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PETITIONS, BILLS AND RESOLVES REQUIRING REFERENCE

Bill "An Act to Prohibit All State Subsidies for Electric Vehicles"

(H.P. 1048) (L.D. 1623)

Sponsored by Representative RUDNICKI of Fairfield.

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.

Bill "An Act Regarding Environmental Justice"

(H.P. 1046) (L.D. 1621)

Sponsored by Speaker TALBOT ROSS of Portland.

Cosponsored by Senator BENNETT of Oxford and Representatives: BELL of Yarmouth, BRIDGEO of Augusta, DOUDERA of Camden, FAY of Raymond, GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach, HOBBS of Wells, Senators: BRENNER of Cumberland, CARNEY of Cumberland.

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.

Bill "An Act to Streamline the Process for Amending a Birth Certificate of an Adult When Genetic Parentage is Not Disputed"

(H.P. 1049) (L.D. 1624)

Sponsored by Representative PERKINS of Dover-Foxcroft. (BY REQUEST)

Cosponsored by Senator HARRINGTON of York and Representatives: ARDELL of Monticello, BOYER of Poland, DANA of the Passamaquoddy Tribe, DUNPHY of Embden, LAJOIE of Lewiston, NESS of Fryeburg, NEWMAN of Belgrade, Senator: LaFOUNTAIN of Kennebec.

Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** suggested.

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

Bill "An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding the Mi'kmaq Nation"

(H.P. 1045) (L.D. 1620)

Sponsored by Speaker TALBOT ROSS of Portland.

Cosponsored by Representative: DANA of the Passamaquoddy Tribe.

Resolve, to Reestablish the Criminal Records Review Committee

(H.P. 1047) (L.D. 1622)

Sponsored by Speaker TALBOT ROSS of Portland.

Cosponsored by Senator CARNEY of Cumberland and Representatives: BOYER of Poland, MOONEN of Portland, SALISBURY of Westbrook, Senators: BAILEY of York, BEEBE-CENTER of Knox, BENNETT of Oxford.

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

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

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Improve Maine's Reproductive Privacy Laws"

(H.P. 1044) (L.D. 1619)

Sponsored by Speaker TALBOT ROSS of Portland. (GOVERNOR'S BILL)

Cosponsored by President JACKSON of Aroostook and Representatives: ANKELES of Brunswick, ARFORD of Brunswick, BELL of Yarmouth, BOYLE of Gorham, BRENNAN of Portland, CLOUTIER of Lewiston, CLUCHEY of Bowdoinham, COLLINGS of Portland, COPELAND of Saco, CRAFTS of Newcastle, CRAVEN of Lewiston, CROCKETT of Portland, DHALAC of South Portland, DILL of Old Town, DODGE of Belfast, DOUDERA of Camden, EATON of Deer Isle, FAY of Raymond, GATTINE of Westbrook, GEIGER of Rockland, GERE of Kennebunkport, GOLEK of Harpswell, GRAHAM of North Yarmouth, GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach, HASENFUS of Readfield, HEPLER of Woolwich, HOBBS of Wells, JAUCH of Topsham, KESSLER of South Portland, KUHN of Falmouth, LANDRY of Farmington, LaROCHELLE of Augusta, LEE of Auburn, LOOKNER of Portland, MADIGAN of Waterville, MALON of Biddeford, MASTRACCIO of Sanford, MATHIESON of Kittery, MATLACK of St. George, MEYER of Eliot, MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth, MILLIKEN of Blue Hill, MONTELL of Gardiner, MOONEN of Portland, MORIARTY of Cumberland, MURPHY of Scarborough, O'CONNELL of Brewer, O'NEIL of Saco, OSHER of Orono, PAULHUS of Bath, PLUECKER of Warren, PRINGLE of Windham, RANA of Bangor, RECKITT of South Portland, RIELLY of Westbrook, RISEMAN of Harrison, ROBERTS of South Berwick, ROEDER of Bangor, RUNTE of York, SACHS of Freeport, SALISBURY of Westbrook, SARGENT of York, SAYRE of Kennebunk, SHAGOURY of Hallowell, SHAW of Auburn, SHEEHAN of Biddeford, SKOLD of Portland, STOVER of Boothbay, SUPICA of Bangor, TERRY of Gorham, WARREN of Scarborough, WILLIAMS of Bar Harbor, WORTH of Ellsworth, ZAGER of Portland, ZEIGLER of Montville, Senators: BAILEY of York, BALDACCI of Penobscot, BEEBE-CENTER of Knox, BRENNER of Cumberland, CARNEY of Cumberland, CHIPMAN of Cumberland, DAUGHTRY of Cumberland, DUSON of Cumberland, GROHOSKI of Hancock, INGWERSEN of York, LaFOUNTAIN of Kennebec, LAWRENCE of York, NANGLE of Cumberland, PIERCE of Cumberland, RAFFERTY of York, RENY of Lincoln, ROTUNDO of Androscoggin, TIPPING of Penobscot, VITELLI of Sagadahoc.

Committee on **JUDICIARY** suggested.

Representative ARATA of New Gloucester **REQUESTED** a roll call on the motion to **REFER** the Bill to the Committee on **JUDICIARY**.

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 New Gloucester, Representative Arata.

Representative **ARATA**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, this bill does not belong in the Judiciary Committee because it legalizes late-term abortion until birth for any reason, with no penalties for those who perform abortions without medical licensing or training. It has no business being referred to the Judiciary Committee. The Judiciary members have no frame of reference for specifically how an abortion of a fully-developed baby would be performed. Judiciary Committee members do not have expertise on how much pain dismemberment prior to removal from the uterus would cause to the baby. Judiciary Committee members do not have expertise on the physical and emotional damage late-term abortion causes, including death. The Judiciary Committee does not

have expertise on whether such a bill will lead to rapists coming to Maine to get abortions performed on rape victims by unlicensed people in order to cover up the evidence of the rape. Madam Speaker, this bill is beneath the dignity of this Body and should die here today before it has a chance to kill anybody. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: A roll call has been ordered. The pending question before the House is Reference to the Committee on Judiciary. All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 30

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

NAY - 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, Hall, Henderson, Hymes, Jackson, Javner, Lavigne, Lemelin, Libby, Lyman, Mason, Millett H, Ness, Newman, Nutting, Parry, Poirier, Polewarczyk, Pomerleau, Quint, Rudnicki, Sampson, Schmersal-Burgess, Smith, Soboleski, Strout, Swallow, Theriault, Thorne, Underwood, Walker, White B, White J, Wood S, Woodsome.

ABSENT - Adams, Eaton, Galletta, Gere, Haggan, Lanigan, Lookner, Malon, Montell, Morris, O'Connell, Paul, Perkins, Roberts, Sargent, Shaw, Warren.

Yes, 72; No, 61; Absent, 17; Vacant, 1; Excused, 0.

72 having voted in the affirmative and 61 voted in the negative, 1 vacancy with 17 being absent, and accordingly the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY**, ordered printed and sent for concurrence.

ORDERS

On motion of Representative STOVER of Boothbay, the following Joint Resolution: (H.P. 1050) (Cosponsored by Senator DAUGHTRY of Cumberland and Representatives: CLOUTIER of Lewiston, GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach, MADIGAN of Waterville, MILLIKEN of Blue Hill, O'NEIL of Saco, RANA of Bangor, SUPICA of Bangor, TERRY of Gorham) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205)

JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING APRIL 2023 AS SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, sexual assault affects all communities in Maine and people of all races, genders and economic backgrounds, and over 14,000 people in Maine are sexually assaulted each year and one in 5 Maine citizens will experience sexual violence in their lifetimes; and

WHEREAS, the effects of sexual violence have wide-ranging public health ramifications and societal costs, and survivors and their loved ones can experience consequences including mental health crises, substance use disorder, homelessness, lost wages and health care costs, among others; and

WHEREAS, sexual violence affects certain groups more often, and that disproportionate impact is related to historical experiences of marginalization and oppression, providing the evidence that sexual assault is a tool of control and power; and

WHEREAS, systems of support for survivors of sexual assault often have inadequate resources, do not provide adequate options for justice and healing and retraumatize survivors; and

WHEREAS, widespread stigma and misconceptions around sexual violence result in low rates of reporting of crimes, increased isolation and shame for victims and the continuation of cultures of violence; and

WHEREAS, raising awareness in our communities about the causes of and solutions to sexual violence can lead to long-term positive cultural and systemic changes, and building a future free from sexual violence requires us to commit to making those changes; 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 recognize April 2023 as Sexual Assault Awareness Month and to express our support for and encouragement of all those affected by sexual violence; and be it further

RESOLVED: That suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the Maine Coalition Against Sexual Assault as a token of our respect and support.

READ.

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

Representative **STOVER**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Sexual Assault Awareness Month provides an excellent opportunity for us to learn more about preventing sexual violence. It is an opportunity to express our support and encouragement to all who are affected. No one person, organization, agency or community can eliminate sexual violence on their own but we can work together to educate our communities about how we can prevent sexual violence and support survivors in our communities. Please join me as we thank and recognize our local sexual assault support centers and the Maine Coalition Against Sexual Assault for their tireless advocacy on behalf of survivors across the State of Maine.

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

Sent for concurrence.

SPECIAL SENTIMENT CALENDAR

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

Recognizing:

Shawn Vincent, of Auburn, Principal of Bruce M. Whittier Middle School in Poland, who has been named Principal of the Year by the Maine Principals' Association. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

(HLS 238)

Presented by Representative BOYER of Poland.

Cosponsored by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin, Representative FAY of Raymond, Representative LEE of Auburn, Representative LIBBY of Auburn, Representative SHAW of Auburn.

On **OBJECTION** of Representative ARATA of New Gloucester, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.