

**STATE OF MAINE  
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION  
JOURNAL OF THE SENATE**

In Senate Chamber  
Tuesday  
February 26, 2019

Senate called to order by President Troy D. Jackson of Aroostook County.

Prayer by Reverend Linda Hirst, First Parish Federated Church in South Berwick.

**REVEREND HIRST:** Let's be together in the spirit of prayer. Hear our prayer this morning, O God, creator, spirit, giver of life to us all. Hear us as we pray for our great state which You have entrusted to our care. You have entrusted to us the coasts, the mountains, the cities and towns, those places populated by many and those by a few. You've entrusted these leaders to do what is right for all and to be a voice for those who have no voice. They have been chosen and we trust them. So be with them as they use their gifts to do what is best for our state; for all our citizens, regardless of age, race, ethnicity, of gender, and ability. Be with each person in this Body, that they may lead and make decisions filled with creativity and wisdom. May there be unity and when there isn't may disagreements be civil and respectful. Give them, and give us all, courage to lead our state towards peace and justice and a future filled with joy and possibility and opportunity for all. Amen.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Senator Louis J. Luchini of Hancock County.

Reading of the Journal of Thursday, February 21, 2019.

Doctor of the day, Barbara Moss, D.O. of Manchester.

**Off Record Remarks**

Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, on motion by Senator **LIBBY** of Androscoggin, the following Senate Order:  
S.O. 12

Ordered, that a message be sent to the House of Representatives proposing a Convention of the two branches of the Legislature be held at 10:45 this morning in the Hall of the House for the purpose of welcoming the Honorable Leigh Ingalls Saufley, Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court, the Justices of the Supreme

Judicial Court, and members of the Judiciary, and request the Chief Justice make such communication as pleases her.

**READ and PASSED.**

The Chair appointed the Senator from Androscoggin, Senator **LIBBY**, to deliver the message to the House of Representatives. The Senator was escorted to the House of Representatives.

Subsequently, the Senator from Androscoggin, Senator **LIBBY**, reported that he had delivered the message with which he was charged.

Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, the Senate considered the following:

**ORDERS**

**Joint Order**

Expression of Legislative Sentiment recognizing:

Marc Bowering, of Wilton, a detective with the Farmington Police Department, who has been named the department's 2018 Employee of the Year for distinguishing himself in the performance of his duties and fostering a feeling of safety for the people of Farmington. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

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Sponsored by Senator **BLACK** of Franklin.  
Cosponsored by Representative: **HALL** of Wilton.

The Joint Order was **READ**.

**THE PRESIDENT:** The Chair recognizes the Senator from Franklin, Senator **Black**.

Senator **BLACK:** Thank you, Mr. President. Good morning, ladies and gentlemen of the Senate. I am pleased that Detective Marc Bowering is able to join us today. Detective Bowering was recently named the Employee of the Year for 2018 at the Farmington Police Department. During 2018 Detective Bowering has been assigned to 95 criminal investigations, including 15 sexual assaults and 11 Department of Human Services referrals. Despite the complexities of these investigations, Bowering has attained convictions in several cases. Bowering has also conducted public service trainings for various businesses and groups throughout the year, as well as teaching a law enforcement program at Mount Blue High School. This quote from Chief Peck really says the type of employee Detective Marc Bowering is. 'You are extremely dedicated. More importantly, you work without any complaint on any given task assigned you,' Peck said, 'Your professionalism and commitment to your job are apparent to your coworkers and also to the members of the community that you come in contact with.' I would also like to say that it seems though I've known the Bowering family, his parents and his siblings, forever. They moved here from Portland, New York years ago and they, Marc and his family, have hunted on my farm and fished on my farm. Marc put quite a dent in my bass

population at Pease Pond but, let me tell you, I'm more concerned with his kids shooting my deer than I am the number that he will take. Thank you very much. I would like to congratulate Detective Bowering on this award and thank him for all his hard work in making Franklin County a safer place to live and work. Thank you.

The Joint Order was **PASSED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

**THE PRESIDENT:** The Chair would like to recognize in the rear of the Chamber Detective Marc Bowering; his wife, Becky Bowering; and their son, Joe. In addition, Chief Jack Peck, Deputy Chief Shane Cote, and Town Manager Richard Davis. Would they all please rise and accept the greetings of the Maine State Senate.

At this point a message was received from the House of Representatives, borne by Representative MOONEN of Portland, informing the Senate that the House concurred with the proposition for a Convention of the two branches of the Legislature to be held in the Hall of the House at 10:45 in the morning for the purpose of extending to the Honorable Leigh Ingalls Saufley, Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court, the Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court, and members of the Judiciary, and request the Chief Justice make such communication as pleases her.

Off Record Remarks

**PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE**

**Non-Concurrent Matter**

Bill "An Act To Allow Holders of Gold Star Family Registration Plates To Be Issued Complimentary Licenses To Hunt, Trap and Fish and To Exempt Them from Vehicle Registration Fees"  
H.P. 484 L.D. 663

Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** suggested and ordered printed.

In House, February 7, 2019, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION**.

In Senate, February 12, 2019, on motion by Senator **DILL** of Penobscot, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** and ordered printed in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

Comes from the House, Bill and accompanying papers **INDEFINITELY POSTPONED** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

On motion by Senator **DILL** of Penobscot, the Senate **RECEDED** and **CONCURRED**.

**House Papers**

Bill "An Act To Further Define the Monhegan Lobster Conservation Area"  
H.P. 696 L.D. 941

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

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

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

Bill "An Act To Increase Funding for the Maine Lakes Society 'LakeSmart' Program and the Lake Stewards of Maine Volunteer Lake Monitoring Program"  
H.P. 714 L.D. 959

Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** suggested and ordered printed.

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

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

Bill "An Act Regarding the Sale and Release or Abandonment of Balloons"  
H.P. 692 L.D. 937

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

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

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

Bill "An Act To Require Reimbursement for Medical Marijuana"  
H.P. 697 L.D. 942

Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** suggested and ordered printed.

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

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

Bill "An Act To Improve the Research Capabilities of State Agencies"

H.P. 706 L.D. 951

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

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

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

Bill "An Act To Coordinate and Standardize Data Collection Protocols"

H.P. 707 L.D. 952

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

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

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

Bill "An Act To Equalize the Distribution of Gasoline Tax Revenues between Snowmobiles and All-terrain Vehicles"

H.P. 651 L.D. 877

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

Comes from the House, Bill and accompanying papers **INDEFINITELY POSTPONED**.

On motion by Senator **CHIPMAN** of Cumberland, Bill and accompanying papers **INDEFINITELY POSTPONED**, in concurrence.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

The Following Communication: S.C. 154

**STATE OF MAINE  
129<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATURE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
SPEAKER'S OFFICE**

February 15, 2019

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

Dear Secretary Grant,

Pursuant to my authority under Title 10, MRSA, Part 1, Ch. 1-A, §11.4-A2, I am pleased to appoint the Honorable John Patrick of Rumford to the Citizen Trade Policy Commission.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,

S/Sara Gideon  
Speaker of the House

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

The Following Communication: S.C. 155

**STATE OF MAINE  
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE  
COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS**

February 15, 2019

Honorable Troy Dale Jackson, President of the Senate  
Honorable Sara Gideon, Speaker of the House  
129th Legislature  
State House  
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Gideon:

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

L.D. 137 An Act To Make the Maine Learning  
Technology Initiative More Cost-effective

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Rebecca Millett  
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Victoria P. Kornfield  
House Chair

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

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The Following Communication: S.C. 153

**OFFICE OF PROGRAM EVALUATION  
AND GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY  
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

February 12, 2019

The Honorable Justin Chenette, Senate Chair  
The Honorable Anne-Marie Mastraccio, House Chair  
Members of the Government Oversight Committee  
82 State House Station  
Augusta, Maine 04333

The Honorable Troy D. Jackson, President of the Senate  
Members of the 129<sup>th</sup> Maine Senate  
3 State House Station  
Augusta, Maine 04333

The Honorable Sara Gideon, Speaker of the House  
Members of the 129<sup>th</sup> Maine House of Representatives  
2 State House Station  
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Government Oversight Committee Members, Senators and Representatives:

In accordance with 3 MRSA §995(4), I respectfully submit the Office of Program Evaluation and Government Accountability (OPEGA) Annual Report on Activities and Performance for 2018. OPEGA's service to the Legislature as an independent, non-partisan resource is meant to support the important role of legislative oversight and to help improve the performance of State government. The staff of OPEGA and I continue to be committed to serving Maine's legislators and citizens as a trusted source of objective, credible information.

Sincerely,

S/Danielle D. Fox  
Director

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

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**SENATE PAPERS**

Resolve, To Extend the Down East Sunrise Trail from Ayers Junction to Calais

S.P. 282 L.D. 992

Presented by Senator MOORE of Washington.  
Cosponsored by Representative PERRY of Calais.

Resolve, To Require the Construction of a New District Headquarters Building for the Bureau of Forestry in Fort Kent  
S.P. 295 L.D. 1016

Presented by President JACKSON of Aroostook.  
Cosponsored by Representative MARTIN of Eagle Lake.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

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Bill "An Act To Attract and Retain Firefighters"  
S.P. 293 L.D. 1014

Presented by Senator HERBIG of Waldo.  
Cosponsored by Representative THERIAULT of China and Senators: BLACK of Franklin, CYRWAY of Kennebec, DIAMOND of Cumberland, DILL of Penobscot, KEIM of Oxford, Representatives: KINNEY of Knox, MASTRACCIO of Sanford, STANLEY of Medway.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

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Bill "An Act To Provide Autonomy for Health Care Providers To Practice Patient-centered Care by Amending the Laws Governing Medical Exemptions to Immunization Requirements"  
S.P. 277 L.D. 987

Presented by Senator BLACK of Franklin.  
Cosponsored by Representative SAMPSON of Alfred and Senators: DAVIS of Piscataquis, FOLEY of York, GUERIN of Penobscot, KEIM of Oxford, MIRAMANT of Knox, Representatives: KESCHL of Belgrade, O'CONNOR of Berwick, WARREN of Hallowell.

Bill "An Act To Promote Social and Emotional Learning and Development for Young Children"  
S.P. 287 L.D. 997

Presented by Senator BREEN of Cumberland.  
Cosponsored by Representative GATTINE of Westbrook and Senators: GRATWICK of Penobscot, MILLETT of Cumberland, MOORE of Washington, Representatives: BEEBE-CENTER of Rockland, FARNSWORTH of Portland, KORNFIELD of Bangor, MILLETT of Waterford, MORALES of South Portland.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

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Resolve, To Require the Approval by the Public Utilities Commission of a Proposal for a Long-term Contract for Deep-water Offshore Wind Energy (EMERGENCY)  
S.P. 284 L.D. 994

Presented by Senator WOODSOME of York.

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

On motion by Senator **LIBBY** of Androscoggin, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending **REFERENCE**.

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Bill "An Act To Reduce the Landfilling of Municipal Solid Waste"  
S.P. 278 L.D. 988

Presented by Senator CHIPMAN of Cumberland. (BY REQUEST)  
Cosponsored by Representative CAMPBELL of Orrington and Representatives: GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach, MAREAN of Hollis.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

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Bill "An Act To Expand Recovery Support Services Offered in Penobscot and Piscataquis Counties and the Greater Bangor Region To Improve Access, Treatment and Recovery for Those Affected by Substance Use Disorder by Designating a Regional Peer-supported Recovery Center"  
S.P. 283 L.D. 993

Presented by Senator ROSEN of Hancock.  
Cosponsored by Representative VEROW of Brewer and Senators: DAVIS of Piscataquis, DILL of Penobscot, HAMPER of Oxford, MOORE of Washington.

Bill "An Act To Provide Stable Funding and Support for Child Care Providers"  
S.P. 291 L.D. 1012

Presented by Senator MILLETT of Cumberland.  
Cosponsored by Representative GATTINE of Westbrook and Senator: BREEN of Cumberland, Representatives: DUNPHY of Old Town, PIERCE of Falmouth.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

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Bill "An Act To Establish a Special Handgun Hunting Season That Coincides with the Muzzle-loading Open Season on Deer"  
S.P. 286 L.D. 996

Presented by Senator GUERIN of Penobscot. (BY REQUEST)

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

Sent down for concurrence.

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Bill "An Act To Establish a Student Loan Bill of Rights To License and Regulate Student Loan Servicers"  
S.P. 285 L.D. 995

Presented by Senator VITELLI of Sagadahoc.  
Cosponsored by Representative STEWART of Presque Isle and Senators: FOLEY of York, LIBBY of Androscoggin, POULIOT of Kennebec, SANBORN, H. of Cumberland, Representatives: BRENNAN of Portland, TEPLER of Topsham.

Committee on **INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS** suggested and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator **HERBIG** of Waldo, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES**.

Sent down for concurrence.

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Resolve, To Expunge Criminal and Civil Records Related to Marijuana Activities Legalized by the Voters of Maine  
S.P. 281 L.D. 991

Presented by Senator DILL of Penobscot.  
Cosponsored by Representative STANLEY of Medway and Senators: BELLOWS of Kennebec, DAVIS of Piscataquis, DIAMOND of Cumberland, GRATWICK of Penobscot, Representatives: DUNPHY of Old Town, VEROW of Brewer.

Resolve, Requiring the Collection of Data on the Marriage of Minors  
S.P. 288 L.D. 998

Presented by Senator BREEN of Cumberland.  
Cosponsored by Representative PIERCE of Falmouth and Senators: DIAMOND of Cumberland, LIBBY of Androscoggin, MIRAMANT of Knox, ROSEN of Hancock, Representatives: MCCREIGHT of Harpswell, TERRY of Gorham.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Clarify the Disqualification from Unemployment Benefits of a Person Who Is Terminated from Employment for Being Under the Influence of Marijuana"

S.P. 292 L.D. 1013

Presented by Senator CYRWAY of Kennebec. Cosponsored by Representative BRADSTREET of Vassalboro and Senators: DAVIS of Piscataquis, DOW of Lincoln, FOLEY of York, HAMPER of Oxford, Representatives: RILEY of Jay, STANLEY of Medway, STEARNS of Guilford, WADSWORTH of Hiram.

Bill "An Act Regarding the Elimination of Highly Toxic and Hazardous Chemicals in the Workplace"

S.P. 296 L.D. 1017

Presented by Senator CARSON of Cumberland.

On motion by Senator **BELLOWS** of Kennebec, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Clarify Filing Requirements for Proposed Rules"

S.P. 290 L.D. 1011

Presented by Senator MILLETT of Cumberland. Cosponsored by Representative PIERCE of Falmouth and Senators: BREEN of Cumberland, President JACKSON of Aroostook, Representative: DUNPHY of Old Town.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Improve Maine's Tax Laws"

S.P. 279 L.D. 989

Presented by Senator CHIPMAN of Cumberland.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Improve Transportation in Maine"

S.P. 280 L.D. 990

Presented by Senator CHIPMAN of Cumberland.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Allow Medical and Adult Use Marijuana Stores To Share a Common Space"

S.P. 289 L.D. 999

Presented by Senator MIRAMANT of Knox. Cosponsored by Senators: CHIPMAN of Cumberland, VITELLI of Sagadahoc, Representatives: ACKLEY of Monmouth, COLLINGS of Portland, HOBBS of Wells, TIPPING of Orono, WARREN of Hallowell.

Bill "An Act To Support Maine Craft Distillers"

S.P. 294 L.D. 1015

Presented by Senator LUCHINI of Hancock. Cosponsored by Speaker GIDEON of Freeport and Representative: MADIGAN of Waterville.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

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

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

**Senate**

**Ought to Pass**

Senator CARPENTER for the Committee on **JUDICIARY** on Bill "An Act To Amend the Maine Condominium Act by Extending the Lien Period for Nonpayment of Assessments"

S.P. 63 L.D. 251

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

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

**ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.**

**ORDERS OF THE DAY**

**Unfinished Business**

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

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later Assigned (1/29/19) matter:

Bill "An Act To Ensure the Integrity and Accountability of Persons Who Are Elected to Public Office"

S.P. 131 L.D. 453

Tabled - January 29, 2019 by Senator **LUCHINI** of Hancock

Pending - **REFERENCE**

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

On motion by Senator **LUCHINI** of Hancock, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT**.

Sent down for concurrence.

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The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later Assigned (2/12/19) matter:

Resolve, Directing the Board of Pesticides Control To Educate the Public on the Proper Use of Pesticides and To Promote Integrated Pest Management

S.P. 229 L.D. 785

Tabled - February 12, 2019 by Senator **DILL** of Penobscot

Pending - **REFERENCE**

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

On motion by Senator **DILL** of Penobscot, Bill and accompanying papers **INDEFINITELY POSTPONED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

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The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later Assigned (2/19/19) matter:

SENATE REPORTS - from the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** on Bill "An Act To Provide Relief to Federal Employees Affected by the Federal Shutdown" (EMERGENCY)

S.P. 141 L.D. 477

Majority - **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-1)** (11 members)

Minority - **Ought Not to Pass** (2 members)

Tabled - February 19, 2019 by Senator **LIBBY** of Androscoggin

Pending - motion by same Senator to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report

On motion by Senator **LIBBY** of Androscoggin, the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **ACCEPTED**.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-1) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

**ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.**

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Senate at Ease.

The Senate was called to order by the President.

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The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later Assigned (2/14/19) matter:

SENATE REPORT - from the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** on Bill "An Act Regarding Rules Adopted by the ConnectME Authority"

H.P. 32 L.D. 31

Report - **Ought to Pass**

Tabled - February 14, 2019 by Senator **LAWRENCE** of York

Pending - **ACCEPTANCE OF REPORT**

Report **ACCEPTED**.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

**ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.**

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Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, the Senate considered the following:

**PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE**

**Joint Resolution**

The following Joint Resolution:

H.P. 753

**JOINT RESOLUTION  
RECOGNIZING FEBRUARY 26, 2019 AS SUICIDE  
PREVENTION DAY**

WHEREAS, suicide is the 10th leading cause of death in the United States and the 2nd leading cause of death among individuals 10 to 34 years of age; and

WHEREAS, in the United States, one person dies by suicide every 12.3 minutes, resulting in over 44,000 suicides each year; and

WHEREAS, suicide is the only leading cause of death in the United States that has increased every year for the past decade; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that there are over 1.1 million suicide attempts each year; and

WHEREAS, over 90% of the people who die by suicide have a diagnosable and treatable mental health condition, which is often not recognized or treated; and

WHEREAS, suicide results in an estimated \$51 billion in combined medical and work loss costs nationally; and

WHEREAS, the stigma associated with mental health conditions and suicidality works against suicide prevention by discouraging persons at risk for suicide from seeking life-saving help and further traumatizes survivors of suicide loss and survivors of suicide attempts; and

WHEREAS, suicide is a preventable national and state public health problem and suicide prevention must be a priority; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Twenty-ninth Legislature now assembled in the First Regular Session, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to recognize February 26, 2019 as Suicide Prevention Day and to recognize the importance of the development and implementation of strategies to increase access to mental health and suicide prevention services.

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

The Joint Resolution was **READ**.

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

Senator **MILLETT:** Thank you, Mr. President. Mr. President, ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, I rise because today we are marking as Suicide Prevention Day and I don't think we, as a Body or as a community or state, can fully understand the toll that this has taken, especially on our children. We have been having quite a few conversations around suicide prevention in our schools. The amount of distress, stress, in itself; emotional issues, wracking our children as we speak. I just want to share with you testimony that we received several years ago, just a piece of it. 'Late one afternoon this fall I received a call from our Superintendent to inform me that one of our students had passed away. This young girl was a student I had never met and I soon learned that she took her own life. One of my immediate thoughts was: What could have been done differently? As a mother and grandmother, I ached for her family and the siblings who would be returning to our schools. As a member of the community, I witnessed the consuming grief. As a school board member, I thought of our staff and the burden they would have not only to provide support to our students but to understand this loss themselves.' Losing this talented, well-loved student left a gaping wound in the entire district. This happens too frequently in our state and across the country and I ask us all to think about how we can do more around mental health for not just our children but

for their parents and their community members. Thank you, Mr. President.

The Joint Resolution was **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, the Senate considered the following:

## PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

### House Papers

Bill "An Act To Encourage the Purchase and Sale of Locally Grown and Raised Crops and Products"

H.P. 726 L.D. 971

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

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

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Bill "An Act Making Supplemental Appropriations and Allocations for the Expenditures of State Government and Changing Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2020 and June 30, 2021" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 723 L.D. 968

Bill "An Act Making Supplemental Appropriations and Allocations for the Expenditures of State Government and Changing Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2019" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 724 L.D. 969

Bill "An Act To Make Supplemental Appropriations and Allocations for the Expenditures of State Government and To Change Certain Provisions of Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2019" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 742 L.D. 1000

Bill "An Act Making Unified Appropriations and Allocations for the Expenditures of State Government, General Fund and Other Funds, and Changing Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2019, June 30, 2020 and June 30, 2021" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 743 L.D. 1001

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

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

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Off Record Remarks

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Bill "An Act To Stabilize County Corrections"  
H.P. 728 L.D. 973

Bill "An Act To Amend the Penalties for Engaging in Prostitution"  
H.P. 729 L.D. 974

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

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

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Bill "An Act To Provide Consistent Data Regarding Education Funding"

H.P. 734 L.D. 979

Bill "An Act To Maintain High School Diploma Standards by Repealing Proficiency-based Diploma Standards"  
H.P. 740 L.D. 985

Resolve, Directing the Department of Education To Develop a Model School Disciplinary Policy

H.P. 752 L.D. 1010

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

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

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Off Record Remarks

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Bill "An Act To Amend Provisions of the Maine Energy Cost Reduction Act Regarding Assessments on Ratepayers"  
H.P. 735 L.D. 980

Bill "An Act To Ensure Accurate Explanations of Electric Bills"  
H.P. 745 L.D. 1003

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

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

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Resolve, Directing the Department of Environmental Protection To Review and Update Its Report on Emissions from Marine Vessels

H.P. 730 L.D. 975

Bill "An Act To Exempt from Permit Requirements the Repair of Low-head Dams"

H.P. 738 L.D. 983

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

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

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Resolve, To Increase Access to Brain Injury Waiver Services

H.P. 727 L.D. 972

Bill "An Act To Implement the State's Recently Approved Request for a Section 1115 Demonstration for MaineCare"

H.P. 736 L.D. 981

Resolve, To Expand the Use of the Women, Infants and Children Special Supplemental Food Program at Farmers' Markets

H.P. 737 L.D. 982

Resolve, To Increase Funding for Children's Behavioral Health Issues in Order To Return to the State Children Who Are Currently Housed in Residential Treatment Systems outside of the State and To Suspend Certain Contracts Related to Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities

H.P. 739 L.D. 984

Bill "An Act To Expand Lead Inspections to Other Properties of the Owner of a Property Determined to Contain Lead"

H.P. 741 L.D. 986

Resolve, To Establish a Pilot Project To Save Lives and Support People with Substance Use Disorder in Washington County (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 747 L.D. 1005

Resolve, To Require the Development of Strategies for Reducing Health Disparities Based on Social Determinants

H.P. 748 L.D. 1006

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

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

Bill "An Act To Restore the Super Credit for Substantially Increased Research and Development"

H.P. 732 L.D. 977

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

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

Bill "An Act Making Unified Appropriations and Allocations for the Expenditures of State Government, Highway Fund and Other Funds, and Changing Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2019, June 30, 2020 and June 30, 2021" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 744 L.D. 1002

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

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

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

Off Record Remarks

At this point the Senate retired to the Hall of the House where a Joint Convention was formed.

Following the Joint Convention the Senate was called to order in the Senate Chamber by the President.

Off Record Remarks

On motion by Senator **LIBBY** of Androscoggin, **ADJOURNED** until Thursday, February 28, 2019 at 10:00 in the morning.

Bill "An Act To Provide Protections for Maine Patients Facing Step Therapy"

H.P. 751 L.D. 1009

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

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

Bill "An Act To Clarify Maine's Protection from Abuse Statutes"

H.P. 733 L.D. 978

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

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

Bill "An Act To Include State Employee Stipends as Earnable Compensation"

H.P. 750 L.D. 1008

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

On motion by Senator **LIBBY** of Androscoggin, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Encourage Policies Regarding Accessory Dwelling Units under Local Comprehensive Plans and Zoning Requirements"

H.P. 725 L.D. 970

Bill "An Act To Reduce Costs and Emissions by Increasing Telecommuting at State Agencies"

H.P. 746 L.D. 1004

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

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