

**STATE OF MAINE
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In Senate Chamber
Wednesday
January 8, 2025

Senate called to order by President Matthea E. Larsen Daughtry of Cumberland County.

Prayer by Reverend Sarah Gillespie of Andwell Health Partners in Lewiston.

REVEREND SARAH GILLESPIE: Please take a deep breath with me.

God of all, who we know by many names, we give thanks for this new day. We give thanks for the opportunity to start this year and this session with a clean slate. We have been given a sacred opportunity. You, the leaders in this room, have been chosen by your constituents, the people in your community, and they have granted you trust and power to do what is right for them. Not just the people that you agree with, not just the people who look like you, vote like you, or believe like you, but all the people within the bounds of the area you serve.

We pause this morning to affirm this gift, to not take it for granted. And as you enter into conversations and committee meetings, votes and advocacy, remember that you represent more than yourself and your ideas and your party; you represent your people, the Mainers who live near you and are trying to live good and decent lives despite all the challenges that we face. And this gift you have been given is both completely secular and also infused with ordinary holiness. So, whatever your spiritual connection may be, dig into that and ground yourself. Let what is greater than just you remind you of your call.

Spirit of life and love, may we be open to receive your guidance and care not from a burning bush or a lightning bolt or social media, but from real community connections, vulnerable voices, and everyday encounters that remind us to work together and to get things done for the greater good.

Bless our voices, minds, and hearts and hands this morning. Give us the humility to listen more than we speak today. Grant us peace and strength when we hear voices within us or around us that only want more separation or disconnection. Offer us pause as we encounter the needs of the most vulnerable in our state. Give us openness as we act and collaborate through being good stewards of the precious resources we have; our money, our time, our energy, our land, and our people.

God of all, grant us compassion and remind us that we are in this together, that we are most strong when we're able to see the humanity in one another. Bless us in our work today and all days. May it be so. Amen.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Senator Donna Bailey of York County.

Reading of the Journal of Wednesday, December 4, 2024.

Off Record Remarks

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication:

S.P. 64

**MAINE SENATE
132nd LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF THE SENATE**

January 6, 2025

Hon. Matthea Daughtry
President of the Senate
132nd Legislature

Hon. Ryan D. Fecteau
Speaker of the House
132nd Legislature

Dear Madam President and Mr. Speaker:

On January 6, 2025, 37 bills were received by the Secretary of the Senate.

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, these bills were referred to the Joint Standing Committees on January 6, 2025, as follows:

Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

Bill "An Act to Provide Indigenous Peoples Free Access to State Parks" (S.P. 27) (L.D. 14) (Sponsored by Senator HICKMAN of Kennebec) (Cosponsored by Representative HASENFUS of Readfield and Senators: BENNETT of Oxford, BAILEY of York, TIPPING of Penobscot, Representative: Speaker FECTEAU of Biddeford)

Resolve, Authorizing the Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands to Convey Public Land Parcels in Lincoln Plantation and Sandy River Plantation (S.P. 39) (L.D. 24) (Sponsored by Senator BLACK of Franklin) (Submitted by the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Appropriations and Financial Affairs

Bill "An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue to Fund Wastewater Treatment Facility Planning and Construction of Infrastructure Projects" (S.P. 40) (L.D. 25) (Sponsored by Senator BRENNER of Cumberland) (Submitted by the Department of Environmental Protection pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Criminal Justice and Public Safety

Bill "An Act to Designate the Warden of the Maine State Prison as Chief Administrative Officer of the Bolduc Correctional Facility" (S.P. 28) (L.D. 17) (Sponsored by Senator BEEBE-CENTER of Knox) (Submitted by the Department of Corrections pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act to Allow the Department of Corrections to Increase Health Care Fees and Use the Proceeds from Those Fees to Offset the Costs of Client Medical Care Support Workers" (S.P. 30) (L.D. 18) (Sponsored by Senator MOORE of Washington) (Submitted by the Department of Corrections pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Resolve, to Rename the Twin Rivers Fire Academy in Fairfield the Duane Bickford Fire Academy (S.P. 45) (L.D. 28) (Sponsored by Senator CYRWAY of Kennebec) (Cosponsored by Senator: BRADSTREET of Kennebec)

Education and Cultural Affairs

Bill "An Act Regarding Temperature Standards for School Buildings" (S.P. 24) (L.D. 11) (Sponsored by Senator BENNETT of Oxford)

Bill "An Act to Update the Provision of Law Concerning Student Codes of Conduct in Order to Reflect Best Practices Regarding Behavioral Threat Assessment and Response" (S.P. 34) (L.D. 21) (Sponsored by Senator RAFFERTY of York) (Submitted by the Department of Education pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act to Update the Laws Governing Education in the Unorganized Territory" (S.P. 35) (L.D. 22) (Sponsored by Senator RAFFERTY of York) (Submitted by the Department of Education pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act Regarding School Enrollment for Military-connected Students" (S.P. 48) (L.D. 31) (Sponsored by Senator FARRIN of Somerset) (Cosponsored by Senators: President DAUGHTRY of Cumberland, HAGGAN of Penobscot, STEWART of Aroostook)

Bill "An Act to Increase the Minimum Salary for Teachers" (S.P. 53) (L.D. 34) (Sponsored by Senator PIERCE of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by Speaker FECTEAU of Biddeford and Senators: BENNETT of Oxford, President DAUGHTRY of Cumberland, RAFFERTY of York, LIBBY of Cumberland, Representatives: KUHN of Falmouth, MURPHY of Scarborough, MITCHELL of Cumberland, BRENNAN of Portland)

Energy, Utilities and Technology

Bill "An Act to Repeal the Laws Regarding Net Energy Billing" (S.P. 49) (L.D. 32) (Sponsored by Senator GUERIN of Penobscot) (Cosponsored by Representative FOSTER of Dexter and Representatives: WADSWORTH of Hiram, WHITE of Guilford, SMITH of Palermo, MCINTYRE of Lowell)

Environment and Natural Resources

Bill "An Act to Add an Inflation Adjustment to the Maximum Amount of Funding Disbursed from the Maine Ground and Surface Waters Clean-up and Response Fund for Certain Personal Services of the Department of Environmental

Protection" (S.P. 41) (L.D. 26) (Sponsored by Senator CARNEY of Cumberland) (Submitted by the Department of Environmental Protection pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act to Clarify Processes of the Board of Environmental Protection" (S.P. 58) (L.D. 36) (Sponsored by Senator TEPLER of Sagadahoc) (Submitted by the Department of Environmental Protection pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Health and Human Services

Bill "An Act to Strengthen Local Emergency Medical Services by Increasing the MaineCare Reimbursement Rate for Ambulance Services" (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 56) (L.D. 35) (Sponsored by Senator CURRY of Waldo)

Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services

Bill "An Act to Clarify the Law Regarding Prior Authorization for Air Ambulances" (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 14) (L.D. 5) (Sponsored by Senator BAILEY of York)

Bill "An Act to Extend the Period of Time a Dentist May Operate the Practice of a Deceased or Incapacitated Dentist" (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 37) (L.D. 23) (Sponsored by Senator BENNETT of Oxford) (Cosponsored by Representative WADSWORTH of Hiram)

Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

Bill "An Act to Allow Persons to Label Their Wild Animal Traps with Their Online Identification Number Issued by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife" (S.P. 18) (L.D. 6) (Sponsored by Senator BLACK of Franklin)

Bill "An Act to Change the Definition of 'Oversized ATV' in the Laws Governing the Registration of All-terrain Vehicles" (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 32) (L.D. 19) (Sponsored by Senator MOORE of Washington) (Cosponsored by Representative TUELL of East Machias)

Bill "An Act to Amend and Simplify Certain Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Licensing and Permitting Laws" (S.P. 42) (L.D. 27) (Sponsored by Senator CARNEY of Cumberland) (Submitted by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Judiciary

Bill "An Act Regarding the Term of Appointment of Judicial Officers" (S.P. 20) (L.D. 8) (Sponsored by Senator CARNEY of Cumberland) (Submitted by the Judicial Department pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act to Add Political Affiliation as a Protected Class to the Maine Human Rights Act" (S.P. 23) (L.D. 10) (Sponsored by Senator LIBBY of Cumberland)

Bill "An Act to Amend the Freedom of Access Act to Apply to Legislative Caucuses" (S.P. 25) (L.D. 12) (Sponsored by Senator BENNETT of Oxford)

Bill "An Act to Establish Separate Prosecutorial Districts in Downeast Maine" (S.P. 63) (L.D. 16) (Sponsored by Senator MOORE of Washington) (Cosponsored by Representative TUELL of East Machias and Senator: GROHOSKI of Hancock, Representatives: DANA of the Passamaquoddy Tribe, MILLIKEN of Blue Hill, STROUT of Harrington, MCINTYRE of Lowell, MINGO of Calais)

Bill "An Act Regarding the First Judicial District and the District Court Locations in the Judicial Divisions of Androscoggin and Western Aroostook" (S.P. 33) (L.D. 20) (Sponsored by Senator CARNEY of Cumberland) (Submitted by the Judicial Department pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

State and Local Government

Bill "An Act to Adopt Eastern Daylight Time Year-round Contingent on Federal Approval" (S.P. 12) (L.D. 3) (Sponsored by Senator BENNETT of Oxford) (Cosponsored by Representative KESSLER of South Portland and Senator: BALDACCI of Penobscot)

Bill "An Act to Adopt Eastern Standard Time Year-round" (S.P. 13) (L.D. 4) (Sponsored by Senator BENNETT of Oxford) (Cosponsored by Representative KESSLER of South Portland and Senator: BALDACCI of Penobscot)

Taxation

Bill "An Act to Increase the Homestead Property Tax Exemption for Residents 65 Years of Age or Older" (S.P. 19) (L.D. 7) (Sponsored by Senator BENNETT of Oxford) (Cosponsored by Representative CARLOW of Buxton and Senators: STEWART of Aroostook, BRENNER of Cumberland, LIBBY of Cumberland)

Bill "An Act to Eliminate the Excise Tax on Camper Trailers" (S.P. 62) (L.D. 15) (Sponsored by Senator LIBBY of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by Representative POMERLEAU of Standish and Representative: WALKER of Naples)

Transportation

Bill "An Act to Allow Military Vehicles Purchased for Civilian Use to Be Registered and Operated on Maine Roads" (S.P. 11) (L.D. 2) (Sponsored by Senator LIBBY of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by Representative POMERLEAU of Standish)

Resolve, to Require the Department of Transportation to Implement the Recommendations of the Lower Road Rail Use Advisory Council (S.P. 46) (L.D. 29) (Sponsored by President DAUGHTRY of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by Representative: CLUCHEY of Bowdoinham) (Submitted by the Department of Transportation pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Resolve, Directing the Department of Transportation to Implement the Recommendations of the Portland to Auburn Rail Use Advisory Council Regarding the Rail Line from Portland to Yarmouth (S.P. 47) (L.D. 30) (Sponsored by President DAUGHTRY of Cumberland) (Submitted by the Department of Transportation pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Resolve, to Rename a Bridge in Old Orchard Beach the Captain Christopher S. Cash Memorial Bridge (S.P. 59) (L.D. 37) (Sponsored by Senator BAILEY of York) (Cosponsored by Representative GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach)

Veterans and Legal Affairs

Bill "An Act Regarding Campaign Finance Disclosure" (S.P. 22) (L.D. 9) (Sponsored by Senator HICKMAN of Kennebec) (Submitted by the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act to Provide Funds Necessary for the Production and Delivery of Election Materials by the Secretary of State and to Reconvene the Working Group to Study Polling Places at Schools" (S.P. 26) (L.D. 13) (Sponsored by Senator HICKMAN of Kennebec) (Cosponsored by Senators: BENNETT of Oxford, President DAUGHTRY of Cumberland, BRENNER of Cumberland, Representatives: RIELLY of Westbrook, SUPICA of Bangor)

Bill "An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Fantasy Contests" (S.P. 51) (L.D. 33) (Sponsored by Senator HICKMAN of Kennebec) (Submitted by the Department of Public Safety pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act Requiring Photographic Identification for Voting" (S.P. 61) (L.D. 38) (Sponsored by Senator TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin) (Cosponsored by Senators: FARRIN of Somerset, STEWART of Aroostook, LIBBY of Cumberland, Representative: LYMAN of Livermore Falls)

Sincerely,

S/Darek M. Grant
Secretary of the Senate

S/Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Following Communication:

S.C. 21

MAINE SENATE 132nd LEGISLATURE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF THE SENATE

December 19, 2024

The Honorable Matthea Elisabeth Larsen Daughtry
President of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04330

Dear President Daughtry,

I am pleased to report that today Senator-elect Jeffrey Timberlake of Androscoggin took and subscribed the necessary oaths of office required. The Certificate of Qualification has been forwarded to the Secretary of State for filing.

Sincerely,

S/Darek M. Grant
Secretary of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication:

S.C. 4

**STATE OF MAINE
132nd LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

December 12, 2024

Darek M. Grant
Secretary of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Secretary Grant:

Pursuant to my authority under Senate Rule 201.3, I have made the following appointments to various Joint Standing Committees:

Agriculture, Conservation, and Forestry
Senator Rachel Talbot Ross (D-Cumberland), Chair
Senator Henry Ingwersen (D-York)
Senator Russell J. Black (R-Franklin)

Appropriations and Financial Affairs
Senator Peggy Rotundo (D-Androscoggin), Chair
Senator Cameron Reny (D-Lincoln)
Senator Susan Bernard (R-Aroostook)

Criminal Justice and Public Safety
Senator Pinny Beebe-Center (D-Knox), Chair
Senator Glenn "Chip" Curry (D-Waldo)
Senator Scott W. Cyrway (R-Kennebec)

Education and Cultural Affairs
Senator Joe Rafferty (D-York), Chair
Senator Teresa Pierce (D-Cumberland)
Senator James D. Libby (R-Cumberland)

Energy, Utilities, and Technology
Senator Mark Lawrence (D-York), Chair
Senator Nicole Grohoski (D-Hancock)
Senator Matthew A. Harrington (R-York)

Environment and Natural Resources
Senator Denise Tepler (D-Sagadahoc), Chair
Senator Stacy Brenner (D-Cumberland)

Senator Joseph E. Martin (R-Oxford)

Health Coverage, Insurance, and Financial Services
Senator Donna Bailey (D-York), Chair
Senator Joseph M. Baldacci (D-Penobscot)
Senator David G. Haggan (R-Penobscot)

Health and Human Services
Senator Henry Ingwersen (D-York), Chair
Senator Tim Nangle (D-Cumberland)
Senator Marianne Moore (R-Washington)

Housing and Economic Development
Senator Glenn "Chip" Curry (D-Waldo), Chair
Senator Donna Bailey (D-York)
Senator Richard A. Bennett (R-Oxford)

Inland Fisheries and Wildlife
Senator Joe Baldacci (D-Penobscot), Chair
Senator Anne Carney (D-Cumberland)
Senator Stacey K. Guerin (R-Penobscot)

Judiciary
Senator Anne Carney (D-Cumberland), Chair
Senator Rachel Talbot Ross (D-Cumberland)
Senator David G. Haggan (R-Penobscot)

Labor
Senator Mike Tipping (D-Penobscot), Chair
Senator Joseph E. Rafferty (D-York)
Senator Richard T. Bradstreet (R-Kennebec)

Marine Resources
Senator Denise Tepler (D-Sagadahoc), Chair
Senator Cameron Reny (D-Lincoln)
Senator Marianne Moore (R-Washington)

State and Local Government
Senator Joe Baldacci (D-Penobscot), Chair
Senator Pinny Beebe-Center (D-Knox)
Senator Joseph E. Martin (R-Oxford)

Taxation
Senator Nicole Grohoski (D-Hancock), Chair
Senator Mike Tipping (D-Penobscot)
Senator Bruce Bickford (R-Androscoggin)

Transportation
Senator Tim Nangle (D-Cumberland), Chair
Senator Teresa Pierce (D-Cumberland)
Senator Bradlee T. Farrin (R-Somerset)

Veterans and Legal Affairs
Senator Craig Hickman (D-Kennebec), Chair
Senator Jill Duson (D-Cumberland)
Senator Jeffrey L. Timberlake (R-Androscoggin)

Sincerely,

S/Matthea Elisabeth Larsen Daughtry
President of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication:

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**STATE OF MAINE
132nd LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

December 12, 2024

Darek M. Grant
Secretary of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Secretary Grant:

Pursuant to my authority under Joint Rule 371, I have made the following appointments to the Government Oversight Committee:

Senator Craig Hickman (D-Kennebec), Chair
Senator Mike Tipping (D-Penobscot)
Senator Jill C. Dusenbury (D-Cumberland)
Senator Jeff Timberlake (R-Androscoggin)
Senator Rick Bennett (R-Oxford)
Senator Bradlee T. Farrin (R-Somerset)

Sincerely,

S/Matthea Elisabeth Larsen Daughtry
President of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication:

S.C. 6

**STATE OF MAINE
132nd LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

December 12, 2024

Darek M. Grant
Secretary of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Secretary Grant:

Pursuant to my authority under Senate Rule 201.5, I have made the following appointments to the Committee on Bills in the Second Reading:

Senator Stacy Brenner (D-Cumberland)

Senator Henry Ingwersen (D-York)
Senator Stacey K. Guerin (R-Penobscot)
Senator Scott W. Cyrway (R-Kennebec)

Sincerely,

S/Matthea Elisabeth Larsen Daughtry
President of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication:

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**STATE OF MAINE
132nd LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

December 12, 2024

Darek M. Grant
Secretary of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Secretary Grant:

Pursuant to my authority under Senate Rule 201.6, I have made the following appointments to the Committee on Conduct and Ethics:

Senator Donna Bailey (D-York), Chair
Senator Craig V. Hickman (D-Kennebec)
Senator Mark W. Lawrence (D-York)
Senator Trey Stewart (R-Aroostook)
Senator James D. Libby (R-Cumberland)

Sincerely,

S/Matthea Elisabeth Larsen Daughtry
President of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication:

S.C. 8

**STATE OF MAINE
132nd LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

December 12, 2024

Darek M. Grant
Secretary of the Senate
3 State House Station

Augusta, ME 04333

AUGUSTA, MAINE

Dear Secretary Grant:

December 12, 2024

Pursuant to my authority under Senate Rule 201.5, I have made the following appointments to the Committee on Engrossed Bills:

Darek M. Grant
Secretary of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333

Senator Glenn "Chip" Curry (D-Waldo)
Senator Nicole Grohoski (D-Hancock)
Senator Marianne Moore (R-Washington)
Senator Richard T. Bradstreet (R-Kennebec)

Dear Secretary Grant:

Pursuant to my authority under Senate Rule 201.3, I have made the following appointments to the Senate Rules Committee:

Sincerely,

Senator Teresa Pierce (D-Cumberland), Chair
Senator Jill Duson (D-Cumberland)
Senate President Mattie Daughtry (D-Cumberland)
Senator Trey Stewart (R-Aroostook)
Senator Richard A. Bennett (R-Oxford)

S/Matthea Elisabeth Larsen Daughtry
President of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

Sincerely,

S/Matthea Elisabeth Larsen Daughtry
President of the Senate

The Following Communication:

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READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

**STATE OF MAINE
132nd LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

December 12, 2024

The Following Communication:

S.C. 11

Darek M. Grant
Secretary of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333

**STATE OF MAINE
132nd LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

Dear Secretary Grant:

December 12, 2024

Pursuant to my authority under Joint Rule 354, I have made the following appointments to the Committee on Joint Rules:

Darek M. Grant
Secretary of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333

Senator Anne Carney (D-Cumberland), Chair
Senate President Mattie Daughtry (D-Cumberland)
Senator Teresa Pierce (D-Cumberland)
Senator Trey Stewart (R-Aroostook)
Senator Richard A. Bennett (R-Oxford)

Dear Secretary Grant:

Pursuant to my authority under Senate Order 4, I have made the following appointments to the Committee on Senatorial Vote:

Sincerely,

Senator Teresa Pierce (D-Cumberland), Chair
Senator Glenn "Chip" Curry (D-Waldo)
Senator Denise Tepler (D-Sagadahoc)
Senator Peggy Rotundo (D-Androscoggin)
Senator Jeffrey L. Timberlake (R-Androscoggin)
Senator Russell J. Black (R-Franklin)
Senator Matthew A. Harrington (R-York)

S/Matthea Elisabeth Larsen Daughtry
President of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

Sincerely,

S/Matthea Elisabeth Larsen Daughtry
President of the Senate

The Following Communication:

S.C. 10

**STATE OF MAINE
132nd LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT**

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication:

S.C. 12

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

Derek M. Grant
Secretary of the Senate

S/Ryan D. Fecteau
Speaker of the House

December 12, 2024

Committee Appointments
132nd Legislature

Pursuant to my authority under House Rule 201.1(l)(a), I have made the following appointments to the various Joint Standing Committees:

Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

William D. Pluecker, Chair (I-Warren)
Allison Hepler (D-Woolwich)
James F. Dill (D-Old Town)
Stephan M. Bunker (D-Farmington)
Randall C. Hall (R-Wilton)*
Caldwell Jackson (R-Oxford)
Timothy C. Guerrette (R-Caribou)
Dean A. Cray (R-Palmyra)
Mark C. Cooper (R-Windham)
Sharon C. Frost (U-Belgrade)

Appropriations and Financial Affairs

Drew Gattine, Chair (D-Westbrook)
Kristen Cloutier (D-Lewiston)
Michael F. Brennan (D-Portland)
Holly B. Stover (D-Boothbay)
Deqa Dhalac (D-South Portland)
Ambureen Rana (D-Bangor)
John "Jack" E. Ducharme III (R-Madison)*
Kenneth Wade Fredette (R-Newport)
Amy Bradstreet Arata (R-New Gloucester)
Mark John Blier (R-Buxton)

Criminal Justice and Public Safety

Tavis Rock Hasenfus, Chair (D-Readfield)
Grayson B. Lookner (D-Portland)
Nina Azella Milliken (D-Blue Hill)
Michel A. Lajoie (D-Lewiston)
Mana H. Abdi (D-Lewiston)
Stephan M. Bunker (D-Farmington)
Robert W. Nutting (R-Oakland)*
Chad Richard Perkins (R-Dover-Foxcroft)
Donald J. Ardell (R-Monticello)
Mathew David McIntyre (R-Lowell)

Education and Cultural Affairs

Kelly Noonan Murphy, Chair (D-Scarborough)
Janice S. Dodge (D-Belfast)
Michael F. Brennan (D-Portland)
W. Edward Crockett (D-Portland)
Holly T. Sargent (D-York)
Christina R.C. Mitchell (D-Cumberland)
Sheila A. Lyman (R-Livermore Falls)*
Barbara A. Bagshaw (R-Windham)
Kimberly M. Haggan (R-Hampden)
Nathan M. Carlow (R-Buxton)

Energy, Utilities and Technology

Melanie F. Sachs, Chair (D-Freeport)
Christopher J. Kessler (D-South Portland)
Valli D. Geiger (D-Rockland)
Sophia B. Warren (D-Scarborough)
Walter Gerard Runte, Jr. (D-York)
Kilton M. Webb (D-Durham)
Steven D. Foster (R-Dexter)*
Nathan J. Wadsworth (R-Hiram)
Reagan L. Paul (R-Winterport)
Mathew David McIntyre (R-Lowell)

Environment and Natural Resources

Victoria W. Doudera, Chair (D-Camden)
Arthur L. Bell (D-Yarmouth)
Morgan J. Rielly (D-Westbrook)
Laurie Osher (D-Orono)
Daniel J. Ankeles (D-Brunswick)
William R. Bridgeo (D-Augusta)
Richard H. Campbell (R-Orrington)*
Michael Soboleski (R-Phillips)
David Woodsome (R-Waterboro)
Tammy L. Schmersal-Burgess (R-Mexico)

Health and Human Services

Michele Meyer, Chair (D-Eliot)
Samuel Lewis Zager (D-Portland)
Daniel Joseph Shagoury (D-Hallowell)
Anne P. Graham (D-North Yarmouth)
Flavia M. DeBrito (D-Waterville)
Julia A.G. McCabe (D-Lewiston)
Kathy Irene Javner (R-Chester)*
Lucien J.B. Daigle (R-Fort Kent)
Abigail W. Griffin (R-Levant)
Michael H. Lemelin (R-Chelsea)

**Health Coverage, Insurance and
Financial Services**

Kristi Michele Mathieson, Chair (D-Kittery)
Poppy Arford (D-Brunswick)
Anne-Marie Mastraccio (D-Sanford)
Michelle Nicole Boyer (D-Cape Elizabeth)
Sally Jeane Cluchey (D-Bowdoinham)
Joshua Morris (R-Turner)*
Rolf A. Olsen, Jr. (R-Raymond)
Robert A. Foley (R-Wells)
Paul R. Flynn (R-Albion)
Marygrace Caroline Cimino (R-Bridgton)

Housing and Economic Development

Traci Gere, Chair (D-Kennebunkport)
Tiffany Roberts (D-South Berwick)
Cheryl A. Golek (D-Harpswell)
Marc G. Malon II (D-Biddeford)
Cassie Lynn Julia (D-Waterville)
Yusuf M. Yusuf (D-Portland)
Amanda N. Collamore (R-Pittsfield)*
Arthur Kevin Mingo (R-Calais)
Mark Walker (R-Naples)
John Eder (R-Waterboro)

Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

Tiffany Roberts, Chair (D-South Berwick)
James F. Dill (D-Old Town)
Sally Jeane Cluchey (D-Bowdoinham)
William R. Bridgeo (D-Augusta)
Parnell William Terry (D-Gorham)
Richard G. Mason (R-Lisbon)*
Stephen J. Wood (R-Greene)
Michael J. Lance (R-Paris)
James E. Thorne (R-Carmel)
David Woodsome (R-Waterboro)

Judiciary

Amy D. Kuhn, Chair (D-Falmouth)
Adam R. Lee (D-Auburn)
David A. Sinclair (D-Bath)
Eleanor Y. Sato (D-Gorham)
Dylan R. Pugh (D-Portland)
Dani L. O'Halloran (D-Brewer)
Jennifer L. Poirier (R-Skowhegan)*
Rachel A. Henderson (R-Rumford)
Elizabeth M. Caruso (R-Caratunk)
Mark Michael Babin (R-Fort Fairfield)
Aaron M. Dana (the Passamaquoddy Tribe)

Labor

Amy J. Roeder, Chair (D-Bangor)
Valli D. Geiger (D-Rockland)
Matthew D. Beck (D-South Portland)
Charles A. Skold (D-Portland)
Rafael Leo Macias (D-Topsham)
Marshall F. Archer (D-Saco)
Gary A. Drinkwater (R-Milford)*
Laurel D. Libby (R-Auburn)
Alicia Carol Collins (R-Sidney)
Lucas John Lanigan (R-Sanford)

Marine Resources

Allison Hepler, Chair (D-Woolwich)
Morgan J. Rielly (D-Westbrook)
Cheryl A. Golek (D-Harpswell)
Holly Rae Eaton (D-Deer Isle)
Wayne K. Farrin (D-Jefferson)
James E. Thorne (R-Carmel)*
Tiffany Strout (R-Harrington)
Irene A. Gifford (R-Lincoln)
Abden S. Simmons (R-Waldoboro)
Peter Conley Wood (R-Norway)

State and Local Government

Suzanne M. Salisbury, Chair (D-Westbrook)

Ann Higgins Matlack (D-St. George)
Lynn Holland Copeland (D-Saco)
David M. Rollins (D-Augusta)
Wayne K. Farrin (D-Jefferson)
Randall Adam Greenwood (R-Wales)*
Jeffrey Sean Adams (R-Lebanon)
Kimberly J. Pomerleau (R-Standish)
Joseph F. Underwood (R-Presque Isle)
William R. Tuell (R-East Machias)

Taxation

Kristen Cloutier, Chair (D-Lewiston)
Ann Higgins Matlack (D-St. George)
W. Edward Crockett (D-Portland)
Daniel Sayre (D-Kennebunk)
Gary Friedmann (D-Bar Harbor)
Shelley Rudnicki (R-Fairfield)*
Tracy L. Quint (R-Hodgdon)
Russell P. White (R-Ellsworth)
Thomas A. Lavigne (R-Berwick)
Gregory Lewis Swallow (R-Houlton)

Transportation

Lydia V. Crafts, Chair (D-Newcastle)
Karen L. Montell (D-Gardiner)
Daniel J. Ankeles (D-Brunswick)
Holly Rae Eaton (D-Deer Isle)
D. Michael Ray (D-Lincolntonville)
Wayne R. Parry (R-Arundel)*
Roger Clarence Albert (R-Madawaska)
Richard G. Mason (R-Lisbon)
James Lee White (R-Guilford)
Steven M. Bishop (R-Bucksport)

Veterans and Legal Affairs

Laura D. Supica, Chair (D-Bangor)
Lori K. Gramlich (D-Old Orchard Beach)
Anne P. Graham (D-North Yarmouth)
Marc G. Malon II (D-Biddeford)
Parnell William Terry (D-Gorham)
David W. Boyer, Jr. (R-Poland)*
Ann Fredericks (R-Sanford)
Quentin J. Chapman (R-Auburn)
Benjamin C. Hymes (R-Waldo)
Sharon C. Frost (U-Belgrade)

Government Oversight Committee

Anne-Marie Mastraccio, Chair (D-Sanford)
Ann Higgins Matlack (D-St. George)
Adam R. Lee (D-Auburn)
Michael H. Lemelin (R-Chelsea)*
Chad Richard Perkins (R-Dover-Foxcroft)
John Eder (R-Waterboro)

*Ranking Republican Member

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication:

S.C. 13

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

December 12, 2024

Honorable Darek M. Grant
Secretary of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Secretary Grant:

Pursuant to my authority under Joint Rule 354, I have appointed the following members to the Joint Select Committee on Joint Rules:

Matt Moonen, Chair (D-Portland)
Holly T. Sargent (D-York)
Ryan D. Fecteau (D-Biddeford)
Billy Bob Faulkingham (R-Winter Harbor)*
Katrina J. Smith (R-Palermo)

*Ranking Republican Member

Sincerely,

S/Ryan D. Fecteau
Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication:

S.C. 15

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

December 18, 2024

The Honorable Darek M. Grant
Secretary of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Secretary Grant:

Pursuant to my authority under House Rule 201.1 (I) (a), I am appointing Representative Michael Soboleski of Phillips to the Labor Committee, replacing Representative Lucas Lanigan of Sanford, effective immediately.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions regarding this appointment.

Sincerely,

S/Ryan D. Fecteau
Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication:

S.C. 16

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

December 18, 2024

The Honorable Darek M. Grant
Secretary of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Secretary Grant:

Pursuant to my authority under House Rule 201.1 (I) (a), I have designated Representative Robert A. Foley of Wells as the Republican Lead on the Health Coverage, Insurance & Financial Services Committee replacing Republican Lead Representative Joshua Morris of Turner, effective immediately.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions regarding this appointment.

Sincerely,

S/Ryan D. Fecteau
Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication:

S.C. 17

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

December 19, 2024

The Honorable Matthea Elisabeth Larsen Daughtry
President of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

RE: Appointment of The Honorable Heather Sanborn, Esq. as the Public Advocate

Dear President Daughtry:

I am pleased to inform you that I am nominating The Honorable Heather Sanborn, Esq. of Portland as the Public Advocate.

Pursuant to Title 35-A, MRSA §1701, this appointment is contingent on confirmation by the Maine Senate after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology.

Sincerely,

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication:

S.C. 18

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

December 19, 2024

The Honorable Matthea Elisabeth Larsen Daughtry
President of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

RE: Appointment of The Honorable Joan Cohen, Esq. as the Commissioner of the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation

Dear President Daughtry:

I am pleased to inform you that I am nominating The Honorable Joan Cohen, Esq. of Portland as the Commissioner of the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation.

Pursuant to Title 10, MRSA §8002, this appointment is contingent on confirmation by the Maine Senate after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services.

Sincerely,

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication:

S.C. 14

**STATE OF MAINE
SECRETARY OF STATE
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

December 18, 2024

Honorable Darek M. Grant
Secretary of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333

Please find enclosed official copies of the final results from the November 5, 2024, General and Referendum Elections.

Tabulations showing the results with municipal and county totals are posted on the Secretary of State's web site here:

<https://www.maine.gov/sos/cec/elec/results/index.html>

Sincerely,

S/Shenna Bellows
Secretary of State

READ and with accompanying papers ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication:

S.C. 19

**STATE OF MAINE
MAINE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION
51 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0051**

January 3, 2025

Honorable Matthea Daughtry
President of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Honorable Ryan Fecteau
Speaker of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Daughtry and Speaker Fecteau:

Pursuant to 5 M.R.S.A., Section 12023, please consider this the letter of transmittal for the required report from the Maine Human Rights Commission due by February 1, 2025.

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

Thank you.

Sincerely,

S/Kit Thomson Crossman
Executive Director

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

The Following Communication:

S.C. 20

MAINE CHILD WELFARE OMBUDSMAN

December 31, 2024

Mr. Darek M. Grant
Secretary of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333

Re: 2024 Annual Report of the Child Welfare Ombudsman

Dear Secretary Grant,

Enclosed please find 45 copies of the 2024 Annual Report of the Child Welfare Ombudsman to be distributed to members of the Maine Senate and staff. The Child Welfare Ombudsman is required to report to the Maine Legislature each year pursuant to 22 M.R.S.A. § 4087-A.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Respectfully,

S/Christine Alberi

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

SENATE PAPERS

Bill "An Act to Protect the Right to Food"

S.P. 50 L.D. 124

Presented by Senator HICKMAN of Kennebec.

Bill "An Act to Establish the PFAS Response Program and to Modify the Fund To Address PFAS Contamination"

S.P. 66 L.D. 130

Presented by Senator INGWERSEN of York.
Submitted by the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Bill "An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding Nuisance Dogs"
S.P. 69 L.D. 133

Presented by Senator BENNETT of Oxford.
Cosponsored by Representative WADSWORTH of Hiram and Senator: BALDACCI of Penobscot, Representative: WOODSOME of Waterboro.

On motion by Senator **PIERCE** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Increase Storm Preparedness for Maine's Communities, Homes and Infrastructure" (EMERGENCY)
S.P. 29 L.D. 1

Presented by President DAUGHTRY of Cumberland.
(GOVERNOR'S BILL)
Cosponsored by Speaker FECTEAU of Biddeford and Senator: STEWART of Aroostook, Representative: FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor.

On motion by Senator **ROTUNDO** of Androscoggin, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Expand the Membership of the Homeland Security Advisory Council"
S.P. 36 L.D. 120

Presented by Senator CYRWAY of Kennebec.
Submitted by the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Bill "An Act to Include Brush and Yard Debris in the Definition of 'Litter'"
S.P. 38 L.D. 121

Presented by Senator BLACK of Franklin.
Cosponsored by Representative: BUNKER of Farmington.

On motion by Senator **BEEBE-CENTER** of Knox, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act Regarding Licensure of Emergency Medical Services Persons"
S.P. 44 L.D. 123

Presented by Senator CYRWAY of Kennebec.

Submitted by the Department of Public Safety pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

On motion by Senator **BEEBE-CENTER** of Knox, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Exempt Airports from Certain State Endangered and Threatened Species Habitat Protections"
S.P. 74 L.D. 138

Presented by Senator BENNETT of Oxford.
Cosponsored by Senator: TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin,
Representatives: FREDERICKS of Sanford, MASTRACCIO of Sanford, ROBERTS of South Berwick.

On motion by Senator **TEPLER** of Sagadahoc, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Provide Funding for Sexual Assault Services"
S.P. 16 L.D. 117

Presented by Senator DUSON of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative CARLOW of Buxton and
Senators: BENNETT of Oxford, President DAUGHTRY of Cumberland, HICKMAN of Kennebec, Representatives: GATTINE of Westbrook, GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach, MILLIKEN of Blue Hill, MOONEN of Portland, STOVER of Boothbay.

Bill "An Act to Require Certain Individuals Who Instruct Children Under 18 Years of Age in Dance or Creative Movement to Undergo a Criminal Background Check"
S.P. 70 L.D. 134

Presented by Senator RAFFERTY of York.

On motion by Senator **INGWERSEN** of York, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Eliminate the Provision of the Maine Workers' Compensation Act of 1992 That Allows an Employer Member of a Group Self-insurer to Insure Its Employees Through a Fronting Arrangement"

S.P. 67 L.D. 131

Presented by Senator BAILEY of York.
Submitted by the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

On motion by Senator **BAILEY** of York, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Support Permitting of Certain Multifamily Housing Developments Under the Site Location of Development Laws"
S.P. 57 L.D. 128

Presented by Senator PIERCE of Cumberland.
Submitted by the Department of Environmental Protection pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

On motion by Senator **CURRY** of Waldo, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Resolve, Directing the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to Establish a Pilot Program for the Electronic Tagging of Deer
S.P. 75 L.D. 139

Presented by Senator BAILEY of York.
Cosponsored by Senators: BALDACCI of Penobscot, HICKMAN of Kennebec, NANGLE of Cumberland, TIPPING of Penobscot, Representatives: CLUCHEY of Bowdoinham, EATON of Deer Isle, TERRY of Gorham, WEBB of Durham.

On motion by Senator **BALDACCI** of Penobscot, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Update Certain Laws Regarding Extended Care and Adoption"

S.P. 43 L.D. 122

Presented by Senator CARNEY of Cumberland.
Submitted by the Department of Health and Human Services pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Bill "An Act to Strengthen Legislative Oversight of Government Agencies and Programs by Reaffirming the Legislature's Access to Confidential Records" (EMERGENCY)
S.P. 55 L.D. 127

Presented by Senator HICKMAN of Kennebec.
Cosponsored by Representative ARATA of New Gloucester and Senators: BAILEY of York, BENNETT of Oxford, DUSON of Cumberland, TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin, TIPPING of Penobscot, Representatives: BLIER of Buxton, LEE of Auburn, STOVER of Boothbay.

Resolve, to Establish the Commission to Study the Constitution of Maine

S.P. 68 L.D. 132

Presented by Senator HICKMAN of Kennebec.
Cosponsored by Senators: BENNETT of Oxford, STEWART of Aroostook, Representatives: BOYER of Cape Elizabeth, HASENFUS of Readfield, LEE of Auburn.

On motion by Senator **CARNEY** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Prohibit the Use of Piercing Guns"

S.P. 17 L.D. 116

Presented by Senator BENNETT of Oxford.
Cosponsored by Representative LANCE of Paris.

On motion by Senator **TIPPING** of Penobscot, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Expand the 1998 Special Retirement Plan to Include Employees Who Work for the Office of Chief Medical Examiner"

S.P. 73 L.D. 137

Presented by Senator HICKMAN of Kennebec.
Cosponsored by Representative HASENFUS of Readfield and Senator: TIPPING of Penobscot, Representative: ROEDER of Bangor.

On motion by Senator **TIPPING** of Penobscot, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LABOR** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Include the Declaration of an Emergency by the President of the United States as a Basis to Allow the Governor to Provide Disaster Relief to Local Governments"

S.P. 31 L.D. 119

Presented by Senator BEEBE-CENTER of Knox.
Submitted by the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Bill "An Act to Amend the Law Governing Dedimus Justices"

S.P. 60 L.D. 129

Presented by Senator CARNEY of Cumberland.
Submitted by the Secretary of State pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Bill "An Act to Provide Compensation to Members of the Permanent Commission on the Status of Women to Enhance Equitable Commission Participation from Across the State"

S.P. 71 L.D. 135

Presented by President DAUGHTRY of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative GATTINE of Westbrook and Senators: DUSON of Cumberland, MOORE of Washington, ROTUNDO of Androscoggin, Representatives: CRAFTS of Newcastle, GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach, STOVER of Boothbay.

Bill "An Act to Transfer the Responsibility for Tax Expenditure Review from the Government Oversight Committee to the Joint Standing Committee on Taxation"

S.P. 72 L.D. 136

Presented by Senator BENNETT of Oxford.

On motion by Senator **BALDACCI** of Penobscot, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Increase the Total Amount of Credits Authorized Under the Maine Seed Capital Tax Credit Program"

S.P. 52 L.D. 125

Presented by Senator PIERCE of Cumberland.
Submitted by the Finance Authority of Maine pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

On motion by Senator **GROHOSKI** of Hancock, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TAXATION** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Assess Impact Fees on Megayachts"

S.P. 15 L.D. 115

Presented by Senator BENNETT of Oxford.
Cosponsored by Representative LOOKNER of Portland.

On motion by Senator **NANGLE** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Allow Candidates for Sheriff and District Attorney to Participate in the Maine Clean Election Act"

S.P. 21 L.D. 118

Presented by Senator BENNETT of Oxford.

Cosponsored by Senators: GROHOSKI of Hancock, HICKMAN of Kennebec, MOORE of Washington, Representative: MONTELL of Gardiner.

Bill "An Act to Expand the Use of the Veterans' Homelessness Prevention Partnership Fund"

S.P. 54 L.D. 126

Presented by Senator HICKMAN of Kennebec.

Submitted by the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

On motion by Senator **HICKMAN** of Kennebec, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

ORDERS

Joint Orders

On motion by Senator **PIERCE** of Cumberland, the following Joint Order:

S.P. 65

ORDERED, the House concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourn, they do so until Tuesday, January 14, 2025, at 10:00 in the morning, or until the call of the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House, respectively.

READ and **PASSED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

All matters thus acted upon were ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

Joint Resolutions

On motion by Senator **BENNETT** of Oxford (Cosponsored by Representative GREENWOOD of Wales and Senators: BALDACCI of Penobscot, GROHOSKI of Hancock, HARRINGTON of York, Representative: WARREN of Scarborough), the following Joint Resolution:

S.P. 10

JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING SEPARATE APPLICATIONS TO THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES CALLING ARTICLE V CONVENTIONS TO PROPOSE AMENDMENTS ESTABLISHING TERM LIMITS FOR MEMBERS OF CONGRESS AND TERM LIMITS FOR JUSTICES OF THE UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT

WHEREAS, the United States Constitution, Article V places substantial authority and responsibility upon the legislatures of the several states to ensure that the Federal Government and each of its branches remain within their enumerated powers and remain protective of the rights of the people; and

WHEREAS, a variety of important movements have arisen within the legislatures of the several states to address a wide variety of concerns that may be appropriately addressed within the context of Article V of the United States Constitution; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature of Maine wishes to address these various approaches in a bipartisan manner; and

WHEREAS, an agreement to call for a convention under Article V of the United States Constitution does not commit the Legislature of Maine to approve any proposal that may arise from any subsequent convention; rather, this Legislature is simply exercising its will to engage in a formal process with other states to give full and authoritative consideration to various proposals consistent with the topics expressed by this joint resolution; and

WHEREAS, under the United States Constitution, Article V, the Congress of the United States, whenever two-thirds of both Houses shall deem it necessary, shall propose amendments to the United States Constitution, or, on the application of the legislatures of two-thirds of the several states, shall call a convention for proposing amendments that, in either case, shall be valid to all intents and purposes, as part of the United States Constitution, when ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several states, or by conventions in three-fourths thereof, as the one or the other mode of ratification may be proposed by the Congress; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the Legislature of Maine hereby applies to the Congress of the United States, under the provisions of Article V of the United States Constitution, to call a convention of the states limited to proposing an amendment to the United States Constitution to set a limit on the number of terms that a person may be elected to the United States House of Representatives and to set a limit on the number of terms that a person may be elected to the United States Senate; and be it further

RESOLVED: That this application is intended to address the same subject matter as applications from other states under the provisions of Article V of the United States Constitution to call a convention to set a limit on the number of terms that a person may be elected to the United States House of Representatives and the United States Senate; and this application must be aggregated with the same for the purpose of attaining the two-thirds of states necessary to require Congress to call a limited convention on this subject, but may not be aggregated with any other applications on any other subject; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Legislature of Maine hereby applies to the Congress of the United States, under the provisions of Article V of the United States Constitution, to call a convention of the states limited to proposing an amendment to the United States Constitution to establish staggered term limits of 18 years for Justices of the United States Supreme Court; and be it further

RESOLVED: That this application is intended to address the same subject matter as applications from other states under the provisions of Article V of the United States Constitution to call a convention to establish staggered term limits of 18 years for Justices of the United States Supreme Court; and this application must be aggregated with the same for the purpose of attaining the two-thirds of states necessary to require Congress to call a limited convention on this subject, but may not be aggregated with any other applications on any other subject; and be it further

RESOLVED: That these applications constitute continuing applications in accordance with Article V of the United States Constitution until the legislatures of at least two-thirds of the several states have made applications on the same subjects; and be it further

RESOLVED: That suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the Secretary of the Senate and presiding officers of both houses of the legislatures of each of the several states in the nation, the Speaker and Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, the President and Secretary of the United States Senate and each member of the Maine Congressional Delegation.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Unfinished Business

The following matters in the consideration of which the Senate was engaged at the time of Adjournment have preference in the Orders of the Day and continue with such preference until disposed of as provided by Senate Rule 516.

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later Assigned (12/4/24) matter:

JOINT ORDER - to Require the Joint Select Committee on Joint Rules to Convene and Consider Certain Changes to the Joint Rules

S.P. 8

Tabled - December 4, 2024 by Senator **BENNETT** of Oxford

Pending - **PASSAGE**

(In Senate, December 4, 2024, on motion by Senator **BENNETT** of Oxford, **READ**.)

On motion by Senator **PIERCE** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JOINT RULES** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later Assigned (12/4/24) matter:

SENATE ORDER - Regarding Placement of Bills Involving a Loss or Gain of Revenue on a Special Appropriations Table
S.O. 12

Tabled - December 4, 2024 by Senator **BENNETT** of Oxford

Pending - **PASSAGE**

(In Senate, December 4, 2024, on motion by Senator **BENNETT** of Oxford, **READ**.)

On motion by Senator **PIERCE** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JOINT RULES** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later Assigned (12/4/24) matter:

JOINT ORDER - to Amend the Joint Rules to Increase the Number of Members on the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs Committee
S.P. 2

Tabled - December 4, 2024 by Senator **BENNETT** of Oxford

Pending - **PASSAGE**

(In Senate, December 4, 2024, on motion by Senator **BENNETT** of Oxford, **READ**.)

On motion by Senator **PIERCE** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JOINT RULES** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

All matters thus acted upon were ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

Senate at Ease.

The Senate was called to order by the President.

Senator **MOORE** of Washington requested and received leave of the Senate that members and staff be allowed to remove their jackets for the remainder of this Legislative Day.

The Senate considered the following additional papers:

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

House Papers

Bill "An Act to Reorganize and Simplify Certain Exceptions in the Use Regulation Law"

H.P. 68 L.D. 103

Bill "An Act to Require Food Labels to Disclose Use of Messenger Ribonucleic Acid Vaccine Material in Food Production"

H.P. 78 L.D. 113

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

On motion by Senator **TALBOT ROSS** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicles and Traffic Law Governing Mandatory Driver's License Suspension for Refusing Testing for Drugs or a Combination of Drugs and Alcohol"

H.P. 61 L.D. 96

Bill "An Act to Notify the Public of Juveniles Who Are Wanted Persons"

H.P. 67 L.D. 102

Come from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator **BEEBE-CENTER** of Knox, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Include School Counselors in the Educators for Maine Program"

H.P. 63 L.D. 98

Resolve, Directing the Maine Arts Commission to Study Federal and National Efforts to Protect Artists from Copyright Infringement by Artificial Intelligence Companies and Users and to Monitor Educational Use

H.P. 74 L.D. 109

Come from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator **RAFFERTY** of York, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Amend the Charter of the Lewiston-Auburn Water Pollution Control Authority"

H.P. 79 L.D. 114

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

On motion by Senator **GROHOSKI** of Hancock, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act Regarding the Management of the Waste Components of a Solar Energy Development upon Decommissioning" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 57 L.D. 92

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator **TEPLER** of Sagadahoc, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Reduce Cost and Increase Access to Disease Prevention by Expanding the Universal Childhood Immunization Program to Include Adults"

H.P. 58 L.D. 93

Bill "An Act to Eliminate Miscarriage Reporting Requirements"

H.P. 59 L.D. 94

Bill "An Act to Clarify Information Sharing Between the Department of Health and Human Services and Schools with Respect to Investigations of Child Abuse or Neglect"

H.P. 64 L.D. 99

Bill "An Act to Require Reporting on the Expenditure of Opioid Settlement Funds by Certain Municipalities and County Governments"

H.P. 75 L.D. 110

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

On motion by Senator **INGWERSEN** of York, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Authorize Employees of the Maine Association of Retirees to Be Eligible for Participation in the State Employee Health Insurance Program"

H.P. 56 L.D. 91

Bill "An Act to Require Health Insurance Coverage for Biomarker Testing"

H.P. 72 L.D. 107

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

On motion by Senator **BAILEY** of York, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Amend and Simplify Certain Wildlife Laws"

H.P. 60 L.D. 95

Bill "An Act Regarding Public Records and Fees for Requesting Public Records from the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife"

H.P. 66 L.D. 101

Come from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator **BALDACCI** of Penobscot, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Increase the State's Share of Retired Teacher Health Insurance" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 76 L.D. 111

Bill "An Act to Promote Opportunities by Establishing a Student Wage"

H.P. 77 L.D. 112

Come from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LABOR** and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator **TIPPING** of Penobscot, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LABOR** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Increase the Expenditure Limit for the Informal Bidding Process for the Selection of Professional, Architect and Engineer Services"

H.P. 65 L.D. 100

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

On motion by Senator **BALDACCI** of Penobscot, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act Regarding the Taxation of Paid Family and Medical Leave Benefits"

H.P. 71 L.D. 106

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TAXATION** and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator **GROHOSKI** of Hancock, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TAXATION** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Protect the Health of Medical Cannabis Patients and Streamline the Mandatory Testing of Cannabis"

H.P. 69 L.D. 104

Bill "An Act to Authorize the Release of Military Records to the Office of Chief Medical Examiner for the Purposes of Suicide Reporting and Prevention"

H.P. 73 L.D. 108

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

On motion by Senator **HICKMAN** of Kennebec, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

The Senate considered the following additional papers:

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

House Papers

Bill "An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Commission Regarding Foreign-trained Physicians Living in Maine to Establish a Sponsorship Program for Internationally Trained Physicians"

H.P. 70 L.D. 105

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES**.

On motion by Senator **RAFFERTY** of York, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Facilitate the Improvement of Credit Scores of
Residents of Department of Corrections Facilities"
H.P. 62 L.D. 97

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on
CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY.

On motion by Senator **BAILEY** of York, **REFERRED** to the
Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** and
ordered printed, in concurrence.

Senate at Ease.

The Senate was called to order by the President.

Off Record Remarks

All matters thus acted upon were ordered sent down forthwith for
concurrence.

On motion by Senator **PIERCE** of Cumberland, **ADJOURNED**,
pursuant to the Joint Order, until Tuesday, January 14, 2025 at
10:00 in the morning.