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

Prayer by Deacon Bryan Dench of St. Paul's Anglican Church in Portland.

DEACON BRYAN DENCH: Let's pray. Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid, lay your hand upon this legislative body which has the power to do good for the people it serves or to do them harm, which has the power to do what is good in your sight, and the power to do what is wicked. Teach us that a law that is wicked is no law at all, merely the exercise of power.

We invoke your blessings over the actions of this Body and each Member of the Maine Senate. Watch over these public servants and their families. We pray for your protection for the vulnerable, especially those most vulnerable among your human family. I pray for repentance and correction of those policies enacted in Maine that put at risk children not yet born, women and girls, and men and boys. May this Senate always have the wisdom, humility, and moral strength to do right in your sight. Amen.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Senator Stacey K. Guerin of Penobscot County.

Reading of the Journals of Tuesday, April 1, 2025 and Thursday April 3, 2025.

Medical Provider of the Day, Robert Rousseau, PA-C, EM-CAQ, of Sidney.

SENATE PAPERS

Bill "An Act to Support Farmland Conservation"
S.P. 612 L.D. 1528

Presented by Senator BENNETT of Oxford.
Cosponsored by Senators: BRENNER of Cumberland, HICKMAN of Kennebec, Representatives: BLIER of Buxton, CRAY of Palmyra, DUCHARME of Madison, HALL of Wilton, PLUECKER of Warren.

Bill "An Act to Enhance the Protection of High-value Natural Resources Statewide"

S.P. 613 L.D. 1529

Presented by Senator BENNETT of Oxford.
Cosponsored by Representative BUNKER of Farmington and Senators: BRENNER of Cumberland, INGWERSEN of York, Representatives: BRIDGEO of Augusta, DILL of Old Town, EDER of Waterboro, FROST of Belgrade, HEPLER of Woolwich, PLUECKER of Warren.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Resolve, to Establish the Commission to Study the Future of Recreational Access in Maine

S.P. 582 L.D. 1441

Presented by Senator BLACK of Franklin.
Cosponsored by Senators: BALDACCI of Penobscot, GUERIN of Penobscot, TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin.

On motion by Senator **TALBOT ROSS** of Cumberland, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending **REFERENCE**.

Bill "An Act Regarding the Voluntary Municipal Farm Support Program"

S.P. 591 L.D. 1450

Presented by Senator TIPPING of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Representative FROST of Belgrade and Senators: BICKFORD of Androscoggin, BRENNER of Cumberland, HICKMAN of Kennebec, INGWERSEN of York, NANGLE of Cumberland, TALBOT ROSS of Cumberland, Representatives: ARCHER of Saco, BECK of South Portland.

On motion by Senator **TALBOT ROSS** of Cumberland, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending **REFERENCE**.

Bill "An Act to Create a State Employee Compensation Stabilization Fund"

S.P. 623 L.D. 1539

Presented by Senator TIPPING of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Representative ROEDER of Bangor and
Senators: BALDACCI of Penobscot, HICKMAN of Kennebec,
Representatives: ARCHER of Saco, DHALAC of South Portland.

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

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Allow the Emergency Medical Services' Board to
Assess Civil Penalties for the Noncompliance of Emergency
Medical Services Persons with the Requirement to Administer
Naloxone Hydrochloride in Compliance with Trainings and
Procedures Developed by the Board"

S.P. 593 L.D. 1452

Presented by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Senator: BEEBE-CENTER of Knox.

Bill "An Act to Change the Permissible Hours and Penalties
Pertaining to the Use of Consumer Fireworks"

S.P. 610 L.D. 1526

Presented by Senator BEEBE-CENTER of Knox. (BY
REQUEST)

Bill "An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Bail"

S.P. 620 L.D. 1536

Presented by Senator HAGGAN of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Senator: CYRWAY of Kennebec,
Representatives: ARDELL of Monticello, MCINTYRE of Lowell,
NUTTING of Oakland, PERKINS of Dover-Foxcroft.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Ensure the Retention of R1 Research Institution
Status by the University of Maine"

S.P. 617 L.D. 1533

Presented by Senator TIPPING of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Representative OSHER of Orono and Senator:
RAFFERTY of York, Representatives: FAIRCLOTH of Bangor,
ROEDER of Bangor.

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 Reduce Illegal Cannabis Operations by Requiring
Permits for High Electrical Usage"

S.P. 619 L.D. 1535

Presented by Senator HAGGAN of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Representative PERKINS of Dover-Foxcroft and
Senator: TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin, Representative:
MORRIS of Turner.

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 Regarding Compensation Fees and Related
Conservation Efforts for Solar and Wind Energy Development and
High-impact Electric Transmission Lines Under the Site Location
of Development Laws"

S.P. 599 L.D. 1458

Presented by Senator HICKMAN of Kennebec.
Cosponsored by Senators: BLACK of Franklin, CURRY of Waldo,
HARRINGTON of York, TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin,
Representative: 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.

Resolve, Regarding Personal Care Agency Licensing Rules
S.P. 583 L.D. 1442

Presented by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Representatives: GRAHAM of North Yarmouth,
HASENFUS of Readfield, MILLIKEN of Blue Hill, SUPICA of
Bangor, TERRY of Gorham.

Bill "An Act to Ensure the Financial Stability of Behavioral Health
Service Providers and Housing Assistance Providers"
(EMERGENCY)

S.P. 584 L.D. 1443

Presented by Senator BENNETT of Oxford.
Cosponsored by Representative CRAFTS of Newcastle and
Senators: BALDACCI of Penobscot, MOORE of Washington,
TALBOT ROSS of Cumberland, TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin,

Representatives: ANKELES of Brunswick, CARLOW of Buxton, SALISBURY of Westbrook, SHAGOURY of Hallowell.

Sent down for concurrence.

Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services to Expedite Reimbursement of All Vendors
S.P. 588 L.D. 1447

Resolve, to Establish the Innovative Factory-made Housing Working Group
S.P. 594 L.D. 1453

Presented by Senator STEWART of Aroostook.
Cosponsored by Representative HENDERSON of Rumford and Senator: BERNARD of Aroostook, Representatives: BABIN of Fort Fairfield, CARUSO of Caratunk.

Presented by Senator BENNETT of Oxford.
Cosponsored by Representative GERE of Kennebunkport and Senator: CURRY of Waldo, Representatives: COLLAMORE of Pittsfield, EDER of Waterboro, JULIA of Waterville, YUSUF of Portland.

Bill "An Act to Support Community Violence Prevention and Intervention Programs"
S.P. 602 L.D. 1487

Bill "An Act Enabling Municipalities to Protect Tenants and Stabilize Rents"
S.P. 618 L.D. 1534

Presented by Senator TALBOT ROSS of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative KUHN of Falmouth and Senators: CARNEY of Cumberland, President DAUGHTRY of Cumberland, Representatives: LEE of Auburn, O'HALLORAN of Brewer, SATO of Gorham, SINCLAIR of Bath.

Presented by Senator BAILEY of York.
Cosponsored by Representative GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach and Senator: TIPPING of Penobscot, Representatives: GERE of Kennebunkport, GOLEK of Harpswell, JULIA of Waterville, MALON of Biddeford, ROBERTS of South Berwick.

Resolve, to Provide Stability to Long-term Care Facility Funding (EMERGENCY)
S.P. 604 L.D. 1489

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

Presented by Senator GROHOSKI of Hancock.
Cosponsored by Representative EATON of Deer Isle and Senators: BENNETT of Oxford, MOORE of Washington, STEWART of Aroostook, TIPPING of Penobscot, Representatives: COLLAMORE of Pittsfield, FRIEDMANN of Bar Harbor, MILLIKEN of Blue Hill, STROUT of Harrington.

Sent down for concurrence.

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 Provide Winter Access to the Bog Lake Public Boat Launch in Northfield"
S.P. 589 L.D. 1448

Presented by Senator MOORE of Washington. (BY REQUEST)
Cosponsored by Representative TUELL of East Machias.

Bill "An Act to Prevent Financial Exploitation of Maine Residents 62 Years of Age or Older"
S.P. 586 L.D. 1445

Bill "An Act to Expand the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Outdoor Education Programs to Schools and Communities"
S.P. 616 L.D. 1532

Presented by Senator CARNEY of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative BOYER of Cape Elizabeth and Senators: BAILEY of York, BENNETT of Oxford, DUSON of Cumberland, GROHOSKI of Hancock, MOORE of Washington, Representatives: BABIN of Fort Fairfield, Speaker FECTEAU of Biddeford, STOVER of Boothbay.

Presented by Senator STEWART of Aroostook.
Cosponsored by Senator: GUERIN of Penobscot, Representatives: MASON of Lisbon, WOOD of Greene, WOODSOME of Waterboro.

Bill "An Act to Improve the Sustainability of Emergency Medical Services in Maine"
S.P. 614 L.D. 1530

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Presented by Senator CURRY of Waldo.

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

Bill "An Act to Prevent Foreclosures Without Strict Compliance with Notice Requirements"

S.P. 585 L.D. 1444

Presented by Senator CARNEY of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative MOONEN of Portland and
Senators: PIERCE of Cumberland, RENY of Lincoln, ROTUNDO
of Androscoggin, Representatives: BELL of Yarmouth, Speaker
FECTEAU of Biddeford, GATTINE of Westbrook, KUHN of
Falmouth.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Fairly Compensate Teachers for Overtime Hours"

S.P. 607 L.D. 1492

Presented by Senator TIPPING of Penobscot.

Bill "An Act to Index Unemployment Benefits to the
Unemployment Rate"

S.P. 622 L.D. 1538

Presented by Senator STEWART of Aroostook.
Cosponsored by Senator: BRADSTREET of Kennebec.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Resolve, Requiring the Commissioner of Administrative and
Financial Services to Conduct a Study of the State's Grant,
Contracting and Procurement Practices

S.P. 590 L.D. 1449

Presented by Senator TIPPING of Penobscot.

Bill "An Act to Redefine 'Term' in the Law Governing Term Limits
for Constitutional Offices"

S.P. 595 L.D. 1454

Presented by Senator BRADSTREET of Kennebec.
Cosponsored by Senators: BICKFORD of Androscoggin, MARTIN
of Oxford, Representatives: COLLINS of Sidney, DRINKWATER
of Milford.

Bill "An Act to Validate Certain Referendum Proceedings
Conducted by the City of South Portland" (EMERGENCY)

S.P. 601 L.D. 1483

Presented by Senator CARNEY of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative DHALAC of South Portland and
Representatives: BECK of South Portland, KESSLER of South
Portland.

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

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Provide a Tax Credit for New Attorneys Practicing
in Underserved Areas"

S.P. 606 L.D. 1491

Presented by Senator STEWART of Aroostook.
Cosponsored by Representative HENDERSON of Rumford and
Senator: BENNETT of Oxford, Representative: BABIN of Fort
Fairfield.

Bill "An Act to Eliminate Tax and Wage Incentives for Visual
Media Production Companies"

S.P. 608 L.D. 1493

Presented by Senator TIPPING of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Representative MATLACK of St. George and
Senator: TEPLER of Sagadahoc, Representatives: GOLEK of
Harpwell, LOOKNER of Portland, RANA of Bangor.

Resolve, to Establish the Commission to Study Lowering Property
Taxes by Revising the State-Municipal Revenue Sharing Program
S.P. 621 L.D. 1537

Presented by Senator NANGLE of Cumberland.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Strengthen Coordination of Community
Transportation"

S.P. 592 L.D. 1451

Presented by Senator TIPPING of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Representative GRIFFIN of Levant and
Senators: BALDACCI of Penobscot, BENNETT of Oxford,
MOORE of Washington, Representatives: MATLACK of St.
George, MCINTYRE of Lowell, ROEDER of Bangor, SHAGOURY
of Hallowell, STOVER of Boothbay.

Resolve, to Allow the Maine Turnpike Authority to Conduct a Pilot
Program to Implement Automated Speed Control Systems in
Highway Work Zones

S.P. 598 L.D. 1457

Presented by Senator FARRIN of Somerset.
Cosponsored by Representative CRAFTS of Newcastle and
Senator: PIERCE of Cumberland, Representatives: ALBERT of
Madawaska, MASON of Lisbon, RAY of Lincolnville.

Bill "An Act to Better Protect Animal-drawn Vehicles and Motorists on Public Roadways"

S.P. 615 L.D. 1531

Presented by Senator GUERIN of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Representatives: DAIGLE of Fort Kent, FOSTER of Dexter, GUERRETTE of Caribou.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Require Postage Prepaid Envelopes Be Provided for the Return of Absentee Ballots"

S.P. 611 L.D. 1527

Presented by Senator BENNETT of Oxford.
Cosponsored by Speaker FECTEAU of Biddeford.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Lower the Voting Age to 16 Years of Age
S.P. 587 L.D. 1446

Presented by Senator HICKMAN of Kennebec.
Cosponsored by Representative SUPICA of Bangor and Senators: DUSON of Cumberland, TALBOT ROSS of Cumberland, TIPPING of Penobscot, Representatives: ABDI of Lewiston, HASENFUS of Readfield, MURPHY of Scarborough, PLUECKER of Warren, WARREN of Scarborough.

Bill "An Act to Prevent Illegal Cannabis Growing Operations in the State"

S.P. 596 L.D. 1455

Presented by Senator CYRWAY of Kennebec.
Cosponsored by Representative LAJOIE of Lewiston and Senator: BENNETT of Oxford, Representatives: BOYER of Poland, BUNKER of Farmington, FREDERICKS of Sanford, HASENFUS of Readfield, LOOKNER of Portland, MCINTYRE of Lowell, NUTTING of Oakland.

Bill "An Act to Expand the Number of On-premises Retail Liquor Licenses a Liquor Manufacturer May Be Issued"

S.P. 597 L.D. 1456

Presented by President DAUGHTRY of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Senator: TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin, Representatives: MALON of Biddeford, RIELLY of Westbrook, SHAGOURY of Hallowell.

Bill "An Act Regarding Cannabis Testing and the Manufacture of Cannabis and Hemp Products"

S.P. 603 L.D. 1488

Presented by Senator TIPPING of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Senator: HICKMAN of Kennebec, Representatives: BOYER of Poland, SUPICA of Bangor.

Bill "An Act to Allow Nonprofit Organizations to Sell Progressive Pull-tab Games and to Offer Partner-assisted Beano and to Establish New Guidelines for the Expansion of Gambling" (EMERGENCY)

S.P. 605 L.D. 1490

Presented by Senator GROHOSKI of Hancock.

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

ORDERS

Joint Orders

Expressions of Legislative Sentiment recognizing:

Diane Steward, of Augusta, on her retirement after many years of public service. Ms. Steward has served in a variety of roles at the Legislature since 1993, after having previously worked in the Maine State Development Office and the Bureau of Motor Vehicles. She served as a Legislative Aide in the Senate Majority Office and was briefly a Special Assistant in the President's Office and in the Senate Majority Office. She continued her service as a Legislative Aide for a number of years and also worked as a Committee Clerk, a Special Assistant and the Senate Board Operator. Ms. Steward served as the Fiscal Administrator of the Department of Audit for a time before she returned to the Legislature, where she worked as a Committee Clerk for various committees from 2013 to 2020 and with the Senate Chamber staff from 2022 to the present. We extend our appreciation to Ms. Steward for her service and offer her our best wishes;

SLS 358

Sponsored by Senator BRADSTREET of Kennebec.
Cosponsored by Representatives: BRIDGEO of Augusta, ROLLINS of Augusta.

The Joint Order was **READ**.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Kennebec, Senator Bradstreet.

Senator **BRADSTREET:** Thank you, Madam President. Madam President and Colleagues in the Senate, it's good to take a few moments to recognize Diane and to thank her for all her dedicated work for the people of Maine.

As you can see, she started working for the Legislature in 1993, after she served in the Maine Development Office and the Bureau of Motor Vehicles. Her career has taken her to serving in a variety of positions in state government, culminating in her work here in the Senate.

Madam President, it's a time like this that it's altogether proper that we take time to recognize and, indeed, contemplate on the many ways that dedicated people like Diane make our work here so much easier. Truly, we owe her a huge debt of thanks and gratitude and wish her all the best as she looks forward to her retirement.

Thank you, Madam President.

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

Senator **ROTUNDO:** Madam President, Colleagues of the Senate, I rise today to recognize and honor Diane Steward on her retirement from a very distinguished public service career with the Legislature and the State of Maine.

Diane first came to work in state government as a clerk typist in 1981. During her years of service, Diane served in many capacities, including as a special assistant and legislative aide in the Senate President's office, as a legislative aide in the Senate Majority Office, as well as the fiscal administrator of the Department of Audit.

Thankfully for us, Diane didn't stay away long after she retired in 2011. She returned to the State House to work as a committee clerk for various joint standing committees from 2013 to 2020 and joined the Senate Chamber staff in 2022. Diane has always brought the highest level of professionalism, wisdom, and integrity to all she has done. She is admired and trusted by everyone she has worked for and with. I've had the great privilege of working with Diane for many years. I, like so many others, have always counted on her expertise and dependability. Like others, I have also always appreciated Diane's warmth, kindness, and patience. No matter how chaotic things were in the State House and no matter how much pressure she was under, Diane was always calm, always helpful, and always gracious. I've appreciated the genuine interest that she took in each Senator she served and in the guests we brought to the Senate Chamber. It was a joy to watch her interact with the pages, talking quietly with them, helping them to feel comfortable and welcomed.

I, and I suspect most others, will miss Diane's smile of welcome when we come into the Chamber. The smile that was always on her face even in the middle of the night when it felt like our session was never going to end and everyone was exhausted, tensions were high, and all of us were so anxious for our legislative business to be over.

Thank you, Diane, on behalf of all who have had the pleasure of working with you over the years. We thank you for your loyal service to the people of Maine. You have served with distinction and grace. While we will miss your gentle and helpful presence in this Chamber and in the State House, we're grateful to you for the exemplary example you have shared with us over the years and for the culture of kindness you helped to create in the State House. You leave a wonderful legacy, and our warmest wishes go with you always. Thank you.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from York, Senator Lawrence.

Senator **LAWRENCE:** Thank you, Madam President. This is a bittersweet day. It's bitter because we have to say goodbye to Diane, it's sweet because it's her retirement. It's also bitter for me because I have to refer back to 1993, which is a distant part of my

memory.

I've known Diane for all my legislative career and, in fact, when I was elected, came over to the Senate from the House, Diane was my aide, I believe, in the Senate Majority Office. She handled my constituent work. And I kind of do question when it said she served briefly as a special assistant to the President because it was actually four years she served, and I brought her into the Senate President's office when I was Senate President to continue to do my personal constituent work but also to do special projects for me.

And Diane was somebody who was very dedicated, I always appreciated her support of the things I did. She introduced me to a lot of people in the State Development Office, the Maine Rural Council, a lot of different organizations that we incorporated into our plan when I was Senate President, she did an amazing job on keeping up with my constituent work. And if I remember right - and Diane, correct me if I'm wrong - she maybe even introduced me to Andre Pied, who was the head of adult education in Skowhegan, who got me my French immersion courses up in Quebec through the Skowhegan adult ed, which led to the development of Kennebec-Chaudière corridor commission. So, in many ways, Diane has done many great things for development in this state. She has served -- she served me, you know, faithfully for all the years I had her on my staff and it's a very bittersweet day to see her not being around here anymore, but I'm very happy for her in her retirement.

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

Senator **TEPLER:** Thank you, Madam President. I rise because as one of the newest Members of this Body, Diane was inordinately welcoming to me and really made me feel comfortable in my first couple weeks in this Chamber. She was kind, she was lovely, and she shared her knowledge with me when I needed it, and I just want to say how much I appreciate it and how sorry I am to see her go.

The President requested the Sergeant-At-Arms escort the Senator from Cumberland, Senator **PIERCE**, to the rostrum where she assumed the duties as President Pro Tempore.

The President retired from the Chamber.

The Senate was called to order by President Pro Tempore **TERESA PIERCE** of Cumberland County.

THE PRESIDENT PRO TEM: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Daughtry.

Senator **DAUGHTRY:** Thank you, Madam President Pro Tem, Members of the Senate. I just wanted to briefly come down and add my words to the immense gratitude to Diane.

Coming in and being a new Senate President, like any new jobs, has a lot of nerves and a lot of feelings. And the second that I heard that Diane was coming back on Chamber staff, I felt instantly steadied and buoyed, knowing that she was there watching our backs.

I am so grateful for your wisdom, your guidance, your kindness, and I'm excited for your next chapter, but we're going to have a big hole and we've got some big shoes when you walk out of here into the next chapter. So, thank you for everything.

The Joint Order was **PASSED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

THE PRESIDENT PRO TEM: The Chair is pleased to recognize in the rear of the Chamber, Diane Steward of Augusta. Will she please rise and accept the congratulations and greetings of the Senate?

The President Pro Tem requested the Sergeant-At-Arms escort the Senator from Cumberland, Senator **DAUGHTRY**, to the rostrum where she resumed her duties as President.

The Sergeant-At-Arms escorted the Senator from Cumberland, Senator **PIERCE**, to her seat on the Floor.

The Senate was called to order by the President.

The Upper Kennebec Valley High School Girls Basketball Team, of Bingham, which won the Class D State Championship. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 387

Sponsored by Senator **BLACK** of Franklin.
Cosponsored by Representative: **CARUSO** of Caratunk.

The Joint Order was **READ**.

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

Senator **BLACK:** Thank you, Madam President. Good morning, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. I stand before you today to recognize the incredible achievement of the Valley Girls Basketball Team, who made history by winning the Class D State Title for the first time in school history. They were undefeated and 22-0.

This is not the first time that this school district has been recognized as the gold ball. The Valley Boys have also won the state title seven times. And this is from a small rural school district of the three towns of Bingham, Moscow, and Caratunk.

From the beginning of the opening tipoff, the girls took control and never looked back. Valley came out strong, leading 9-5 after the first quarter, and they pushed even harder in the second, finishing the half with a solid 21-12 lead. After the break, they never let up, stretching their advantage to 31-20 in the third and closing out the game with a 48-28 victory. They played together, they stayed focused, and today, they are champions.

Congratulations on making history. You set a new standard for excellence. You brought home the first-ever gold ball in the program's history. This win will be remembered for many years to come, and seeing that they only have one senior on their team, they might be back here next year, we hope. Congratulations,

girls.

The Joint Order was **PASSED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair is pleased to welcome in the rear of the Chamber, the Upper Kennebec Valley High School Girls Basketball Team of Bingham, the winners of the Class D State Championship. Will you please stand and accept the greetings of the Maine Senate?

Senate at Ease.

The Senate was called to order by the President.

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

Senator **TEPLER:** Thank you, Madam President. I rise today to honor the legacy of Dr. Julia Gamble Kahrl. We called her Judy. She was a cherished constituent, a trailblazing philanthropist, and a fearless advocate for women's reproductive rights.

She was a long-time Arrowsic resident and passed away in January of this year. Her tireless work in advancing women's rights and family planning not only transformed lives here in our state but echoed around the world.

Her remarkable journey began at the age of 19, when Judy participated in the Planned Parenthood conference in Stockholm, Sweden. After graduating from college, Judy began serving on the board of the international NGO Pathfinder International, founded by her father. Her activism infused her work as she raised her children and served on the boards of directors of their schools.

In 1995, Judy retired to Midcoast Maine, living for three decades in Bath and Arrowsic, where she became deeply connected to the Maine community, particularly supporting women's and men's access to full reproductive healthcare. Judy traveled many times to various countries around the world to support the work of promoting safe motherhood, reproductive healthcare, environmental conservation, and healthcare education. In 2013, Judy founded Grandmothers for Reproductive Rights. She tirelessly lobbied in Washington and in Maine to work to protect women's reproductive freedom. In 2022, the state recognized her by inducting Judy in the Maine Women's Hall of Fame.

Judy's journey serves as a powerful reminder of the strength inherent in every woman. We honor Judy Kahrl's memory and thank her family for being present in the Chamber today, and we will dedicate ourselves to a future where every woman is free to choose, to lead, and to thrive. Thank you.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair is pleased to recognize in the balcony, Ben Kahrl, Connie Mao, Kathy Tome, Lucy Hull, Wendy Ross, Caroline Bliss, Kathy Todd, Barbara Cray, and Cait Vaughan. They are of the towns of Woolwich and others and they are the guests today of the Senator from Sagadahoc County, Senator **Tepler**, and many other Members of the Senate. Would

they please rise and accept the condolences of the Maine Senate?

Off Record Remarks

Joint Resolutions

Joint Resolutions in Memoriam:

WHEREAS, the Legislature has learned with deep regret of the death of:

The Honorable Francis C. Marsano, of Belfast. Mr. Marsano served as a 2nd Lieutenant in the United States Army Reserve, went on active duty and attained the rank of Captain. He practiced law with Lorimer K. Eaton and Richard W. Glass in Belfast and remained in practice until 1993. He served as chair of the Maine Bar Association's Committee on Real Estate and Title Standards and on the Board of Governors of the Maine State Bar Association. He was elected president of the Maine State Bar Association in 1988 and received a Life Member Award from the association in 2012. He was also a longtime member of the American Bar Association. He was a member of the National Council of School Board Attorneys and a member of the Executive Committee of the Maine Council of School Board Attorneys. He became a life member of the Fellows of the American Bar Foundation in 1997. He became a justice of the Maine Superior Court in 1993 and served until 2001. He was also active on the Court's Advisory Committee on Court Administration and was a member of the original Board of Overseers of the Bar of Maine. As a justice, he served on the original Family Law Advisory Committee. He was elected 3 times to the Maine House of Representatives beginning in 1986. He was also active in his community. He served for more than 20 years on the boards of the Waldo County YMCA, of which he was president, and the Penobscot Marine Museum. He was a founding incorporator of the Waldo County Commission for Social Action. He served on the boards of the Mid Coast Mental Health Association and the Waldo County General Hospital. He was chairman of the Waldo County March of Dimes for several years. Mr. Marsano will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family, friends and community;

SLS 403

Sponsored by Senator CURRY of Waldo.
Cosponsored by Representative: DODGE of Belfast.

The Joint Resolution was **READ**.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Waldo, Senator Curry.

Senator **CURRY:** Thank you, Madam President. I rise to recognize the passing of Francis Marsano.

I did not have the pleasure to serve with him here in the Legislature or to work with him during his tenure as a Justice of the Maine Superior Court. I did have the pleasure of working with him on the Waldo County YMCA board, where he became a

friend and a mentor.

I just want to stand here to recognize his passing and to recognize the kindness and compassion that he had, his commitment to children, his commitment to families that were struggling, and his commitment to the Waldo County community. And I just can't let his passing pass without that recognition. Thank you very much.

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

Senator **BENNETT:** Thank you, Madam President, Fellow Members of the Senate. I read with great sadness about Francis Marsano's passing. I served with him in the House. He was actually the Assistant Republican Leader, I think during my first term in the Maine House and along with the comments with the Senator from Waldo, I have so many fond memories of Francis as a human being. He was a man of great acerbic wit, and although a serious man, he could always, always find the humor and note the humor in everything.

I was so grateful last year when Francis visited the State House with a friend and I ran into him on a concrete bench outside the Cross Building and I had the opportunity that spring day to spend about half an hour just reminiscing and hearing what he was up to and talking about the issues of the day, which was always of concern to Francis Marsano.

He -- I think in final tribute to him, I'd like to recite the words of a short poem that he taught me, which it was a great testimony to the way Francis thought about the world. And it's lines of T.S. Eliot who said, to do good for mankind is the chivalrous thing and it is always nobly required. So, do battle for freedom wherever you can and if not shot or hanged, you'll be knighted.

Thank you, Madam President.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from York, Senator Bailey.

Senator **BAILEY:** Thank you, Madam President. I only knew Justice Marsano as a Superior Court Justice, but just talking about his wit, I do recall being the recipient of that wit one time in court when I was just starting out my law practice early on and had to travel to his courtroom, which wasn't my normal place to practice. You know, attorneys, we tend to practice closer to home, but occasionally you have to travel to other parts of the state. And I was there on a summary judgment motion in front of Justice Marsano and, you know, had no opposition from the other side, nothing had been filed, so I thought it would be a routine motion. I was there with other attorneys - again, who regularly practiced in front of Justice Marsano. So, when it was my turn to go up and I presented my motion -- now a motion for summary judgment is simply saying to the court that there's no disputing about the facts and given these facts, just as a matter of law, you should have judgment. And again, no opposition from the other side. So, I present my motion, and Justice Marsano, you know, as serious as can be, just looked at me and said well, that's very nice, Attorney Bailey, I don't think we've seen you here before. So, I'm just wondering if someone from the other side was here, what would be their best argument against your motion? I didn't know what to do with that, but then I did realize with the chuckling, as you all just made right here, with the regular attorneys behind me, that he was just pulling my leg and he ended up granting my motion.

So, he will be missed. Thank you.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the other Senator from York, Senator Lawrence.

Senator **LAWRENCE:** Thank you, Madam President. It's a pleasure to get up and say a few words on Francis Marsano.

I even have to go further back than 1993 to when I was first elected from law school in 1988, and I was in law school, my seatmate here, Anne Carney - the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Carney. And Francis was serving in the Legislature at that time and I believe he served as the Minority Whip on the floor and, you know, Francis had this look of mischief in his eyes at all times. At all times. At all times. And it was a pleasure to deal with him, but he kind of, even though we were of different parties, he kind of took me under his wing because I was in law school and began to talk to me about the practice of law and things like that, and throughout my life, I was able to call him - except for the times he was a judge - and ask him questions. He was a fantastic attorney, very well known on the coast of Maine, very thoughtful, a very great attorney, and I called him many times when I would get stuck and he would, without a beat, you know, help me out on what I needed to do and what I would do.

Francis was a person of great wit, great character, and exactly the type of person you want to serve in a citizens' legislature like this, because he brought a wealth of experience from outside of the legislature to the legislature, and did it with real candor, real diplomacy, real tact in representing the people of his district in the legislature. So, it's sad to hear of his passing.

Thank you, Madam President.

The Joint Resolution was **ADOPTED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair is pleased to recognize in the rear of the Chamber, Russell Werkman, the Executive Director of the Waldo County YMCA. They are from the town of Belmont and they are the guest today of the Senator from Waldo, Senator Curry. Would they please rise and accept the greetings of the Maine Senate?

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

Non-Concurrent Matter

Bill "An Act to Establish 'Welcome Home' as the Official State Anthem"

S.P. 165 L.D. 373

In Senate, April 1, 2025, the Minority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

Comes from the House, the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

Senator **PIERCE** of Cumberland moved the Senate **INSIST**.

Senator **MOORE** of Washington moved the Senate **RECEDE** from **ACCEPTANCE** of the Minority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report and **CONCUR** with **ACCEPTANCE** of the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS** Report.

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 Cumberland, Senator Nangle.

Senator **NANGLE:** Thank you, Madam President. I'd like to pose a question through the Chair.

THE PRESIDENT: The Member may proceed.

Senator **NANGLE:** The song is for sale on the musician's website. I assume it's copyrighted material. Would the Legislature selecting this as the state anthem, would it be considered a taking of copyrighted material which the State could be financially responsible for now or in the future, or any other use of this musician's work product?

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Washington, Senator Moore.

Senator **MOORE:** Thank you, Madam President. I will attempt to answer the question at hand. It is my understanding it would not be a taking of the State, it would just be designated as an anthem. It would not cost us anything. Very similar to the ballad of the Paul Revere that we had several years ago. So, it would not be a taking and it would not cost the State.

THE PRESIDENT: The pending question before the Senate is whether the Senate should Recede and Concur. A roll call has been ordered. Is the Senate ready for the question?

The Chair noted the absence of the Senator from Penobscot, Senator **BALDACCI**, the Senator from Penobscot, Senator **TIPPING**, further excused the same Senators from today's Roll Call votes.

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#84)

YEAS: Senators: BAILEY, BENNETT, BERNARD,
BRADSTREET, BRENNER, GUERIN,
LAWRENCE, MARTIN, MOORE,
NANGLE, PRESIDENT DAUGHTRY

NAYS: Senators: BEEBE-CENTER, BICKFORD, BLACK,
CARNEY, CURRY, CYRWAY, DUSON,
FARRIN, GROHOSKI, HAGGAN,
HARRINGTON, HICKMAN, INGWERSEN,
LIBBY, PIERCE, RAFFERTY, RENY,
ROTUNDO, STEWART, TALBOT ROSS,
TEPLER, TIMBERLAKE

EXCUSED: Senators: BALDACCI, TIPPING

11 Senator having voted in the affirmative and 22 Senators having voted in the negative, with 2 Senators being excused the motion by Senator **MOORE** of Washington to **RECEDE** from **ACCEPTANCE** of the Minority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report and **CONCUR** with **ACCEPTANCE** of the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS** Report, **FAILED**.

Subsequently, the Senate **INSISTED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

House Papers

Resolve, to Establish a Working Waterfront Infrastructure Engineer Corps Pilot Program and to Conduct a Feasibility Study of a Higher Education Service Corps Program
H.P. 942 L.D. 1433

Bill "An Act to Protect the Health and Welfare of Children in Public Schools by Requiring Parental Consent for Certain Tests, Analyses and Diagnoses"
H.P. 948 L.D. 1439

Bill "An Act to Prohibit School Boards from Implementing or Enforcing Mask Mandates"
H.P. 953 L.D. 1461

Bill "An Act Related to Excusing a School from Making Up Missed Days When It Cannot Operate During a Declared State of Emergency"
H.P. 958 L.D. 1466

Bill "An Act to Strengthen the Teaching of Wabanaki Studies in Maine Schools"
H.P. 966 L.D. 1474

Bill "An Act to Require Education Regarding Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Questioning and Other Allied Communities"

H.P. 974 L.D. 1482

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

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

Bill "An Act to Update and Clarify Provisions Related to 9-1-1 Services"

H.P. 945 L.D. 1436

Bill "An Act to Require Utilities to Monitor Meters for Natural Gas Leaks"

H.P. 965 L.D. 1473

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.

Bill "An Act to Address Climate Change"

H.P. 964 L.D. 1472

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.

Senate at Ease.

The Senate was called to order by the President.

Bill "An Act to Increase Access to Child Care for Maine Families"
H.P. 937 L.D. 1428

Bill "An Act to Provide Full Reimbursement for Emergency Ambulance Services Provided to MaineCare Members"
H.P. 938 L.D. 1429

Bill "An Act to Make General Assistance Officers Mandated Reporters"

H.P. 951 L.D. 1459

Bill "An Act to Require Parents to Be Informed of Hospitals' Safe Sleep Rules"

H.P. 952 L.D. 1460

Bill "An Act to Clarify the Quality Rating System for Child Care Services in Maine"

H.P. 961 L.D. 1469

Bill "An Act to Create a Minimum Standard of Pathology for Children Under 3 Years of Age Who Die of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome or an Unknown Cause"

H.P. 976 L.D. 1485

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

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

Bill "An Act to Support Maine's Homeless Shelters by Imposing a Fee for Booking Hotels, Short-term Rentals and Recreational Vehicle Camping Reservations" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 968 L.D. 1476

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

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

Senator **INGWERSEN** of York moved the Senate **REFER** to the Committee on **HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**, in concurrence.

On motion by Senator **STEWART** of Aroostook, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending motion by Senator **INGWERSEN** of York to **REFER** to the Committee on **HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Create a Liaison Program to Self-insured Entities and Consumers"

H.P. 962 L.D. 1470

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 Create the Office of Workforce Advancement Within the Department of Economic and Community Development and Establish Statewide Workforce Advancement Goals"

H.P. 957 L.D. 1465

Bill "An Act to Provide Financing Assistance for Down Payments for First-generation Homeowners"

H.P. 977 L.D. 1486

Come 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 Promote the Welfare of Disabled Veterans Through the Transfer of Moose Permits"

H.P. 939 L.D. 1430

Bill "An Act to Allow a Municipality or Locally Recognized Lake Association to Post Certain Information on the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife's Information Kiosks Located at State Boat Launch Facilities"

H.P. 944 L.D. 1435

Resolve, Regarding Deer Hunting on Mount Desert Island

H.P. 947 L.D. 1438

Bill "An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Baitfish Wholesaler's Licenses"

H.P. 970 L.D. 1478

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

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

Bill "An Act to Remove Consideration of Gender Identity from the Maine Human Rights Act"

H.P. 941 L.D. 1432

Bill "An Act to Require Energy Efficiency Disclosure Statements and Energy Efficiency Standards for Certain Rental Housing in the State"

H.P. 963 L.D. 1471

Bill "An Act to Protect Senior Homeowners in Home-sharing Agreements by Providing for an Expedited Eviction Process"

H.P. 971 L.D. 1479

Bill "An Act Related to Public Access of Records of Certain Disciplinary Actions of Public Employees"

H.P. 975 L.D. 1484

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 to Prohibit the Auctioning of State Surplus or Forfeited Firearms"

H.P. 955 L.D. 1463

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

Senator **CARNEY** of Cumberland moved to **REFER** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** and order printed, in concurrence.

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

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#85)

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

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

EXCUSED: Senators: BALDACCI, TIPPING

18 Senator having voted in the affirmative and 15 Senators having voted in the negative, with 2 Senators being excused, the motion by Senator **CARNEY** of Cumberland to **REFER** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY PREVAILED**, in concurrence.

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

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication:

S.C. 230

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

April 3, 2025

The Honorable Matthea Elisabeth Larsen Daughtry
President of the Senate of Maine
132nd Maine State Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333-0003

Dear Madam President:

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Section 157, and with Joint Rule 505 of the Maine Legislature, the Joint Standing Committee on Marine Resources has had under consideration the nomination of Carl Wilson of Alna, for appointment as the Commissioner of the Department of Marine Resources.

After public hearing and discussion on this nomination, the Committee proceeded to vote on the motion to recommend to the Senate that this nomination be confirmed. The Committee Clerk called the roll with the following result:

YEAS	Senators	3	Tepler, D. of Sagadahoc, Moore, M. of Washington, Reny, C. of Lincoln
	Representatives	9	Hepler, A. of Woolwich, Eaton, H. of Deer Isle, Farrin, W. of Jefferson, Golek, C. of Harpwell, Rielly, M. of Westbrook, Simmons, A. of Waldoboro, Strout, T. of Harrington, Thorne, J. of Carmel, Wood, P. of Norway
NAYS		0	
ABSENT		1	Rep. Gifford, I. of Lincoln

Twelve members of the Committee having voted in the affirmative and zero in the negative, it was the vote of the Committee that the nomination of Carl Wilson of Alna, for appointment as the Commissioner of the Department of Marine Resources be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Denise A. Tepler
Senate Chair

S/Allison Hepler
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

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

Senator **TEPLER:** Thank you, Mr. Chair. I would like the Body to recognize that this is a unanimous decision of the committee and that we have a great deal of respect for the nominee.

Mr. Wilson has served the Department of Marine Resources for many, many years, first as a lobster biologist, later as the Director of Scientific Research, and now he has been proposed to fill the big shoes of past Commissioner Pat Keliher.

We are impressed with his demeanor, we are impressed with his open communication, and we are very impressed with his relationships with fishermen of all kinds. There were no angry fishermen at the hearing, which is a tribute to Mr. Wilson, and I would like to welcome him and his family today to the Senate for his confirmation. I hope you will all join me in confirming and recognizing Carl Wilson as the new Commissioner of Marine Resources.

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall the recommendation of the Committee on **MARINE RESOURCES** be overridden?"

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Chapter 6, Section 158 and with Joint Rule 506 of the 132nd Legislature, the vote was taken by the Yeas and Nays.

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#86)

YEAS: Senators: None

NAYS: Senators: BAILEY, BEEBE-CENTER, BENNETT, BERNARD, BICKFORD, BLACK, BRADSTREET, BRENNER, CARNEY, CURRY, CYRWAY, DUSON, FARRIN, GROHOSKI, GUERIN, HAGGAN, HARRINGTON, HICKMAN, INGWERSEN, LAWRENCE, LIBBY, MARTIN, MOORE, NANGLE, PIERCE, RAFFERTY, RENY, ROTUNDO, STEWART, TALBOT ROSS, TEPLER, TIMBERLAKE, PRESIDENT DAUGHTRY

EXCUSED: Senators: BALDACCI, TIPPING

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 33 Senators having voted in the negative, with 2 Senators being excused, and none being less than two-thirds of the Membership present and voting, it was the vote of the Senate that the Committee's recommendation be **ACCEPTED** and the nomination of **Carl Wilson** of Alna, for appointment as the Commissioner of the Department of Marine Resources was **CONFIRMED**.

The Secretary has so informed the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair is pleased to recognize in the rear of the Chamber, Commissioner Carl Wilson and his family. They are from the town of Alna, and they are the guests of the Senators from Lincoln, Senator Reny, as well as the guest from Sagadahoc County, Senator Tepler. Would they all please rise and accept the greetings of the Maine Senate?

The Following Communication:

S.C. 209

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

April 1, 2025

The Honorable Matthea Elisabeth Larsen Daughtry
President of the Senate of Maine
132nd Maine State Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333-0003

Dear Madam President:

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Section 157, and with Joint Rule 505 of the Maine Legislature, the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation has had under consideration the nomination of Andre J. Briere of New Hampshire, for appointment as the Executive Director of the Maine Turnpike Authority.

After public hearing and discussion on this nomination, the Committee proceeded to vote on the motion to recommend to the Senate that this nomination be confirmed. The Committee Clerk called the roll with the following result:

YEAS	Senators	3	Nangle, T. of Cumberland, Farrin, B. of Somerset, Pierce, T. of Cumberland
	Representatives	9	Crafts, L. of Newcastle, Albert, R. of Madawaska, Ankeles, D. of Brunswick, Bishop, S. of Bucksport, Mason, R. of Lisbon, Montell, K. of Gardiner, Parry, W. of Arundel, Ray, M. of Lincolntonville, White, J. of Guilford
NAYS		0	
ABSENT		1	Rep. Eaton, H. of Deer Isle

Twelve members of the Committee having voted in the affirmative and zero in the negative, it was the vote of the Committee that the nomination of Andre J. Briere of New Hampshire, for appointment as the Executive Director of the Maine Turnpike Authority be confirmed.

Signed,

The Secretary opened the vote.

S/Tim Nangle
Senate Chair

S/Lydia Crafts
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

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

Senator **NANGLE:** Good morning, Madam Chair -- Madam President, I'm sorry -- Members of the Senate, I rise today in enthusiastic support of Andre Briere - I'm going to pronounce his name differently every time, just so maybe I hit it right once - and his confirmation as the next Executive Director of the Maine Turnpike Authority.

Mr. Briere brings to this role a remarkable blend of experience, integrity, and vision. His distinguished 29-year military career in the United States Air Force from which he retired as a colonel laid the foundation for a lifetime of leadership in service to the public. He has since served in high-level roles across public and private sectors, most recently as Deputy Commissioner of the New Hampshire Department of Transportation, where he successfully oversaw complex infrastructure initiatives and led a \$750 million agency with more than 1600 employees. As a lean, Six Sigma black belt and FEMA certified National Executive Emergency Manager, Mr. Briere has a proven record of process improvement, strategic transformation, and organizational excellence. Whether as the U.S. Defense attaché to Russia during a time of heightened global tensions or as the COO of a cybersecurity company, growing profits in the midst of a pandemic, he has shown a tireless commitment to solving problems and empowering teams. His leadership style is grounded in integrity, mutual respect, and employee empowerment, values we should all strive to uphold in public service, and he has pledged to lead the Turnpike Authority with transparency, responsiveness, and innovation, building on its nationally recognized reputation for financial strength and operational excellence.

Mr. Briere said it best when he said, quote, "I look forward to working with the outstanding and dedicated MTA team to make the Maine Turnpike Authority shine even brighter than it does today, as the crown jewel of Maine's transportation system." With this kind of vision and leadership, I have every confidence that he will elevate the Turnpike's legacy in service to our state. While his Latin is a little shaky, he does believe that Portsmouth Naval Shipyard is in Maine, so -- and that's coming from a guy from New Hampshire.

So, I respectfully urge my colleagues to join me in voting to confirm Mr. Briere. He's the right leader at the right time for the Maine Turnpike Authority and Maine. Thank you.

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall the recommendation of the committee on **TRANSPORTATION** be overridden?"

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Chapter 6, Section 158, and with Joint Rule 506 of the 132nd Legislature, the vote was taken by the Yeas and Nays.

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

ROLL CALL (#87)

YEAS: Senators: None

NAYS: Senators: BAILEY, BEEBE-CENTER, BENNETT, BERNARD, BICKFORD, BLACK, BRADSTREET, BRENNER, CARNEY, CURRY, CYRWAY, DUSON, FARRIN, GROHOSKI, GUERIN, HAGGAN, HARRINGTON, HICKMAN, INGWERSEN, LAWRENCE, LIBBY, MARTIN, MOORE, NANGLE, PIERCE, RAFFERTY, RENY, ROTUNDO, STEWART, TALBOT ROSS, TEPLER, TIMBERLAKE, PRESIDENT DAUGHTRY

EXCUSED: Senators: BALDACCI, TIPPING

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 33 Senators having voted in the negative, with 2 Senators being excused, and none being less than two-thirds of the Membership present and voting, it was the vote of the Senate that the Committee's recommendation be **ACCEPTED** and the nomination of **Andre J. Briere** of New Hampshire, for appointment as the Executive Director of the Maine Turnpike Authority was **CONFIRMED**.

The Secretary has so informed the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair is pleased to recognize in the rear of the Chamber, Andre Briere of Portland, Maine. They are the guest today of the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Nangle. Would he please rise and accept the greetings of the Maine Senate?

The President requested the Sergeant-At-Arms escort the Senator from Cumberland, Senator **PIERCE**, to the rostrum where she assumed the duties as President Pro Tempore.

The President retired from the Chamber.

The Senate was called to order by President Pro Tempore **TERESA PIERCE** of Cumberland County.

HOUSE PAPERS

Bill "An Act to Promote Artisans and the Creative Economy"
H.P. 954 L.D. 1462

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

On motion by Senator **BEEBE-CENTER** of Knox, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Provide for an Alternative Municipal Property Tax Assessment Rate"
H.P. 956 L.D. 1464

Resolve, to Establish the Commission to Study the Taxation of Digital Assets
H.P. 967 L.D. 1475

Bill "An Act to Amend the Law Governing Stabilization of Property Taxes on Homesteads of Individuals 65 Years of Age or Older"
H.P. 973 L.D. 1481

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 Provide an Exemption from Pilotage Requirements for Passenger Ferry Service Between Bar Harbor, Maine and Yarmouth, Nova Scotia"
H.P. 969 L.D. 1477

Bill "An Act Regarding Exceptions for Persons Learning to Drive Who Have Not Yet Completed a Driver Education Course"
H.P. 972 L.D. 1480

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 Ensure Accountability for Repairs Conducted by Independent Repair Facilities on Motor Vehicles Under Warranty"
H.P. 959 L.D. 1467

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

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

Bill "An Act to Establish Standards for Independent Motor Vehicle Repair Facilities in Maine" (EMERGENCY)
H.P. 960 L.D. 1468

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

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

Bill "An Act to Implement an Interstate Voter Registration Cross-check Program"
H.P. 940 L.D. 1431

Bill "An Act to Allow Veterans' Organizations and Fraternal Organizations to Obtain a License to Operate the Draw Game Keno"
H.P. 943 L.D. 1434

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Specify the Qualifications of Electors in State and Local Elections
H.P. 946 L.D. 1437

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.

**Pursuant to Statute
Probate and Trust Law Advisory Commission**

Report of the **Probate and Trust Law Advisory Commission**, pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 18-C, section 1-803, subsection 2 asks leave to report that the accompanying Bill "An Act to Amend the Maine Uniform Probate Code"
H.P. 949 L.D. 1440

Be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Comes from the House, Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**, and the Bill **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

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

On motion by Senator **CARNEY** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218, in concurrence.

Joint Resolutions

The following Joint Resolution:

H.P. 898

JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING APRIL 2025 AS CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

WHEREAS, child abuse is a community problem, and finding solutions depends on recognizing that the effects of child abuse and neglect are felt by whole communities and that those effects need to be addressed by the entire community; and

WHEREAS, effective child abuse and neglect prevention programs succeed because partnerships are created among government agencies, policymakers, nonprofit organizations, health care providers, schools, faith communities, businesses and law enforcement agencies; and

WHEREAS, when families lack access to adequate financial resources, stable living conditions, nutritious food, affordable health care, quality child care and education, a child's development is at risk; and

WHEREAS, all Maine citizens should become more aware of child abuse and neglect and its prevention and become involved in the raising of children in a safe, secure, nurturing environment; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Thirty-second Legislature now assembled in the First Special Session, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to recognize April 2025 as Child Abuse Prevention Month, to recognize that we all have a role to play in strengthening families so as to ensure healthy child development and have a duty to help others recognize that role and to celebrate the positive community connections available to our families and caregivers to promote the health and well-being of Maine children and help prevent child abuse and neglect.

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

READ and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

The following Joint Resolution:

H.P. 900

JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING APRIL 6, 2025 TO APRIL 12, 2025 AS NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

WHEREAS, across the State, Maine's school, academic, special and public libraries are cornerstones in their communities, connecting the public to information and resources critical to advancing education, employment, entrepreneurship and civic engagement; and

WHEREAS, the library ecosystem in Maine includes over 600 school libraries in 174 districts and 150 certified school librarians serving the State's students; 33 academic libraries, including those of the University of Maine System, community colleges and private 4-year institutions; special libraries, including government, nonprofit, correctional institution and health science libraries; and 257 public libraries; and

WHEREAS, each year Maine libraries welcome over 3,000,000 visitors who use library services to attend enrichment programs, receive a state park pass and snowshoes, book space for community meetings, receive one-on-one tutoring and practice for general education development tests, manage a small business or find a job, use a computer and build digital skills, learn English, apply for Federal Emergency Management Agency benefits, make a telehealth appointment and check out books; and

WHEREAS, research shows that school libraries and library staff positively affect student achievement, transform learning and support the development of all literacy skills while providing safe spaces for children to learn and grow; and

WHEREAS, academic libraries are essential to higher education, supporting student success, faculty research and lifelong learning by providing access to scholarly resources, research assistance and information literacy instruction; and

WHEREAS, Maine's libraries provide a safe place during severe weather events when they serve as heating and cooling centers and offer a place of security for families in need, including through the provision of free summer meals through the United States Department of Agriculture Summer Food Service Program or the management of a community pantry; and

WHEREAS, Maine's libraries ensure Maine's children are ready to learn when they enter school and welcome new Mainers and asylum seekers, connecting them to services to help them relocate successfully to their adopted state; and

WHEREAS, Maine's libraries provide invaluable social connections for older adults, contributing to their healthy aging and their ability to age in place; and

WHEREAS, Maine's public libraries provide free wireless Internet connection, laptops and tablets, computer classes and access to robust digital resources, often surpassing what is available in many residents' homes; and

WHEREAS, using their library cards, Mainers have access to e-books and audiobooks, streaming videos, local and national newspapers and digital resources for learning that teach subjects such as how to fix a car, update professional certifications and research homework assignments; and

WHEREAS, eligible Maine residents have access to Braille and audio materials and specially formatted digital books, and Mainers who are not served by a local library have access to books by mail via the United States Postal Service; and

WHEREAS, National Library Week is a time to recognize the importance of these institutions and acknowledge their contributions to our State, from the smallest island communities to our urban centers; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Thirty-second Legislature now assembled in the First Special Session, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to recognize April 6, 2025 to April 12, 2025 as National Library Week and to express our appreciation and gratitude to libraries and their support staff.

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

The Joint Resolution was **READ**.

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

Senator **NANGLE:** Thank you, Madam President Pro Tem. I rise to thank all the librarians across the state, including those that work here in the State House. They provide so much rich cultural engagement and education to our citizens. It's unfortunate that the current regime in Washington DC chose to defund this important resource to all citizens across the country. It is important that we, the Maine Legislature, support this vital resource for all of our citizens. Thank you.

THE PRESIDENT PRO TEM: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Kennebec, Senator Hickman.

Senator **HICKMAN:** Thank you, Madam President. I rise in support of the adoption of this important Joint Resolution today. And it is also poetry month, and so I will read a quick quote from - and my computer is shutting down on me as we speak - from Rita Dove, Madam President, in one second. I have something happening on my computer and it is not allowing me to see the quote, so I think there's a little bug in here, so I am going to just say that books are a door to open possibility and one of the favorite points of this quote, which I wish I had memorized, was that the smell of leather on the cover of a hardcover book, Rita Dove writes, sends her into ecstasy. I sat in libraries as a kid and it's about the only place you could find me if I wasn't riding my bike.

So, I do hope that we return funding to our libraries because they are the way in which we can be the most educated about things we may not ever see in our entire lives.

Thank you, Madam President.

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

The following Joint Resolution:

H.P. 950

JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE LATE HONORABLE LOIS GALGAY RECKITT ON THE OCCASION OF THE BOSTON RED SOX OPENING HOME GAME ON APRIL 4, 2025

WHEREAS, on April 4, 2025, the Boston Red Sox host the St. Louis Cardinals at Fenway Park in the 2025 season's home opener; and

WHEREAS, the State of Maine has long been a proud and vital part of New England, producing extraordinary leaders who have made lasting contributions to their communities; and

WHEREAS, the late Honorable Lois Galgay-Reckitt devoted her life to public service, demonstrating remarkable leadership of, compassion for and dedication to the people of the State, and as an advocate for women across the State; and

WHEREAS, the late Honorable Galgay-Reckitt was the self-proclaimed Number One Red Sox fan; and

WHEREAS, the late Honorable Galgay-Reckitt believed the Boston Red Sox are more than just a team. She believed they are a community and a source of pride for countless fans who call themselves Red Sox Nation; and

WHEREAS, the Boston Red Sox have long been a symbol of excellence and perseverance, uniting fans across generations with a shared love for the game of baseball; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Thirty-second Legislature now assembled in the First Special Session, take this occasion to honor the late Honorable Lois Galgay-Reckitt for her life of service, including 4 terms of service in the Maine House of Representatives, and celebrate the Boston Red Sox's Home Opener at Fenway Park.

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

The Joint Resolution was **READ**.

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

Senator **TALBOT ROSS:** Thank you very much, Madam President Pro Tem. I rise to acknowledge the remarkable life of the Honorable Lois Reckitt, a woman I knew for almost my entire life, with my first memory of her at 12 years old when Lois taught me and my sisters how to swim at the YWCA.

As I grew older, she was a constant in our house, like a member of our family. Little did I know that Lois was considered one of the most prominent and tireless advocates for equality and justice not only in Maine but across our country and the fiercest advocate for women and children the state has ever seen.

Lois was a trailblazing feminist, a human rights activist, and LGBTQ rights activist, and a domestic violence advocate to end violence against women. She served as the executive director of Family Crisis, which is now known as Through These Doors, in

Portland, for more than three decades. From 1984 to 1987, she served as the executive vice president of the National Organization for Women in Washington DC and was a co-founder of the Human Rights Campaign Fund, the Maine Coalition for Human Rights, the Maine Women's Lobby, and the first Maine chapter of the National Organization for Women. She was inducted into the Maine Women's Hall of Fame in 1998.

But in addition to her love for the Red Sox, Lois was also an avid traveler. Having made it to every state in the union and every continent except Antarctica. She also worked diligently to support the renewal and the realization of the Maine Irish Heritage Center. Lois was just a consummate networker in the finest sense of the word, transforming working relationships into lasting friendships in the process of trying to make our world a little bit better for everyone. For those of you who may have served with Lois while you were here, she was also known for her sharp wit and her kind of quirky sense of humor. It meant a lot to us, Lois and I, that we were able to begin our legislative careers together, working to win our first terms in the House together, becoming seatmates, and often collaborating on various pieces of legislation, particularly in advancing the Equal Rights Amendment, which was dear to her heart.

As a season ticketholder, though, Lois was on calls with the Red Sox management. She -- going back to the last year of her life, she actually pushed them hard to have domestic abuse training for players and to have the first equity diversity day. She wore a Mookie Betts jersey on her last visit to Fenway just to protest him being traded to the Dodgers. And during the pandemic, she donated to the Jimmy Fund and had a spot on the scoreboard. She and her good friend, Lee Humphries, enjoyed a good laugh because on the scoreboard, it read, the Red Sox congratulate Lois Galgay Reckitt on your ERA always, believing that ERA meant earned run average.

Lois had an undoubtable impact on the world, on each of us here in this Body, in the Legislature, in our state, and just to highlight the impact that she had, our good Representative from Rumford, Representative Henderson, had these coasters made just the other day in honor of Representative Reckitt that has just this beautiful imprint on it and she gave -- Representative Henderson gave one of these to each of us who had served with Lois on the Judiciary Committee just in honor of her life and to always keep her in our hearts.

Thank you, Madam President.

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

The President Pro Tem requested the Sergeant-At-Arms escort the Senator from Cumberland, Senator **DAUGHTRY**, to the rostrum where he resumed his duties as President.

The Sergeant-At-Arms escorted the Senator from Cumberland, Senator **PIERCE**, to her seat on the Floor.

The Senate was called to order by the President.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication:

H.P. 897

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

March 28, 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 March 28, 2025, 23 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 March 28, 2025, as follows:

Criminal Justice and Public Safety

Bill "An Act to Amend Certain Provisions of the Drug Laws Related to Cocaine Base" (H.P. 889) (L.D. 1366) (Sponsored by Representative MILLIKEN of Blue Hill) (Cosponsored by Representative: LOOKNER of Portland)

Education and Cultural Affairs

Bill "An Act to Create Alternative Pathways for Certification or Endorsement of Industrial Arts Teachers" (H.P. 880) (L.D. 1357) (Sponsored by Representative FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor) (Cosponsored by Senator HAGGAN of Penobscot and Representatives: ARDELL of Monticello, CARUSO of Caratunk, CIMINO of Bridgton, FLYNN of Albion, OLSEN of Raymond, POIRIER of Skowhegan, Senator: MOORE of Washington)

Bill "An Act to Provide Emergency Medical Services Training Through the Maine Community College System" (H.P. 892) (L.D. 1369) (Sponsored by Representative FREDETTE of Newport)

Energy, Utilities and Technology

Bill "An Act to Reduce Electricity Rates by Removing Limitations on the Ownership of Generation by an Affiliate of an Investor-owned Transmission and Distribution Utility" (H.P. 881) (L.D. 1358) (Sponsored by Representative FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor) (Cosponsored by Senator STEWART of Aroostook and Representatives: FOSTER of Dexter, MCINTYRE of Lowell, SMITH of Palermo, Senator: HARRINGTON of York)

Health and Human Services

Bill "An Act to Establish Parity in Funding Between Recovery Community Centers and Peer-run Recovery Centers" (H.P. 885) (L.D. 1362) (Sponsored by Representative ROEDER of Bangor) (Cosponsored by Representatives: BECK of South Portland, FAIRCLOTH of Bangor, FROST of Belgrade, GEIGER of Rockland, STOVER of Boothbay, Senator: TIPPING of Penobscot)

Resolve, to Study Methods of Gradually Transitioning Individuals from Government Assistance Programs to the Workforce (H.P. 890) (L.D. 1367) (Sponsored by Representative LANIGAN of Sanford) (Cosponsored by Senator HARRINGTON of York and Representatives: LIBBY of Auburn, STROUT of Harrington)

Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services

Bill "An Act to Require Insurance Coverage for Covered Dental Services Provided by Licensed Dental Hygienists and to Authorize Licensed Dental Hygienists to Bill Commercial Dental Insurance" (H.P. 884) (L.D. 1361) (Sponsored by Representative MASTRACCIO of Sanford)

Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

Resolve, Authorizing a Study on the Impacts and Risks of Lead-based Ammunition (H.P. 887) (L.D. 1364) (Sponsored by Representative BRIDGEO of Augusta) (Cosponsored by Representatives: DILL of Old Town, ROBERTS of South Berwick)

Judiciary

Bill "An Act to Require Antisemitism to Be Considered as Motivation When Determining a Violation of a Criminal or Civil Law" (H.P. 874) (L.D. 1351) (Sponsored by Representative GRIFFIN of Levant)

Resolve, Requiring the Judicial Branch to Report on the Implementation and Operation of Its Electronic Filing System (H.P. 893) (L.D. 1370) (Sponsored by Representative FREDETTE of Newport)

Bill "An Act to Tie Judicial Salaries to the Average Judicial Salaries of Other New England States" (H.P. 894) (L.D. 1371) (Sponsored by Representative FREDETTE of Newport)

Marine Resources

Bill "An Act to Amend Provisions Regarding the Scallop Fishery License Apprentice Program, Licensing and Limited Access Areas" (H.P. 875) (L.D. 1352) (Sponsored by Representative FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor) (Cosponsored by Senator MOORE of Washington and Representatives: FARRIN of Jefferson, HEPLER of Woolwich, RIELLY of Westbrook, SIMMONS of Waldoboro, THORNE of Carmel)

Bill "An Act Regarding Required Landings in the Menhaden Fishery" (H.P. 876) (L.D. 1353) (Sponsored by Representative FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor) (Cosponsored by Senator MOORE of Washington and Representatives: FARRIN of

Jefferson, GOLEK of Harpswell, RIELLY of Westbrook, THORNE of Carmel)

State and Local Government

Bill "An Act to Establish a Special Committee to Review Routine Technical Rules" (H.P. 895) (L.D. 1372) (Sponsored by Representative SOBOLESKI of Phillips) (Cosponsored by Senator MARTIN of Oxford and Representatives: DRINKWATER of Milford, FREDERICKS of Sanford, LAVIGNE of Berwick, PERKINS of Dover-Foxcroft, SMITH of Palermo, THORNE of Carmel, Senator: BRADSTREET of Kennebec)

Taxation

Resolve, to Require the Office of Tax Policy to Study Taxation of Renewable Energy Infrastructure (H.P. 878) (L.D. 1355) (Sponsored by Representative HASENFUS of Readfield)

Bill "An Act to Exempt Resident Minors' Income from Income Tax" (H.P. 886) (L.D. 1363) (Sponsored by Representative HYMES of Waldo) (Cosponsored by Senator STEWART of Aroostook and Representatives: BOYER of Poland, CHAPMAN of Auburn, PLUECKER of Warren, SMITH of Palermo, TERRY of Gorham)

Bill "An Act to Provide a Property Tax Exemption for Allowing Shellfish Harvester Access to the Intertidal Zone" (H.P. 891) (L.D. 1368) (Sponsored by Representative RIELLY of Westbrook) (Cosponsored by Representative: ANKELES of Brunswick)

Transportation

Resolve, to Direct the Department of Transportation to Develop Practices Regarding Public Transit (H.P. 882) (L.D. 1359) (Sponsored by Representative CRAFTS of Newcastle) (Cosponsored by Senator FARRIN of Somerset and Representatives: ANKELES of Brunswick, MONTELL of Gardiner, RAY of Lincolnville, Senator: NANGLE of Cumberland)

Bill "An Act to Preserve Traditional Driver's Licenses and Nondriver Identification Cards" (H.P. 883) (L.D. 1360) (Sponsored by Representative BOYER of Poland) (Cosponsored by Senator TIPPING of Penobscot and Representatives: CHAPMAN of Auburn, LEE of Auburn, MASON of Lisbon, MILLIKEN of Blue Hill, PARRY of Arundel, ROEDER of Bangor, SUPICA of Bangor, WHITE of Guilford)

Veterans and Legal Affairs

Bill "An Act Regarding Liquor Licensing in Outdoor Stadiums and Exclusivity in Licensee Agreements" (H.P. 877) (L.D. 1354) (Sponsored by Representative SUPICA of Bangor)

Bill "An Act to Change the State's Method of Allocating Electoral Votes from a Congressional District Method to a Winner-take-all Method Contingent on the State of Nebraska Changing its Method of Allocating Electoral Votes" (H.P. 879) (L.D. 1356) (Sponsored by Representative LEE of Auburn) (Cosponsored by Senator ROTUNDO of Androscoggin and Representatives: ABDI of Lewiston, CLOUTIER of Lewiston, DILL of Old Town, LAJOIE of Lewiston, O'HALLORAN of Brewer, RANA of Bangor, ROEDER of Bangor, Senator: BEEBE-CENTER of Knox)

Bill "An Act to Allow Consumption of Adult Use Cannabis in Locally Approved Hospitality Lounges" (H.P. 888) (L.D. 1365) (Sponsored by Representative BOYER of Poland) (Cosponsored by Senator BICKFORD of Androscoggin and Representatives: BABIN of Fort Fairfield, EDER of Waterboro, HYMES of Waldo, MINGO of Calais, MORRIS of Turner, SCHMERSAL-BURGESS of Mexico, WOOD of Greene, WOODSOME of Waterboro)

Bill "An Act to Repeal the National Popular Vote Compact" (H.P. 896) (L.D. 1373) (Sponsored by Representative FREDETTE of Newport) (Cosponsored by Representatives: BLIER of Buxton, FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor, MINGO of Calais, MORRIS of Turner, PERKINS of Dover-Foxcroft, POIRIER of Skowhegan, WADSWORTH of Hiram, Senator: TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin)

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. 206

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

March 31, 2025

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

Dear Secretary Grant,

Pursuant to my authority under MRSA Title 4, Part 30, Chapter 623, §24051, I am pleased to appoint the following to the *Maine Children's Cabinet Early Childhood Advisory Council*, effective immediately:

Senator Teresa Pierce of Cumberland County, representing a member of the Maine State Senate from one of the two parties holding the largest number of seats in the Legislature;

Senator Marianne Moore of Washington County, representing a member of the Maine State Senate from one of the two parties holding the largest number of seats in the Legislature.

If you have any questions regarding these appointments, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,

S/Matthea Elisabeth Larsen Daughtry
President of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication:

S.C. 210

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

April 1, 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 rescinding the temporary appointment of the Assistant Majority Leader, Lori Gramlich of Old Orchard Beach, as House Chair of the Joint Standing Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services, effective Wednesday, April 2, 2025.

Furthermore, pursuant to my authority under House Rule 201.1 (I) (a), I am reappointing Representative Kristi Mathieson of Kittery, to the Joint Standing Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services, as House Chair, effective Wednesday, April 2, 2025.

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

Sincerely,

S/Ryan D. Fecteau
Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication:

S.C. 246

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

April 4, 2025

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

Dear Secretary Grant,

Pursuant to my authority under 38, MRSA, Ch. 3-A, §577-A, I am pleased to appoint the following to the Maine Climate Council, effective immediately:

Maine Climate Council:

Rep. Chris Kessler of South Portland, reappointment
Rep. Amanda Collamore of Pittsfield

Buildings, Infrastructure, and Housing Working Group of the Maine Climate Council:

Rep. Grayson Lookner of Portland, reappointment
Rep. Arthur Mingo of Calais

Coastal and Marine Working Group of the Maine Climate Council:

Rep. Dylan Pugh of Portland
Rep. Tiffany Strout of Harrington, reappointment

Community Resilience Planning, Public Health, and Emergency Management Working Group of the Maine Climate Council:

Rep. Julia McCabe of Lewiston
Rep. Amanda Collamore of Pittsfield, reappointment

Transportation Working Group of the Maine Climate Council:

Rep. Dan Ankeles of Brunswick, reappointment
Rep. Wayne Parry of Arundel, reappointment

Scientific and Technical Subcommittee of the Maine Climate Council:

Rep. Laurie Osher of Orono
Rep. Mark Babin of Fort Fairfield, reappointment

Energy Working Group of the Maine Climate Council:

Rep. Gerry Runte of York, reappointment
Rep. Nathan Wadsworth of Hiram

Natural and Working Lands Working Group of the Maine Climate Council:

Rep. Vicki Doudera of Camden
Rep. Dick Campbell of Orrington

If you have any questions regarding these appointments, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,

S/Ryan D. Fecteau
Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication:

S.C. 211

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

April 2, 2025

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

RE: Appointments to the Maine Turnpike Authority Board of Directors

Dear President Daughtry:

I am pleased to nominate Emily N. Becker of Poland for appointment to the Maine Turnpike Authority Board of Directors.

Pursuant to Title 23, MRSA §1964-A, these appointments are contingent on confirmation by the Maine State Senate after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation.

Sincerely,

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication:

S.C. 219

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

April 3, 2025

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

RE: University of Maine System Board of Trustees

Dear President Daughtry:

I am pleased to nominate The Honorable Roger J. Katz, Esquire of Brunswick for reappointment to the University of Maine System, Board of Trustees.

Pursuant to Title 5, MRSA §12004-C, this appointment is contingent on confirmation by the Maine State Senate after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication:

S.C. 220

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

April 3, 2025

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

RE: Maine State Harness Racing Commission

Dear President Daughtry:

I am pleased to nominate The Honorable Chandler E. Woodcock of Farmington and the Honorable Donald Marean of Hollis for reappointment to the Maine State Harness Racing Commission.

Pursuant to Title 8 M.R.S.A §261-A these nominations are contingent on confirmation by the Maine State Senate after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication:

S.C. 215

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE**

April 1, 2025

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

Dear Secretary Grant:

Enclosed please find the Governor's proclamation referring the citizen initiative petition entitled "An Act to Require an Individual to Present Photographic Identification for the Purpose of Voting" to the electors on November 4, 2025.

Sincerely,

S/Shenna Bellows
Secretary of State

**STATE OF MAINE
PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS, a written petition bearing the signatures of at least 86,904 electors of this State, which number is in excess of ten percent of the total votes cast for Governor in the last gubernatorial election preceding the filing of such petition, as required by Article IV, Part Third, Section 18, of the Constitution of Maine, was addressed to the Legislature of the State of Maine and filed in the office of the Secretary of State on or before the fiftieth day after the convening of the One Hundred and Thirty-second Legislature in the First Regular Session, requesting that the Legislature consider a proposed measure entitled "An Act to Require an Individual to Present Photographic Identification for the Purpose of Voting"; and

WHEREAS, the Secretary of State duly certified the petition as valid and submitted the proposed measure to the One Hundred and Thirty-second Legislature in its First Regular Session, in accordance with the provisions of Article IV, Part Third, Section 18, of the Constitution of Maine, which measure became identified as Legislative Document 1149 (or Initiated Bill 1); and

WHEREAS, the One Hundred and Thirty-second Legislature failed to enact the proposed measure without change before adjournment without day of the First Regular Session, on March 21, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Article IV, Part Third, Section 18, of the Maine Constitution provides that the Governor shall, by proclamation issued within 10 days after the recess of the Legislature to which the measure was proposed, order that the measure proposed to the Legislature but not enacted without change be referred to the people for a referendum vote to be held at an election in November of the year in which the petition was filed;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Janet T. Mills, Governor of the State of Maine, acting under the provisions of Article IV, Part Third, Section 18 of the Constitution of Maine, do hereby proclaim that an election shall be called for Tuesday, November 4, 2025, so that "An Act to Require an Individual to Present Photographic Identification for the Purpose of Voting" may be submitted to the people of this State for a referendum vote.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have caused the Great Seal of the State to be hereunto affixed. Given under my hand at Augusta this thirty-first day of March in the year Two Thousand and Twenty-five.

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

S/Shenna Bellows
Secretary of State

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication:

S.C. 231

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY SECOND LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND
FORESTRY**

April 3, 2025

The Honorable Matthea Elisabeth Larsen Daughtry
President of the Senate of Maine
132nd Maine State Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333-0003

Dear Madam President:

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Section 157, and with Joint Rule 505 of the Maine Legislature, the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry has had under consideration the nomination of Donald A. Tardie of Ashland, for appointment to the Maine Land Use Planning Commission.

After public hearing and discussion on this nomination, the Committee proceeded to vote on the motion to recommend to the Senate that this nomination be confirmed. The Committee Clerk called the roll with the following result:

YEAS	Senators	1	Talbot Ross, R. of Cumberland
	Representatives	8	Pluecker, B. of Warren, Bunker, S. of Farmington, Cooper, M. of Windham, Cray, D. of Palmyra, Dill, J. of Old Town, Frost, S. of Belgrade, Guerrette, T. of Caribou, Jackson, C. of Oxford
NAYS		0	
ABSENT		3	Sen. Black, R. of Franklin, Sen. Ingwersen, H. of York, Rep. Hepler, A. of Woolwich

Nine members of the Committee having voted in the affirmative and zero in the negative, it was the vote of the Committee that the nomination of Donald A. Tardie of Ashland, for appointment to the Maine Land Use Planning Commission be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Rachel Talbot Ross
Senate Chair

S/Bill Pluecker
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall the recommendation of the committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** be overridden?"

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Chapter 6, Section 158, and with Joint Rule 506 of the 132nd Legislature, the vote was taken by the Yeas and Nays.

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#88)

YEAS: Senators: None

NAYS: Senators: BAILEY, BEEBE-CENTER, BENNETT, BERNARD, BICKFORD, BLACK, BRADSTREET, BRENNER, CARNEY, CURRY, CYRWAY, DUSON, FARRIN, GROHOSKI, GUERIN, HAGGAN, HARRINGTON, HICKMAN, INGWERSEN, LAWRENCE, LIBBY, MARTIN, MOORE, NANGLE, PIERCE, RAFFERTY, RENY, ROTUNDO, STEWART, TALBOT ROSS, TEPLER, PRESIDENT DAUGHTRY

ABSENT: Senators: TIMBERLAKE

EXCUSED: Senators: BALDACCI, TIPPING

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 32 Senators having voted in the negative, with 2 Senators being excused, and none being less than two-thirds of the Membership present and voting, it was the vote of the Senate that the Committee's recommendation be **ACCEPTED** and the nomination of **Donald A. Tardie** of Ashland for appointment to the Maine Land Use Planning Commission was **CONFIRMED**.

The Secretary has so informed the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

The Following Communication:

S.C. 232

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY SECOND LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND
FORESTRY**

April 3, 2025

The Honorable Matthea Elisabeth Larsen Daughtry
President of the Senate of Maine
132nd Maine State Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333-0003

YEAS:

NAYS:

Dear Madam President:

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Section 157, and with Joint Rule 505 of the Maine Legislature, the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry has had under consideration the nomination of Jenny Lea Ward of Harfords Point, for appointment to the Maine Land Use Planning Commission.

ABSENT:

After public hearing and discussion ~~EXCLUDED~~ nomination, the Committee proceeded to vote on the motion to recommend to the Senate that this nomination be confirmed. The Committee Clerk called the roll with the following result:

YEAS	Senators	1	Talbot Ross, R. of Cumberland
	Representatives	8	Pluecker, B. of Warren, Bunker, S. of Farmington, Cooper, M. of Windham, Cray, D. of Palmyra, Dill, J. of Old Town, Frost, S. of Belgrade, Guerrette, T. of Caribou, Jackson, C. of Oxford
NAYS		0	
ABSENT		3	Sen. Black, R. of Franklin, Sen. Ingwersen, H. of York, Rep. Hepler, A. of Woolwich

Nine members of the Committee having voted in the affirmative and zero in the negative, it was the vote of the Committee that the nomination of Jenny Lea Ward of Harfords Point, for appointment to the Maine Land Use Planning Commission be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Rachel Talbot Ross
Senate Chair

S/Bill Pluecker
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall the recommendation of the committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** be overridden?"

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Chapter 6, Section 158, and with Joint Rule 506 of the 132nd Legislature, the vote was taken by the Yeas and Nays.

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#89)

Senators: None

Senators: BAILEY, BEEBE-CENTER, BENNETT, BERNARD, BICKFORD, BLACK, BRADSTREET, BRENNER, CARNEY, CURRY, CYRWAY, DUSON, FARRIN, GROHOSKI, GUERIN, HAGGAN, HARRINGTON, HICKMAN, INGWERSEN, LAWRENCE, LIBBY, MARTIN, MOORE, NANGLE, PIERCE, RAFFERTY, RENY, ROTUNDO, STEWART, TALBOT ROSS, TEPLER, PRESIDENT DAUGHTRY

Senators: TIMBERLAKE

Senators: BALDACCI, TIPPING

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 32 Senators having voted in the negative, with 2 Senators being excused, and none being less than two-thirds of the Membership present and voting, it was the vote of the Senate that the Committee's recommendation be **ACCEPTED** the nomination of **Jenny Lea Ward** of Harfords Point, for appointment to the Maine Land Use Planning Commission was **CONFIRMED**.

The Secretary has so informed the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

The Following Communication:

S.C. 208

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY SECOND LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS**

April 1, 2025

The Honorable Matthea Elisabeth Larsen Daughtry
President of the Senate of Maine
132nd Maine State Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333-0003

Dear Madam President:

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Section 157, and with Joint Rule 505 of the Maine Legislature, the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs has had under consideration the nomination of Hailey Fardon of Standish, for appointment to the Maine Maritime Academy, Board of Trustees.

After public hearing and discussion on this nomination, the Committee proceeded to vote on the motion to recommend to the Senate that this nomination be confirmed. The Committee Clerk called the roll with the following result:

YEAS	Senators	2	Rafferty, J. of York, Pierce, T. of Cumberland
	Representatives	6	Murphy, K. of Scarborough, Carlow, N. of Buxton, Crockett, E. of Portland, Dodge, J. of Belfast, Haggan, K. of Hampden, Mitchell, C. of Cumberland
NAYS		0	
ABSENT		5	Sen. Libby, J. of Cumberland, Rep. Bagshaw, B. of Windham, Rep. Brennan, M. of Portland, Rep. Lyman, S. of Livermore Falls, Rep. Sargent, H. of York

Eight members of the Committee having voted in the affirmative and zero in the negative, it was the vote of the Committee that the nomination of Hailey Fardon of Standish, for appointment to the Maine Maritime Academy, Board of Trustees be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Joseph E. Rafferty
Senate Chair

S/Kelly Maureen Noonan Murphy
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall the recommendation of the committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** be overridden?"

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Chapter 6, Section 158, and with Joint Rule 506 of the 132nd Legislature, the vote was taken by the Yeas and Nays.

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#90)

YEAS: Senators: None

NAYS: Senators: BAILEY, BEEBE-CENTER, BENNETT, BERNARD, BICKFORD, BLACK, BRADSTREET, BRENNER, CARNEY, CURRY, CYRWAY, DUSON, FARRIN, GROHOSKI, GUERIN, HAGGAN, HARRINGTON, HICKMAN, INGWERSEN, LAWRENCE, LIBBY, MARTIN, MOORE, NANGLE, PIERCE, RAFFERTY, RENY, ROTUNDO, STEWART, TALBOT ROSS, TEPLER, PRESIDENT DAUGHTRY

ABSENT: Senators: TIMBERLAKE

EXCUSED: Senators: BALDACCI, TIPPING

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 32 Senators having voted in the negative, with 2 Senators being excused, and none being less than two-thirds of the Membership present and voting, it was the vote of the Senate that the Committee's recommendation be **ACCEPTED** the nomination of **Hailey Fardon** of Standish, for appointment to the Maine Maritime Academy, Board of Trustees was **CONFIRMED**.

The Secretary has so informed the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

The Following Communication:

S.C. 216

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY SECOND LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY**

April 2, 2025

The Honorable Matthea Elisabeth Larsen Daughtry
President of the Senate of Maine
132nd Maine State Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333-0003

Dear Madam President:

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Section 157, and with Joint Rule 505 of the Maine Legislature, the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology has had under consideration the nomination of Philip Bartlett II, Esq. of Portland, for reappointment to the Public Utilities Commission.

After public hearing and discussion on this nomination, the Committee proceeded to vote on the motion to recommend to the Senate that this nomination be confirmed. The Committee Clerk called the roll with the following result:

YEAS	Senators	1	Grohoski, N. of Hancock
	Representatives	6	Sachs, M. of Freeport, Geiger, V. of Rockland, Kessler, C. of South Portland, Runte, W. of York, Warren, S. of Scarborough, Webb, K. of Durham
NAYS	Senators	1	Harrington, M. of York
	Representatives	4	Foster, S. of Dexter, McIntyre, M. of Lowell, Paul, R. of Winterport, Wadsworth, N. of Hiram
ABSENT		1	Sen. Lawrence, M. of York

Seven members of the Committee having voted in the affirmative and five in the negative, it was the vote of the Committee that the nomination of Philip Bartlett II, Esq. of Portland, for reappointment to the Public Utilities Commission be **YEAS** confirmed.

Signed,

S/Mark W. Lawrence
Senate Chair

S/Melanie Sachs
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from York, Senator Harrington.

EXCUSED:

Senator **HARRINGTON:** Thank you, Madam President. I rise in opposition to this confirmation today. I believe it's time for the State of Maine to head in a different direction on all aspects of energy.

There are numerous issues that I believe that should preclude this nominee from serving another six years at the PUC. Just months before becoming chair at the PUC, while chair of the Maine Democrat party, Mr. Bartlett received \$150,000 donation from a shell company of NextEra Energy. NextEra was actively involved politically fighting the New England Clean Energy Corridor, a project to save ratepayers money. This donation came just months before Mr. Bartlett became chairman of the PUC, and it had not yet come to light before that appointment.

At last year's confirmation hearing, Mr. Bartlett publicly claimed that as chair of the Democrat party, according to Ethics Commission findings, he had no knowledge of these ongoing activities. It is not believable that the chairman of the Maine Democrat party would not have knowledge of an ongoing negotiation that led to a \$150,000 donation to his party.

If confirmed, Mr. Bartlett will have oversight of the utility that unethically funneled large sums of money to his party that he chaired. Chairman Bartlett was a supporter of LD 1711, net

energy billing, in the 129th Legislature, which has raised the cost of electricity to levels never seen before. Chairman Bartlett supported legislation to fix net energy billing last year, which has also failed miserably. The rise in electricity costs since Chairman Bartlett was confirmed is costing Maine companies to go out of business, some in my district. During his tenure, more Maine families are seriously behind on their electric bills due to bad energy policies that he has supported.

He has a solid record of failing to carry out the PUC mission to protect the public interest with just and reasonable rates. To reappoint him would seriously erode the trust of the Maine PUC, and for these reasons, I'd encourage Members of this Body to vote against this confirmation. Thank you.

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall the recommendation of the committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** be overridden?"

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Chapter 6, Section 158, and with Joint Rule 506 of the 132nd Legislature, the vote was taken by the Yeas and Nays.

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#91)

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

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

Senators: BALDACCI, TIPPING

15 Senator having voted in the affirmative and 18 Senators having voted in the negative, with 2 Senators being excused, and 15 being less than two-thirds of the Membership present and voting, it was the vote of the Senate that the Committee's recommendation be **ACCEPTED** the nomination of **Philip Bartlett II, Esq.** of Portland, for reappointment to the Public Utilities Commission was **CONFIRMED**.

The Secretary has so informed the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

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

Off Record Remarks

Senate at Ease.

The Senate was called to order by the President.

The Following Communication:

S.C. 203

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY SECOND LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE**

March 31, 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 305.6, we are writing to notify you that LD 1142, "An Act Regarding Reimbursement for Volunteers of the So-called Hooked on Fishing - Not on Drugs Program" has been automatically withdrawn.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Joseph M. Baldacci S/Rep. Tiffany Roberts
Senate Chair House Chair

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

The Following Communication:

S.C. 221

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY SECOND LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS**

April 3, 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 and Speaker Fecteau:

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

L.D. 155 An Act to Make Menstrual Products Available in Certain Schools

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Joseph E. Rafferty S/Rep. Kelly Maureen Noonan Murphy
Senate Chair House Chair

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

The Following Communication:

S.C. 241

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY SECOND LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS**

April 3, 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 we have approved the request by the bill sponsor Rep. Fredette of Newport, to report the following bill Leave to Withdraw:

L.D. 1162 Resolve, to Establish a Hybrid Juris Doctor Program at the University of Maine School of Law to Address Access to Justice in Rural Maine

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Joseph E. Rafferty, Jr. S/Rep. Kelly Maureen Noonan Murphy
Senate Chair House Chair

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

The Following Communication:

S.C. 233

S/Sen. Craig V. Hickman
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Laura Supica
House Chair

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY SECOND LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

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

April 2, 2025

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

The Following Communication:

S.C. 240

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

April 7, 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 we have approved the request by the bill sponsor Rep. Roeder of Bangor, to report the following bill Leave to Withdraw:

L.D. 1362 An Act to Establish Parity in Funding Between
Recovery Community Centers and Peer-run
Recovery Centers

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Henry Ingwersen
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Michele Meyer
House Chair

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

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 Rep. Supica of Bangor, to report the following bill Leave to Withdraw:

L.D. 1381 An Act to Authorize the Secretary of State to
Designate Law Enforcement Officers Employed
by the Department of the Secretary of State to
Investigate Alleged Violations of Election Laws

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. 239

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

April 7, 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

The Following Communication:

S.C. 223

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY SECOND LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY**

April 2, 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 we have approved the request by the bill sponsor Sen. Hickman of Kennebec, to report the following bill Leave to Withdraw:

L.D. 368 An Act to Address Concerns Regarding
Radiation Machines and Similar Equipment
Used in the Cannabis Industry

Sincerely,

Dear President Daughtry and Speaker Fecteau:

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

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| L.D. 133 | An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding Nuisance Dogs |
| L.D. 942 | An Act to Safeguard Sustainable Food Sources Provided by Certain Maine Farmers (EMERGENCY) |

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Rachel Talbot Ross Senate Chair	S/Rep. Bill Pluecker House Chair
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READ and with accompanying papers **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**.

The Following Communication:

S.C. 224

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY SECOND LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY**

April 3, 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 Criminal Justice and Public Safety has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

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| L.D. 993 | An Act to Require First Responder Training for Mental Health Crisis and Critical Incident Stress Recognition |
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This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Anne Beebe-Center Senate Chair	S/Rep. Tavis Rock Hasenfus House Chair
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READ and with accompanying papers **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**.

The Following Communication:

S.C. 222

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY SECOND LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS**

April 3, 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 Education and Cultural Affairs has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

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| L.D. 642 | An Act to Provide Students in the University of Maine System Who Are Parents or Pregnant Individuals Priority Registration for Courses |
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This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Joseph E. Rafferty Senate Chair	S/Rep. Kelly Maureen Noonan Murphy House Chair
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READ and with accompanying papers **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**.

The Following Communication:

S.C. 242

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY SECOND LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS**

April 4, 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 Education and Cultural Affairs has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

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| L.D. 734 | An Act to Promote Voter Registration for Students in Maine's High Schools |
| L.D. 817 | An Act to Remove Restrictions That Prohibit School Administrative Units from Making Purchases Through Cooperatives |

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Joseph E. Rafferty S/Rep. Kelly Maureen Noonan Murphy
Senate Chair House Chair

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

The Following Communication:

S.C. 225

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY SECOND LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY**

April 1, 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 Energy, Utilities and Technology

has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

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| L.D. 204 | An Act to Reduce the Cost of Electricity by Removing the 100-megawatt Limit on Renewable Resources of Energy |
| L.D. 638 | An Act to Create Equal Opportunity Access to Clean Energy by Removing the 100-megawatt Limit on Clean Energy Sources |
| L.D. 711 | An Act to Facilitate the State Meeting Its Climate Goals While Protecting Farms |

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Mark W. Lawrence S/Rep. Melanie Sachs
Senate Chair House Chair

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

The Following Communication:

S.C. 226

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY SECOND LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY**

March 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 Energy, Utilities and Technology has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

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| L.D. 801 | An Act to Prevent Consumer-generated Electricity from Being Used by Anyone Other than That Consumer |
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This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Mark W. Lawrence S/Rep. Melanie Sachs
Senate Chair House Chair

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

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 and Human Services has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 1199 Resolve, Regarding the Development of a
Medication Administration Training Program for
Maine Youth Camps

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Henry Ingwersen
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Michele Meyer
House Chair

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

The Following Communication:

S.C. 244

STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY SECOND LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

April 4, 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 and Human Services has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 871 An Act to Exempt All Persons, Including Health
Care and Emergency Services Personnel, from
COVID-19 Vaccine Requirements

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Henry Ingwersen
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Michele Meyer
House Chair

The Following Communication:

S.C. 227

STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY SECOND LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES

April 3, 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 Environment and Natural Resources has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 1035 Resolve, to Study the Safe Disposal of Single-
use Propane Canisters

L.D. 1073 An Act to Amend Provisions of the Maine
Metallic Mineral Mining Act to Advance Health
Equity and Improve the Well-being of
Vulnerable Populations

L.D. 1122 An Act to Amend the Law Banning Single-use
Carry-out Bags

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Denise A. Tepler
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Victoria W. Doudera
House Chair

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

The Following Communication:

S.C. 243

STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY SECOND LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

April 7, 2025

Honorable Matthea Elisabeth Larsen Daughtry, President of the Senate
Honorable Ryan D. Fecteau, Speaker of the House

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

The Following Communication:

S.C. 245

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY SECOND LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

April 4, 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 and Human Services has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

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| L.D. 772 | An Act to Assist Nursing Facilities in the Management of Facility Beds |
| L.D. 980 | Resolve, to Create the Commission to Improve the Oversight of the Long-term Care System |
| L.D. 1102 | Resolve, to Raise Awareness of the Importance of Brain Health and Reducing the Risk of Dementia |

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Henry Ingwersen Senate Chair	S/Rep. Michele Meyer House Chair
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READ and with accompanying papers **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

The Following Communication:

S.C. 204

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

March 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 Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

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| L.D. 627 | An Act to Require Insurance Coverage for Glucagon-like Peptide-1 Receptor Agonist Medication |
| L.D. 790 | An Act to Prevent Denial of Patient Access Through Collaborative Care |

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Donna Bailey Senate Chair	S/Rep. Lori K. Gramlich House Chair
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READ and with accompanying papers **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

The Following Communication:

S.C. 236

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

April 4, 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":

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| L.D. 902 | An Act to Establish the Medical Debt Relief Program |
| L.D. 1030 | An Act Regarding the Reporting of Medical Debt on Consumer Reports |

- L.D. 1031 An Act to Allow Time-share Associations to Charge Credit Card Surcharges
- L.D. 1055 An Act to Prohibit Discrimination in Access to Anatomical Donations and Organ Transplants
- L.D. 1064 An Act to Ensure Automobile Insurance Rates Are Maintained upon the Death of a Spouse

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. 228

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY SECOND LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

April 3, 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 Housing and Economic Development has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

- L.D. 845 An Act to Establish a First-time Home-buyer Program Administered by the Finance Authority of Maine
- L.D. 963 An Act to Standardize Subsidized Housing Application Forms
- L.D. 1190 An Act to Increase State Funding for Emergency Shelters

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Chip Curry
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Traci Gere
House Chair

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

The Following Communication:

S.C. 234

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY SECOND LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE**

April 4, 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 Inland Fisheries and Wildlife has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

- L.D. 964 An Act to Change the Definitions of "Sunrise" and "Sunset" in the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Laws to Better Allow for Variations in Timing Across the State
- L.D. 1050 An Act to Allow an Adult Hunter to Transfer That Hunter's Antlerless Deer Permit to a Junior Hunter
- L.D. 1171 An Act to Restore Complimentary Licenses to Hunt, Trap and Fish for Residents 70 Years of Age and Older

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Joseph M. Baldacci
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Tiffany Danielle Roberts
House Chair

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

The Following Communication:

S.C. 238

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

April 7, 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 Judiciary has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

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| L.D. 752 | An Act to Strengthen Maine's Child Protection Laws by Limiting Contact with Violent Offenders |
| L.D. 869 | An Act to Give Grandparents Intervenor Status in Certain Child Protection Proceedings |
| L.D. 994 | An Act Regarding the Enforcement Provisions of the Law Governing Private Road Maintenance |
| L.D. 1173 | Resolve, to Establish a Group to Study the Laws Governing the Guardianship of Adults and Ongoing Parental Rights of Parents of Disabled Adults |
| L.D. 1175 | An Act Regarding the Appointment and Payment of Counsel for Indigent Parents and Minors |

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Anne Carney
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Amy D. Kuhn
House Chair

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

The Following Communication:

S.C. 213

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

March 31, 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 Labor has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

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| L.D. 797 | An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding Work Search Efforts for Unemployment Benefits and to Eliminate Benefits for Temporary Unemployment |
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This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Michael Tipping
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Amy Jean Roeder
House Chair

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

The Following Communication:

S.C. 235

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

April 4, 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 Labor has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 941 An Act Requiring Employers to Disclose Wage
Ranges in Job Postings

The Following Communication:

S.C. 214

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Michael Tipping
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Amy Jean Roeder
House Chair

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

The Following Communication:

S.C. 218

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

March 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 State and Local Government has
voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to
Pass":

L.D. 602 An Act Regarding the Notification Process for
Competitive Bids

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Joseph M. Baldacci
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Suzanne M. Salisbury
House Chair

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

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

April 1, 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 Taxation has voted unanimously to
report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 225 An Act to Reduce Property Taxes and Finance
Public School Construction and Education
Through a 3 Percent Sales Tax on Hotel and
Lodging Place Rentals

L.D. 632 An Act to Allow a Local Option Sales Tax on
Short-term Lodging to Fund Affordable Housing

L.D. 745 An Act to Allow a Municipality to Sell Tax-
acquired Property in Any Manner Authorized by
the Municipality's Legislative Body

L.D. 778 An Act to Establish a State Tax Amnesty
Program to Increase Revenue Collections

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Nicole Grohoski
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Kristen Sarah Cloutier
House Chair

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

The Following Communication:

S.C. 217

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

April 2, 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 Taxation has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

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| L.D. 7 | An Act to Increase the Homestead Property Tax Exemption for Residents 65 Years of Age or Older |
| L.D. 570 | An Act to Provide an Additional Maine Resident Homestead Property Tax Exemption Based on Income |
| L.D. 658 | An Act to Lower Property Taxes by Increasing the Homestead Property Tax Exemption |
| L.D. 934 | An Act to Provide 100 Percent of the Maine Resident Homestead Property Tax Exemption Amount to Seniors and Veterans |

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Nicole Grohoski
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Kristen Sarah Cloutier
House Chair

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

The Following Communication:

SLCD2285

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

March 31, 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":

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| L.D. 923 | An Act to Promote Accredited Institutions of Higher Education in Maine by Removing Requirements for Supplemental Guide Signs on the Interstate Highway System |
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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. 229

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

April 2, 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":

Resolve, Directing the Department of Transportation to Amend Its Rules Regarding Seasonal Load Restrictions on Certain State and State Aid Highways
(EMERGENCY)

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. 205

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

March 31, 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. 859 | Resolve, Directing the Treasurer of State to Review and Develop Options for Meeting the Banking Needs of the Cannabis Industry |
| L.D. 903 | An Act to Regulate the Advertising of Cannabis Products |
| L.D. 929 | An Act to Increase Access to Medical Cannabis for Seniors and Veterans |
| L.D. 1038 | An Act to Increase the Maximum Term of a Medical Cannabis Written Certification to 2 Years |
| L.D. 1086 | An Act to Remove State Requirements for Nonprofits on Raffles and Internet Raffles with Prizes of \$2,500 or Less |

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Craig V. Hickman Senate Chair	S/Rep. Laura Supica House Chair
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READ and with accompanying papers **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

The Following Communication:

S.C. 237

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

April 4, 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. 636 | An Act to Remove the Limit on Free Promotional Merchandise Bars and Restaurants May Accept from Vendors |
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This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Craig V. Hickman Senate Chair	S/Rep. Laura Supica House Chair
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READ and with accompanying papers **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

The Following Communication:

S.C. 207

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

March 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 Judiciary has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 12 An Act to Amend the Freedom of Access Act to Apply to Legislative Caucuses

L.D. 521 An Act to Prohibit Discrimination in Housing Based on Source of Income, Veteran Status or Military Status

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Anne Carney
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Amy D. Kuhn
House Chair

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Oxford, Senator Bennett, in regards to Item 2-35.

Senator **BENNETT:** Thank you, Madam President, Fellow Members of the Senate. I rise to give LD 12, which appears on this communication, a brief eulogy.

When I returned to the Senate after 16 years in 2020, the single greatest change I observed is the stunning amount of deliberation and decision making that occurs behind closed doors in partisan caucuses. As we know, transparency is a vital tool that keeps lawmakers accountable to the people we represent. Had it survived its childhood, LD 12 would have opened party caucuses in this building to daylight. It would've ensured the public can see how decisions are made, who is influencing those decisions, and the reasoning behind our policies or laws.

Often in this building, in this Chamber, or in our committee rooms, public controversy will lead to private caucusing. Members retreat behind closed doors, then emerge and cast votes. How many of our citizens are left scratching their heads, wondering why a vote went a certain way? Was a certain decision reached as part of some questionable agreement? Some information unknown to the public? Suspensions are created, sometimes - but not always - needlessly. And there are no real answers or accountability. Concealing our deliberations leads to distrust and discourages public participation. Of course, the provisions of LD 12 already apply here in Maine to city councilors, to town selectboards, and elected officials all over the state and the country. LD 12, this young child of legislation, with tender, innocent eyes, looked up and asked the question many children do, why? Why? Why do you, as legislators doing important work, get to be exempted from this requirement?

The Maine Press Association supported LD 12. They wrote in testimony, and I quote, "private caucus meetings prevent freedom of access and constituents are left out of the process. That subverts the very nature of our participatory democracy", end-quote. Or in the simple words of the slogan of the Washington Post, democracy dies in darkness.

With all the controversy around us, it is perhaps a sign of the times that one of the few things that the two major parties in this building can agree on is to continue to deny the public's right to know on our own deliberations and decision making.

Thank you, Madam President.

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

Senator **PIERCE:** Madam President, I'd like to pose a question through the Chair.

THE PRESIDENT: The Member may proceed.

Senator **PIERCE:** I'm wondering if anyone in the Body can tell me the vote in the committee and when this bill was heard with its full public hearing and deliberation.

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

The Following Communication:

H.P. 899

**STATE OF MAINE
DEPARTMENT OF THE
SECRETARY OF STATE
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0148**

March 24, 2025

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

Dear Clerk Hunt:

Enclosed please find my official certification to the 132nd Legislature of the citizen initiative petition entitled "An Act to Protect Maine Communities by Enacting the Extreme Risk Protection Order Act".

Sincerely,

S/Shenna Bellows
Secretary of State

**STATE OF MAINE
SECRETARY OF STATE**

I, Shenna Bellows, Secretary of State, hereby certify that written petitions bearing valid signatures of 74,888 electors of this State were addressed to the Legislature of the State of Maine and were filed in the office of the Secretary of State on January 23, 2025, requesting that the Legislature consider an act entitled, "An Act to Protect Maine Communities by Enacting the Extreme Risk Protection Order Act".

I further certify that the number of signatures submitted is in excess of ten percent of the total votes cast in the last gubernatorial election preceding the filing of such petitions, as required by Article IV, Part Third, Section 18 of the Constitution of Maine, that number being 67,682.

I further certify this initiative petition to be valid and attach herewith the text of the legislation circulated on the petition's behalf.

In testimony whereof, I have caused the Great Seal of the State of Maine to be hereunto affixed. Given under my hand at Augusta on the twenty-fourth day of March in the year Two Thousand and Twenty-five.

S/Shenna Bellows
Secretary of State

READ and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**.

The accompanying bill:

Bill "An Act to Protect Maine Communities by Enacting the Extreme Risk Protection Order Act"
I.B. 2 L.D. 1378

Comes 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.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

House

Report of the Chair - Pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2

The Committee on **HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** on Bill "An Act to Amend the Definition of 'Transient Occupancy' in the Laws Governing the Maine Land Use Planning Commission" (EMERGENCY)
H.P. 252 L.D. 398

Reported a recommendation for a **CHANGE OF COMMITTEE**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **REFERRED** to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY**.

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

On motion by Senator **CURRY** of Waldo, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY**, in concurrence.

Senate at Ease.

The Senate was called to order by the President.

The Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** on Bill "An Act to Support Rural Resilience and Emergency Response Through the Maine Service Fellows Program"
H.P. 562 L.D. 876

Reported a recommendation for a **CHANGE OF COMMITTEE**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**.

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

On motion by Senator **BEEBE-CENTER** of Knox, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**, in concurrence.

Ought to Pass

The Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** on Bill "An Act to Amend the Laws Governing the Commercial Large Game Shooting Area License Transfer Process"
H.P. 4 L.D. 40

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 Establish the Respite for ME Program"
H.P. 448 L.D. 709

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 COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** on Bill "An Act Regarding Charges to Uninsured Patients for COVID-19 Vaccines"
H.P. 582 L.D. 917

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 **TRANSPORTATION** on Resolve, to Rename a Bridge in the Town of Waterboro the Waterboro Veterans Memorial Bridge
H.P. 385 L.D. 617

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

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **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 **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** on Bill "An Act to Amend the Hunting Laws Related to the Training of Dogs and Open Training Seasons" (EMERGENCY)
H.P. 493 L.D. 751

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

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

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **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 **MARINE RESOURCES** on Bill "An Act Regarding the Emptying of Elver Fyke Nets" (EMERGENCY)
H.P. 523 L.D. 816

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 A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED** in concurrence.

Ought to Pass As Amended

The Committee on **TAXATION** on Bill "An Act to Update References to the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986 Contained in the Maine Revised Statutes" (EMERGENCY)
H.P. 12 L.D. 48

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-36)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-36)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-36) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED**, in concurrence.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** on Bill "An Act to Protect the Cultural Resources and Historical Heritage of Sears Island in Searsport by Extending Conservation Easement Protections"

H.P. 149 L.D. 226

Reported that the same **Ought Not to Pass**.

Signed:

Senators:

TEPLER of Sagadahoc
BRENNER of Cumberland

Representatives:

DOUDERA of Camden
ANKELES of Brunswick
BELL of Yarmouth
BRIDGEO of Augusta
CAMPBELL of Orrington
OSHER of Orono
RIELLY of Westbrook
SCHMERSAL-BURGESS of Mexico
WOODSOME of Waterboro

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass**.

Signed:

Senator:

MARTIN of Oxford

Representative:

SOBOLESKI of Phillips

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

Reports **READ**.

Senator **TEPLER** of Sagadahoc moved the Senate **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report, in concurrence.

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

Senator **TEPLER:** Thank you, Madam President, and Men and Women of the Senate. I am here today to talk a little bit about the fact that Sears Island, which is the subject of this bill, is a state asset. The state purchased the island with taxpayer money and developed the roadway and causeway that leads to the island so that it is and can be used. It was purchased originally for the development of a marine port, as the shore of the island that faces out towards open ocean is one of the few deep ports possibilities on the northern coast of Maine.

This bill is not currently about wind development. Right now, there is no money and no possibility for offshore wind development at this site. This bill is about preserving a marine

port possibility at that site and the option of the Maine Department of Transportation to have this site available if a marine port should be needed at the site.

This site also was the subject of a compromise last year in my committee, Environment and Natural Resources, in which all parties agreed to preserve a set of dunes and to forego preservation of another set of artificial dunes. This compromise took a great deal of work, and while I was not present in the committee at the time, the bipartisan nature of this report reflects that hard work on the part of the entire committee.

So, I would very much like to ask you to preserve this state asset for future - not current - future development, recognizing that two-thirds of the island has been placed in permanent conservation easement and is open and available for enjoyment, for birding, walking, and other possibilities for the residents of Stockton Springs and other areas nearby.

Please join me in supporting the Ought Not to Pass Report, which is the vote of the majority of the committee.

On motion by Senator **GROHOSKI** of Hancock, 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 Hancock, Senator Grohoski.

Senator **GROHOSKI:** Thank you, Madam President. Good afternoon, Esteemed Colleagues of the Senate. I rise today in strong support of this critical legislation and against the pending motion, which would extend the current conservation easement on Sears Island, the legislation.

This is not merely a vote about land use, it is a vote about the future of our natural heritage, our working waterfronts, and the integrity of our public decision making. Sears Island is a beloved public resource to all those who have come to know it. It is the largest undeveloped causeway connected island on the east coast, providing unparalleled access for hiking, birdwatching, foraging, hunting, fishing, and outdoor education, including maybe for our new state amphibian, the peeper. Families visit year round to explore the trails, enjoy the beaches, and experience the tranquility of nature, opportunities that are increasingly rare in our modern world. Schools and community organizations use the island as an outdoor classroom, fostering environment stewardship and appreciation for Maine's rich natural heritage. Losing this space to industrial development, which I do believe would happen even if only one-third of the island is destroyed, would mean stripping away a treasured recreational destination that has served generations of Maine residents.

Sears Island is also a rare and intact ecosystem, home to 257 bird species, including migratory shorebirds that depend on the coastal habitats there. It supports important wetlands, vernal pools, and mature forests that provide refuge for diverse plant and animal life. These natural resources contribute to the health of Penobscot Bay's fisheries, serving as a nursery for species like cod, lobster, and Atlantic salmon. The interconnectedness of these ecosystems means that any disruption could have wide-ranging consequences for wildlife and the local industries that depend on the bay's productivity. Those advocating for industrial development on Sears Island claim that it is the only viable location for an offshore wind port. I have a hard time believing that that is true, having visited Mack Point, an existing industrial port that is just on the other side of the cove from Sears Island. It

already manages large wind turbine components and, with upgrades, could meet all of the requirements for offshore wind assembly. Unlike Sears Island, Mack Point would not require the destruction of mature forests or the dredging over a million cubic yards of material into Penobscot Bay. Furthermore, the selection process that led to Sears Island being prioritized over Mack Point for an industrial site was not transparent. Documents obtained through Freedom of Access requests show that the Maine Department of Transportation was contracting for port design on Sears Island well before an advisory group to look at where a port could be sited was even convened. The public was led to believe that this was an open and fair process, it was not.

Regarding the economic argument, while some claim Sears Island would create more jobs, they fail to account for the long-term economic losses from lost recreation, tourism, and ecological degradation. More than 80% of surveyed residents opposed industrializing the island. They would prefer to see the development happen at Mack Point. This vote is not about whether or not there would be a port, the vote is whether you would choose an industrialized site or a site that is ecologically intact.

For decades, efforts to develop Sears Island for industrial use have cost taxpayers now over \$24 million, only to have been met by opposition at every turn. Today, I believe we have a chance to break that cycle. By permanently conserving the undeveloped portions of Sears Island, we would protect our environment, support our working waterfronts, and respect the will of the people who know and love Sears Island. I am one of those people, and I invite you to join me, not just in today's vote but for a visit to Sears Island this spring. I am certain that once you know this place, once you see these options with your own eyes, you will want to protect this area as well. Thank you.

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

Senator **BRENNER:** Thank you, Mr. Chair. Thank you, Colleagues of the Senate. I just wanted to talk a little bit about the bill with relationship to conservation easements.

So, I love a good conservation easement, and I love a beautiful island. In this situation, the use of a conservation easement or the placement of a conservation easement on this parcel closes the state's opportunity to use this parcel for anything in the future that might be related to the economic development of our good state. If we wanted to go back and change our mind, we would need to take the property by eminent domain or go back and make some change to conservation easement law in order to do so.

I don't believe that it's in the state's best interest to put a conservation easement in perpetuity on this property at this time. I think we should allow this asset to remain in the possession of the state for the time being. Thank you.

THE PRESIDENT: The pending question before the Senate is acceptance of the majority report. 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 (#92)

YEAS: Senators: BAILEY, BEEBE-CENTER, BENNETT, BICKFORD, BLACK, BRENNER, CARNEY, CURRY, CYRWAY, DUSON, FARRIN, HICKMAN, INGWERSEN, LAWRENCE, MARTIN, NANGLE, PIERCE, RAFFERTY, RENY, ROTUNDO, TALBOT ROSS, TEPLER, TIMBERLAKE, PRESIDENT DAUGHTRY

NAYS: Senators: BERNARD, BRADSTREET, GROHOSKI, GUERIN, HAGGAN, HARRINGTON, LIBBY, MOORE, STEWART

EXCUSED: Senators: BALDACCI, TIPPING

24 Senator having voted in the affirmative and 9 Senators having voted in the negative, with 2 Senators being excused, the motion by Senator **TEPLER** of Sagadahoc to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **PREVAILED**, in concurrence.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** on Bill "An Act to Designate the Seppala Siberian Sleddog as the Maine State Dog"

H.P. 44 L.D. 80

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

Signed:

Senators:
BALDACCI of Penobscot
MARTIN of Oxford

Representatives:
SALISBURY of Westbrook
ADAMS of Lebanon
COPELAND of Saco
FARRIN of Jefferson
GREENWOOD of Wales
MATLACK of St. George
POMERLEAU of Standish
ROLLINS of Augusta
UNDERWOOD of Presque Isle

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought Not To Pass**.

Signed:

Representative:
TUELL of East Machias

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

Reports **READ**.

Senator **STEWART** of Aroostook moved the Senate **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS** Report, in concurrence.

On further motion by the same Senator, 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 Androscoggin, Senator Bickford.

Senator **BICKFORD:** Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, I just want to talk briefly about the Seppala Siberian sled dog, Togo, who led the pack through blizzards, subzero temperatures, for over a hundred miles over a hundred years ago to bring medicine to folks suffering from diphtheria. This was the only way they were going to survive, it was the only way this vaccine could get to them was through the sled dog. Togo came to Poland Spring shortly after that. We have that breed in Maine now, it's called a Seppala Siberian Sleddog. We have races throughout northern Maine that feature these dogs. If you go to Poland Spring Resort, you'll find a statue of Togo, you'll find children and adults all over the state visiting the Poland Spring house to see the statue of Togo and hear the stories of what this dog became.

I just want to add it's pretty hard to turn down a committee report of 11-1 in favor. If you owned a business and you had a board of directors that managed your business and they came out voting 11-1 on something, it's a no-brainer, you would accept their 11-1 report, and I hope that we do that here.

Thank you, Madam President.

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

Senator **MARTIN:** Thank you, Madam President. I rise today in support of the sled dog being the Maine state dog. There's a lot of tourism that comes up Route 26, my district's on the end of that, and for people that don't know it, the -- Disney made a movie about the dog in 2018-2019. The bronze statue that's down there at Poland Springs is absolutely beautiful, and that breed of dog was actually -- it came from Siberia and brought over to Alaska to strengthen the dogs that they had at the time and it was a lot more than a hundred miles that that race was from Anchorage all the way to Nome. I'm not sure exactly what it was, but I believe it was eight or nine hundred miles. I've been up there to the race a couple times, it's really something, and to come back home and go to Poland Springs and see what we've done with it there is really impressive, and I would ask everybody to vote Ought to Pass. Thank you.

THE PRESIDENT: The pending question before the Senate is acceptance of the majority report. 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 (#93)

YEAS: Senators: BEEBE-CENTER, BENNETT, BERNARD, BICKFORD, BLACK, BRADSTREET, BRENNER, CURRY, CYRWAY, DUSON, GROHOSKI, HICKMAN, INGWERSEN, LAWRENCE, LIBBY, MARTIN, MOORE, NANGLE, PIERCE, RAFFERTY, ROTUNDO, TALBOT ROSS, TEPLER, PRESIDENT DAUGHTRY

NAYS: Senators: BAILEY, CARNEY, FARRIN, GUERIN, HAGGAN, HARRINGTON, RENY, STEWART

ABSENT: Senators: TIMBERLAKE

EXCUSED: Senators: BALDACCI, TIPPING

24 Senator having voted in the affirmative and 8 Senators having voted in the negative, with 2 Senators being excused, the motion by Senator **STEWART** of Aroostook to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS** Report **PREVAILED**, in concurrence.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

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

Senate

Report of the Chair - Pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2

Senator RAFFERTY for the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act to Fund the Operations of the University of Maine Cooperative Extension Tick Laboratory" S.P. 429 L.D. 1012

Reported a recommendation for a **CHANGE OF COMMITTEE**.

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

On motion by Senator **RAFFERTY** of York, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Change of Committee

Senator INGWERSEN for the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Bill "An Act to Provide Funding for Essential Services for Victims of Crimes" (EMERGENCY)
S.P. 470 L.D. 1139

Reported that the same be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY**.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Ought to Pass

Senator LAWRENCE for the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** on Bill "An Act to Update the Solar Energy Development Reporting Date Deadline"
S.P. 395 L.D. 906

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.

Ought to Pass As Amended

Senator CURRY for the Committee on **HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** on Bill "An Act to Increase Storm Preparedness for Maine's Communities, Homes and Infrastructure" (EMERGENCY)
S.P. 29 L.D. 1

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-9)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-9) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** on Bill "An Act to Include Possession of Compounds, Mixtures or Substances Containing a Detectable Amount of Certain Scheduled Drugs to Prove the Offense of Unlawful Trafficking of Scheduled Drugs"
S.P. 329 L.D. 771

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

Signed:

Senator:
CYRWAY of Kennebec

Representatives:

HASENFUS of Readfield
ARDELL of Monticello
LAJOIE of Lewiston
MCINTYRE of Lowell
NUTTING of Oakland
PERKINS of Dover-Foxcroft

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought Not To Pass**.

Signed:

Senators:
BEEBE-CENTER of Knox
CURRY of Waldo

Representatives:

ABDI of Lewiston
LOOKNER of Portland
MILLIKEN of Blue Hill

Reports **READ**.

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

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** on Bill "An Act to Clarify the Law Regarding Prior Authorization for Air Ambulances" (EMERGENCY)
S.P. 14 L.D. 5

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

Signed:

Senators:
BAILEY of York
BALDACCI of Penobscot
HAGGAN of Penobscot

Representatives:

MATHIESON of Kittery
ARFORD of Brunswick
BOYER of Cape Elizabeth
CLUCHEY of Bowdoinham
FOLEY of Wells
MASTRACCIO of Sanford
MORRIS of Turner

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-7)**.

Signed:

Representatives:

CIMINO of Bridgton
FLYNN of Albion
OLSEN of Raymond

Reports **READ**.

On motion by Senator **BAILEY** of York, the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS** Report **ACCEPTED**.

Senate at Ease.

The Senate was called to order by the President.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

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

Sent down forthwith for concurrence.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** on Bill "An Act to Protect Maine Consumers by Prohibiting Fees Charged for Receiving Paper Statements from Financial Institutions and Credit Card Issuers"

S.P. 261 L.D. 580

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-8)**.

Signed:

Senators:

BAILEY of York
BALDACCI of Penobscot

Representatives:

GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach

ARFORD of Brunswick
BOYER of Cape Elizabeth
CLUCHEY of Bowdoinham
MASTRACCIO of Sanford

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought Not To Pass**.

Signed:

Senator:

HAGGAN of Penobscot

Representatives:

CIMINO of Bridgton
FLYNN of Albion
FOLEY of Wells
MORRIS of Turner
OLSEN of Raymond

Reports **READ**.

Senator **BAILEY** of York moved the Senate **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from York, Senator Bailey.

Senator **BAILEY:** Thank you, Madam President. This is a bill that was brought to me by a constituent who brought to my attention that, you know, the latest way that companies are seeking to kind of nickel and dime Mainers to death is that they're now charging Mainers who choose to receive their banking or credit card statements by paper, either because they prefer that or they don't have reliable access to the internet, for whatever reason. We learned in committee that the average cost for an institution to send out a paper statement is about 75 cents. The fees that they're charging start at \$1.99 a month and go up to \$5.00 a month. So, they're even charging more than it costs them to generate that paper statement.

I think that it is unfair to our older Mainers in particular or anyone who doesn't have reliable access to the internet to be forced to pay for a paper statement and I would ask you to all follow my light. Thank you.

THE PRESIDENT: The pending question before the Senate is acceptance of the majority report. A roll call has been ordered. Is the Senate ready for the question?

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

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#94)

YEAS: Senators: BAILEY, BEEBE-CENTER, BENNETT, BERNARD, BICKFORD, BRADSTREET, BRENNER, CARNEY, CURRY, DUSON, FARRIN, GROHOSKI, GUERIN, HARRINGTON, HICKMAN, INGWERSEN, LAWRENCE, LIBBY, MARTIN, MOORE, NANGLE, PIERCE, RAFFERTY, RENY, ROTUNDO, STEWART, TALBOT ROSS, TEPLER, TIMBERLAKE, PRESIDENT DAUGHTRY

NAYS: Senators: CYRWAY, HAGGAN

ABSENT: Senators: BLACK

EXCUSED: Senators: BALDACCI, TIPPING

30 Senator having voted in the affirmative and 2 Senators having voted in the negative, with 2 Senators being excused, the motion by Senator **BAILEY** of York to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report, **PREVAILED**.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-8) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED**.

Sent down forthwith for concurrence.

ENACTORS

The Committee on **Engrossed Bills** reported as truly and strictly engrossed the following:

Emergency Measure

An Act to Extend the Law Governing Electric Power and Service Residential Rates for Military Veterans' Organizations
S.P. 201 L.D. 466

This being an Emergency Measure and having received the affirmative vote of 31 Members of the Senate, with 0 Senators having voted in the negative, and 31 being more than two-thirds of the entire elected Membership of the Senate, was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED** and having been signed by the President, was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for approval.

Acts

An Act to Designate the Spring Peeper as the Official State Amphibian

H.P. 36 L.D. 72

An Act to Designate the Wood Turtle as the Official State Reptile

H.P. 37 L.D. 73

An Act to Update the System of Learning Results Review Timeline

H.P. 38 L.D. 74

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

H.P. 65 L.D. 100

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

H.P. 79 L.D. 114

An Act to Designate November as Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month

S.P. 120 L.D. 254

An Act to Allow a Water District Created by Special Act of the Legislature to Borrow Money and Issue a Warrant Prior to a Default

H.P. 310 L.D. 481

An Act to Provide a Court Authority to Issue Proximity Restrictions in Protection from Abuse Orders

S.P. 269 L.D. 586

An Act to Clarify the Law Governing the Minimum Indirect Financial Interest Disclosure Requirement for Liquor Licenses

S.P. 299 L.D. 683

An Act to Amend the Procedure for Filing a Petition to Terminate Parental Rights and Responsibilities

H.P. 587 L.D. 922

PASSED TO BE ENACTED and having been signed by the President were presented by the Secretary to the Governor for approval.

Senate at Ease.

The Senate was called to order by the President.

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 (3/11/25) matter:

JOINT ORDER - Expression of Legislative Sentiment
Recognizing Woody Moore, of Pittsfield
SLS 198

Tabled - March 11, 2025 by Senator **FARRIN** of Somerset

Pending - **PASSAGE**

READ and **PASSED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later Assigned (3/13/25) matter:

JOINT ORDER - Expression of Legislative Sentiment
Recognizing the Penobscot Valley High School Girls Basketball Team, of Howland
SLS 249

Tabled - March 13, 2025 by Senator **PIERCE** of Cumberland

Pending - **PASSAGE**

READ and **PASSED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later Assigned (4/1/25) matter:

Bill "An Act to Expand Reporting Requirements for Legislators and Lobbyists"
S.P. 558 L.D. 1415

Tabled - April 1, 2025 by Senator **PIERCE** of Cumberland

Pending - **REFERENCE**

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

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

Sent down for concurrence.

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later Assigned (4/1/25) matter:

Bill "An Act Regarding Dam Repair"
H.P. 904 L.D. 1382

Tabled - April 1, 2025 by Senator **TEPLER** of Sagadahoc

Pending - **REFERENCE**

(Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** suggested and ordered printed.)

(In 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 **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** and ordered printed, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

Sent down for concurrence.

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 to Promote Firewood Banks in Maine"
H.P. 1010 L.D. 1525

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

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

Bill "An Act to Require All State Agencies to Provide a Zero-based Budget Once Every 10 Years"

H.P. 1006 L.D. 1521

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

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

Bill "An Act to Establish Statutory Deadlines for Processing Applications for Emergency Medical Services Personnel"

H.P. 994 L.D. 1510

Comes 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 Make the Professional Standards Board Responsible for the Educator Certification Process"

H.P. 979 L.D. 1495

Bill "An Act to Clarify the Amount and Use of Unallocated Balances in a School Administrative Unit Budget"

H.P. 1003 L.D. 1518

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

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

Bill "An Act to Study the Role of Natural Gas in an Equitable Clean Energy Transition for Maine and to Establish a Commission to Study the Establishment of a Just and Equitable Transition for Maine's Workforce"

H.P. 997 L.D. 1513

Comes 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.

Bill "An Act to Require General Public Notification of Oil Terminal Facility Transfer Activities"

H.P. 991 L.D. 1507

Bill "An Act to Create a Stewardship Program for Electronic Smoking Devices and Related Products"

H.P. 1004 L.D. 1519

Come 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.

Resolve, to Maintain Access to Home and Community-based Services for Adults with Intellectual Disabilities, Autism Spectrum Disorder or Brain Injury (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 993 L.D. 1509

Bill "An Act to Improve Perinatal Care Through Expanded Access to Doula Services"

H.P. 1008 L.D. 1523

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

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

Bill "An Act to Ensure Ongoing Access to Medications and Care for Chronic Conditions and Conditions Requiring Long-term Care by Changing Requirements for Prior Authorizations"

H.P. 980 L.D. 1496

Bill "An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Primary Care Reporting by the Maine Quality Forum and to Establish the Primary Care Advisory Council"

H.P. 981 L.D. 1497

Bill "An Act to Extend the Time Frame for a Chiropractic Intern License"

H.P. 985 L.D. 1501

Bill "An Act to Update the Requirements for Health Insurance Coverage of Prostate Cancer Screening"

H.P. 986 L.D. 1502

Bill "An Act to Expand Direct Health Care Service Arrangements"

H.P. 995 L.D. 1511

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 the Maine Community Development Financial Institution Fund to Support Small Businesses, Rural Economic Development and Affordable Housing"
H.P. 984 L.D. 1500

Bill "An Act to Strengthen the Maine Development Foundation"
H.P. 1000 L.D. 1516

Bill "An Act to Establish the Maine Eviction Prevention Program"
H.P. 1007 L.D. 1522

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

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

Bill "An Act to Change the Laws Regarding Real Estate Appraisers"
H.P. 998 L.D. 1514

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

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

Bill "An Act to Create a Green Crab Only Wholesale Dealer License"
H.P. 987 L.D. 1503

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.

Resolve, Directing the Office of Procurement Services to Study Adapting the Procurement Process to the State Climate Action Plan
H.P. 978 L.D. 1494

Bill "An Act to Replace Participation Thresholds with Approval Thresholds in Certain School, Municipal and County Measures"
H.P. 1002 L.D. 1517

Bill "An Act to Enhance Legislative Participation in the Governor's Exercise of Emergency Powers"
H.P. 1009 L.D. 1524

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

On motion by Senator **BEEBE-CENTER** of Knox, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Revoke the Tax-exempt Status of an Organization That Fails to Report Sexual Assaults Committed by Employees, Board Members, Volunteers or Affiliates"
H.P. 983 L.D. 1499

Bill "An Act to Support Small Businesses by Providing a Refundable Tax Credit to Certain Businesses to Offset Credit and Debit Card Transaction Fees"
H.P. 988 L.D. 1504

Bill "An Act to Phase out the Sales and Use Tax"
H.P. 989 L.D. 1505

Bill "An Act to Amend the Personal Property Tax Exemption for Individually Owned Personal Property"
H.P. 990 L.D. 1506

Bill "An Act to Exempt Wheelchair Adapted Vehicles from the Sales and Use Tax"
H.P. 999 L.D. 1515

Bill "An Act to Reduce the Income Tax Paid by Volunteers for Mileage Reimbursements"
H.P. 1005 L.D. 1520

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 Clarify the Law Regarding Tinted Windows in Motor Vehicles"
H.P. 992 L.D. 1508

Comes 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.

The Senate considered the following additional papers:

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

House Papers

Bill "An Act to Protect Patients from Health Care Discrimination and Guarantee Access to the Lowest Available Cost for Care"
H.P. 996 L.D. 1512

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 **INGWERSEN** of York, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Limit Municipal Impact Fees on Housing Development"

H.P. 982 L.D. 1498

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

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

On motion by Senator **BEEBE-CENTER** of Knox, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

The Senate considered the following additional papers:

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Senate

Ought to Pass As Amended

Senator **CARNEY** for the Committee on **JUDICIARY** on Bill "An Act to Address the Limited Availability of Counsel in Courts to Represent Indigent Parties in Matters Affecting Their Fundamental Rights" (EMERGENCY)
S.P. 462 L.D. 1101

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-11)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-11) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Senate considered the following additional papers:

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Senate

Ought to Pass As Amended

Senator **TALBOT ROSS** for the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** on Bill "An Act to Address Food Insecurity by Helping Maine Residents Access Locally Produced Food"

S.P. 206 L.D. 468

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-10)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-10) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

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

Off Record Remarks

On motion by Senator **PIERCE** of Cumberland, **ADJOURNED**, until Thursday, April 10, 2025 at 10:00 in the morning, in memory and lasting tribute of Dr. Julia "Judy" Kahrl of Arrowsic, Paul Steven Graziano, of Augusta, and the Honorable Francis C. Marsano, of Belfast.