

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE
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In Senate Chamber
Thursday
April 10, 2025

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

Prayer by Mitch Thomas of Lisbon Falls.

MITCH THOMAS: Let us pray. Oh God, as we gather in this place on this day to do all that you have called us to do, we are reminded that we are but travelers on a journey to make the world we live in a better place. Remind us that we are but servants and we each are called to serve in our own way. We are called to lead and to be mentors to those who look to us as examples and role models for their lives.

Creator God, we gather this day as grateful people who are privileged to live in communities that have helped to shape who we are. We are grateful to live in a state that is made up of people who come from many different places and cultures and who bring so many different beliefs and traditions to a variety of splendid tables of beauty, abundance, and richness.

We thank you, sustainer of the Chickadee and the moose, creator of the blueberry and the pine tree, God of the Penobscot, Passamaquoddy, Micmac, Maliseet, Somali, and the descendants of people from nearly every continent across this great big, beautiful world. Thank you, the one who watches over all the people of this great state of Maine, no matter how or when or why they arrived here to call it home.

We are so grateful for this nation and for the world that you have created. Help us to treat it with care and assure that its beauty and abundance will be there for those who follow us. Help us to lead responsibly and on this journey of life be our companion, be our guide, show us where to go, wherever we are in this journey from birth to death, grant us your peace.

We thank you for each other, our companions, and our respective journeys of faith and service. We are aware that these public servants gathered here leave behind and can be distracted by thoughts of loved ones in their homes and communities who themselves may be suffering in one way or another with health issues, job losses, economic challenges, personal conflicts, even the threats of hunger and homelessness. Place your healing hand of comfort on each of them and those they leave behind, that they might be able to think clearly and act wisely as they do the work of government, far from spouses, partners, children, parents, and friends. And as servants, we know we cannot go it alone, and we express our gratitude for civic and religious communities, social service agencies, first responders and military personnel, medical caregivers, and countless nonprofit organizations that assist us in the work that we are called to do to assure comfort, shelter, food, warmth, and security for all the people of Maine.

And we pray all those with whom we travel on this planet as it makes its rounds of the sun bring us together to a new world of peace as we work to lead according to the words of one particular prophet who calls us to act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with God. Amen.

National Anthem Performed by Mitch Thomas of Central Maine Community College.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Senator David G. Haggan of Penobscot County.

Reading of the Journal of Tuesday, April 8, 2025.

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

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

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication:

S.C. 247

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

April 7, 2025

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

Dear Secretary Grant,

Pursuant to my authority under Resolves Chapter 126, I am pleased to appoint Elizabeth Bischof of Gorham to the *Maine Semiquincentennial Commission*, effective immediately.

Ms. Bischof will serve on this commission as a member representing a statewide humanities organization that uses humanities as a tool for positive change in the State's communities.

If you have any questions regarding this appointment, 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. 251

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

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 we have approved the request by the bill sponsor Rep. Cloutier of Lewiston, to report the following bill Leave to Withdraw:

L.D. 106 An Act Regarding the Taxation of Paid Family and Medical Leave Benefits

Sincerely,

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

READ and with accompanying papers ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication:

S.C. 249

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

April 8, 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. 559 An Act to Provide Property Tax Stabilization for Older Maine Residents

L.D. 652 An Act to Provide Qualifying Downtown Businesses and Developments with Assistance Paying Flood Insurance Premiums

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

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

READ and with accompanying papers ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication:

S.C. 250

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

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

L.D. 348 Resolve, to Study the Effect of High-intensity Headlights on Drivers

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.**

SENATE PAPERS

Bill "An Act to Establish the Maine Green Schools Network"
S.P. 627 L.D. 1543

Presented by Senator RAFFERTY of York.
Cosponsored by Representative MURPHY of Scarborough and Representatives: BRENNAN of Portland, DODGE of Belfast, MITCHELL of Cumberland.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Resolve, to Direct the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of MaineCare Services to Create the Complex Care Assistant Training Program (EMERGENCY)
S.P. 624 L.D. 1540

Presented by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot.

Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services to Amend Its Rules to Protect Water Quality by Reducing Nutrient Pollution from Septic Systems
S.P. 634 L.D. 1550

Presented by Senator INGWERSEN of York.
Cosponsored by Representative MEYER of Eliot and Senators: BENNETT of Oxford, MOORE of Washington, NANGLE of Cumberland, TEPLER of Sagadahoc, Representatives: BRIDGEO of Augusta, HEPLER of Woolwich.

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 Prevent the Introduction or Transfer of Invasive Fish Species in Inland Waters of the State"
S.P. 632 L.D. 1548

Presented by Senator BLACK of Franklin.
Cosponsored by Representatives: MASON of Lisbon, THORNE of Carmel, WOOD of Greene.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Support Families by Improving the Court Process for Child Protection Cases"
S.P. 628 L.D. 1544

Presented by Senator BAILEY of York.
Cosponsored by Representative KUHN of Falmouth and Senators: CARNEY of Cumberland, MOORE of Washington, Representatives: MEYER of Eliot, SINCLAIR of Bath, STOVER of Boothbay.

Bill "An Act to Clarify the Maximum Value That a Small Estate May Be Under the Maine Uniform Probate Code to Permit Collection of Personal Property by Affidavit"
S.P. 629 L.D. 1545

Presented by Senator BAILEY of York.
Cosponsored by Senators: CARNEY of Cumberland, HAGGAN of Penobscot, Representatives: HENDERSON of Rumford, KUHN of Falmouth, LEE of Auburn, POIRIER of Skowhegan.

Bill "An Act to Prohibit Landlords from Setting Rents Through the Use of Artificial Intelligence"
S.P. 636 L.D. 1552

Presented by Senator TIPPING of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Senator: CURRY of Waldo, Representatives: GERE of Kennebunkport, GOLEK of Harpswell, MALON of Biddeford, YUSUF of Portland.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Amend the Membership of the Washington County Budget Advisory Committee"
S.P. 626 L.D. 1542

Presented by Senator MOORE of Washington.
Cosponsored by Representative MINGO of Calais and Representatives: STROUT of Harrington, TUELL of East Machias.

Bill "An Act to Require Recommendations from Study Commissions to Be Printed as Legislative Documents"
S.P. 630 L.D. 1546

Presented by Senator BENNETT of Oxford.
Cosponsored by Representative GRAHAM of North Yarmouth and Senator: ROTUNDO of Androscoggin, Representative: DUCHARME of Madison.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Provide Property Tax Relief for Senior Residents"
S.P. 625 L.D. 1541

Presented by Senator MARTIN of Oxford.
Cosponsored by Representative FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor and Senator: STEWART of Aroostook.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Senate at Ease.

The Senate was called to order by the President.

Bill "An Act to Use a Portion of the Sales Tax on Snowmobiles to Fund Maine's Snowmobile Trail Programs"
S.P. 631 L.D. 1547

Presented by Senator BLACK of Franklin.
Cosponsored by Senator: GUERIN of Penobscot, Representatives: CRAY of Palmyra, GUERRETTE of Caribou, MASON of Lisbon, THORNE of Carmel, WOOD of Greene.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine Regarding the Use and Oversight of Transportation-related Revenues

S.P. 633 L.D. 1549

Presented by Senator FARRIN of Somerset.

Cosponsored by Representative PARRY of Arundel and Representatives: ALBERT of Madawaska, MASON of Lisbon, WHITE of Guilford.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Support Maine Eating and Drinking Establishments by Allowing Vendors to Operate on the Premises of an Establishment with a Liquor License"

S.P. 635 L.D. 1551

Presented by Senator TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin.
Cosponsored by Representative LYMAN of Livermore Falls and Senators: BICKFORD of Androscoggin, CYRWAY of Kennebec, FARRIN of Somerset, Representatives: CRAY of Palmyra, MASON of Lisbon, SUPICA of Bangor.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

ORDERS

Joint Orders

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

S.P. 637

ORDERED, the House concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourn, they do so until Tuesday, April 15, 2025, at 10:00 in the morning, or until the call of the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House, respectively.

READ and PASSED.

Sent down for concurrence.

Senate at Ease.

The Senate was called to order by the President.

The Senate considered the following additional papers:

SENATE PAPERS

Bill "An Act to Protect Groundwater and Surface Waters from Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances from Landfill Leachate"

S.P. 641 L.D. 1604

Presented by Senator TIPPING of Penobscot.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Remove the Exemption from Sales and Use Tax for Automobiles Purchased for Use as Rentals"

S.P. 639 L.D. 1602

Presented by Senator TIPPING of Penobscot.

Cosponsored by Senator: TALBOT ROSS of Cumberland, Representatives: MATLACK of St. George, RANA of Bangor.

Bill "An Act to Eliminate the Property Tax on Business Equipment With a Value of No More Than \$50,000"

S.P. 640 L.D. 1603

Presented by Senator MARTIN of Oxford.

Cosponsored by Representative SOBOLESKI of Phillips and Senators: BICKFORD of Androscoggin, GUERIN of Penobscot, LIBBY of Cumberland, MOORE of Washington, Representative: BOYER of Poland.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

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

Off Record Remarks

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

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 (3/25/25) matter:

Bill "An Act to Address the Safety of Nurses and Improve Patient Care by Enacting the Maine Quality Care Act"

S.P. 509 L.D. 1281

Tabled - March 25, 2025 by Senator **INGWERSEN** of York

Pending - **REFERENCE**

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

Senator **INGWERSEN** of York moved to **REFER** the Bill to the Committee on **LABOR**.

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

Senator **MOORE:** Thank you, Madam President. I rise in opposition of the motion on the table regarding LD 1281. I really strongly feel that this should be referred to Health and Human Services.

LD 1281, the Act to Address Unsafe Staffing of Nurses and Improve Patient Care amends Title 22 solely, which falls under the purview of the Health and Human Services committee. The Department of Health and Human Services is responsible for enforcing the legislation should it become law, not the Department of Labor. Other legislation related to the staffing of facilities governed by Title 22 have been referred to the Health and Human Services Committee this session - LD 979 and LD 1237. Previous iterations of this bill were referred to the Health and Human Services in 2001 and 2003.

So, I respectfully ask for a Roll Call to this motion.

On motion by Senator **MOORE** of Washington, 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 (#95)

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

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

EXCUSED: Senators: BALDACCI, RENY

18 Senator having voted in the affirmative and 15 Senators having voted in the negative, with 2 Senators being excused, the motion by Senator **INGWERSEN** of York to **REFER** the Bill to the Committee on **LABOR, PREVAILED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

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

Joint Resolution

On motion by Senator **TEPLER** of Sagadahoc (Cosponsored by Representative ZAGER of Portland and Senators: BRENNER of Cumberland, PIERCE of Cumberland, Representative: OSHER of Orono), the following Joint Resolution:

S.P. 638

**JOINT RESOLUTION
RECOGNIZING MAY 2025 AS JEWISH AMERICAN HERITAGE
MONTH**

WHEREAS, May is Jewish American Heritage Month, established by the United States Congress to recognize the more than 365-year history of Jewish contributions to American culture; and

WHEREAS, Jewish Americans, in the face of unspeakable discrimination and adversity, have fought tirelessly to realize the promise of the nation's founding and their achievements have enriched the country, stirred our conscience and challenged us to extend the miracles of freedom and security; and

WHEREAS, Jewish Americans have worked to strengthen the promise of religious freedom because their ancestors were tested from the moment they came together and professed their faith, and Jewish Americans continue to teach us empathy and compassion, inspired by their parents and grandparents, who know how it felt to be a stranger, and to stand up for a more perfect union for all; and

WHEREAS, Jewish communities continue to confront hostility and bigotry, including in America; and

WHEREAS, our nation shares an obligation to condemn and combat anti-Semitism and hatred wherever it exists and we remain committed to standing against the ugly tide of anti-Semitism in all its forms, including the denial or trivialization of the Holocaust; and

WHEREAS, during Jewish American Heritage Month, we celebrate the hard-fought progress won through struggle and sacrifice and we rededicate ourselves to building a world where diversity is cherished and faith is protected; 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, recognize May 2025 as Jewish American Heritage Month and take this opportunity to urge the citizens of the State to observe Jewish American Heritage Month with appropriate programs, ceremonies and activities.

The Joint Resolution was **READ**.

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

Senator **TEPLER:** Thank you, Madam President. I'd like to address Men and Women of the Body and tell you a little bit about some of the early Jewish settlers of the colonial United States of America.

My family, as I understand it, my ancestors are Sephardic Jews on one side of my family. This means that they came from Spain or Portugal, which among American Jews is more unusual, but also is characteristic of the early American Jewish settlers here in our country. Most of the Jewish people that you are probably familiar with are Ashkenazi Jews, that is Jews who came from Eastern Europe. There are also Jews who came from the Maghreb, North Africa, and the Middle East, and in our tradition, those are called Mizrahi Jews. But part of my ancestry is Sephardic, probably from Portugal, and they would have fled that country at the time of the Inquisition. England had a ban on Jews as well but allowed some Jews in, particularly those fleeing the Inquisition in the 15th century. And I believe that my family traveled from Portugal to England and settled in the Whitechapel neighborhood of London for many years. From there, they may have gone back and forth to the Caribbean as merchants - and I will admit probably in the triangle trade and may have been responsible for some portions of American slavery, which I am embarrassed and ashamed about - but nonetheless, some of them came to Philadelphia around the time of the Revolution and helped to settle one of the earliest synagogues in our country, known as Mikveh Israel in the city of Philadelphia. There were already two existing Sephardic synagogues in the United States, one in Rhode Island, the Touro Synagogue, which is now the oldest synagogue in the country and is co-owned by the Spanish and Portuguese synagogue of New York.

That -- I just wanted you to understand that Jews are not monolithic any more than any other ethnic peoples of the United States are. We have a variety of heritages from countries around the world and a variety of traditions and we are American from the time of the Revolution.

Thank you very much.

H.P. 193 L.D. 293

The Joint Resolution was **ADOPTED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

House

Ought to Pass

The Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Bill "An Act to Amend the Laws Governing the Controlled Substances Prescription Monitoring Program"

H.P. 495 L.D. 765

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 PRESIDENT: The Chair is pleased to recognize in the rear of the Chamber, the Central High School Drama Team, who won the Class B State Championship at the Maine Drama Festival. They are the guests from the Town of Corinth -- they are from the Town of Corinth and they are the guests of the Senator from Penobscot, Senator Guerin. Would they please rise and accept the greetings of the Maine Senate?

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair would recognize the Senator from Penobscot, Senator Guerin.

Senator **GUERIN:** Thank you very much, Madam Chair. I am so delighted to have this group here today. They're special to my heart because I used to be a member of the Central Drama Club and learned a lot of good public speaking skills there. I think one thing that is especially impressive for the Central Team is they don't have an official auditorium or stage, they have just a stage in the gym, and old-fashioned kind of setup. So, it shows that without a lot of extra frills and money, they were able to come off as state champions, I think that's pretty special and I'm very proud of them today.

Ought to Pass As Amended

The Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** on Bill "An Act to Eliminate the Debt Limit of the Boothbay Region Water District"

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-39)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-39)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-39) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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

The Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** on Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 6: Delegation of Nursing Activities and Tasks to Unlicensed Assistive Personnel by Registered Professional Nurses, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, State Board of Nursing (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 54 L.D. 90

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-41)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-41)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-41) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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

The Committee on **HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** on Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 12: Fees for Kickboxing Contests and Authorized Participants, a Major Substantive Rule of the Combat Sports Authority of Maine (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 174 L.D. 271

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-38)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-38)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-38) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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

The Committee on **HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** on Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 2: Fees for Muay Thai Contests and Authorized Participants, a Major Substantive Rule of the Combat Sports Authority of Maine (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 175 L.D. 272

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-37)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-37)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-37) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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 **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** on Bill "An Act to Repeal the Law Prohibiting Unauthorized Paramilitary Training"

H.P. 203 L.D. 303

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

Signed:

Senator:
BEEBE-CENTER of Knox

Representatives:
HASENFUS of Readfield
ABDI of Lewiston
BUNKER of Farmington
LAJOIE of Lewiston
LOOKNER of Portland
MILLIKEN of Blue Hill

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

Signed:

Senator:
CYRWAY of Kennebec

Representatives:
ARDELL of Monticello
MCINTYRE of Lowell
PERKINS of Dover-Foxcroft

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

Reports **READ**.

Senator **BEEBE-CENTER** of Knox moved the Senate **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report, 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 (#96)

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

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

EXCUSED: Senators: BALDACCI, LIBBY

19 Senator having voted in the affirmative and 14 Senators having voted in the negative, with 2 Senators being excused, the motion by Senator **BEEBE-CENTER** of Knox to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **PREVAILED**, in concurrence.

Off Record Remarks

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** on Bill "An Act to Remove State-imposed Referendum Requirements Regarding Nuclear Power"
H.P. 369 L.D. 601

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

Signed:

Senators:
LAWRENCE of York
GROHOSKI of Hancock

Representatives:
SACHS of Freeport
GEIGER of Rockland
RUNTE of York
WARREN of Scarborough
WEBB of Durham

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

Signed:

Senator:
HARRINGTON of York

Representatives:
FOSTER of Dexter
MCINTYRE of Lowell
PAUL of Winterport
WADSWORTH of Hiram

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

Reports **READ**.

Senator **LAWRENCE** of York moved the Senate **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT NOT 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 York, Senator Harrington.

Senator **HARRINGTON:** Thank you, Madam President. I just wanted to speak briefly to this.

It should be noted that the only generation source in Maine that requires a referendum is nuclear. And if we're going to reach our established climate goals, we are going to need more baseload capacity energy, and I can't think of a more reasonable clean energy than nuclear. And for that reason, I would urge the Members of this Body to vote against the current stature. Thank you.

THE PRESIDENT: The pending question before the Senate is Acceptance of the Majority Ought Not to Pass 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 (#97)

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

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

EXCUSED: Senators: BALDACCI

20 Senator having voted in the affirmative and 14 Senators having voted in the negative, with 1 Senators being excused, the motion by Senator **LAWRENCE** of York to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **PREVAILED**, in concurrence.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** on Bill "An Act Concerning the Restoration of Electricity During Emergencies for Certain Medically Vulnerable Individuals Who Rely on Electronic Medical Apparatuses"
H.P. 401 L.D. 633

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

Signed:

Senators:
LAWRENCE of York
GROHOSKI of Hancock

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

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

Signed:

Senator:

HARRINGTON of York

Representatives:

FOSTER of Dexter

MCINTYRE of Lowell

PAUL of Winterport

WADSWORTH of Hiram

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

Reports **READ**.

Senator **LAWRENCE** of York 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 York, Senator Harrington.

Senator **HARRINGTON:** Thank you, Madam President. I rise in opposition to this motion. This bill is such a great idea, it turns out the utilities are already doing it and we don't need more legislation to tell them to do something that they're already doing. Thank you.

THE PRESIDENT: The pending question before the Senate is Acceptance of the Majority Ought to Pass 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 (#98)

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

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

EXCUSED: Senators: BALDACCI

20 Senator having voted in the affirmative and 14 Senators having voted in the negative, with 1 Senators being excused, the motion by Senator **LAWRENCE** of York to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS** Report **PREVAILED**, in concurrence.

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

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** on Bill "An Act to Expand Municipal Authority over Utility Pole Permits"

H.P. 559 L.D. 873

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

Signed:

Senators:

LAWRENCE of York

GROHOSKI of Hancock

Representatives:

SACHS of Freeport

FOSTER of Dexter

GEIGER of Rockland

KESSLER of South Portland

MCINTYRE of Lowell

RUNTE of York

WADSWORTH of Hiram

WARREN of Scarborough

WEBB of Durham

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

Signed:

Senator:

HARRINGTON of York

Representative:

PAUL of Winterport

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

Reports **READ**.

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

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

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** on Bill "An Act to Remove the 5 Cent Fee for Bags in Retail Stores" (EMERGENCY)
H.P. 20 L.D. 56

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
OSHER of Orono
RIELLY of Westbrook

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

Signed:

Senator:
MARTIN of Oxford

Representatives:
CAMPBELL of Orrington
SCHMERSAL-BURGESS of Mexico
SOBOLESKI of Phillips
WOODSOME of Waterboro

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

Reports **READ**.

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

On motion by Senator **STEWART** of Aroostook, 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 (#99)

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

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

EXCUSED: Senators: BALDACCI

20 Senator having voted in the affirmative and 14 Senators having voted in the negative, with 1 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 **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** on Bill "An Act to Repeal the Law Restricting the Use of Certain Plastic, Paper and Single-use Bags"

H.P. 33 L.D. 69

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
OSHER of Orono
RIELLY of Westbrook
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

Representatives:

CAMPBELL of Orrington
SCHMERSAL-BURGESS of Mexico
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.

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 (#100)

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

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

EXCUSED: Senators: BALDACCI

20 Senator having voted in the affirmative and 14 Senators
having voted in the negative, with 1 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 **ENVIRONMENT AND
NATURAL RESOURCES** on Bill "An Act to Protect Coastal
Property by Allowing Property Owners to Protect Their Existing
Dwellings"

H.P. 317 L.D. 488

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
OSHER of Orono
RIELLY of Westbrook

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

Signed:

Senator:

MARTIN of Oxford

Representatives:

CAMPBELL of Orrington
SCHMERSAL-BURGESS of Mexico
SOBOLESKI of Phillips
WOODSOME of Waterboro

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.

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 (#101)

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

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

EXCUSED: Senators: BALDACCI

20 Senator having voted in the affirmative and 14 Senators
having voted in the negative, with 1 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 **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** on Bill "An Act to Require Rules Designed to Reduce Climate Change to Include Estimates of the Reduction in Adverse Climate Effects and of the Cost to Consumers"

H.P. 324 L.D. 495

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
OSHER of Orono
RIELLY of Westbrook
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

Representatives:

SCHMERSAL-BURGESS of Mexico
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.

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 (#102)

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

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

EXCUSED: Senators: BALDACCI

20 Senator having voted in the affirmative and 14 Senators having voted in the negative, with 1 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 **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** on Bill "An Act to Allow for Rescission of a Site Location of Development Permit When a Development Is Decommissioned"

H.P. 447 L.D. 708

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

Signed:

Senators:

TEPLER of Sagadahoc
BRENNER of Cumberland
MARTIN of Oxford

Representatives:

DOUDERA of Camden
ANKELES of Brunswick
BELL of Yarmouth
BRIDGEO of Augusta
OSHER of Orono
RIELLY of Westbrook
SOBOLESKI of Phillips
WOODSOME of Waterboro

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

Signed:

Representatives:

CAMPBELL of Orrington
SCHMERSAL-BURGESS of Mexico

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

Reports **READ**.

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

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

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

THE PRESIDENT: The Member may proceed.

Senator **TIMBERLAKE:** Madam President, as I read this bill, I'm having a hard time understanding the language in it and I'd like to know exactly what it does because it refers to the permittee, not necessarily the landowner. And I see it's a department bill, I'm not necessarily against it, but I'm not necessarily for it till I can figure out exactly what this bill is doing with the decommissioning, because I served too many years on a planning board.

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

Senator **TEPLER:** So, the department wishes to add to the site law that when a site is decommissioned that the department may be able to rescind the permit for that site. So, for example, if ground is cleared and prepared for building a shopping center but the developer runs out of money and ten years later, the site is still sitting there, the department wishes to be able to rescind the permit on that site for building the said shopping center, not removing any privileges of the landowner.

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

Senator **TIMBERLAKE:** Permission to pose another question through the Chair?

THE PRESIDENT: The Member may proceed.

Senator **TIMBERLAKE:** And I thank the Good Senator for her response, but it doesn't -- the question, I guess, to follow that, take that one step further, is who is responsible for paying to put that back to the original site? Is it the permittee or is it the current landowner? Because we all know that I can think of one that happened down in the Ellsworth area that a shopping center was sold, a deed restriction was kept on it so they couldn't put another shopping center there, and if that was done and the permittee at that point in time would've been the previous owner, who is responsible -- my concern is who gets left responsible with this bill in the end, and I wonder how that is being handled because it's very concerning after I've seen this happen multiple times throughout the state of Maine.

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

Senator **TEPLER:** Thank you very much, Madam President. Madam President, this law does not change current law regarding who is responsible for the decommissioning of the site. In fact, this law only takes place after the decommissioning of the site has been fully -- has fully happened. So, it doesn't affect that portion of the law, and under the current law, it is the permittee who is responsible for decommissioning.

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

Senator **TIMBERLAKE:** And I thank the Good Senator for the question again, but I would pose another question through the Chair, Madam President. I'm sorry, but this is very concerning to me.

THE PRESIDENT: The Member may proceed.

Senator **TIMBERLAKE:** So, the question I would ask through the Chair is if this is already the law, why do we need to change the current law, if it's already existing law?

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

Senator **TEPLER:** So, this law permits rescission of a site location permit and does not address decommissioning.

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

Senator **STEWART:** Thank you, Madam Chair, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. I had some similar questions around this line of thinking this morning in caucus, and so, if we can get clarity on the -- who presently owns the ability to rescind? Does that apply to an individual that then if they were to transfer their ownership interests in a parcel that did have a -- if they sold but is the -- is the specific ability to rescind something that transfers with that transaction or does it maintain with the individual who originally applied and got the permit from the department such that down the road, they would still have the ability to do that, either out from the then-present owner, or does that -- would that all presently transfer under the current law? Thank you.

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

Senator **TEPLER:** Thank you, Madam Chair. Currently, there is no ability to rescind a site location permit. The department has requested the ability to do that when a site is fully decommissioned. Decommissioning law is separate from this law. So, the -- this refers specifically to the permit granted to a particular developer at a particular site and the ability to rescind that site permit when the permit has not been fulfilled.

On motion by Senator **TIMBERLAKE** of Androscoggin, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending motion by Senator **TEPLER** of Sagadahoc to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS** Report, in concurrence.

Senate

Ought to Pass

Senator NANGLE for the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** on Resolve, to Rename a Bridge in Windham and Gorham the Little Falls Veterans Memorial Bridge

S.P. 362 L.D. 796

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

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

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** on Bill "An Act to Use Certain Regional Transmission Organization Payments for Beneficial Electrification to Reduce Electricity Rates"

S.P. 268 L.D. 585

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

Signed:

Senators:

LAWRENCE of York
GROHOSKI of Hancock

Representatives:

SACHS of Freeport
GEIGER of Rockland
KESSLER of South Portland
RUNTE of York
WARREN of Scarborough
WEBB of Durham

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

Signed:

Senator:

HARRINGTON of York

Representatives:

FOSTER of Dexter
MCINTYRE of Lowell
PAUL of Winterport
WADSWORTH of Hiram

Reports **READ**.

Senator **LAWRENCE** of York moved the Senate **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS** Report.

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 (#103)

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

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

EXCUSED: Senators: BALDACCI

19 Senator having voted in the affirmative and 15 Senators having voted in the negative, with 1 Senators being excused the motion by Senator **LAWRENCE** of York to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS** Report, **PREVAILED**.

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

Sent down forthwith for concurrence.

ENACTORS

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

Resolves

Resolve, to Name a Railroad Crossing in Wiscasset the James Weldon Johnson Crossing

S.P. 109 L.D. 243

Resolve, to Rename the Shapleigh Bridge the Shapleigh Veterans Memorial Bridge

S.P. 249 L.D. 569

Resolve, to Rename the Salmon Falls Bridge Between Buxton and Hollis the Salmon Falls Veterans Memorial Bridge

S.P. 285 L.D. 672

Resolve, to Rename the Mill Pond Bridge the Sebago Veterans Memorial Bridge

S.P. 302 L.D. 685

Resolve, to Rename the Kezar Falls Bridge Between Porter and Parsonsfield the Kezar Falls Veterans Memorial Bridge
S.P. 303 L.D. 686

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

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

Senate at Ease.

The Senate was called to order by the President.

Off Record Remarks

Senate at Ease.

The Senate was called to order by the President.

The Senate considered the following additional papers:

ENACTORS

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

Emergency Measure

An Act to Address the Limited Availability of Counsel in Courts to Represent Indigent Parties in Matters Affecting Their Fundamental Rights

S.P. 462 L.D. 1101
(C "A" S-11)

This being an Emergency Measure and having received the affirmative vote of 31 Members of the Senate, with 3 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.

Ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

The Senate considered the following additional papers:

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

House Papers

Bill "An Act to Create Parity in Poultry Processing and Farming Licenses and Inspections"

H.P. 1059 L.D. 1601

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

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

Bill "An Act to Establish the Maine Emergency Medical Services Commission"

H.P. 1057 L.D. 1599

Bill "An Act to Provide Regional Support Funding for Municipal Police Departments to Support Special Response Teams"

H.P. 1058 L.D. 1600

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

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

Resolve, Establishing the Commission to Update Maine's Public Policy on Higher Education

H.P. 1016 L.D. 1558

Bill "An Act to Modify Certification Standards for Full-time Teachers in Public Charter Schools and for Educational Technicians"

H.P. 1029 L.D. 1571

Bill "An Act to Abolish School Budget Referenda"

H.P. 1037 L.D. 1579

Bill "An Act to Amend the Regional School Unit Budget Validation Referendum Law"

H.P. 1044 L.D. 1586

Bill "An Act to Ensure Transparency in Student Transfer Requests"

H.P. 1046 L.D. 1588

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 Reduce Energy Costs by Permitting the Ownership of Generation by Investor-owned Transmission and Distribution Utilities"

H.P. 1050 L.D. 1592

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 Delay Implementation of Recent Changes to Maine's Beverage Container Redemption Law" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 1022 L.D. 1564

Bill "An Act to Clarify the Prohibition on the Sale of Beverages in Plastic Containers"

H.P. 1040 L.D. 1582

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.

Bill "An Act to Prohibit Fluoridation of the Public Water Supply"

H.P. 1028 L.D. 1570

Bill "An Act to Require the Department of Health and Human Services to Review Disruption to or Removal of Health Services"

H.P. 1036 L.D. 1578

Bill "An Act Regarding Home Health Care and Hospice Services Ordered by a Health Care Provider Outside of Maine"

H.P. 1041 L.D. 1583

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 Prohibit Pharmacy Benefits Managers from Imposing Certain Fees and Pricing"

H.P. 1038 L.D. 1580

Bill "An Act to Improve Parity in Insurance Coverage for Outpatient Counseling Services in Maine"

H.P. 1047 L.D. 1589

Bill "An Act to Reduce the Counselor and Social Worker Shortage by Amending Reciprocity Requirements for Those Professionals from Other Jurisdictions"

H.P. 1048 L.D. 1590

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.

Resolve, to Direct the Department of Economic and Community Development to Form a Stakeholder Group to Analyze and Improve Home Repair Funding Programs in the State (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 1027 L.D. 1569

Resolve, to Direct the Maine State Housing Authority to Amend Its Rules Governing the Fuel Assistance Program Regarding Benefit Payments for Wood Fuel

H.P. 1043 L.D. 1585

Bill "An Act to Prohibit the Use of Dynamic Pricing for Certain Consumer Goods"

H.P. 1055 L.D. 1597

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 Allow the Use of Certain All-terrain Vehicles on Snowmobile Trails"

H.P. 1023 L.D. 1565

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 Regarding Prosecution Standards for Nonfatal Strangulation or Suffocation in Domestic Violence Cases"
H.P. 1030 L.D. 1572

Bill "An Act to Provide Relocation Assistance to Victims of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault and Sex Trafficking"
H.P. 1056 L.D. 1598

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 Require Sexual Harassment Prevention Training for Restaurant Employees"
H.P. 1012 L.D. 1554

Bill "An Act to Establish Greater Alignment of Penalties for Certain Labor Law Violations"
H.P. 1045 L.D. 1587

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

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

Resolve, Regarding the Percentage of a Lobster and Crab Fishing Licensee's Lobster Traps That May Be Fished in a Lobster Management Zone Listed on the License as a Secondary Zone
H.P. 1019 L.D. 1561

Bill "An Act to Strengthen Working Waterfronts Against Nuisance Complaints Regarding Aquaculture"
H.P. 1053 L.D. 1595

Bill "An Act to Support Maine's Sea Farmers"
H.P. 1054 L.D. 1596

Come 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, Regarding Increasing the Number of Kennebec County Commissioners
H.P. 1014 L.D. 1556

Bill "An Act to Address Conflicts of Interest with Municipal Contracts"
H.P. 1018 L.D. 1560

Bill "An Act to Establish Content Standards for Legislation"
H.P. 1021 L.D. 1563

Bill "An Act to Provide Compensation to Individuals with Lived Experience Serving on Advisory Boards, Commissions, Councils and Similar Groups"
H.P. 1024 L.D. 1566

Bill "An Act to Require Legislative Approval for Certain Emergency Powers of the Governor"
H.P. 1031 L.D. 1573

Bill "An Act to Allow a Legislator to Choose to Be Paid on an Annual Basis" (EMERGENCY)
H.P. 1033 L.D. 1575

Resolve, to Establish the Commission to Study and Recommend Solutions for Modernizing the Maine Legislature
H.P. 1035 L.D. 1577

Bill "An Act to Require Certain Public Entities to Define Their Use of the Term 'Equity'"
H.P. 1051 L.D. 1593

Bill "An Act to Change the Appropriation for the Governor's Expense Account and Create Transparency in Expenditures Made from That Account"
H.P. 1052 L.D. 1594

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 Establish an Employer Tax Credit for Qualifying Child Care Costs"
H.P. 1013 L.D. 1555

Bill "An Act to Amend the Credit for Educational Opportunity and Student Loan Repayment Tax Credit"
H.P. 1032 L.D. 1574

Bill "An Act to Establish Municipal Cost Components for Unorganized Territory Services to Be Rendered in Fiscal Year 2025-26" (EMERGENCY)
H.P. 1042 L.D. 1584

Bill "An Act to Grant a Municipality Authority to Tax Property According to Use"
H.P. 1049 L.D. 1591

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 Regarding Municipal Road Standards"
H.P. 1020 L.D. 1562

Bill "An Act to Allow the Use of a Siren in a Vehicle Used by a Harbor Master or Deputy Harbor Master" (EMERGENCY)
H.P. 1026 L.D. 1568

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 Authorize Medical Cannabis Farmers' Markets"
H.P. 1017 L.D. 1559

Bill "An Act to Require Labeling of Radiation Treatment and Ozonation of Adult Use Cannabis and Inspection and Registration of Associated Equipment"
H.P. 1025 L.D. 1567

Bill "An Act to Extend a One-year Lobbying Prohibition to Partisan and Nonpartisan Staff of the Legislature"
H.P. 1034 L.D. 1576

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

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

The Senate considered the following additional papers:

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

House Papers

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Require a Supermajority of the Legislature to Approve Raising Taxes
H.P. 1011 L.D. 1553

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

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

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

Bill "An Act Regarding the Motor Vehicle Excise Tax Exemption for Certain Veterans"

H.P. 1039 L.D. 1581

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

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

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

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

Off Record Remarks

On motion by Senator **PIERCE** of Cumberland, **ADJOURNED**, pursuant to the Joint Order, until Tuesday, April 15, 2025 at 10:00 in the morning, or to the call of the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House respectively.