consumers, that's why I introduced this bill. I would encourage this Body to reject this motion. I think it's important that we do what we can to increase transparency and lower health care costs and that's exactly what we are attempting to do with this. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Calais, Representative Perry.

Representative **PERRY**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. This is a law that's been in place for a short period of time with the sunset. But in the report that has come from the Bureau of Insurance, right now, it's for those who are enrolled in HSA-compatible small-group health plans to do these incentives. And there are seven carriers in these plans and five carriers reported issuing incentives, with a total of nearly 22,000 enrollees being enrolled in this small group market, only 61 enrollee incentives of a total of 75 cash incentives were issued, which is approximately \$35 per issue. This is very ineffectively used. In terms of also expanding the program, this expands the program to not only out-of-network providers but providers located in Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and to other states and this expansion seems to be much bigger than we're ready to do. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: A roll call has been ordered. The pending question before the House is Acceptance of the Majority Ought Not to Pass Report. All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

**ROLL CALL NO. 74**

YEA - Abdi, Ankeles, Arford, Bell, Brennan, Bridgeo, Cloutier, Cluchey, Collings, Copeland, Crafts, Craven, Crockett, Dhalac, Dill, Dodge, Doudera, Eaton, Fay, Gattine, Geiger, Gere, Golek, Graham, Gramlich, Hasenfus, Hepler, Jauch, Kuhn, Landry, LaRochelle, Lee, Lookner, Madigan, Malon, Mastraccio, Mathieson, Matlack, Meyer, Millett R, Milliken, Montell, Moonen, Moriarty, Murphy, O'Connell, O'Neil, Osher, Paulhus, Perry A, Perry J, Pringle, Rana, Reckitt, Rielly, Roeder, Runte, Sachs, Salisbury, Sargent, Sayre, Shagoury, Shaw, Sheehan, Skold, Stover, Supica, Terry, White B, Williams, Worth, Zager, Madam Speaker.

NAY - Adams, Albert, Andrews, Arata, Ardell, Babin, Bagshaw, Blier, Boyer, Bradstreet, Campbell, Carlow, Carmichael, Collamore, Costain, Cray, Cyrrway, Davis, Drinkwater, Ducharme, Dunphy, Faulkingham, Foster, Fredericks, Gifford, Greenwood, Griffin, Guerrette, Haggan, Hall, Henderson, Hymes, Jackson, Javner, Lanigan, Lemelin, Libby, Lyman, Mason, Millett H, Morris, Ness, Newman, Nutting, Parry, Paul, Perkins, Pluecker, Poirier, Polewarczyk, Pomerleau, Quint, Riseman, Rudnicki, Sampson, Schmersal-Burgess, Smith, Soboleski, Strout, Swallow, Theriault, Thorne, Underwood, Walker, Warren, White J, Wood, Woodsome.

ABSENT - Boyle, Galletta, Hobbs, Kessler, Lajoie, Lavigne, Roberts, Russell, Zeigler.

Yes, 73; No, 68; Absent, 9; Vacant, 1; Excused, 0.

73 having voted in the affirmative and 68 voted in the negative, 1 vacancy with 9 being absent, and accordingly the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report was **ACCEPTED** and sent for concurrence.

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Majority Report of the Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-134)** on Resolve, to Establish a Pilot Project to Improve Access to Credit for Low-income Individuals

(H.P. 703) (L.D. 1107)

Signed:

Senator:

TIPPING of Penobscot

Representatives:

ROEDER of Bangor  
BRADSTREET of Vassalboro  
GEIGER of Rockland  
GERE of Kennebunkport  
MALON of Biddeford  
RUSSELL of Verona Island  
SKOLD of Portland

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

Signed:

Representatives:

DRINKWATER of Milford  
SOBOLESKI of Phillips

#### READ.

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

The Resolve was **READ ONCE**. **Committee Amendment "A" (H-134)** was **READ** by the Clerk and **ADOPTED**.

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

Under further suspension of the rules the Resolve was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-134)** and sent for concurrence.

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Majority Report of the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** reporting **Ought to Pass** on Bill "An Act to Ensure That the Will of the Voters Is Reflected in Interim Appointments of United States Senators"

(H.P. 713) (L.D. 1117)

Signed:

Senator:

LYFORD of Penobscot

Representatives:

ADAMS of Lebanon  
COPELAND of Saco  
GREENWOOD of Wales  
POMERLEAU of Standish  
UNDERWOOD of Presque Isle

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

Signed:

Senator:

NANGLE of Cumberland

Representatives:

STOVER of Boothbay

ABDI of Lewiston

PAULHUS of Bath

RISEMAN of Harrison

#### READ.

Representative STOVER of Boothbay moved that the House **ACCEPT** the Minority **Ought Not to Pass** Report.

Representative GREENWOOD of Wales **REQUESTED** a roll call on the motion to **ACCEPT** the Minority **Ought Not to Pass** Report.

More than one-fifth of the members present expressed a desire for a roll call which was ordered.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Poland, Representative Boyer.

Representative **BOYER**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. This is my bill, Madam Speaker. What this would do, as many know, if there's a vacancy in the U.S. Senate then the Chief Executive has the power to appoint who they see fit to finish that term of that U.S. Senator. All this bill would do would align us with other states that say that replacement has to come from the same party. So, if a Republican U.S. Senator has to vacate the seat, then a Republican would have to be put in, Democrat-Democrat. Blue and red states do this; Arizona, Hawaii, Kentucky, Maryland, Montana, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Utah, West Virginia, Wyoming. This is a 'will of the voters' type bill. It would be wrong to appoint someone for five years opposite party that the voters just put in. A better system may be a special election but we don't do that here in Maine so in the interim, I think this is a common-sense fix that better reflects the will of the voters. So, thank you, Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Boothbay, Representative Stover.

Representative **STOVER**: Madam Speaker, the current law provides the ability for the Chief Executive to appoint a qualified person to fill a vacancy until the next successor is chosen in the next Senatorial election. This bill would require that the person selected to replace the vacant position be from the same political party as the person who had held that office. The Ought Not to Pass Report recognizes that the Chief Executive can respond if needed and that response is sufficient for addressing the vacancy. We'd leave the decision-making in this instance to the Chief Executive.

The SPEAKER: A roll call has been ordered. The pending question before the House is Acceptance of the Minority Ought Not to Pass Report. All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

#### ROLL CALL NO. 75

YEA - Abdi, Ankeles, Arford, Bell, Brennan, Bridgeo, Cloutier, Collings, Craven, Crockett, Dhalac, Dodge, Doudera, Eaton, Fay, Gattine, Geiger, Gere, Golek, Graham, Gramlich, Hasenfus, Jauch, Kuhn, LaRochelle, Lookner, Madigan, Malon, Mastraccio, Mathieson, Matlack, Meyer, Millett R, Montell, Moonen, Moriarty, Murphy, O'Connell, O'Neil, Osher, Paulhus, Perry J, Pringle, Rana, Reckitt, Rielly, Roeder, Runte, Sachs, Salisbury, Sargent, Sayre, Shagoury, Sheehan, Skold, Stover, Supica, Terry, White B, Zager, Madam Speaker.

NAY - Adams, Albert, Andrews, Arata, Ardell, Babin, Bagshaw, Blier, Boyer, Bradstreet, Campbell, Carlow, Carmichael, Cluchey, Collamore, Copeland, Costain, Crafts, Cray, Cyrway, Davis, Dill, Drinkwater, Ducharme, Dunphy, Faulkingham, Foster, Fredericks, Gifford, Greenwood, Griffin, Guerrette, Haggan, Hall, Henderson, Hepler, Hymes, Jackson, Javner, Landry, Lanigan, Lee, Lemelin, Libby, Lyman, Mason,

Millett H, Milliken, Morris, Ness, Newman, Nutting, Parry, Paul, Perkins, Perry A, Pluecker, Poirier, Polewarczyk, Pomerleau, Quint, Riseman, Rudnicki, Sampson, Schmearsal-Burgess, Shaw, Smith, Soboleski, Strout, Swallow, Theriault, Thorne, Underwood, Walker, Warren, White J, Williams, Wood, Woodsome, Worth.

ABSENT - Boyle, Galletta, Hobbs, Kessler, Lajoie, Lavigne, Roberts, Russell, Zeigler.

Yes, 61; No, 80; Absent, 9; Vacant, 1; Excused, 0.

61 having voted in the affirmative and 80 voted in the negative, 1 vacancy with 9 being absent, and accordingly the Minority **Ought Not to Pass** Report was **NOT ACCEPTED**.

Subsequently, on motion of Representative STOVER of Boothbay, the Majority **Ought to Pass** Report was **ACCEPTED**.

The Bill was **READ ONCE**.

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** and sent for concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-130)** on Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 2: Hearing Procedures and Portions of Chapter 3: Maine Clean Election Act and Related Provisions, Major Substantive Rules of the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 242) (L.D. 391)

Signed:

Senators:

HICKMAN of Kennebec  
BRENNER of Cumberland  
TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin

Representatives:

SUPICA of Bangor  
BOYER of Poland  
COLLINGS of Portland  
HYMES of Waldo  
MALON of Biddeford  
MONTELL of Gardiner  
RIELLY of Westbrook  
RISEMAN of Harrison  
RUDNICKI of Fairfield

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "B" (H-131)** on same Resolve.

Signed:

Representative:

ANDREWS of Paris

**READ.**

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

The Resolve was **READ ONCE**. **Committee Amendment "A" (H-130)** was **READ** by the Clerk and **ADOPTED**.

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

Under further suspension of the rules the Resolve was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-130)** and sent for concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on Bill "An Act to Lower the Signature Quantity Requirement for Certain Independent Candidates for Elected Office"

(H.P. 463) (L.D. 694)

Signed:

Senators:

HICKMAN of Kennebec  
BRENNER of Cumberland  
TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin

Representatives:

BOYER of Poland  
COLLINGS of Portland  
MALON of Biddeford  
MONTELL of Gardiner  
RIELLY of Westbrook  
RUDNICKI of Fairfield

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-132)** on same Bill.

Signed:

Representatives:

SUPICA of Bangor  
RISEMAN of Harrison

**READ.**

On motion of Representative SUPICA of Bangor, the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report was **ACCEPTED** and sent for concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-133)** on Bill "An Act to Allow Clerks to Issue Absentee Ballots After the 3rd Business Day Before Election Day to Voters Who Have a Nonphysical Disability and Voters Who Support a Person with a Disability"

(H.P. 552) (L.D. 886)

Signed:

Senators:

HICKMAN of Kennebec  
BRENNER of Cumberland

Representatives:

SUPICA of Bangor  
COLLINGS of Portland  
MALON of Biddeford  
MONTELL of Gardiner  
RIELLY of Westbrook  
RISEMAN of Harrison

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

Signed:

Senator:

TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin

Representatives:

ANDREWS of Paris  
BOYER of Poland  
HYMES of Waldo  
RUDNICKI of Fairfield

**READ.**

Representative SUPICA of Bangor moved that the House **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report.

Representative RUDNICKI of Fairfield **REQUESTED** a roll call on the motion to **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report.

More than one-fifth of the members present expressed a desire for a roll call which was ordered.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Fairfield, Representative Rudnicki.

Representative **RUDNICKI**: Thank you, Madam Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. This bill is not needed. It could actually turn into a nightmare for our city and town clerks. I want to read just a couple of things from Patti Dubois, she's the Chairman of the Legislative Policy Committee for Maine Town and City Clerk Associations. Things that they came up with as the clerks; and the clerks that strongly oppose this addition; the language is unclear and would allow almost anyone to define as a caregiver and thereby able to request a ballot during the special circumstances period. Another; clerks haven't received pushback from voters who don't qualify for special circumstance absentee ballots since the current language is sufficient to handle those unforeseen circumstances. Three, caregivers, like other voters, have a robust opportunity to cast an absentee ballot since they can request one up to three months before election day. Voters can call, they can request one online, and they can send a written application for absentee ballots. As you can see, there are plenty of reasons that this is not needed and I think in the long run, it could cause a nightmare. It's self-identifying, so, there are no protocols in place that would stop somebody for just using because oh, I forgot to vote early or I want to vote today versus tomorrow on election day. So, with that, Madam Speaker, I will be against this motion. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Albion, Representative Cyrway.

Representative **CYRWAY**: Thank you, Madam Speaker, and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I was Chair of Veterans and Legal Affairs a few years back and we had the same situation and Patti Dubois also brought it up then, that this would be a burden for the clerks. And I'm sure that many of you have little towns that this would be quite a lot of work. So, I just recommend that we do not vote for this motion. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Bangor, Representative Supica.

Representative **SUPICA**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise to just remind you and folks that we have incredibly safe and secure elections and that the clerks came out neither for nor against this piece of legislation. Currently, there is no exception for folks who are caregivers or assistants of those who are disabled. We reference the Human Rights Commission's definition and we included self-identifying because we do not want to constrict folks' rights to vote. Currently, there is no mechanism for a person who is caring for a disabled person to be able to request a ballot if it's within three days of the election. I think we're ignoring an underserved population by not allowing this to happen and I ask that folks follow my light.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Paris, Representative Andrews.

Representative **ANDREWS**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Quite simply, our clerks don't want this. We should listen to them. They know how to do their jobs way better than we do. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: A roll call has been ordered. The pending question before the House is Acceptance of the Majority Ought to Pass as Amended Report. All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

**ROLL CALL NO. 76**

YEA - Abdi, Ankeles, Arford, Bell, Brennan, Bridgeo, Cloutier, Cluchey, Collings, Copeland, Crafts, Craven, Crockett, Dhalac, Dill, Dodge, Doudera, Eaton, Fay, Gattine, Geiger, Gere, Golek, Graham, Gramlich, Hasenfus, Hepler, Jauch, Kuhn, Landry, LaRochelle, Lee, Lookner, Madigan, Malon, Mastraccio, Mathieson, Matlack, Meyer, Millett R, Milliken, Montell, Moonen, Moriarty, Murphy, O'Connell, O'Neil, Osher, Paulhus, Perry A, Perry J, Pluecker, Pringle, Rana, Reckitt, Rielly, Riseman, Roeder, Runte, Sachs, Salisbury, Sargent, Sayre, Shagoury, Shaw, Sheehan, Skold, Stover, Supica, Terry, Warren, White B, Williams, Worth, Zager, Madam Speaker.

NAY - Adams, Albert, Andrews, Arata, Ardell, Babin, Bagshaw, Blier, Boyer, Bradstreet, Campbell, Carlow, Carmichael, Collamore, Costain, Cray, Cyrway, Davis, Drinkwater, Ducharme, Dunphy, Faulkingham, Foster, Fredericks, Gifford, Greenwood, Griffin, Guerrette, Haggan, Hall, Henderson, Hymes, Jackson, Javner, Lanigan, Lemelin, Libby, Lyman, Mason, Millett H, Morris, Ness, Newman, Nutting, Parry, Paul, Perkins, Poirier, Polewarczyk, Pomerleau, Quint, Rudnicki, Sampson, Schmursal-Burgess, Smith, Soboleski, Strout, Swallow, Theriault, Thorne, Underwood, Walker, White J, Wood, Woodsome.

ABSENT - Boyle, Galletta, Hobbs, Kessler, Lajoie, Lavigne, Roberts, Russell, Zeigler.

Yes, 76; No, 65; Absent, 9; Vacant, 1; Excused, 0.

76 having voted in the affirmative and 65 voted in the negative, 1 vacancy with 9 being absent, and accordingly the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report was **ACCEPTED**.

The Bill was **READ ONCE**. **Committee Amendment "A" (H-133)** 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-133)** and sent for concurrence.

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

**CONSENT CALENDAR  
First Day**

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

(S.P. 269) (L.D. 652) Bill "An Act to Allow the Reinstatement of Certain Commercial Driver's Licenses" Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-70)**

(S.P. 401) (L.D. 982) Bill "An Act to Allow the Disclosure of Death Certificate Data to Hospitals and Health Care Practitioners" Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-66)**

(S.P. 459) (L.D. 1125) Resolve, Directing the Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations to Study Paying Bonuses to Agents for Selling Certain Powerball Tickets Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-69)**

(H.P. 225) (L.D. 374) Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 12: Transportation of Human Remains, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Maine State Board of Funeral Service (EMERGENCY) Committee on **INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS** reporting **Ought to Pass**

(H.P. 308) (L.D. 491) Resolve, to Require the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to Develop a Plan for Communication Regarding Certain Municipal Regulation Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** reporting **Ought to Pass**

(H.P. 68) (L.D. 100) Bill "An Act to Require an Annual Financial Audit of a Private School Approved for Tuition Purposes" Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-120)**

(H.P. 263) (L.D. 430) Bill "An Act to Provide Translation Services for Hospital Patients" Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-121)**

(H.P. 298) (L.D. 481) Bill "An Act to Allow the Deferral of a Moose Hunting Permit If More than One Permit Is Awarded Within the Same Household" Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-119)**

(H.P. 344) (L.D. 539) Bill "An Act to Provide Substance Use Disorder Counseling for MaineCare Members with an Acquired Brain Injury" Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-138)**

(H.P. 345) (L.D. 540) Bill "An Act to Establish Peer Respite Centers for Adults with Mental Health Challenges in Maine" Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-137)**

(H.P. 584) (L.D. 937) Resolve, to Establish the Commission Regarding Foreign-trained Physicians Living in Maine (EMERGENCY) Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-128)**

(H.P. 613) (L.D. 966) Bill "An Act to Align the Automobile Title Requirements with Those of Antique Automobiles" Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-135)**

(H.P. 750) (L.D. 1178) Resolve, to Reduce Barriers to Recovery from Addiction by Expanding Eligibility for Targeted Case Management Services Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-136)**

(H.P. 821) (L.D. 1296) Bill "An Act to Authorize Municipalities to Allow Firefighters to Have Increased Lighting on Their Personal Vehicles" Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-139)**

(H.P. 1037) (L.D. 1612) Bill "An Act to Address Food Insecurity and Support Local Agriculture" Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-126)**

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

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

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## ENACTORS

### Acts

An Act to Assist Municipal Shellfish Conservation Programs

(S.P. 249) (L.D. 581)  
(C. "A" S-63)

An Act to Protect the Practice of Certain Cardiovascular Professionals

(H.P. 533) (L.D. 844)  
(C. "A" H-97)

Were 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.

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### Resolve

Resolve, Naming a Pond in the Town of New Gloucester as MacDonald Pond

(H.P. 429) (L.D. 660)

Was reported by the Committee on **Engrossed Bills** as truly and strictly engrossed, **FINALLY PASSED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

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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 Thursday, May 11, 2023, had preference in the Orders of the Day and continued with such preference until disposed of as provided by House Rule 502.

HOUSE DIVIDED REPORT - Majority (8) **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-57)** - Minority (3) **Ought Not to Pass** - Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act to Require All Candidates for Any State or County Office to Follow the Same Rules for Submission of Signatures Regarding Deadlines and the Number of Signatures"

(H.P. 704) (L.D. 1108)

TABLED - April 25, 2023 (Till Later Today) by Representative SUPICA of Bangor.

PENDING - **ACCEPTANCE OF EITHER REPORT.**

Representative SUPICA of Bangor moved that the House **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report.

The same Representative **REQUESTED** a roll call on the motion to **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report.

More than one-fifth of the members present expressed a desire for a roll call which was ordered.

The SPEAKER: A roll call has been ordered. The pending question before the House is Acceptance of the Majority Ought to Pass as Amended Report. All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

**ROLL CALL NO. 77**

YEA - Adams, Albert, Andrews, Arata, Ardell, Babin, Bagshaw, Blier, Boyer, Bradstreet, Campbell, Carlow, Carmichael, Collamore, Collings, Copeland, Costain, Cray, Cyrway, Davis, Ducharme, Dunphy, Faulkingham, Foster, Fredericks, Gifford, Greenwood, Griffin, Guerrette, Haggan, Hall, Henderson, Hymes, Jackson, Javner, Lanigan, Lemelin, Libby, Lyman, Millett H, Morris, Ness, Newman, Nutting, Parry, Paul, Perkins, Poirier, Polewarczyk, Pomerleau, Quint, Riseman, Rudnicki, Sampson, Schmursal-Burgess, Smith, Soboleski, Strout, Swallow, Theriault, Thorne, Underwood, Walker, White J, Wood, Woodsome.

NAY - Abdi, Ankeles, Arford, Bell, Brennan, Bridgeo, Cloutier, Cluchey, Crafts, Craven, Dhalac, Dill, Dodge, Doudera, Eaton, Fay, Gattine, Geiger, Gere, Golek, Graham, Gramlich, Hasenfus, Hepler, Jauch, Kuhn, Landry, LaRochelle, Lee, Lookner, Madigan, Malon, Mastraccio, Mathieson, Matlack, Meyer, Millett R, Milliken, Montell, Moonen, Moriarty, Murphy, O'Connell, O'Neil, Osher, Paulhus, Perry A, Perry J, Pluecker, Pringle, Rana, Reckitt, Rielly, Roeder, Runte, Sachs, Salisbury, Sargent, Sayre, Shagoury, Shaw, Sheehan, Skold, Stover, Supica, Terry, Warren, White B, Williams, Worth, Zager, Madam Speaker.

ABSENT - Boyle, Crockett, Drinkwater, Galletta, Hobbs, Kessler, Lajoie, Lavigne, Mason, Roberts, Russell, Zeigler.

Yes, 66; No, 72; Absent, 12; Vacant, 1; Excused, 0.

66 having voted in the affirmative and 72 voted in the negative, 1 vacancy with 12 being absent, and accordingly the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report was **NOT ACCEPTED**.

Subsequently, on motion of Representative SUPICA of Bangor, the Minority **Ought Not to Pass** Report was **ACCEPTED** and sent for concurrence.

HOUSE DIVIDED REPORT - Report "A" (9) **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-88)** - Report "B" (2) **Ought to Pass** - Report "C" (2) **Ought Not to Pass** - Committee on **JUDICIARY** on Bill "An Act to Prohibit Marriage of Any Person Under 18 Years of Age"

(H.P. 276) (L.D. 443)

TABLED - May 2, 2023 (Till Later Today) by Representative MOONEN of Portland.

PENDING - **ACCEPTANCE OF ANY REPORT**.

Representative MOONEN of Portland moved that the House **ACCEPT** Report "A" **Ought to Pass as Amended**.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Fairfield, Representative Rudnicki.

Representative **RUDNICKI**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. This bill says that 16-year-olds are not old enough to get married. We've had or will have several bills come before us related to age. Currently, you can't smoke until you're 21, you can't drink until you're 21, you can't join the military till you're 18. However, we're hearing bills allowing minors to make life-altering decisions like cutting off their genitals. Does anyone else find this hypocritical? Thank you.

Subsequently, Report "A" **Ought to Pass as Amended** was **ACCEPTED**.

The Bill was **READ ONCE**. **Committee Amendment "A" (H-88)** 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-88)** and sent for concurrence.

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

**SENATE PAPERS**

Bill "An Act to Ensure Equity in Career and Technical Education Staffing Support Ratios Across Varied Regions of the State"

(S.P. 791) (L.D. 1942)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed. **REFERRED** to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act Regarding Future Energy Procurements for Renewable Energy Development in Northern Maine"

(S.P. 792) (L.D. 1943)

Bill "An Act to Raise the Debt Limit of the Stonington Water Company" (EMERGENCY)

(S.P. 793) (L.D. 1950)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** and ordered printed.

**REFERRED** to the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** in concurrence.

Resolve, to Ensure Access to Critical Orthodontic Care by Increasing the MaineCare Reimbursement Rate

(S.P. 790) (L.D. 1941)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** and ordered printed.

**REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act Regarding Marine Finfish Aquaculture"

(S.P. 794) (L.D. 1951)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **MARINE RESOURCES** and ordered printed.

**REFERRED** to the Committee on **MARINE RESOURCES** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Amend the Membership of the Maine-Canadian Legislative Advisory Commission and the New England and Eastern Canada Legislative Commission" (EMERGENCY)

(S.P. 788) (L.D. 1939)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** and ordered printed.

**REFERRED** to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** in concurrence.



Bill "An Act to Promote Consistent Policies within Growth Management Programs in Order to Increase Food Security and Economic Resiliency in Local Communities"

(S.P. 789) (L.D. 1940)

Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** suggested and ordered printed.

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Joint Select Committee on **HOUSING** and ordered printed.

**REFERRED** to the Joint Select Committee on **HOUSING** in concurrence.

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

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On motion of Representative WORTH of Ellsworth, the House adjourned at 1:17 p.m., until 10:00 a.m., Thursday, May 18, 2023, in honor and lasting tribute to the Honorable Arlan Jodrey of Bethel, John Douglas Wakefield of Westbrook and Michelle "Mickey" Worth of Ellsworth.