

**STATE OF MAINE
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JOURNAL AND RECORD OF THE SENATE**

In Senate Chamber
Tuesday
March 4, 2025

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

Prayer by Reverend Michael Dalton of Scarborough Free Baptist Church in Scarborough.

REVEREND MICHAL DALTON: Let's pray. Heavenly Father, I am so thankful to be here today. I'm thankful to you for your providence in founding this great country, a country that was built on your principles. And thank you that you saw fit to see that each American has a say in what goes on here in this country, Lord. We are so thankful for that, especially at this time when the world is hurting, when people in this state are needing compassion. And so, Lord, we just pray that we would find your guidance. I thank you for your sovereign choosing of the men and women that are filling these seats today.

I just pray, Lord, as we go through this session, that you would offer divine guidance, that we will be able to have an opportunity to look to you for your wisdom. And Lord, as these bills are made or considered or discussed today, I pray that your will would be done, that we will be able to consider what is best for these people, these -- your people.

So, Lord, I just ask for guidance throughout the day. I just pray that you would bear upon us what you would like us to do. So, we thank you for the opportunity that you have given to us to be able to do these things and we thank you in Jesus' name. Amen.

National Anthem Performed by South Portland High School Choir.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Senator Russell J. Black of Franklin County.

Reading of the Journal of Tuesday, February 25, 2025.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Talbot Ross.

Senator **TALBOT ROSS:** Thank you, Madam President. I am so very, very proud to spend this day with a special person who's in the Chamber this morning, Bob Greene.

A native of Portland, Bob Greene is the eighth generation of his family to be born in Cumberland County. I have known him

my entire life and consider him family. His roots in Maine stretch back into the 1700s. After graduating from Portland High, Bob went off to college and a career as a journalist. Covering, among other things, like airplane crashes, the Mississippi River floods, and he covered the funeral of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. He has met three presidents - Harry Truman, Lyndon Johnson, and Robert Mugabe of Zimbabwe - and as the Associated Press tennis writer, Bob traveled the world covering the sport.

After retiring, he returned home to his beloved Maine, where his genealogical research has led to his deep, deep knowledge of Maine's black history. He currently teaches a black history course at the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at the University of Southern Maine.

Bob is a 2021 recipient of the Maine Historical Society's Neal Allen Award, which is presented each year for exceptional contributions to Maine's history.

Just a quick - very quick note about Bob Greene, he is one of our treasured, treasured, treasured statesmen. And what he passes along in each time that you meet him is some tidbit of Maine's history, of America's history. And he was the person who taught me about the role of African Americans in each of the wars that Maine has been involved in, including being part of a Maine regiment that fought in the Civil War.

Bob is a treasure to this state. I hope you all take a moment to introduce yourself to him and, as I said, a treasured family member. I'm so, so proud, I'm so pleased that he was able to make the trip up from Minot today and join us here in the Senate Chamber.

Thank you, Madam President.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair is pleased to recognize in the rear of the Chamber, Bob Greene, of Minot. He is the guest today of the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Talbot Ross. Would you please accept the greetings of the Maine Senate.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

Non-Concurrent Matter

Bill "An Act to Make Supplemental Appropriations and Allocations from the General Fund and Other Funds for the Expenditures of State Government and to Change Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2025" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 131 L.D. 209
(C "A" H-1)

In Senate, February 11, 2025, **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-1)** in concurrence.

Comes from the House, **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-1) AS AMENDED BY HOUSE AMENDMENT "H" (H-9)** thereto in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

On motion by Senator **PIERCE** of Cumberland, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending **CONSIDERATION**.

Joint Resolutions

The following Joint Resolution:

H.P. 471

**JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING FEBRUARY 2025 AS
NATIONAL PARENT LEADERSHIP MONTH**

WHEREAS, partnering with parents is a critical and effective way to help families identify and build upon their strengths and prevent child abuse and neglect; and

WHEREAS, authentic partnerships with parents are created when parents have the opportunity to partner with other parents and present a “parent perspective and lens” to inform policies and programs that support the growth of the protective factors that lead to strong families and communities; and

WHEREAS, the Maine Children’s Trust, a statewide abuse and neglect prevention organization, supports, encourages and acknowledges partnerships between parents and community stakeholders, leaders and policymakers as critical to developing strong communities; and

WHEREAS, partnerships with parents can help with building strengths-based communities that thrive based on protective factors; and

WHEREAS, partnerships with parents are successfully achieved when parents are partners in the planning, implementation, oversight and evaluation of policies, practices and programs that affect families and communities, receive support and training and have multiple opportunities to share their expertise; and

WHEREAS, parents each year are partnering with other parents to build stronger, safer communities where all children can thrive; and

WHEREAS, parents can have a powerful effect on communities by sharing their lived expertise, and they will continue to have a positive effect on the lives of families across the State; and

WHEREAS, many organizations across the State support and provide partnership opportunities for parents; and

WHEREAS, National Parent Leadership Month is an opportunity to recognize, honor and celebrate these parents and their contributions; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: that We, the Members of the One Hundred and Thirty-second Legislature now assembled in the First Regular Session, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to recognize February 2025 as Parent Leadership Month in order to raise awareness of the vital role parents play in creating local communities that produce thriving children.

Comes from the House, **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

READ and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

The following Joint Resolution:

H.P. 472

**JOINT RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT FAMILY CAREGIVERS IN
MAINE**

WHEREAS, Americans are living longer than ever before, and Maine is on the leading edge of this trend; and

WHEREAS, Mainers are predictably living healthy, productive lives into their 80s, 90s and 100s; and

WHEREAS, the majority of older Mainers wish to remain in their homes and communities as they age; and

WHEREAS, a quarter of older adults will need care and support as they age, and the majority of them will want to receive this care in their homes and communities; and

WHEREAS, eighty-three percent of the help provided to older adults in the United States comes from family members, friends or other unpaid caregivers, and nearly half of all caregivers who provide help to older adults do so for someone with Alzheimer’s disease or another dementia; and

WHEREAS, a family caregiver can be a spouse, partner, adult child, other relative, friend or neighbor who has a significant relationship with, and who provides a broad range of assistance to, an adult dealing with the challenges of age, illness, injury or chronic or disabling conditions; and

WHEREAS, currently, there are 166,000 family caregivers in Maine; and

WHEREAS, family caregivers in Maine provide an estimated 155,000,000 hours of unpaid care annually, which can be valued at nearly \$2,920,000,000; and

WHEREAS, family caregivers spend, on average, more than \$7,200 out of pocket annually in caring for their loved ones; and

WHEREAS, approximately 51,000 family caregivers in Maine are caring for a loved one with Alzheimer’s disease, providing an estimated 87,000,000 hours of unpaid care annually at a value of \$1,911,000,000; and

WHEREAS, dementia caregiving involves many hours over a long period of time, and the demands of dementia caregiving often result in physical and mental health problems among caregivers themselves; and

WHEREAS, the demand for family caregivers will increase as the United States population ages, and the prevalence of Alzheimer’s disease will continue to rise significantly, nearly doubling by 2050; and

WHEREAS, the Maine State Legislature has passed various provisions into law in support of family caregivers, including the Alzheimer’s disease and related dementia state plan, the Respite

for ME program and the paid family and medical leave benefits program; and

WHEREAS, family caregivers often work full-time or part-time while providing care for a loved one, while others are forced to leave the workforce, for a period of time or permanently, to provide care; and

WHEREAS, Maine is missing out on over \$1,000,000,000 per year in additional economic activity as a result of family caregivers dropping out of the labor force due to care challenges; and

WHEREAS, the ratio of potential family caregivers to the growing number of those who need care has already begun a steep decline; and

WHEREAS, the number of personal support specialists, certified nursing assistants, personal care attendants and home health aides cannot meet the current or projected demand for care in Maine, and this shortage results in family caregivers leaving the workforce temporarily or permanently; and

WHEREAS, the lack of available supports and services for older people, such as Meals on Wheels, Adult Day Services and housing with services, challenges older people who wish to remain at home and their caregivers to find the help they need; and

WHEREAS, the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine report that the need to recognize and support family caregivers is the most significantly overlooked challenge facing the United States; and

WHEREAS, Maine must find ways to support family caregivers in their efforts to provide care to loved ones, allowing Maine citizens to safely and comfortably age in their own homes, helping to preserve communities and avoiding the expense of institutional care; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Thirty-second Legislature now assembled in the First Regular Session, on behalf of the people we represent, support the review of state policies and programs for their effectiveness in addressing the needs of family caregivers, professional caregivers and the loved ones they care for and recognize February 21, 2025 as National Caregivers Day; and be it further

RESOLVED: That a suitable copy of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the Department of Health and Human Services.

Comes from the House, **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

READ and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication:

S.P. 367

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

February 27, 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 February 27, 2025, 20 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 February 27, 2025, as follows:

Appropriations and Financial Affairs

Bill "An Act to Fund State Government" (S.P. 338) (L.D. 780) (Sponsored by Senator ROTUNDO of Androscoggin)

Bill "An Act to Provide for Appropriations and Allocations" (S.P. 339) (L.D. 781) (Sponsored by Senator ROTUNDO of Androscoggin)

Criminal Justice and Public Safety

Bill "An Act to Promote Public Safety and Retain Essential First Responders by Funding the Maine Length of Service Award Program" (S.P. 346) (L.D. 786) (Sponsored by Senator CURRY of Waldo)

Education and Cultural Affairs

Bill "An Act to Continue Support for the Maine Multicultural Center" (S.P. 341) (L.D. 783) (Sponsored by Senator TIPPING of Penobscot) (Cosponsored by Representative OSHER of Orono and Senators: BENNETT of Oxford, BALDACCI of Penobscot, RAFFERTY of York, DUSON of Cumberland, LIBBY of Cumberland, Representatives: RANA of Bangor, DILL of Old Town, BRENNAN of Portland)

Bill "An Act to Clarify Residency Requirements for and Provide Funding to the Maine School of Science and Mathematics" (S.P. 347) (L.D. 787) (Sponsored by Senator GROHOSKI of Hancock) (Cosponsored by Representative BABIN of Fort Fairfield and Senators: RAFFERTY of York, LIBBY of Cumberland, Representatives: DODGE of Belfast, GERE of Kennebunkport, CARLOW of Buxton, MURPHY of Scarborough, SARGENT of York, FROST of Belgrade)

Environment and Natural Resources

Bill "An Act to Exempt Pegmatite Mining from the Maine Metallic Mineral Mining Act and Establish a Permit-by-rule Process" (S.P. 360) (L.D. 795) (Sponsored by Senator MARTIN of Oxford) (Cosponsored by Representative SOBOLESKI of Phillips and Representatives: WADSWORTH of Hiram, SCHMERSAL-BURGESS of Mexico, LANCE of Paris)

Health and Human Services

Bill "An Act to Amend MaineCare Financial Eligibility Requirements" (S.P. 340) (L.D. 782) (Sponsored by Senator TEPLER of Sagadahoc) (Cosponsored by Senator: TIPPING of Penobscot, Representatives: RANA of Bangor, ABDI of Lewiston, SATO of Gorham, MACIAS of Topsham)

Bill "An Act Regarding Children with Behavioral Health Needs Awaiting Placement in Residential Care Facilities" (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 354) (L.D. 791) (Sponsored by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot)

Bill "An Act to Fund Medical Research and Cancer Prevention" (S.P. 355) (L.D. 792) (Sponsored by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot)

Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services

Bill "An Act to Require Health Insurance Coverage for Specialized Risk Screening for First Responders" (S.P. 343) (L.D. 784) (Sponsored by Senator BAILEY of York) (Cosponsored by Representative COPELAND of Saco and Senators: NANGLE of Cumberland, TIPPING of Penobscot, Representatives: MATHIESON of Kittery, SHAGOURY of Hallowell)

Bill "An Act to Prevent Denial of Patient Access Through Collaborative Care" (S.P. 353) (L.D. 790) (Sponsored by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot)

Housing and Economic Development

Bill "An Act to Promote an Innovation-driven Economy by Increasing Research and Development Spending" (S.P. 348) (L.D. 788) (Sponsored by Senator PIERCE of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by Speaker FECTEAU of Biddeford and Senators: BENNETT of Oxford, President DAUGHTRY of Cumberland, STEWART of Aroostook, LAWRENCE of York, Representative: CLOUTIER of Lewiston)

Judiciary

Bill "An Act to Fund the Aroostook County Drug Treatment Court" (S.P. 336) (L.D. 779) (Sponsored by Senator CARNEY of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by Representative KUHN of Falmouth)

Bill "An Act to Enact the Remaining Recommendations of the Task Force on Changes to the Maine Indian Claims Settlement Implementing Act" (S.P. 344) (L.D. 785) (Sponsored by Senator TALBOT ROSS of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by Representative FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor and Senators: BENNETT of Oxford, President DAUGHTRY of Cumberland, MOORE of

Washington, CARNEY of Cumberland, Representatives: Speaker FECTEAU of Biddeford, LEE of Auburn, KUHN of Falmouth, BABIN of Fort Fairfield)

Labor

Bill "An Act to Include Judicial Marshals in the 1998 Special Plan for Retirement" (S.P. 359) (L.D. 794) (Sponsored by Senator HICKMAN of Kennebec) (Cosponsored by Representatives: GREENWOOD of Wales, FREDETTE of Newport and Representative: HASENFUS of Readfield)

Bill "An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding Work Search Efforts for Unemployment Benefits and to Eliminate Benefits for Temporary Unemployment" (S.P. 363) (L.D. 797) (Sponsored by Senator STEWART of Aroostook)

State and Local Government

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Require Legislative Approval of Any State of Emergency Lasting Longer than 60 Days (S.P. 350) (L.D. 789) (Sponsored by Senator STEWART of Aroostook) (Cosponsored by Representative FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor and Senators: GUERIN of Penobscot, HARRINGTON of York, MARTIN of Oxford, TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin, Representative: SMITH of Palermo)

Taxation

Bill "An Act to Establish a State Tax Amnesty Program to Increase Revenue Collections" (S.P. 334) (L.D. 778) (Sponsored by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot) (Cosponsored by Representative FREDERICKS of Sanford and Senator: MARTIN of Oxford)

Transportation

Resolve, to Rename a Bridge in Windham and Gorham the Little Falls Veterans Memorial Bridge (S.P. 362) (L.D. 796) (Sponsored by Senator NANGLE of Cumberland)

Veterans and Legal Affairs

Bill "An Act to Modernize Gaming Revenue Allocations and Increase Efforts to Prevent Gambling Addiction" (S.P. 358) (L.D. 793) (Sponsored by Senator HICKMAN of Kennebec) (Cosponsored by Representative SUPICA of Bangor and Senator: TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin, Representative: BOYER of Poland)

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:

H.P. 470

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

February 20, 2025

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

Honorable Matthea Daughtry
President of the Senate
132nd Legislature

Dear Mr. Speaker and Madam President:

On February 20, 2025, 100 bills were received by the Clerk of the House.

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, these bills were referred to the Joint Standing Committees on February 20, 2025, as follows:

Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

Resolve, to Study Barriers to Financial Assistance Programs for Farmers and Food Producers (H.P. 374) (L.D. 606) (Sponsored by Representative PLUECKER of Warren)

Appropriations and Financial Affairs

Bill "An Act Making Certain Supplemental Appropriations and Allocations and Changing Certain Provisions of Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government" (H.P. 376) (L.D. 608) (Sponsored by Representative GATTINE of Westbrook)

Bill "An Act Making Certain Appropriations and Allocations and Changing Certain Provisions of Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government" (H.P. 377) (L.D. 609) (Sponsored by Representative GATTINE of Westbrook)

Bill "An Act to Provide Appropriations and Allocations for the Operations of State Government" (H.P. 444) (L.D. 705) (Sponsored by Representative GATTINE of Westbrook)

Criminal Justice and Public Safety

Bill "An Act to Explicitly Allow the Department of Corrections to Charge Room and Board to Residents Who Perform Remote Work in Detention and Correctional Facilities and to Amend the Laws Governing Rehabilitative Programs" (H.P. 394) (L.D. 626) (Sponsored by Representative NUTTING of Oakland) (Submitted by the Department of Corrections pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act to Improve Training Opportunities for Law Enforcement Officers" (H.P. 407) (L.D. 639) (Sponsored by

Representative CROCKETT of Portland) (Cosponsored by Representative SARGENT of York)

Bill "An Act Regarding Telephone and Video Call Access in Detention and Correctional Facilities and Jails" (H.P. 415) (L.D. 647) (Sponsored by Representative MILLIKEN of Blue Hill) (Cosponsored by Senator CARNEY of Cumberland and Representatives: BISHOP of Bucksport, BOYER of Poland, FREDERICKS of Sanford, GUERRETTE of Caribou, MATHIESON of Kittery, SARGENT of York, SAYRE of Kennebunk, WARREN of Scarborough)

Bill "An Act to Expand the Supervised Community Confinement Program" (H.P. 416) (L.D. 648) (Sponsored by Representative MILLIKEN of Blue Hill) (Cosponsored by Senator TALBOT ROSS of Cumberland and Representatives: HASENFUS of Readfield, MATHIESON of Kittery, SARGENT of York, SAYRE of Kennebunk, WARREN of Scarborough, WEBB of Durham)

Bill "An Act to Prevent Domestic Violence by Providing Adequate Funding Support for Court-ordered Certified Domestic Violence Intervention Programs" (H.P. 434) (L.D. 666) (Sponsored by Representative GATTINE of Westbrook) (Cosponsored by Senator BEEBE-CENTER of Knox and Representatives: HASENFUS of Readfield, MILLIKEN of Blue Hill, Senator: CURRY of Waldo)

Bill "An Act to Amend the Maine Criminal Code Governing Restitution to Include the Costs of All Analyses of Suspected Illegal Drugs" (H.P. 456) (L.D. 717) (Sponsored by Representative BISHOP of Bucksport) (Cosponsored by Senator HAGGAN of Penobscot and Representatives: ARDELL of Monticello, LIBBY of Auburn, PAUL of Winterport, PERKINS of Dover-Foxcroft, WHITE of Guilford, WHITE of Ellsworth)

Bill "An Act to Amend the Share of State Funding for the County Jail Operations Fund" (H.P. 458) (L.D. 719) (Sponsored by Representative SALISBURY of Westbrook) (Cosponsored by Senator STEWART of Aroostook and Representatives: DUCHARME of Madison, HASENFUS of Readfield, LAJOIE of Lewiston, LOOKNER of Portland)

Bill "An Act Requiring the Maine Criminal Justice Academy to Develop a Nonresidential Basic Law Enforcement Training Program" (H.P. 462) (L.D. 723) (Sponsored by Representative LAJOIE of Lewiston) (Cosponsored by Senator BICKFORD of Androscoggin and Representatives: ABDI of Lewiston, CLOUTIER of Lewiston, LEE of Auburn, LIBBY of Auburn, MCCABE of Lewiston, SALISBURY of Westbrook, SARGENT of York, WOOD of Greene)

Bill "An Act to Protect Municipalities' Investment in Law Enforcement Officers" (H.P. 465) (L.D. 726) (Sponsored by Representative BOYER of Poland) (Cosponsored by Senator HARRINGTON of York and Representatives: BISHOP of Bucksport, HASENFUS of Readfield, PERKINS of Dover-Foxcroft, WHITE of Ellsworth, Senators: BEEBE-CENTER of Knox, BENNETT of Oxford, GROHOSKI of Hancock, TIPPING of Penobscot)

Education and Cultural Affairs

Bill "An Act to Require the Approval of Superintendent Agreements Regarding Transfers of Students Between School Administrative Units" (H.P. 375) (L.D. 607) (Sponsored by Representative LIBBY of Auburn) (Cosponsored by Representatives: BOYER of Poland, FOLEY of Wells, FOSTER of Dexter, HAGGAN of Hampden, LANCE of Paris, OLSEN of Raymond, POIRIER of Skowhegan)

Bill "An Act Regarding Eligibility to Apply for a Department of Education Diploma" (H.P. 396) (L.D. 628) (Sponsored by Representative BRENNAN of Portland) (Cosponsored by Senator RAFFERTY of York and Representatives: BRIDGEO of Augusta, CLOUTIER of Lewiston, DHALAC of South Portland, DODGE of Belfast, MURPHY of Scarborough, RANA of Bangor, STOVER of Boothbay, Senator: PIERCE of Cumberland)

Bill "An Act to Provide Students in the University of Maine System Who Are Parents or Pregnant Individuals Priority Registration for Courses" (H.P. 410) (L.D. 642) (Sponsored by Representative GRIFFIN of Levant) (Cosponsored by Representatives: COLLAMORE of Pittsfield, COLLINS of Sidney, HAGGAN of Hampden, SMITH of Palermo)

Resolve, to Study the Effects of Artificial Intelligence, Cellular Telephones and Social Media on Public Education (H.P. 411) (L.D. 643) (Sponsored by Representative BRENNAN of Portland) (Cosponsored by Senator PIERCE of Cumberland and Representatives: CLOUTIER of Lewiston, DODGE of Belfast, GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach, LOOKNER of Portland, MURPHY of Scarborough, SALISBURY of Westbrook, SARGENT of York, Senator: RAFFERTY of York)

Bill "An Act to Provide Transparency and Public Access to Public School Curricula" (H.P. 428) (L.D. 660) (Sponsored by Representative CARUSO of Caratunk) (Cosponsored by Senator HAGGAN of Penobscot and Representatives: COLLINS of Sidney, DAIGLE of Fort Kent, LYMAN of Livermore Falls, PERKINS of Dover-Foxcroft, SMITH of Palermo, THORNE of Carmel, WALKER of Naples, Senator: LIBBY of Cumberland)

Resolve, Directing the Department of Education to Report on Financial Literacy Education in the System of Learning Results (H.P. 440) (L.D. 701) (Sponsored by Representative ROLLINS of Augusta) (Cosponsored by Senator BRADSTREET of Kennebec and Representatives: BRIDGEO of Augusta, DHALAC of South Portland, GATTINE of Westbrook, HAGGAN of Hampden)

Bill "An Act to Fund an Administrative Structure of an Emergency Medical Services Education Program in the Community College System" (H.P. 461) (L.D. 722) (Sponsored by Representative SALISBURY of Westbrook) (Cosponsored by Representatives: CLOUTIER of Lewiston, DUCHARME of Madison)

Bill "An Act to Repeal Certain Immunization Requirements for Schools" (H.P. 466) (L.D. 727) (Sponsored by Representative QUINT of Hodgdon) (Cosponsored by Senator HAGGAN of Penobscot and Representatives: BOYER of Poland, CARUSO of Caratunk, FOLEY of Wells, HYMES of Waldo, JAVNER of Chester, PAUL of Winterport, SMITH of Palermo, SWALLOW of Houlton)

Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 132: Learning Results: Parameters for Essential Instruction, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Education (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 469) (L.D. 730) (Submitted by the Department of Education pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 8072.)

Energy, Utilities and Technology

Bill "An Act to Remove State-imposed Referendum Requirements Regarding Nuclear Power" (H.P. 369) (L.D. 601) (Sponsored by Representative PAUL of Winterport) (Cosponsored by Senator HARRINGTON of York and Representatives: ALBERT of Madawaska, CAMPBELL of Orrington, FOSTER of Dexter, MCINTYRE of Lowell, WADSWORTH of Hiram)

Bill "An Act Concerning the Restoration of Electricity During Emergencies for Certain Medically Vulnerable Individuals Who Rely on Electronic Medical Apparatuses" (H.P. 401) (L.D. 633) (Sponsored by Representative FRIEDMANN of Bar Harbor)

Bill "An Act to Create Equal Opportunity Access to Clean Energy by Removing the 100-megawatt Limit on Clean Energy Sources" (H.P. 406) (L.D. 638) (Sponsored by Representative ARDELL of Monticello) (Cosponsored by Senator BERNARD of Aroostook and Representatives: DAIGLE of Fort Kent, HENDERSON of Rumford, PAUL of Winterport, PERKINS of Dover-Foxcroft, SWALLOW of Houlton)

Bill "An Act to Facilitate the State Meeting Its Climate Goals While Protecting Farms" (H.P. 450) (L.D. 711) (Sponsored by Representative COLLAMORE of Pittsfield) (Cosponsored by Representatives: DILL of Old Town, GUERRETTE of Caribou, HALL of Wilton, LANIGAN of Sanford, ROBERTS of South Berwick)

Bill "An Act to Advance Equitable Energy Policy in Maine" (H.P. 464) (L.D. 725) (Sponsored by Representative WARREN of Scarborough)

Environment and Natural Resources

Bill "An Act to Provide Solutions for Sustainable Management of Municipal Solid Waste" (H.P. 373) (L.D. 605) (Sponsored by Representative CAMPBELL of Orrington)

Bill "An Act to Implement Portions of the 'Protecting Maine's Beaches for the Future: 2017 Update' Report Regarding Beach Nourishment and Dune Restoration Projects" (H.P. 398) (L.D. 630) (Sponsored by Representative FOLEY of Wells)

Resolve, Establishing the Commission to Study Unregulated Storm Water Pollution (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 414) (L.D. 646) (Sponsored by Representative BELL of Yarmouth) (Cosponsored by Representatives: ANKELES of Brunswick, BRIDGEO of Augusta, DOUDERA of Camden, GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach, OSHER of Orono, RIELLY of Westbrook, TERRY of Gorham)

Bill "An Act to Clarify Performance Standards for Quarries" (H.P. 443) (L.D. 704) (Sponsored by Representative PLUECKER of Warren)

Bill "An Act to Allow for Rescission of a Site Location of Development Permit When a Development Is Decommissioned" (H.P. 447) (L.D. 708) (Sponsored by Representative BRIDGEO of Augusta) (Submitted by the Department of Environmental Protection pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Health and Human Services

Bill "An Act to Ensure Access to Concurrent Methadone Treatment and Intensive Outpatient Programs" (H.P. 372) (L.D. 604) (Sponsored by Representative SUPICA of Bangor) (Cosponsored by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot and Representatives: BOYER of Poland, GRAHAM of North Yarmouth, LOOKNER of Portland, MASTRACCIO of Sanford, MILLIKEN of Blue Hill, SHAGOURY of Hallowell, WARREN of Scarborough, Senator: BRENNER of Cumberland)

Bill "An Act to Require the Department of Health and Human Services to Review Medicaid, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program and Electronic Benefits Transfer Card Transactions and Lottery Operations" (H.P. 380) (L.D. 612) (Sponsored by Representative HENDERSON of Rumford) (Cosponsored by Senator MOORE of Washington and Representatives: ALBERT of Madawaska, CIMINO of Bridgton, COLLINS of Sidney, COOPER of Windham, DAIGLE of Fort Kent, HAGGAN of Hampden, OLSEN of Raymond, QUINT of Hodgdon)

Bill "An Act to Amend the Maine Death with Dignity Act to Ensure Access by Qualified Patients" (H.P. 381) (L.D. 613) (Sponsored by Representative MEYER of Eliot) (Cosponsored by Senator MOORE of Washington and Representatives: KUHN of Falmouth, MATHIESON of Kittery, STOVER of Boothbay, ZAGER of Portland, Senators: BAILEY of York, CARNEY of Cumberland, President DAUGHTRY of Cumberland, INGWERSEN of York)

Bill "An Act to Enhance Support Services for Individuals with an Acquired Brain Injury" (H.P. 391) (L.D. 623) (Sponsored by Representative HEPLER of Woolwich) (Cosponsored by Representatives: BUNKER of Farmington, DILL of Old Town, GRAHAM of North Yarmouth, SARGENT of York, Senator: BLACK of Franklin)

Bill "An Act Supporting Education for the Rural Health Care Workforce" (H.P. 393) (L.D. 625) (Sponsored by Representative OSHER of Orono) (Cosponsored by Senator MOORE of Washington and Representatives: EATON of Deer Isle, GRAHAM of North Yarmouth, OLSEN of Raymond, ZAGER of Portland, Senators: BENNETT of Oxford, TIPPING of Penobscot)

Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services to Evaluate the Municipal General Assistance Program Database (H.P. 405) (L.D. 637) (Sponsored by Representative HENDERSON of Rumford) (Cosponsored by Representatives: COLLINS of Sidney, DAIGLE of Fort Kent, HAGGAN of Hampden, LYMAN of Livermore Falls, QUINT of Hodgdon)

Bill "An Act to Support Municipal Public Health" (H.P. 418) (L.D. 650) (Sponsored by Representative GRAHAM of North

Yarmouth) (Cosponsored by Representatives: MEYER of Eliot, SALISBURY of Westbrook, SHAGOURY of Hallowell, WEBB of Durham, ZAGER of Portland)

Bill "An Act to Modify the Law Governing Municipal General Assistance by Designating Broadband Internet Access Service and Wireless Access Point Technology as Basic Necessities" (H.P. 425) (L.D. 657) (Sponsored by Representative SIMMONS of Waldoboro)

Bill "An Act to Establish the Respite for ME Program" (H.P. 448) (L.D. 709) (Sponsored by Representative CLOUTIER of Lewiston) (Submitted by the Department of Health and Human Services pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act to Expand Access and Reduce Barriers to Access to Naloxone Hydrochloride and Other Opioid Overdose-reversing Medications" (H.P. 449) (L.D. 710) (Sponsored by Representative ZAGER of Portland) (Submitted by the Department of Health and Human Services pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act to Clarify the Relationship Between Palliative Care Physicians and Hospital Physicians" (H.P. 451) (L.D. 712) (Sponsored by Representative SCHMERSAL-BURGESS of Mexico) (Cosponsored by Senator BRADSTREET of Kennebec and Representatives: BAGSHAW of Windham, FREDERICKS of Sanford, GRIFFIN of Levant, HALL of Wilton, LAVIGNE of Berwick, LYMAN of Livermore Falls, OLSEN of Raymond, SOBOLESKI of Phillips)

Resolve, to Support the Full Implementation of Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics in the State (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 460) (L.D. 721) (Sponsored by Representative GRAHAM of North Yarmouth) (Cosponsored by Representatives: BRENNAN of Portland, CLOUTIER of Lewiston, DEBRITO of Waterville, DHALAC of South Portland, MCCABE of Lewiston, SHAGOURY of Hallowell, STOVER of Boothbay, Senator: MOORE of Washington)

Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services

Bill "An Act to Require Insurance Coverage for Glucagon-like Peptide-1 Receptor Agonist Medication" (H.P. 395) (L.D. 627) (Sponsored by Representative STOVER of Boothbay) (Cosponsored by Representatives: ANKELES of Brunswick, DHALAC of South Portland, GRAHAM of North Yarmouth, GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach, MEYER of Eliot, ROBERTS of South Berwick, ROEDER of Bangor, SALISBURY of Westbrook)

Bill "An Act to Change the Size and Composition of the Board of Directors of the Maine Health Data Organization" (H.P. 413) (L.D. 645) (Sponsored by Representative MATHIESON of Kittery) (Submitted by the Maine Health Data Organization pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act to Certify Chiropractic Assistants Who Perform X-rays as Radiologic Technologists" (H.P. 417) (L.D. 649) (Sponsored by Representative WADSWORTH of Hiram) (Cosponsored by Representatives: CIMINO of Bridgton, MORRIS of Turner, Senators: BENNETT of Oxford, HAGGAN of Penobscot, MARTIN of Oxford)

Bill "An Act Regarding Health Care" (H.P. 431) (L.D. 663)
(Sponsored by Representative MATHIESON of Kittery)

Bill "An Act to Amend the Membership of the State Employee Health Commission and Make Referential Changes to the Office of Employee Health, Wellness and Workers' Compensation" (H.P. 446) (L.D. 707) (Sponsored by Representative MATHIESON of Kittery) (Submitted by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act to Protect Federal Home Loan Banks That Lend Money to Insurer Members That Become Delinquent" (H.P. 459) (L.D. 720) (Sponsored by Representative FOLEY of Wells) (Cosponsored by Senator HAGGAN of Penobscot and Representatives: FLYNN of Albion, MORRIS of Turner, OLSEN of Raymond, Senator: BAILEY of York)

Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 800: Uniform Reporting of Wholesale Acquisition Costs for Insulin, a Major Substantive Rule of the Maine Health Data Organization (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 468) (L.D. 729) (Submitted by the Maine Health Data Organization pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 8072.)

Housing and Economic Development

Bill "An Act to Ensure That the Exemption of Certain Agricultural Buildings from the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code Includes Maple Sugarhouses" (H.P. 371) (L.D. 603) (Sponsored by Representative COOPER of Windham) (Cosponsored by Senator BRADSTREET of Kennebec and Representatives: BAGSHAW of Windham, CIMINO of Bridgton, COLLINS of Sidney, CRAY of Palmyra, GUERRETTE of Caribou, HALL of Wilton, JACKSON of Oxford, OLSEN of Raymond)

Bill "An Act to Restore Matching Funding to the Maine Development Foundation" (H.P. 397) (L.D. 629) (Sponsored by Representative ROBERTS of South Berwick) (Cosponsored by Senator CURRY of Waldo and Representatives: COLLAMORE of Pittsfield, DILL of Old Town, DUCHARME of Madison, GERE of Kennebunkport, STOVER of Boothbay, WALKER of Naples, Senators: BENNETT of Oxford, MOORE of Washington)

Bill "An Act to Support Diversion Efforts to Address Homelessness in Maine" (H.P. 409) (L.D. 641) (Sponsored by Representative MALON of Biddeford) (Cosponsored by Senator BAILEY of York and Representative: SACHS of Freeport)

Bill "An Act to Fund the Maine Health Care Provider Loan Repayment Program" (H.P. 419) (L.D. 651) (Sponsored by Representative MURPHY of Scarborough) (Cosponsored by Senator RAFFERTY of York and Representatives: CLOUTIER of Lewiston, DODGE of Belfast, MITCHELL of Cumberland, Senator: PIERCE of Cumberland)

Bill "An Act to Reduce Housing Costs by Not Requiring Fire Sprinkler Systems for Single-family Homes and Duplexes" (H.P. 427) (L.D. 659) (Sponsored by Representative CRAFTS of Newcastle) (Cosponsored by Representatives: ANKELES of Brunswick, COLLAMORE of Pittsfield, GERE of Kennebunkport, KESSLER of South Portland, MORRIS of Turner, ROBERTS of South Berwick, Senator: BAILEY of York)

Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

Bill "An Act to Restrict the Hunting of Coyotes" (H.P. 455) (L.D. 716) (Sponsored by Representative MILLIKEN of Blue Hill) (Cosponsored by Representatives: GOLEK of Harpswell, MATHIESON of Kittery, PUGH of Portland)

Bill "An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding Smelt Fishing" (H.P. 467) (L.D. 728) (Sponsored by Representative DILL of Old Town) (Cosponsored by Representatives: BRIDGEO of Augusta, DRINKWATER of Milford, HEPLER of Woolwich, MASON of Lisbon, THORNE of Carmel)

Judiciary

Resolve, to Direct the Attorney General to Drop the Lawsuit Filed Against Big Oil Companies Concerning Climate Change (H.P. 403) (L.D. 635) (Sponsored by Representative TUELL of East Machias) (Cosponsored by Senator HAGGAN of Penobscot and Representatives: FOSTER of Dexter, JAVNER of Chester, MINGO of Calais, MORRIS of Turner, POIRIER of Skowhegan, SMITH of Palermo, STROUT of Harrington, WOOD of Norway)

Bill "An Act Requiring Certain Fees Charged by the Courts for Court-ordered Payments Be Capped and Paid by the Defendant" (H.P. 408) (L.D. 640) (Sponsored by Representative HENDERSON of Rumford) (Cosponsored by Representatives: BRIDGEO of Augusta, CARUSO of Caratunk, FREDERICKS of Sanford, LEE of Auburn, LYMAN of Livermore Falls)

Bill "An Act to Adjust the Maximum Small Claim Limit Based on the Consumer Price Index" (H.P. 422) (L.D. 654) (Sponsored by Representative KESSLER of South Portland) (Cosponsored by Senator LAWRENCE of York and Representatives: MCINTYRE of Lowell, POIRIER of Skowhegan)

Bill "An Act to Address Coercive Control in Domestic Abuse Cases" (H.P. 438) (L.D. 670) (Sponsored by Representative EATON of Deer Isle) (Cosponsored by Senator TALBOT ROSS of Cumberland and Representatives: CLOUTIER of Lewiston, COPELAND of Saco, GRAHAM of North Yarmouth, MILLIKEN of Blue Hill, ROEDER of Bangor, STOVER of Boothbay, WEBB of Durham, Senator: GROHOSKI of Hancock)

Labor

Bill "An Act to Allow Minors Under 16 Years of Age to Work Until 9 p.m. During the School Year and Until 10 p.m. During Summer Vacation" (H.P. 386) (L.D. 618) (Sponsored by Representative BOYER of Poland) (Cosponsored by Senator HARRINGTON of York and Representatives: BISHOP of Bucksport, CHAPMAN of Auburn, FOLEY of Wells, MASON of Lisbon, MCINTYRE of Lowell, PERKINS of Dover-Foxcroft, SIMMONS of Waldoboro, WHITE of Ellsworth)

Bill "An Act to Expand Employment Opportunities for Minor Students by Eliminating Certain Work Limitations" (H.P. 412) (L.D. 644) (Sponsored by Representative COLLINS of Sidney) (Cosponsored by Senator CYRWAY of Kennebec and Representatives: DRINKWATER of Milford, FROST of Belgrade, HAGGAN of Hampden, HENDERSON of Rumford, PARRY of

Arundel, POIRIER of Skowhegan, ROLLINS of Augusta, Senator: BRADSTREET of Kennebec)

Bill "An Act to Allow Teachers to Qualify for Overtime Pay" (H.P. 421) (L.D. 653) (Sponsored by Representative ROEDER of Bangor)

Bill "An Act Establishing a State Minimum Hourly Wage for Agricultural Workers" (H.P. 423) (L.D. 655) (Sponsored by Representative BRENNAN of Portland) (Cosponsored by Representatives: CLOUTIER of Lewiston, DHALAC of South Portland, DODGE of Belfast, Speaker FECTEAU of Biddeford, SALISBURY of Westbrook, SKOLD of Portland, STOVER of Boothbay, Senator: PIERCE of Cumberland)

Bill "An Act to Improve Unemployment Insurance" (H.P. 432) (L.D. 664) (Sponsored by Representative ROEDER of Bangor)

Bill "An Act Regarding Labor" (H.P. 437) (L.D. 669) (Sponsored by Representative ROEDER of Bangor)

Bill "An Act Regarding the Laws Relating to Unemployment Insurance" (H.P. 445) (L.D. 706) (Sponsored by Representative ARCHER of Saco) (Submitted by the Department of Labor pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Marine Resources

Bill "An Act Related to Marine Resources and Maine's Working Waterfront" (H.P. 387) (L.D. 619) (Sponsored by Representative HEPLER of Woolwich)

State and Local Government

Bill "An Act Regarding the Notification Process for Competitive Bids" (H.P. 370) (L.D. 602) (Sponsored by Representative CAMPBELL of Orrington)

Bill "An Act to Provide Funding to the Maine Semiquincentennial Commission to Commemorate the United States of America's 250th Birthday in 2026" (H.P. 384) (L.D. 616) (Sponsored by Representative GREENWOOD of Wales) (Cosponsored by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot and Representative: SALISBURY of Westbrook, Senator: MARTIN of Oxford)

Resolve, to Create the Commission to Study a Legislative Internship Program (H.P. 392) (L.D. 624) (Sponsored by Representative OSHER of Orono) (Cosponsored by Senator TIPPING of Penobscot and Representatives: RANA of Bangor, SARGENT of York, SATO of Gorham, STROUT of Harrington, Senator: LIBBY of Cumberland)

Resolve, to Establish the Commission to Study the Reduction of Unfunded and Outdated Municipal and County Mandates (H.P. 402) (L.D. 634) (Sponsored by Representative TUELL of East Machias) (Cosponsored by Senator MOORE of Washington and Representatives: FOSTER of Dexter, JAVNER of Chester, MINGO of Calais, MORRIS of Turner, POIRIER of Skowhegan, STROUT of Harrington, WOOD of Norway, WOODSOME of Waterboro)

Bill "An Act to Designate January 6th as A Day to Remember and to Preserve the Accounts of Witnesses to the Events of January 6, 2021" (H.P. 441) (L.D. 702) (Sponsored by Representative MACIAS of Topsham) (Cosponsored by Representatives: ARCHER of Saco, BELL of Yarmouth, BRIDGEO of Augusta, ROLLINS of Augusta, TERRY of Gorham)

Bill "An Act to Recognize Eid al-Fitr and Eid al-Adha as State Holidays" (H.P. 463) (L.D. 724) (Sponsored by Representative ABDI of Lewiston) (Cosponsored by Representatives: CLUCHEY of Bowdoinham, DEBRITO of Waterville, DHALAC of South Portland, MACIAS of Topsham, MCCABE of Lewiston, MONTELL of Gardiner, RANA of Bangor, SATO of Gorham)

Taxation

Bill "An Act to Modify Current Property Tax Assessment Methods to Make Property Taxes Affordable for Longtime Property Owners" (H.P. 382) (L.D. 614) (Sponsored by Representative FOSTER of Dexter) (Cosponsored by Senator STEWART of Aroostook and Representatives: DRINKWATER of Milford, GUERRETTE of Caribou, MCINTYRE of Lowell, RUDNICKI of Fairfield, SWALLOW of Houlton, Senators: BALDACCI of Penobscot, CYRWAY of Kennebec, HAGGAN of Penobscot)

Bill "An Act to Allow a Local Option Sales Tax on Short-term Lodging to Fund Affordable Housing" (H.P. 400) (L.D. 632) (Sponsored by Representative SKOLD of Portland) (Cosponsored by Senator DUSON of Cumberland and Representatives: BRENNAN of Portland, DODGE of Belfast, Speaker FECTEAU of Biddeford, FRIEDMANN of Bar Harbor, GOLEK of Harpswell, HASENFUS of Readfield, MATLACK of St. George, RANA of Bangor)

Bill "An Act to Provide Qualifying Downtown Businesses and Developments with Assistance Paying Flood Insurance Premiums" (H.P. 420) (L.D. 652) (Sponsored by Representative ROLLINS of Augusta) (Cosponsored by Representatives: COPELAND of Saco, MATLACK of St. George, MONTELL of Gardiner, ROEDER of Bangor, SALISBURY of Westbrook, SHAGOURY of Hallowell, TUELL of East Machias, Senator: MARTIN of Oxford)

Bill "An Act to Lower Property Taxes by Increasing the Homestead Property Tax Exemption" (H.P. 426) (L.D. 658) (Sponsored by Representative FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor) (Cosponsored by Senator BICKFORD of Androscoggin and Representatives: BAGSHAW of Windham, EDER of Waterboro, GREENWOOD of Wales, GRIFFIN of Levant, LYMAN of Livermore Falls, PARRY of Arundel, RUDNICKI of Fairfield, SMITH of Palermo)

Bill "An Act to Abolish the Maine Income Tax and Establish a Zero-based Budget" (H.P. 439) (L.D. 671) (Sponsored by Representative LIBBY of Auburn) (Cosponsored by Senator HAGGAN of Penobscot and Representatives: BOYER of Poland, HAGGAN of Hampden, MINGO of Calais, MORRIS of Turner, OLSEN of Raymond)

Bill "An Act Regarding Taxation" (H.P. 452) (L.D. 713) (Sponsored by Representative CLOUTIER of Lewiston)

Bill "An Act to Amend the Tax Laws" (H.P. 453) (L.D. 714)
(Sponsored by Representative CLOUTIER of Lewiston)

Bill "An Act to Provide Property Tax Relief by Increasing the Availability of the Property Tax Fairness Credit Based on a Resident's Age and Income" (H.P. 454) (L.D. 715) (Sponsored by Representative MILLIKEN of Blue Hill)

Transportation

Resolve, to Designate a Portion of Route 234 in the Town of New Vineyard and the Town of Anson in Honor of Corporal Andrew L. Hutchins (H.P. 378) (L.D. 610) (Sponsored by Representative MORRIS of Turner) (Cosponsored by Senator BLACK of Franklin and Representatives: CARUSO of Caratunk, HALL of Wilton)

Bill "An Act to Allow the Secretary of State to Collect Excise Taxes on Motor Vehicles Owned by Residents Who Are Unhoused" (H.P. 379) (L.D. 611) (Sponsored by Representative SAYRE of Kennebunk) (Cosponsored by Senator RAFFERTY of York and Representatives: CRAFTS of Newcastle, JULIA of Waterville, KUHN of Falmouth, LEE of Auburn, MOONEN of Portland, RANA of Bangor, SATO of Gorham)

Resolve, to Rename a Bridge in the Town of Waterboro the Waterboro Veterans Memorial Bridge (H.P. 385) (L.D. 617) (Sponsored by Representative EDER of Waterboro) (Cosponsored by Senator HARRINGTON of York and Representatives: FREDERICKS of Sanford, PARRY of Arundel, WOODSOME of Waterboro)

Resolve, to Rename a Bridge in Mattawamkeag the Mattawamkeag Veterans Memorial Bridge (H.P. 389) (L.D. 621) (Sponsored by Representative QUINT of Hodgdon)

Bill "An Act to Implement a Surcharge on Electric Vehicle Registration" (H.P. 390) (L.D. 622) (Sponsored by Representative HEPLER of Woolwich) (Cosponsored by Representatives: ANKELES of Brunswick, CRAFTS of Newcastle, DILL of Old Town, DRINKWATER of Milford, MASON of Lisbon, PARRY of Arundel)

Bill "An Act to Amend Motor Vehicle Inspection Requirements" (H.P. 429) (L.D. 661) (Sponsored by Representative ROEDER of Bangor)

Bill "An Act to Modernize the State Motor Vehicle Inspection Program and the Law Governing Inspection Fees" (H.P. 435) (L.D. 667) (Sponsored by Representative PARRY of Arundel) (Cosponsored by Representative: CRAFTS of Newcastle)

Veterans and Legal Affairs

Bill "An Act to Initiate Recounts in Tied Elections" (H.P. 368) (L.D. 600) (Sponsored by Representative MALON of Biddeford) (Cosponsored by Senator TIPPING of Penobscot and Representatives: BUNKER of Farmington, FROST of Belgrade)

Bill "An Act Regarding Elections" (H.P. 383) (L.D. 615) (Sponsored by Representative GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach)

Bill "An Act to Provide Support Services for Military Members Transitioning to Civilian Life in Maine" (H.P. 388) (L.D. 620) (Sponsored by Representative TERRY of Gorham) (Cosponsored by Representatives: CLOUTIER of Lewiston, Speaker FECTEAU of Biddeford, GATTINE of Westbrook, GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach, MACIAS of Topsham, ZAGER of Portland)

Bill "An Act to Allow a Home Distiller to Distill and Share Homemade Spirituous Liquor" (H.P. 399) (L.D. 631) (Sponsored by Representative SCHMERSAL-BURGESS of Mexico) (BY REQUEST) (Cosponsored by Senator MARTIN of Oxford and Representatives: BAGSHAW of Windham, HALL of Wilton, HENDERSON of Rumford, LAVIGNE of Berwick, LYMAN of Livermore Falls, OLSEN of Raymond, PERKINS of Dover-Foxcroft, SOBOLESKI of Phillips)

Bill "An Act to Remove the Limit on Free Promotional Merchandise Bars and Restaurants May Accept from Vendors" (H.P. 404) (L.D. 636) (Sponsored by Representative ARDELL of Monticello)

Bill "An Act to Save Tax Dollars in Maine's Elections by Amending the Laws Governing When a Ranked-choice Voting Count Must Be Conducted" (H.P. 424) (L.D. 656) (Sponsored by Representative BOYER of Poland) (Cosponsored by Senator TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin and Representatives: CARLOW of Buxton, CHAPMAN of Auburn, FREDERICKS of Sanford, HYMES of Waldo, PERKINS of Dover-Foxcroft)

Bill "An Act to Fund Military Sexual Trauma Liaisons" (H.P. 430) (L.D. 662) (Sponsored by Representative RIELLY of Westbrook) (Cosponsored by Senator HICKMAN of Kennebec and Representatives: MCINTYRE of Lowell, MEYER of Eliot, SUPICA of Bangor)

Bill "An Act Regarding the Use of Military Protective Orders in Protection from Abuse and Protection from Harassment Proceedings" (H.P. 433) (L.D. 665) (Sponsored by Representative RIELLY of Westbrook) (Cosponsored by Senator HICKMAN of Kennebec and Representatives: MCINTYRE of Lowell, SUPICA of Bangor)

Bill "An Act to Abolish Ranked-choice Voting" (H.P. 436) (L.D. 668) (Sponsored by Representative UNDERWOOD of Presque Isle) (Cosponsored by Senator LIBBY of Cumberland and Representatives: ADAMS of Lebanon, BAGSHAW of Windham, CAMPBELL of Orrington, COLLINS of Sidney, HAGGAN of Hampden, QUINT of Hodgdon, SOBOLESKI of Phillips, THORNE of Carmel)

Bill "An Act to Require Municipal Clerks to Issue Absentee Ballots Only to Residents of That Municipality and to Eliminate Ongoing Absentee Voter Status" (H.P. 457) (L.D. 718) (Sponsored by Representative ADAMS of Lebanon)

Sincerely,

S/Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House

S/Darek M. Grant
Secretary of the Senate

Comes from the House, **READ** and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**.

READ and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**, in concurrence.

The Following Communication:

S.C. 110

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

February 24, 2025

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 Timothy C. Guerrette of Caribou as the Republican Lead on the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation & Forestry, 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. 113

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

February 26, 2025

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 Sean Faircloth of Bangor to the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs.

Representative Faircloth will replace Representative Lori Gramlich of Old Orchard Beach, 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. 114

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

February 28, 2025

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

RE: Nomination of Maine Superior Court Justice

Dear President Daughtry:

I am pleased to inform you that I am nominating The Honorable Darcie N. McElwee of Scarborough for appointment as a Justice of the Maine Superior Court.

Pursuant to Article V, Part First, §8, of the Maine Constitution, these nominations are contingent on confirmation by the Maine State Senate after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary.

Sincerely,

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

READ and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**.

The Following Communication:

S.C. 115

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

February 28, 2025

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

RE: Nomination of Judges to the Maine District Court.

Dear President Daughtry:

I am pleased to nominate the following individuals as Judges of the Maine District Court:

- Amy Dieterich, Esq. of Auburn for appointment
- The Honorable Matthew G. Tice of Scarborough for reappointment

Pursuant to Article V, Part First, §8, of the Maine Constitution, these nominations are contingent on confirmation by the Maine State Senate after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary.

Sincerely,

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication:

S.C. 116

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

February 28, 2025

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

RE: Nomination of The Honorable Julia M. Lipez as a Justice of the Maine Supreme Judicial Court

Dear President Daughtry:

I am pleased to inform you that I am nominating The Honorable Julia M. Lipez of Cape Elizabeth for appointment as a Justice of the Maine Supreme Judicial Court.

Pursuant to Article V, Part First, §8, of the Maine Constitution, these nominations are contingent on confirmation by the Maine State Senate after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary.

Sincerely,

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication:

S.C. 62

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

January 23, 2025

Dave Daigler
President
Maine Community College System
323 State Street
Augusta, Maine 04330

Dear President Daigler,

We are pleased to invite you to address a Joint Session of the 132nd Maine Legislature on March 11, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. concerning the State of the Maine Community College System and any other matters that you may care to bring to our attention.

You will address the Joint Convention initially. Directly following your address, Craig Johnson, the Interim President of the Maine Maritime Academy will address the Joint Convention. Following Interim President Johnson, Dannel P. Malloy, Chancellor of the University of Maine System will be addressing the Joint Convention.

We look forward to seeing you then.

Sincerely,

S/Matthea Elisabeth Larsen Daughtry S/Ryan D. Fecteau
President of the Senate Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication:

S.C. 63

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

January 23, 2025

Craig Johnson
Interim President
Maine Maritime Academy
1 Pleasant Street
Castine, Maine 04420

Dear Interim President Johnson,

We are pleased to invite you to address a Joint Session of the 132nd Maine Legislature on March 11, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. concerning the State of the Maine Maritime Academy and any other matters that you may care to bring to our attention.

You will address the Joint Convention directly following Dave Daigler, President of the Maine Community College System. On the same day, following your address, Dannel P. Malloy, Chancellor of the University of Maine System, will be addressing the Joint Convention.

We look forward to seeing you then.

Sincerely,

S/Matthea Elisabeth Larsen Daughtry S/Ryan D. Fecteau
President of the Senate Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication:

S.C. 64

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

January 23, 2025

Dannel P. Malloy
Chancellor
University of Maine System
15 Estabrooke Drive
Orono, Maine 04469

Dear Chancellor Malloy,

We are pleased to invite you to address a Joint Session of the 132nd Maine Legislature on March 11, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. concerning the State of the University of Maine System and any other matters that you may care to bring to our attention.

On the same day, Dave Daigler, President of the Maine Community College System, will address the Joint Convention initially. Craig Johnson, the Interim President of the Maine Maritime Academy, will address the Joint Convention second. You will address the Joint Convention directly following Craig Johnson.

We look forward to seeing you then.

Sincerely,

S/Matthea Elisabeth Larsen Daughtry S/Ryan D. Fecteau
President of the Senate Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication:

S.C. 117

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY SECOND LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON TAXATION**

February 20, 2025

Honorable Matthea Elisabeth Larsen Daughtry, Senate President
Honorable Speaker Fecteau, Speaker of the House
132nd Maine State Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Daughtry & Speaker Fecteau,

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that we have approved the request by the bill sponsor Rep. Libby of Auburn, to report the following bill Leave to Withdraw:

L.D. 443 An Act to Exempt Gold and Silver Coins and
Bullion from the State Sales and Use Tax

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Nicole Grohoski S/Rep. Kristen Sarah Cloutier
Senate Chair House Chair

READ and with accompanying papers ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication:

S.C. 111

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY SECOND LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS**

February 24, 2025

Honorable Matthea Elisabeth Larsen Daughtry, Senate President
Honorable Ryan D. Fecteau, Speaker of the House
132nd Maine State Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Daughtry and Speaker Fecteau,

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that we have approved the request by the bill sponsor Sen. Pierce of Cumberland, to report the following bill Leave to Withdraw:

L.D. 548 An Act Regarding Intoxicating Hemp Products

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Craig V Hickman
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Laura Supica
House Chair

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

The Following Communication:

S.C. 112

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY SECOND LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND
FINANCIAL SERVICES**

February 14, 2025

Honorable Matthea Elisabeth Larsen Daughtry, President of the Senate
Honorable Ryan D. Fecteau, Speaker of the House
132nd Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Daughtry and Speaker Fecteau:

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that the Joint Standing Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 201 An Act to Establish a Limit on the Interest Rate Charged for Revolving Loans

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Donna Bailey
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Kristi M. Mathieson
House Chair

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

The Following Communication:

S.C. 118

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY SECOND LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION**

February 28, 2025

Honorable Matthea Elisabeth Larsen Daughtry, President of the Senate
Honorable Ryan D. Fecteau, Speaker of the House
132nd Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Daughtry and Speaker Fecteau:

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 232 An Act to Impose a Vehicle Weight Limit on Route 46 in the Town of Eddington

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Tim Nangle
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Lydia Crafts
House Chair

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

The Following Communication:

S.C. 119

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY SECOND LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS**

February 28, 2025

Honorable Matthea Elisabeth Larsen Daughtry, President of the Senate
Honorable Ryan D. Fecteau, Speaker of the House
132nd Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Daughtry and Speaker Fecteau:

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

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| L.D. 177 | An Act to Create Municipal Cannabis Revenue Sharing |
| L.D. 207 | An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Qualifying Contributions of Cash Under the Maine Clean Election Act |

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Craig V. Hickman
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Laura Supica
House Chair

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

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Somerset, Senator Farrin.

Senator **FARRIN:** Thank you, Madam President. and I had to say, the young ladies got a kick out of that, what I said, I refer to you as Madam President, so they enjoyed that very much. I rise today to celebrate the Madison Area Memorial High School Girls Soccer Team for their incredible achievement, winning the eight-player girls soccer state championship for the second year in a row. With an undefeated record of 18 and zero, they have now won back-to-back titles and have an impressive 34 and 2 record over the past two seasons. I shared with them with term limits next year will be my last one, so I think they should win three in a row and come back again.

Even though this is a very special team, I want to give a shoutout to Raegan Cowan, whose remarkable performance this season has made history. She scored 68 goals, the most ever by a Maine high school player, male or female, in a single season. Over the past two years, she has scored an incredible 126 goals,

cementing her place in the record books. Her overtime game-winning goal at the state final gave the Bulldogs a 2-1 victory over Dexter Regional High School, sealing a perfect season for this very, very, very talented team. This victory is a reflection of the dedication, teamwork, and leadership of both the players and the coaching staff. Congratulations to you all for your hard-earned success and making your community very, very proud.

Thank you, Madam President.

SENATE PAPERS

Bill "An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue to Establish the School Energy Savings Revolving Loan Fund"

S.P. 349 L.D. 826

Presented by Senator PIERCE of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative MURPHY of Scarborough and Senator: RAFFERTY of York, Representatives: CLOUTIER of Lewiston, GATTINE of Westbrook, KUHN of Falmouth, MITCHELL of Cumberland, SARGENT of York.

Bill "An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue to Upgrade Municipal Culverts at Stream Crossings"

S.P. 369 L.D. 836

Presented by President DAUGHTRY of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative CRAFTS of Newcastle and Senators: BLACK of Franklin, FARRIN of Somerset, NANGLE of Cumberland, TEPLER of Sagadahoc, Representative: RAY of Lincolnville.

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 End the Collection of Certain Probation Fees"

S.P. 335 L.D. 822

Presented by Senator BEEBE-CENTER of Knox.

Resolve, to Study the Delivery of Emergency Medical Services to and Ferry Service Effects on Island Communities in the State

S.P. 374 L.D. 841

Presented by Senator CURRY of Waldo.
Cosponsored by Senators: President DAUGHTRY of Cumberland, GROHOSKI of Hancock, PIERCE of Cumberland, RENY of Lincoln, Representatives: EATON of Deer Isle, GEIGER of Rockland, MATLACK of St. George.

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 to Establish a Grant Program to Provide for Statewide and Equitable Access to Experiential Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Competition Programs"

S.P. 337 L.D. 823

Presented by Senator HAGGAN of Penobscot.

Cosponsored by Senators: GROHOSKI of Hancock, LIBBY of Cumberland, Representatives: BAGSHAW of Windham, DODGE of Belfast, HAGGAN of Hampden, LYMAN of Livermore Falls, MURPHY of Scarborough.

Bill "An Act to Allow Chiropractors to Be Designated as School Health Advisors"

S.P. 352 L.D. 828

Presented by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Provide Funds to Reduce the Debt of the Vassalboro Sanitary District"

S.P. 364 L.D. 832

Presented by Senator BRADSTREET of Kennebec.

Cosponsored by Representative: COLLINS of Sidney.

Bill "An Act to Require the Office of the Public Advocate to Implement the State's Climate Action Plan"

S.P. 370 L.D. 837

Presented by Senator LAWRENCE of York.

Cosponsored by Representative GEIGER of Rockland and Representatives: RUNTE of York, SACHS of Freeport, WEBB of Durham.

Bill "An Act to Explore Public Financing and Ownership of Electric Transmission and Distribution Infrastructure"

S.P. 371 L.D. 838

Presented by Senator LAWRENCE of York.

Cosponsored by Representatives: GEIGER of Rockland, KESSLER of South Portland, RUNTE of York, SACHS of Freeport, WARREN of Scarborough, WEBB of Durham.

Bill "An Act to Lower Consumer Electricity Costs by Prohibiting the Recovery Through Rates of Costs Attributable to Net Energy Billing"

S.P. 372 L.D. 839

Presented by Senator STEWART of Aroostook.

Cosponsored by Senators: BENNETT of Oxford, HARRINGTON of York, Representatives: FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor, FOSTER of Dexter, MCINTYRE of Lowell, PAUL of Winterport, WADSWORTH of Hiram.

On motion by Senator **LAWRENCE** of York, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Prohibit Geoengineering, Including the Use of Cloud Seeding, Weather Modification, Excessive Radio Waves and Microwave Radiation"

S.P. 345 L.D. 825

Presented by Senator BLACK of Franklin. (BY REQUEST)

Cosponsored by Representative GREENWOOD of Wales.

Bill "An Act to Allow the Sale of Polymer-coated Cookware That Is Authorized for Food Contact by the United States Food and Drug Administration"

S.P. 351 L.D. 827

Presented by Senator TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin.

Bill "An Act to Protect Maine's Scenic Beauty by Requiring Solar Panel Fields to Be Hidden from View"

S.P. 357 L.D. 830

Presented by Senator HAGGAN of Penobscot.

Cosponsored by Representative MCINTYRE of Lowell and Representatives: FOSTER of Dexter, JAVNER of Chester, PAUL of Winterport, QUINT of Hodgdon, WADSWORTH of Hiram.

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 Update the State Supplement to Supplemental Security Income"

S.P. 366 L.D. 834

Presented by Senator TIPPING of Penobscot.

Cosponsored by Representative OSHER of Orono and Senators: BALDACCI of Penobscot, INGWERSEN of York, MOORE of Washington, Representative: ROEDER of Bangor.

Bill "An Act to Modernize the State Supplement to Supplemental Security Income by Removing Marriage Disincentives"

S.P. 373 L.D. 840

Presented by Senator TIPPING of Penobscot.

Cosponsored by Representative OSHER of Orono and Senators: INGWERSEN of York, MOORE of Washington, Representative: ROEDER of Bangor.

Bill "An Act to Improve the Health of Maine Residents by Amending the Laws Governing the MaineCare, Maine Rx Plus and Emergency MaineCare Programs"

S.P. 375 L.D. 842

Presented by Senator TALBOT ROSS of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative GATTINE of Westbrook and
Senators: CARNEY of Cumberland, ROTUNDO of Androscoggin,
Representatives: DEBRITO of Waterville, DHALAC of South
Portland, LEE of Auburn, RANA of Bangor, STOVER of
Boothbay, ZAGER of Portland.

Bill "An Act to Exclude Poverty as a Factor When Determining
Instances of Willful Neglect or Abuse of a Child"

S.P. 379 L.D. 891

Presented by Senator HICKMAN of Kennebec.
Cosponsored by Representative JAVNER of Chester and
Senators: BAILEY of York, DUSON of Cumberland, MOORE of
Washington, Representatives: DRINKWATER of Milford,
ROEDER of Bangor.

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 Continue Funding for the Health Insurance
Consumer Assistance Program"

S.P. 376 L.D. 843

Presented by Senator TIPPING of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Senator: BAILEY of York, Representative:
Speaker FECTEAU of Biddeford.

Bill "An Act to Permit the Dispensing of Ivermectin Pursuant to a
Standing Order upon Request for COVID-19, Flu and Cancer
Patients"

S.P. 378 L.D. 890

Presented by Senator HAGGAN of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Representative CARUSO of Caratunk and
Senators: FARRIN of Somerset, HARRINGTON of York,
TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin, Representatives: DUCHARME of
Madison, FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor, FREDETTE of
Newport.

Bill "An Act to Exempt Nonprofit Agricultural Membership
Organizations from Insurance Requirements"

S.P. 381 L.D. 893

Presented by Senator TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin.
Cosponsored by Senator: BLACK of Franklin, Representatives:
COOPER of Windham, CRAY of Palmyra, GUERRETTE of
Caribou.

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 Standardize the Laws Regarding the Carrying of
Concealed Handguns in State Parks" (EMERGENCY)

S.P. 356 L.D. 829

Presented by Senator HAGGAN of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Senator: HARRINGTON of York,
Representatives: ARDELL of Monticello, FOSTER of Dexter,
HENDERSON of Rumford, PERKINS of Dover-Foxcroft,
POIRIER of Skowhegan, WHITE of Guilford.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act Regarding Pet Fees in Rental Housing"

S.P. 342 L.D. 824

Presented by Senator BAILEY of York.
Cosponsored by Representative DOUDERA of Camden and
Senator: CARNEY of Cumberland, Representatives: ROBERTS
of South Berwick, ROEDER of Bangor, SHAGOURY of Hallowell,
SKOLD of Portland, WHITE of Ellsworth.

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

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Expand the Earned Paid Leave Exception"

S.P. 365 L.D. 833

Presented by Senator BRADSTREET of Kennebec.
Cosponsored by Senator: CYRWAY of Kennebec,
Representatives: COLLINS of Sidney, DRINKWATER of Milford,
DUCHARME of Madison.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Expand Property Tax Relief for Veterans and Their Surviving Spouses, Minor Children and Parents"

S.P. 380 L.D. 892

Presented by Senator FARRIN of Somerset.

Cosponsored by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot,

Representatives: BAGSHAW of Windham, GRAHAM of North Yarmouth.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

ORDERED, the House concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourn, they do so until Tuesday, March 11, 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.

Bill "An Act Regarding Abandoned Vehicles Due to Involuntary Psychiatric Hospitalization"

S.P. 361 L.D. 831

Presented by Senator MOORE of Washington.

Cosponsored by Representatives: ANKELES of Brunswick, CRAFTS of Newcastle, GRAHAM of North Yarmouth, MCCABE of Lewiston.

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

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Allow Children to Participate in Beano Games Conducted by Nonprofit Charitable Organizations"

S.P. 368 L.D. 835

Presented by Senator BERNARD of Aroostook.

Cosponsored by Senator: TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Joint Resolutions

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

S.P. 382

JOINT RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH AND INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

WHEREAS, the 100th Congress of the United States passed a Joint Resolution on March 12, 1987 to designate the month of March as Women's History Month; and

WHEREAS, Maine women of every race, class and ethnic background have made historic contributions to the growth and strength of our State in countless recorded and unrecorded ways; and

WHEREAS, Maine women of every race, class and ethnic background have served and continue to serve as leaders in the establishment of charitable, philanthropic, commercial and cultural institutions in our State and Nation; and

WHEREAS, Maine women have played and continue to play critical economic, cultural and social roles in every sphere of the life of our State, whether in the workforce and as the majority of the State's volunteer workforce; and

WHEREAS, Maine women have protected and defended our collective rights, responsibilities and freedoms in myriad spheres, including serving our country courageously in the military; and

WHEREAS, Maine women have been leaders, not only in securing their own rights of suffrage and increased opportunity, but also in expanding the rights of all who experience oppression as leaders in the abolitionist movement, the emancipation movement, the industrial labor movement, the civil rights movement and the peace and justice movement, among others, all of which work to create a more fair and just society for all; and

WHEREAS, despite these contributions, the role of Maine women in history has been consistently overlooked and undervalued in the body of American history; and

ORDERS

Joint Orders

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

S.P. 377

WHEREAS, Congress sent the Equal Rights Amendment to the states for ratification more than 50 years ago, and it is long past time that the principle of women's equality be enshrined in the federal and state constitutions; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Thirty-second Legislature now assembled in the First Regular Session, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to designate March 2025 as Women's History Month, a time to celebrate and honor the contributions of all Maine women and girls, and to recognize March 8, 2025 as International Women's Day.

The Joint Resolution was **READ**.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Pierce.

Senator **PIERCE:** Thank you so much, Madam President. I just want to share that this month is Women's History Month. As in last session where all the women in the Senate each picked an individual Mainer or someone of note nationally to speak about on the floor, that will continue again during announcements. We look forward to that. I encourage any gentleman who might want to join us to feel free to sign up as well. But I look forward to hearing all of the stories and the different sharing of information from just a wealth of knowledge and individuals that we have in the state. So, thank you, Madam Speaker -- excuse me -- Madam President.

The Joint Resolution was **ADOPTED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

House

Ought to Pass

The Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** on Bill "An Act to Facilitate the Improvement of Credit Scores of Residents of Department of Corrections Facilities"

H.P. 62 L.D. 97

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**.

Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ TWICE** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED** in concurrence.

The Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Bill "An Act to Revitalize the Maine Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Advisory Council"

H.P. 49 L.D. 85

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**.

Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ TWICE** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED** in concurrence.

Senate

Ought to Pass

Senator NANGLE for the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** on Resolve, to Rename a Bridge in Old Orchard Beach the Captain Christopher S. Cash Memorial Bridge

S.P. 59 L.D. 37

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass**.

Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ TWICE** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Senator NANGLE for the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** on Resolve, to Rename the Sebago Lake Road Crossing Bridge in the Town of Standish

S.P. 87 L.D. 200

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass**.

Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ TWICE** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

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 (2/11/25) matter:

Bill "An Act to Facilitate the Consolidation of the Department of Environmental Protection and the Maine Land Use Planning Commission into a Single Combined Entity"

S.P. 149 L.D. 383

Tabled - February 11, 2025 by Senator **PIERCE** of Cumberland

Pending - **CONSIDERATION**

(In Senate, February 4, 2025, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** and ordered printed.)

(In House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.)

On motion by Senator **DUSON** of Cumberland, the Senate **RECEDED**.

On further motion by the same Senator, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY**, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**, and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later Assigned (2/25/25) matter:

JOINT ORDER - Allowing Reports of Ought Not to Pass to Be Made After the Committee Vote

H.P. 367

Tabled - February 25, 2025 by Senator **PIERCE** of Cumberland

Pending - motion by Senator **STEWART** of Aroostook to **REFER** to the Joint Select Committee on **JOINT RULES** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**

(In House, **PASSED**.)

On motion by Senator **PIERCE** of Cumberland, supported by a Division of one-fifth of the members present and voting, a Roll Call was ordered.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Aroostook, Senator Stewart.

Senator **STEWART:** Thank you, Madam President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. I rise in support of this motion, as I mentioned, and just to refresh folks on the posture of this item, so, I'll remind folks of sort of the arguments I articulated a couple weeks ago when we first brought this matter up and the complexity and the famous term around here, unintended consequences that could result from this shift and sort of addressing this issue in a vacuum.

So, rather than doing that with this one item and this one vote in front of us today, we feel it's more appropriate to send it to the committee of jurisdiction - in this case, on Joint Rules - to allow them to schedule a meeting and take this up expeditiously, in concert with the other challenges around this new way of doing things as it relates to committee reports and making sure that when we push on the balloon on one side, we're not inadvertently having an error pop up elsewhere. And I do feel that while this bill or this matter, I should say, this order, on its face gets at addressing the problems that were identified around some of the nonsense that took place in AFA around the supplemental budget. However, there are other issues that remain at play even throughout this dynamic.

And so, I hope that we have an opportunity for the entire Rules Committee - Joint, House and Senate - to work on this again as we're sort of flying the airplane as we're building it here with this shift, and so I just want to be very careful and give the opportunity for the appropriate process to play out. So, with that, I do hope that we will pass this current motion to send it to the Joint Rules Committee. Thank you.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Carney.

Senator **CARNEY:** Thank you, Madam President. I rise very briefly to speak against this motion.

When I look at the change that we're considering in this matter, it is a simple clarification of extensive work that the Joint Rules Committee did over the summer and prior to the conclusion -- well, actually, and after -- and at the beginning of this Legislature, and I think that in order to expedite our work over the next several months that we should go ahead and pass this clarifying matter. I just think it will simplify things for everyone. Thank you.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Oxford, Senator Bennett.

Senator **BENNETT:** Thank you, Madam President, Fellow Members of the Senate. I'm a bit aghast that we won't send this to the Rules Committee. We've sent a lot of issues to the Rules Committee, the Rules Committee is planning to meet in probably two or three weeks, sometime in the next month, for an interim meeting. It's an appropriate time to take this change up.

It was a willful act of the Rules Committee to change the rules to ensure that people who are not involved in a work session cannot create a new report on their own, after the fact. And it doesn't really matter whether that's an Ought Not to Pass Report, an Ought to Pass as Amended Report, an Ought to Pass Report. It's thoroughly -- it was thoroughly discussed at the Rules Committee that this is something that has benefit so that people who are working in the collaborative fashion of the committee because they can't attend or whatever the reason may be, and a committee comes to some resolution on an issue, that somebody

just can't come in after the fact and create a new report.

So, I don't really want to get involved with the details of this because what we're talking about is just sending this to the Rules Committee for consideration. And I really don't understand, since the committee has other work to do, why we wouldn't do what is -- the Senator from Aroostook moved here, which is to send it to the Rules Committee for its consideration.

So, I hope that Members will vote for referencing here. Thank you, Madam President.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Carney.

Senator **CARNEY:** Thank you. And again, briefly, Madam President, and thank you for recognizing me a second time. I think that what we're doing here doesn't need to go back to the Rules Committee because what we strove to achieve when we initially passed an amendment to the rules was greater transparency. We did not want the public act of supporting a bill or proposing an amendment as a report to a bill to be done basically out of the public view by one legislator who was not present at a public hearing or a work session on a bill. And an Ought Not to Pass Report, which is essentially what we're allowing to happen when we take up consideration of this bill, is, I think, in effect, the same thing as not voting at all and of course not voting is something that is done not in the public because you're not at the work session to vote.

And so, I see that this is a step toward transparency and that we should go ahead and make this clarification. Thank you.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Oxford, Senator Bennett.

Senator **BENNETT:** Thank you, Madam President. This will require a two-thirds vote if the referencing fails and it comes before us, and so I'll, you know, if people want to function in that way, then, okay. My -- it's interesting that, you know, what seems a simple change to one person isn't necessarily that simple, and one person's perspective does not reflect upon everybody's consideration on any matter. And that's why I think it's appropriate to send this back to the committee to have a thorough discussion about this, and then we can come together and we can make changes that hopefully will get a two-thirds vote when the Rules Committee meets again and any changes thereafter would require a two-thirds vote since we're already at that point in session.

So, I hope we can just move forward in a collaborative fashion on this rather than pick unnecessary fights over something as simple and straightforward as this might be. Thank you.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Androscoggin, Senator Timberlake.

Senator **TIMBERLAKE:** Thank you, Madam President. I just -- all I'm asking is for clarification of where we are in this vote.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair would answer that the Roll Call ahead of us is in regards to sending this matter to the Joint Rules Committee in nonconcurrency with the House.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from

Cumberland, Senator Carney.

Senator **CARNEY:** Thank you for recognizing me a third time, Madam President.

I just want to point out to Members of this Body that taking this action if we pass -- if we vote against the pending motion and we vote to pass this joint order by two-thirds, basically we are enhancing transparency. Passing the underlying motion will allow a Member's Ought Not to Pass vote to be recorded on our website and in our calendar so that everyone -- every member of the public has the opportunity to see how a member voted. If we send this to the Rules Committee, then for the time during the session when we're spending most of our energy in committee, voting on bills, the only way for a Member to vote Ought Not to Pass is to simply not vote at all. And that is not transparent, it does not reflect that legislator's position on the bill.

And so, I would urge you to vote against the pending motion.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Aroostook, and inquires why he rises.

Senator **STEWART:** Thank you, Madam Chair. My good colleague rose three times, which is, in fact, a violation of our rules without a suspension of the rules. In order to move that forward, I just bring that to the folks' attention. I did, however, want her to finish her thought, and so I did extend that offering. Because I do think that this is important dialogue.

It is important dialogue that in fact should be taking place at the committee level, not in front of the entire Senate, not in front of the entire House as we are sort of bombarded here with a lot of moving parts that are hard to air out all of the different scenarios that could, in fact, take place. And I would concur with my friend from Oxford's point that what seems simple - and in fact, I think this is exactly how we got here, it seemed simple - but we didn't thoroughly vet all of the prospective if this, then that scenarios that could occur.

And it's not just about transparency, it's also about making sure that the process works from both sides' viewpoints, the majority and the minority. And right now, there is a system in place whereby if the minority party were, for instance, to be corner caucusing in a different room, the majority party comes on mic, they then run through a vote, there is no way for -- to kill a bill. Even under this model, there is no way to then address that without being granted a reconsideration motion down the road. Now, I wouldn't think that would be too much of an issue, except for the fact that that is, in fact, what happened in AFA, which is again how we got here and this is why members of the majority party even did a kneejerk here to offer immediately after that this resolution in front of us.

And so, we have one unintended consequence followed by what I think will be yet another unintended consequence, and we're not actually giving this issue the time that it deserves, the legitimacy that it deserves in order to come up with a good solution. The only way that that's going to happen is if we do send this to committee and look at this issue in the totality of it all instead of just in a silo, which I regret is what we are about to do.

So, again, this is not, you know, an obscene thing, we could call for a meeting of the Rules Committee immediately, we could address it, in fact, before the next time that we meet next week. A lot of people serve on more than one committee, so there's a lot of moving parts here, I get it, but this matter, this is important, we should measure twice, cut once, instead of, you know, just

barreling through here and stepping on yet another landmine inadvertently down the road. Thank you.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair would remind Members, one, that in the beginning of the session, I, as the Chair, have given great latitude to Members to be able to ensure that everyone's voice are heard. The Senator from Aroostook, Senator Stewart, is correct under page 88 of your book under Senate Rule 401, the Rights and Duties of Members under the Ability to Speak, a Member may not speak more than three times if there is objection. And I will be clear on those moments that if somebody is rising for a third time, I will scan the room, you see me making eye contact with many of you, to be looking for said objection. But since there was no objection, as the Good Senator said, to let the Senator from Cumberland be able to finish her thought. But at this moment, I would remind Members make sure you read your book, make sure you read your Senate Rules, especially important as we are discussing the matter in front of us.

THE PRESIDENT: The pending question before the Senate is Reference to the Joint Standing Committee on Joint Rules. A roll call has been ordered. Is the Senate ready for the question?

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#32)

YEAS: Senators: BENNETT, BERNARD, BICKFORD, BLACK, BRADSTREET, CYRWAY, FARRIN, GUERIN, HAGGAN, HARRINGTON, LIBBY, MARTIN, MOORE, STEWART, TIMBERLAKE

NAYS: Senators: BAILEY, BALDACCI, BEEBE-CENTER, BRENNER, CARNEY, CURRY, DUSON, GROHOSKI, HICKMAN, INGWERSEN, LAWRENCE, NANGLE, PIERCE, RAFFERTY, RENY, ROTUNDO, TALBOT ROSS, TEPLER, TIPPING, PRESIDENT DAUGHTRY

15 Senator having voted in the affirmative and 20 Senators having voted in the negative, the motion by Senator **STEWART** of Aroostook to **REFER** to the Joint Select Committee on **JOINT RULES** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**, **FAILED**

Pursuant to Joint Rule 102 a Division was had. 26 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 9 Senators having voted in the negative, with 26 being more than two-thirds of the members present and voting the Joint Order **PASSED**, in concurrence.

Senate at Ease.

The Senate was called to order by the President.

Off Record Remarks

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Cumberland, Senator DUSON.

Senator **DUSON:** Madam President, Women and Men of the Senate, I rise today to honor a trailblazing Maine woman as part of our month-long celebration of Women's History Month. Cornelia "Fly Rod" Crosby, born in Phillips in 1854, was raised by a single mom just south of the Rangeley Lakes. Quickly becoming a known fixture among local anglers, she kept readers up to date in Fly Rod's Notebook, a column in the local newspaper, the Phillips Phonograph. These works would be picked up by national outlets and enjoyed by readers across the country.

In 1895, Fly Rod went on to lead a Maine delegation at the first annual Sportsmen's Exposition in New York City, showcasing Maine's iconic outdoor heritage industries, enjoying great visibility and attention of future visitors to our state.

On your desk is a photo related to Fly Rod, it's a picture of her casting in Moosehead Lake.

In addition to her unmatched fishing and hunting skills, Fly Rod lobbied the Maine Legislature hard, advocating for the licensing of Maine Guides. Crosby believed that Maine Guides should be held to high standards and become licensed, allowing them to lead safe and sustainable excursions and generate revenue for the protection of fish and game. Her efforts were successful, and on March 19, 1897, the 68th Maine Legislature passed a bill requiring paid hunting and fishing guides to register with the State of Maine. Maine registered 1316 guides in that first year, with the first Maine guiding license going to Cornelia Thurza Crosby. Her pursuit of her passion and love for the outdoors continues to inspire Mainers and tourists alike, and her legacy leads on. And one parenthetical addition is when I suggested to an honored member of our caucus whom I would be featuring today, Senator Guerin was completely excited and shared with me that she once taught a flyrod fishing class at L.L. Bean. So, we have an expert in our midst.

Thank you, Madam President.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Oxford, Senator Bennett.

Senator **BENNETT:** Thank you, Madam President. I want to draw your attention to three pieces of paper that I had distributed to your desks this morning relating to Maine's childcare workforce.

As you probably all are aware, a very vocal presence today outside the Chamber on the third and fourth floors and throughout the building for childcare workers and parents and teachers who are here as part of a strike to oppose the cuts in the Governor's budget, the \$30 million childcare stipend cut, the proposed elimination of the childcare employment award that affects 400 educators, and of course the Head Start funding cut of \$3.6 million a year.

I hope that you take a chance to hear them, to listen to them, and to join with them in solidarity to oppose these draconian and devastating cuts.

Thank you, Madam President.

Off Record Remarks

Senate at Ease.

The Senate was called to order by the President.

The Senate considered the following additional papers:

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

House Papers

Bill "An Act Regarding the Membership of the Maine Land Use Planning Commission"

H.P. 556 L.D. 870

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

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

Bill "An Act to Reduce the Property Tax Burden by Adequately Funding County Jail Operations"

H.P. 538 L.D. 852

Bill "An Act to Support Rural Resilience and Emergency Response Through the Maine Service Fellows Program"

H.P. 562 L.D. 876

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 Provide Equitable Capital Construction Funding for Maine's Charter Schools"

H.P. 540 L.D. 854

Bill "An Act to Ensure Behavioral and Mental Health Services Are Available to Students by Providing Grants to Schools That Contract for Those Services"

H.P. 544 L.D. 858

Resolve, to Establish the Criminal Justice Legal Aid Clinic Pilot Project at the University of Maine School of Law

H.P. 570 L.D. 884

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.

Off Record Remarks

Bill "An Act to Require Competitive Electricity Providers to Provide Certain Information to the Public Advocate" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 546 L.D. 860

Bill "An Act Related to the Work of the Public Advocate"

H.P. 547 L.D. 861

Bill "An Act to Expand Municipal Authority over Utility Pole Permits"

H.P. 559 L.D. 873

Resolve, to Study the Effects of 5G and Other Non-ionizing Radio Frequency Radiation-emitting Technology on Bird, Bee, Insect and Other Wildlife Populations and the Effects of Long-term Exposure on Children

H.P. 564 L.D. 878

Come 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 to Protect Natural Resources by Clarifying Hydropower Dam Removal Requirements"

H.P. 532 L.D. 846

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 Require MaineCare to Reimburse for Lactation Services in the Homes of Eligible Persons"

H.P. 551 L.D. 865

Bill "An Act to Exempt All Persons, Including Health Care and Emergency Services Personnel, from COVID-19 Vaccine Requirements"

H.P. 557 L.D. 871

Bill "An Act to Fund Essential Services for Victims of Domestic Violence" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 561 L.D. 875

Bill "An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding the Department of Health and Human Services"

H.P. 575 L.D. 889

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 Regarding Pre-need Funeral Insurance"

H.P. 553 L.D. 867

Bill "An Act to Provide Relief to Federal or State Employees Affected by a Federal Government or State Government Shutdown"

H.P. 560 L.D. 874

Bill "An Act Regarding Nondiscrimination in Financial Services"

H.P. 566 L.D. 880

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 Establish a First-time Home-buyer Program Administered by the Finance Authority of Maine"

H.P. 531 L.D. 845

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** and ordered printed.

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

Bill "An Act to Reduce Posting of Hunting Lands by Providing Free Antlerless Deer Permits to Certain Landowners Who Keep Their Lands Open to Hunting"

H.P. 552 L.D. 866

Comes 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 Prohibit Housing Discrimination"

H.P. 533 L.D. 847

Bill "An Act to Ensure Equity and Safety in Athletics, Restrooms, Changing Rooms and Housing at Elementary, Secondary and Postsecondary Schools"

H.P. 554 L.D. 868

Bill "An Act to Give Grandparents Intervenor Status in Certain Child Protection Proceedings"

H.P. 555 L.D. 869

Bill "An Act to Increase Maximum Small Claim Limits for Home Construction Contracts"

H.P. 565 L.D. 879

Bill "An Act to Regulate Medication Abortions"

H.P. 572 L.D. 886

Bill "An Act to Make Manufacturers Responsible for Proper Disposal of Abortion Drugs and Require a Health Care Provider to Be Physically Present During a Chemical Abortion"

H.P. 573 L.D. 887

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

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

Bill "An Act Regarding the Retired County and Municipal Law Enforcement Officers and Municipal Firefighters Health Insurance Program"

H.P. 534 L.D. 848

Bill "An Act to Replace the Minimum Hourly Wage with a Regionally Based Living Wage"

H.P. 539 L.D. 853

Bill "An Act to Require Transportation Network Companies to Provide Fair Wages to Drivers"

H.P. 563 L.D. 877

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 Establish a Senior Retiree Lobster License"
H.P. 537 L.D. 851

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

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

Bill "An Act to Increase Government Transparency in the Procurement of Goods and Services"
H.P. 543 L.D. 857

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 to Phase Out the Income Tax"
H.P. 542 L.D. 856

Bill "An Act to Reduce the Tax Burden on Maine Citizens"
H.P. 569 L.D. 883

Bill "An Act to Expand Property Tax Relief for Veterans and Survivors of Veterans"
H.P. 574 L.D. 888

Come 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 Amend the Motor Vehicle Laws"
H.P. 536 L.D. 850

Resolve, to Honor Scarborough Veterans by Renaming the Pine Point Crossing Bridge the Scarborough Veterans Memorial Bridge
H.P. 548 L.D. 862

Bill "An Act to Allow the Use of Transporter Plates for Transporting Campers or Motor Homes"
H.P. 550 L.D. 864

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

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

Bill "An Act to Limit Eligibility Under the Maine Clean Election Act"
H.P. 541 L.D. 855

Resolve, Directing the Treasurer of State to Review and Develop Options for Meeting the Banking Needs of the Cannabis Industry
H.P. 545 L.D. 859

Bill "An Act to Exempt Internet Raffles Conducted by Certain Organizations with Prizes of \$2,500 or Less from Registration and Licensing Requirements"
H.P. 549 L.D. 863

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 Establish a Recall Process for Public School Board Members"
H.P. 535 L.D. 849

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

Come from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT**.

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

Bill "An Act to Ensure Determinations Made by the State Are Free from Unethical, Unsafe or Illegal Interference by Artificial Intelligence"
H.P. 558 L.D. 872

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

Come from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT**.

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

Bill "An Act to Regulate Social Media Use by Minors Under 16 Years of Age"

H.P. 530 L.D. 844

Committee on **HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** suggested and ordered printed.

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY**.

On motion by Senator **CURRY** of Waldo, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Protect Communication with Providers of Critical Incident Stress Management Peer Support"

H.P. 568 L.D. 882

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

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

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

Bill "An Act to Allow Certain Persons with a Permit to Carry Concealed Handguns to Possess or Discharge a Firearm on School Property"

H.P. 571 L.D. 885

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

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS**.

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

Bill "An Act to Establish an Apprentice Insurance Producer License"

H.P. 567 L.D. 881

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

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

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

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

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Aroostook, Senator Bernard.

Senator **BERNARD:** Thank you very much, Madam President. I just wanted to take a moment to recognize the Caribou girls and boys basketball teams that won the Gold Ball over the weekend, much to our excitement and surprise. And I'm sure that I'm going to be breaking some sort of protocol here, I don't know what it would be, but just in case. Thank you for our indulgence.

Off Record Remarks

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Nangle.

Senator **NANGLE:** Since we're bragging out our basketball teams, the RSU 14, which is Windham-Raymond, boys basketball won their division state champs Saturday night in a buzzer beater. So, they trailed the entire game and pulled it out in the last four minutes of the quarter. So, we expect to welcome them here soon.

Off Record Remarks

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Sagadahoc, Senator Tepler.

Senator **TEPLER:** Thank you, Madam Chair, and while we're talking about basketball teams, the Mount Ararat Eagles girls basketball team took the state championship in their region. So, thank you very much, and we'll have them here as well, I hope, or at least their coach sometime soon.

Senate at Ease.

The Senate was called to order by the President.

On motion by Senator **PIERCE** of Cumberland, **ADJOURNED**, pursuant to the Joint Order, until Tuesday, March 11, 2025 at 10:00 in the morning.