

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION
JOURNAL AND RECORD OF THE SENATE**

In Senate Chamber
Tuesday
April 29, 2025

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

Prayer by Reverend Dr. Jodi Cohen Hayashida of Multifaith Justice Maine.

REVEREND Dr. JODI COHEN HAYASHIDA: Good morning. It's good to be with you all today. I invite those of you for whom prayer is not particularly meaningful to give yourselves the gift of these few moments to take a few breaths in the midst of your days. And for those of you for whom prayer is meaningful, I invite you to join me in the spirit of prayer. Let us pray.

Holy One, you whose abundant love holds and fills and calls us all. Help us to be open to your presence in this moment. We begin today in gratitude for the warming sun and the greening earth that reminds us that new life is not only a possibility but indeed a promise, though it may emerge in unexpected places and in unexpected forms. Help us to pay close enough attention that we do not miss the emerging.

We offer thanks this morning for the many constituents, young and old, who are gathered in this space. On any given day, they are out blessing the world with their own actions. Today, they are here bearing witness to the work of the people. We are grateful for their presence. And we offer thanks for this gathered body, these beloved ones who are here this morning to work, do not earn a whole lot of money, and it is rare that they are showered with glory, they are drawn here by deep and abiding love of this state and its people. The sacrifice and commitment they offer to do this work is significant. We offer thanks. And though what they are already giving is great, we must ask more. Because these beloved ones have chosen to serve in a time that is fraught for all of us. They have chosen to serve in a time when the dehumanization of others, especially the most vulnerable, is a tool that we frequently take up to make ourselves feel strong and safe. They have chosen to serve in a time when we embrace a nearly exuberant cruelty to distract us from our own vulnerability. These beloved ones have chosen to serve in a time when division is not simply expected, but often viewed as a critical purity test. And while in these strange and hard times, this is all understandable and all deeply human, we need them to be not just of us and not as us, but the best of us. We need them to set aside the dehumanization, to refuse the cruelty, to break through the division. We need them in whatever way they meet you and by whatever name they call you, to listen to the gentle truth of your voice. We need them to ground themselves in your all-embracing love. We need them to allow themselves to be softened by your compassion. We need them to see your presence in the lived experience of every colleague and constituent. May they seek through the work of every meeting and hearing and negotiation and hallway conversation and midnight revelation. May they seek ways to help shape Maine

into a state where every life is not just understood to be sacred and beloved but treated as such, where all people thrive in the fullness of their being. And we, all of us together, and in all of our own ways, rejoice in the work of maintaining a kingdom of heaven right here in this state that cares for us all. May it be so on this day and all days. Amen. Blessed be.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Senator James D. Libby of Cumberland County.

Reading of the Journal of Thursday, April 24, 2025.

Medical Provider of the Day, Jonathan R. Meserve, MD of Falmouth.

Off Record Remarks

SENATE PAPERS

Bill "An Act to Require a Blood Test for Drugs for Drivers Involved in a Motor Vehicle Accident That Results in Serious Bodily Injury or Death"

S.P. 703 L.D. 1815

Presented by Senator CYRWAY of Kennebec.
Cosponsored by Representative DILL of Old Town and Senators: BAILEY of York, HARRINGTON of York, Representatives: FLYNN of Albion, GRAHAM of North Yarmouth, PAUL of Winterport, PERKINS of Dover-Foxcroft, SHAGOURY of Hallowell, THORNE of Carmel.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Establish a Statewide Sexual Assault Forensic Examination Kit Tracking System and Conduct an Inventory of Existing Forensic Examination Kits in the Possession of Law Enforcement" (EMERGENCY)

S.P. 707 L.D. 1816

Presented by Senator DUSON of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative STOVER of Boothbay and Senators: BENNETT of Oxford, President DAUGHTRY of Cumberland, PIERCE of Cumberland, Representatives: CARLOW of Buxton, Speaker FECTEAU of Biddeford, GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach, MILLIKEN of Blue Hill.

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

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Promote Transparency in the Criminal Justice System by Requiring the Posting of Criminal Case Decisions"
S.P. 710 L.D. 1823

Presented by Senator HARRINGTON of York.
Cosponsored by Senators: CYRWAY of Kennebec, HAGGAN of Penobscot, STEWART of Aroostook, Representatives: FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor, SMITH of Palermo.

Bill "An Act to Prohibit the Public Release of Information Regarding a Railroad Fatality"
S.P. 711 L.D. 1824

Presented by Senator RAFFERTY of York.
Cosponsored by Representative LYMAN of Livermore Falls and Senators: BALDACCI of Penobscot, TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

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

ORDERS

Joint Orders

Expressions of Legislative Sentiment recognizing:

The Boothbay Region High School Drama Students One Act Play Team, which won the Gold Medal at the Maine Drama Festival's Class B Regional One Act Tournament. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 498

Sponsored by Senator RENY of Lincoln.
Cosponsored by Representative: STOVER of Boothbay.

The Joint Order was **READ**.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Lincoln, Senator Reny.

Senator **RENY:** Thank you, Madam President. Good morning, everyone. I rise today to recognize the Boothbay Region High School Drama Club for winning gold at the Maine Drama Festival's Class B Regional One Act Tournament in March. The club took home the gold trophy with their production of Shakespeare's A Midsummer Night's Dream, beating three other schools and winning the opportunity to advance to the state-level competition. At the state competition, they went on to win silver, but I hear maybe somebody dropped out and now they're also gold.

At the regional competition, there were many other prizes awarded to this talented bunch of students behind me. Eleanor Marshall, Natalie Flagg, Zuriel Smith, Titan Lewis, Sarah Harris, and Olivia Carlson won festival all-cast acting awards. Hannah Hills received a special commendation for cue-to-cue calling, which is an important part of stage management, and the team won a special commendation for color palette, gripping, and set layout.

The group is directed by Dr. Mary Miller and Susie Taylor, and I commend them both for being able to channel teenagers' significant energies into such an impressive performance. So, congratulations to the Boothbay Region High School Drama Club students.

The Joint Order was **PASSED**.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair is pleased to recognize in the rear of the Chamber the Boothbay Region High School Drama Club students and their directors, Susie Taylor and Mary Miller. They are from the town of Boothbay Harbor, and they are the guests today of the Senator from Lincoln, Senator Reny. Would they please rise and accept the greetings of the Maine Senate?

Sent down for concurrence.

The Cape Elizabeth Speech and Debate Team, which won the Maine State Debate Championship in Congressional Debate Overall. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;
SLS 499

Sponsored by Senator CARNEY of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representatives: BOYER of Cape Elizabeth, KESSLER of South Portland.

The Joint Orders was **READ**.

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

Senator **CARNEY:** Thank you, Madam President. Good morning, Senators and guests. Today, I rise proudly to recognize some wonderful students and a coach from Cape Elizabeth High School's Speech and Debate Team.

These students have significant debate skills that I think would be the envy of all of us here in the Chamber. We have the privilege of being joined today by Caroline Straw, who is this year's congressional debate state champion, and Jonah Milton, Gideon Straw, and Celeste Tourangeau, who are the members of the Cape Elizabeth High School Speech and Debate Team who won this year's Maine State Championship in congressional debate. They're joined by their coach, Lisa Melanson.

These students spent the whole fall preparing for this competition with their coach, and their hard work really paid off. They were well researched, well-spoken, and unwilling to back down when confronted with challenging arguments and formidable opponents. Throughout the season, the team debated everything from serious legislative matters to less intellectually serious topics like Godzilla.

I know that you all represented our state and our community well with your civility during debates and by ensuring your statements remained grounded in fact. I know you will remember these important values as you move forward with your careers and make your contributions in the future. And of course, those of us who work every day in this Chamber hope that you will consider putting your tremendous skills to work one day in a legislative role.

I will recognize Caroline now, even though she is the subject of the next sentiment. Caroline Straw of Cape Elizabeth won the debate -- the Maine State Debate Championship in congressional debate and she will be heading to Chicago at the end of May to compete in the National Catholic Forensic League's National Debate Championship Tournament. I ask you all to join me in wishing her good luck and join me in congratulating all of these talented students and their coach.

Caroline Straw, of Cape Elizabeth, who won the Maine State Debate Championship in Congressional Debate. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;
SLS 500

Sponsored by Senator CARNEY of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representatives: BOYER of Cape Elizabeth, KESSLER of South Portland.

The Joint Order was **READ**.

The Joint Orders were **PASSED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair is pleased to recognize in the rear of the Chamber the Cape Elizabeth High School Speech and Debate team, with their coach, Lisa Melanson. They are from the town of Cape Elizabeth and they are the guests today of the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Carney. Would they please rise and accept the greetings of the Maine Senate?

Kindness Keepers for Hallie, of Poland, recipients of a Spirit of America Foundation Award. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the foundation presents awards to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;
SLS 506

Sponsored by Senator BICKFORD of Androscoggin.
Cosponsored by Representatives: BOYER of Poland, OLSEN of Raymond.

The Joint Order was **READ**.

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

Senator **BICKFORD:** Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, Members of the Senate, today I rise to recognize and honor the life of Hallie Oldham, a young girl from our state whose memory continues to encourage acts of kindness and community service across Maine.

Hallie was just nine years old when on July 21, 2022, her life was tragically lost in a sudden weather-related incident while she was camping with her family. Her passing was a devastating loss for those who knew and loved her. Her parents, her younger sister, Kylie, her friends, teammates, coaches, and teachers. Hallie was known for her compassion, energy, and strong spirit. She enjoyed reading, playing sports including basketball, soccer, lacrosse, and swimming, and spending time outdoors. She played for the Poland Recreation and MBC AAU basketball, proudly wearing number 12. Hallie had a special love for animals, and her goal was to become a veterinarian. She was remembered as someone who always treated others with kindness, whether people or animals. Even in her final moments, Hallie continued that spirit of giving, donating her hair to help children undergoing medical treatment.

Since her passing, her family and community have created Kindness Keepers for Hallie, an initiative that supports local youth by expanding access to academics and sports, with a focus on giving back in meaningful, practical ways. In addition, a public Facebook group called Keeping Kindness for Hallie has become a space where individuals across Maine and beyond are sharing simple acts of kindness in her name. These acts range from painting rocks with encouraging messages to donating clothing to one first responder who honored her with a personal tattoo. When asked if this kindness movement will continue, the response from those closest to her was clear - yes. Hallie had a saying that kindness is free, and those words have become the guiding message behind this effort. As one family friend put it, we

always knew Hallie would change the world, we just didn't know how.

Colleagues, Madam President, Hallie's story is a reminder of the impact one life can have. Her legacy continues through the generosity and thoughtfulness of others. By recognizing her here today, we acknowledge not just her life, but the community that has come together to honor her in a positive, forward-looking way. Thank you.

The Joint Order was **PASSED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair is pleased to recognize in the rear of the Chamber, members of the Kindness Keepers for Hallie from the town of Poland. They are the guests today of the Senator from Androscoggin, Senator Bickford. Would they please rise and accept the greetings of the Maine Senate?

The Senate considered the following additional papers:

ORDERS

Joint Order

An Expression of Legislative Sentiment recognizing:

The Hampden Academy Girls Basketball Team, which won the Class A North Championship. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 508

Sponsored by Senator HAGGAN of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Representative: HAGGAN of Hampden.

The Joint Order was **READ**.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Penobscot, Senator Haggan.

Senator **HAGGAN:** Thank you, Madam President, and Honorable Members of the Senate. This is going to be my second legendary speech in the Senate, behind the pledge - I don't know how I can beat that one, but I'll try.

I have the great honor of -- I'm a Bronco, I'm a proud Hampden Academy Bronco, an alum, 1979, I was there and on and the teacher and whatnot and ended my career at the middle school. Great pride that I have today. The Hampden Academy Bronco ladies won the Eastern Maine Class A North Championship in hoops this year. I cheated and stayed home to watch it on TV - don't tell anyone - and I -- it was incredible. The game was a double overtime win over Camden Hills. It was just really riveting, a great game, and they were clutch in the end, which was fantastic.

These ladies really worked hard, they practiced constantly. Their coaches, Nick Winchester and Chad Bradbury, are two of the finest coaches I've ever met as far as basketball goes, they're just incredible. The team was 16-6. I've had most of the ladies in class. I can tell you they are the finest -- of course, I'm the greatest teacher that ever lived so when I recognize greatness,

there it is. These guys are just awesome. We have one senior leaving us, so I expect to give this fantastic speech at least three more times.

So, anyway, thank you, they're right up there, and what a wonderful squad. Thank you.

The Joint Order was **PASSED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair is pleased to recognize in the balcony, members of the Hampden Academy Girls Basketball Team, the Class A North Champions. They are from the town of Hampden and they are the guests today of the Senator from Penobscot, Senator Haggan. Would they please rise and accept the greetings of the Maine Senate?

Off Record Remarks

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

Joint Resolution

The following Joint Resolution:

H.P. 1185

JOINT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE SEMIQUINCENTENNIAL OF THE BATTLES OF LEXINGTON AND CONCORD

WHEREAS, the battles of Lexington and Concord took place on April 19, 1775; and

WHEREAS, in the wake of the Seven Years' War, the British government sought to pay for the costs of the war by increasing taxes on its North American territories without their consent; and

WHEREAS, British subjects in the American colonies resisted taxation without representation through political action and civil agitation, culminating in the destruction of a cargo of imported tea, an event known as the Boston Tea Party, in December 1773; and

WHEREAS, the British Government responded to the resistance in Massachusetts by passing the "Intolerable Acts," which, among other measures, revoked the charter of the Province of Massachusetts Bay, which encompassed much of today's State of Maine, concentrated power in a Governor appointed by the King, forbade town meetings without the Governor's approval and placed Boston under military occupation; and

WHEREAS, in October of 1774, the royally appointed Governor Thomas Gage dissolved the provincial assembly of Massachusetts Bay; and

WHEREAS, the Massachusetts provincial assembly defied Governor Gage, adjourning to Concord and organizing themselves as a Provincial Congress on October 7, 1774, and with John Hancock as its president, it became the de facto government of Massachusetts outside of Boston, including representatives from York and Cumberland Counties and other parts of present-day Maine; and

WHEREAS, beginning in October 1774, the Provincial Congress initiated actions for the defense and safety of the Province of Massachusetts Bay by providing for procurement and disbursement of arms and munitions, assembling a militia and appointing as the militia's commander the Honorable Jedediah Preble, Esquire, of Falmouth, now Portland, Maine; and

WHEREAS, on the evening of April 18, 1775, British forces commenced a military operation to apprehend the leaders of the Provincial Congress in Lexington and confiscate the arms and munitions stored in Concord; and

WHEREAS, local militia volunteers, distinguished by the term "Minutemen," having been notified through the night of the approaching soldiers, fought British forces on the Lexington Green and at the North Bridge in Concord, protecting their munitions from seizure and harrying the British forces throughout their retreat to Boston; and

WHEREAS, these battles launched a successful war for our nation's independence; 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 honor the courage and sacrifice of those who risked their lives by taking up public service and armed service in defiance of tyranny and in defense of the principles and practice of representative self-government that is their legacy and our heritage.

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

The Joint Resolution was **READ**.

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

Senator **BENNETT:** Thank you, Madam President, Fellow Members of the Senate. I won't ask the Secretary to read this, we can all read it appropriately on the calendar, but I do want to make a few remarks about it.

I rise as a co-sponsor of this Joint Resolution to celebrate and remember the anniversary of the Battle of Lexington and Concord, that first bold stand for liberty that shook an empire and gave birth to our nation. On that morning 250 years ago, ordinary men and women rose to meet the call of freedom. They were not polished soldiers or great generals who stood against a distant empire, they were citizens, neighbors, farmers. I continue to be struck by the words of Ralph Waldo Emerson who later described them so simply and so powerfully in his Concord hymn; By the rude bridge that arched the flood, their flag to April's breeze unfurled, here once the embattled farmers stood, and fired the shot heard round the world.

Let's linger on that phrase for a moment, embattled farmers. Those who stood that day were men of the soil, who tilled and harvested, who knew the rhythms of their land, who lived by the strength of their hands and the grace of their seasons. These men and women and families didn't seek conflict, they didn't clamber for war. But when a distant government trampled their rights, taxed their livelihoods, and treated their lives as an afterthought, they stood. They stood at the edge of their fields and on the greens of their towns, musket in hand, with courage in their hearts, willing to defend what God had given them.

Today, two and a half centuries later, our farmers once again find themselves embattled, not with muskets this time, but with burdens just as heavy. Farmers here in Maine, across New England, and across America work from sunup to sundown to feed this nation, yet they are too often treated like an afterthought by a distant, out-of-touch government in Washington DC. Squeezed by inflation and debt, they are left to suffer the caprices of remote elites who have never tilled a field, never harvested a crop, never known what it means to pray for rain or brace against drought. Once again, farmers find themselves subject to the whims of a distant power, supports suddenly severed, and well-established local markets upended. Once again, embattled farmers stand not just for themselves but for all of us. Let us stand with them. If we are to honor the spirit of Lexington and Concord, it is not enough to wave the flag or pass resolutions like this. We must act in the spirit of those first patriots, standing shoulder to shoulder with those who labor honestly, who seek only the freedom to work the land, raise their families, and build a future. The lesson of Lexington and Concord is clear; liberty is not a gift; it is a responsibility. It must be claimed, defended, and renewed with every generation.

Today, let's renew that spirit. Let us remember the embattled farmers who first stood for our freedom, who still stand today.

Thank you, Madam President.

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

Off Record Remarks

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication:

S.P. 706

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

April 25, 2025

Hon. Matthea Daughtry
President of the Senate
132nd Legislature

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

Dear Madam President and Mr. Speaker:

On April 25, 2025, 4 bills were received by the Secretary of the Senate.

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, these bills were referred to the Joint Standing Committees on April 25, 2025, as follows:

Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services

Bill "An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Optometric Practice" (S.P. 702) (L.D. 1803) (Sponsored by Senator BRENNER of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by Representative FOLEY of Wells and Senators: FARRIN of Somerset, HAGGAN of Penobscot, STEWART of Aroostook, BALDACCI of Penobscot, LAWRENCE of York, Representatives: MASTRACCIO of Sanford, FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor, MATHIESON of Kittery)

Judiciary

Bill "An Act to Establish a Post-conviction Review Process for Crimes Committed by Victims of Sex Trafficking and Sexual Exploitation" (S.P. 705) (L.D. 1805) (Sponsored by Senator TALBOT ROSS of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by Representative MOONEN of Portland and Senators: BENNETT of Oxford, BAILEY of York, BRENNER of Cumberland, Representatives: LEE of Auburn, KUHN of Falmouth, BOYER of Poland, SINCLAIR of Bath, SATO of Gorham)

Transportation

Bill "An Act Concerning Funding and Oversight of Transportation Matters" (S.P. 704) (L.D. 1804) (Sponsored by Senator FARRIN of Somerset) (Cosponsored by Representative PARRY of Arundel and Senator: HARRINGTON of York, Representatives: MASON of Lisbon, WHITE of Guilford, ALBERT of Madawaska, BISHOP of Bucksport)

Veterans and Legal Affairs

Bill "An Act to Increase Transparency in State Government by Amending Laws Regarding Persons Attempting to Influence the

Competitive Bidding Process and Lobbyist Reporting During Rule-making Processes" (S.P. 708) (L.D. 1814) (Sponsored by Senator HICKMAN of Kennebec) (Cosponsored by Representative LEE of Auburn and Senators: BENNETT of Oxford, FARRIN of Somerset, GROHOSKI of Hancock, DUSON of Cumberland, TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin, Representative: EDER of Waterboro)

Sincerely,

S/Darek M. Grant
Secretary of the Senate

S/Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Following Communication:

S.C. 305

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

April 24, 2025

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

Dear Secretary Grant,

Pursuant to my authority under Title 10, MRSA, Part 1, Ch. 1-A, §11.4-A2, I am pleased to appoint the following to the *Citizen Trade Policy Commission*, effective immediately:

Representative Morgan Rielly of Westbrook to serve as a member of the House of Representatives. As first-named House member, Representative Rielly will also serve as House Chair of the commission;

Representative Edward Crockett of Portland to serve as a member of the House of Representatives;

Representative Arthur Mingo of Calais to serve as a member of the House of Representatives.

If you have any questions, 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. 306

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

April 24, 2025

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

Dear Secretary Grant,

Pursuant to my authority under Title 5, MRSA, Chapter 631, §25002, I am pleased to appoint Jacqueline Mugwaneza of South Portland to the *Permanent Commission on the Status of Racial, Indigenous and Maine Tribal Populations*, effective immediately.

Ms. Mugwaneza will serve on this commission as a representative of an immigrant or refugee rights organization.

If you have any questions, 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. 307

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

April 24, 2025

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

RE: Nominations to the Maine Redevelopment Land Bank Authority

Dear President Daughtry:

I am pleased to nominate the following individuals for reappointment to the Maine Redevelopment Land Bank Authority:

- Janice de Lima of Falmouth
- Robert C. Bryant of Hartland
- Ian Houseal of Portland

Pursuant to 30-A MRSA §5155, this appointment is contingent on confirmation by the Maine State Senate after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Housing and Economic Development.

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. 287

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

April 22, 2025

Brigadier General Diane Dunn
The Adjutant General, Maine National Guard
23 Blue Star Ave
Camp Chamberlain, Joint Force Headquarters
Augusta, Maine 04330

Dear Brigadier General Dunn,

We are pleased to invite you to address a Joint Session of the 132nd Maine Legislature on April 30, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. concerning the State of the National Guard and any other matters that you may care to bring to our attention.

We look forward to seeing you then.

Sincerely,

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

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication:

S.C. 315

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

April 25, 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 Judiciary has had under consideration the nomination of Kelly O'Connor of Camden, for appointment to the Maine Commission on Public Defense Services.

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	Carney, A. of Cumberland, Haggan, D. of Penobscot
	Representatives	4	Kuhn, A. of Falmouth, Babin, M. of Fort Fairfield, Henderson, R. of Rumford, O'Halloran, D. of Brewer
NAYS	Senators	1	Talbot Ross, R. of Cumberland
	Representatives	3	Lee, A. of Auburn, Sato, E. of Gorham, Sinclair, D. of Bath
ABSENT		3	Rep. Caruso, E. of Caratunk, Rep. Poirier, J. of Skowhegan, Rep. Pugh, D. of Portland

Rep. Dana of Passamaquoddy Tribe was absent.

Six members of the Committee having voted in the affirmative and four in the negative, it was the vote of the Committee that the nomination of Kelly O'Connor of Camden, for appointment to the Maine Commission on Public Defense Services be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Anne Carney
Senate Chair

S/Amy D. Kuhn
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

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

The Following Communication:

S.C. 308

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

April 24, 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":

L.D. 1452	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
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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

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

The Following Communication:

S.C. 314

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

April 25, 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":

L.D. 1076 An Act to Hire School Security Officers to Protect Students and Make Schools Safer

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. 299

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

April 18, 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. 263 Resolve, to Provide Rural Nonmedical Transportation Services to the Elderly and Adults with Disabilities Receiving Home and Community Benefits Under MaineCare

L.D. 431 An Act Regarding Driver's Licenses for Individuals in Foster Care

L.D. 1125 An Act Regarding the Impact of Certain Nonemergency Transportation Services Contracts on Community Action Agency Programs

L.D. 1191 An Act to Ensure Timely Reimbursement for Providers of Child Care Services for Children in Foster Care

L.D. 1280 Resolve, to Create Pilot Programs to Provide Tuition Assistance and Grants for Rural Child Care Providers

L.D. 1380 Resolve, Establishing the Study Group on Solutions to Address Maine's Behavioral Health Workforce Shortage

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Henry Ingwersen S/Rep. Michele Meyer
Senate Chair House Chair

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

The Following Communication:

S.C. 300

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

April 18, 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. 625 An Act Supporting Education for the Rural Health Care Workforce

- L.D. 712 An Act to Clarify the Relationship Between Palliative Care Physicians and Hospital Physicians
- L.D. 938 An Act to Implement Certain Local Spending and Sourcing Requirements Regarding the Statewide Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program
- L.D. 1028 Resolve, to Establish the Task Force to Study Equitable Access to Maternal Health Care and Birthing Facilities
- L.D. 1070 Resolve, to Study a Medicaid Forward Plan for Maine
- L.D. 1235 An Act to Establish Transparency in Opioid Settlement Funds Allocated to Municipalities or Counties

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Henry Ingwersen S/Rep. Michele Meyer
Senate Chair House Chair

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

The Following Communication:

S.C. 309

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

April 24, 2025

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

Dear President Daughtry and Speaker Fecteau:

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

- L.D. 1392 An Act to Limit the Applicability of the Laws Regulating Payroll Processors to Services Provided by Payroll Processors to Employers with a Legal Address in the State (EMERGENCY)

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Donna Bailey S/Rep. Kristi M. Mathieson
Senate Chair House Chair

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

The Following Communication:

S.C. 313

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

April 24, 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. 1262 An Act to Improve Government Transparency and Accountability by Establishing a Process to Allow a Person to Require the State to Enforce Certain Laws and Rules

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Anne Carney S/Rep. Amy D. Kuhn
Senate Chair House Chair

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

The Following Communication:

S.C. 312

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

April 24, 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. 1348 An Act to Increase the Limit on Damages Under the Maine Tort Claims Act for Negligence Involving School Field Trips

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Anne Carney S/Rep. Amy D. Kuhn
Senate Chair House Chair

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

The Following Communication:

S.C. 310

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

April 23, 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. 1218 An Act to Allow Certain County Commissioners Who Are Maine Public Employees Retirement System Members to Switch to the Legislative Retirement Program

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Michael Tipping S/Rep. Amy Jean Roeder
Senate Chair House Chair

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

The Following Communication:

S.C. 311

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

April 24, 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. 1278 An Act to Change the Property Tax Appeal Process

L.D. 1368 An Act to Provide a Property Tax Exemption for Allowing Shellfish Harvester Access to the Intertidal Zone

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. 301

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

April 22, 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. 667 | An Act to Modernize the State Motor Vehicle Inspection Program and the Law Governing Inspection Fees |
| L.D. 676 | An Act to Fund the Recommendations of the Mountain Division Rail Use Advisory Council |
| L.D. 807 | An Act to Limit the Number of Free Motor Vehicle Registrations That May Be Provided to a Disabled Veteran and Reimburse Municipalities for the Loss of Excise Taxes |
| L.D. 1194 | An Act to Phase Out Vehicle Excise Taxes and Implement a Fee for Infrastructure Funding Based on a Vehicle's Annual Mileage |

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. 316

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

April 25, 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. 1334 | An Act to Require Retailers to Place Any Liquor That Is Accessible to Customers at Least 48 Inches from the Payment Terminal |
| L.D. 1434 | An Act to Allow Veterans' Organizations and Fraternal Organizations to Obtain a License to Operate the Draw Game Keno |

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Craig V. Hickman
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Laura Supica
House Chair

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

House

Ought to Pass

The Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** 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 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 **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** on Bill "An Act to Require Reporting of Sheltering or Aiding Missing Children"

H.P. 755 L.D. 1150

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.

Ought to Pass As Amended

The Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** on Bill "An Act to Appropriate Funds to the Department of Environmental Protection, Lake Water Quality Restoration and Protection Fund"

H.P. 196 L.D. 296

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-69)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-69)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-69) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

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

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.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** on Bill "An Act to Promote Clean and Affordable Maine-sourced Bioenergy by Amending the Law Regarding Outdoor Wood Boilers and Outdoor Pellet Boilers"
H.P. 331 L.D. 502

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 as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-68)**.

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**.

On motion by Senator **TEPLER** of Sagadahoc, the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act to Prohibit the Maine National Guard from Combat Deployment Absent an Act of the United States Congress"

H.P. 168 L.D. 265

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

Signed:

Senators:

HICKMAN of Kennebec
DUSON of Cumberland
TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin

Representatives:

SUPICA of Bangor
CHAPMAN of Auburn
FAIRCLOTH of Bangor
FREDERICKS of Sanford
FROST of Belgrade
MALON of Biddeford
TERRY of Gorham

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-70)**.

Signed:

Representatives:

BOYER of Poland
GRAHAM of North Yarmouth
HYMES of Waldo

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

Reports **READ**.

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

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

Senator **FARRIN:** Thank you, Madam President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. I just rise very briefly to speak about LD 265.

Those that know the legislative history of this bill know that the care and diligence that the committee gave, and the public hearings and the deliberations over this, and actually the wording of some of these bills that we hear called Defend the Guard and such, I just want to say -- I want -- thank you to the committee for the work that they did that listens to the words of the men and women of the Maine Army and Air National Guard that wear the uniform in defeating this proposal and giving them the opportunity

to serve not only the State of Maine but our country as well, and I look forward in supporting the motion of Ought Not to Pass of this legislation.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Penobscot, Senator Baldacci.

Senator **BALDACCI:** Thank you. I want to join in Senator Farrin's comments. Bangor is the home of the majority of the state's Air National Guard and much of its Army National Guard. They take this bill as a direct offense. Former Adjutant General Doug Farnham has spoken out strongly against this bill. This bill sends the wrong message, and it solves no problem and I would ask people to join us in voting the Ought Not to Pass Report.

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 (#128)

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

NAYS: Senators: None

EXCUSED: Senators: BRENNER, DUSON

33 Senator having voted in the affirmative and 0 Senators having voted in the negative, with 2 Senators being excused the motion by Senator **HICKMAN** of Kennebec to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **PREVAILED**, in concurrence.

Senate

Pursuant to Statute

Senator CARNEY for the Committee on **JUDICIARY** on Bill "An Act to Make Technical Changes to the Laws Governing the Maine Commission on Public Defense Services"

S.P. 700 L.D. 1801

Reported that the same be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY**, pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 4, section 1804, subsection 3, paragraph H.

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

Bill and accompanying papers **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY**

Sent down for concurrence.

Pursuant to Statute

Senator CARNEY for the Committee on **JUDICIARY** on Bill "An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Maine Commission on Public Defense Services to Clarify When an Indigent Criminal Defendant Is Entitled to Counsel at State Expense"

S.P. 701 L.D. 1802

Reported that the same be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY**, pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 4, section 1804, subsection 3, paragraph H.

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

Bill and accompanying papers **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY**

Sent down for concurrence.

Pursuant to Statute

Senator CARNEY for the Committee on **JUDICIARY** on Bill "An Act to Implement the Recommendation of the Maine Commission on Public Defense Services to Eliminate the Crime of Violation of Condition of Release"

S.P. 709 L.D. 1817

Reported that the same be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY**, pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 4, section 1804, subsection 3, paragraph H.

Report **READ**.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Pursuant to Statute

Senator CARNEY for the Committee on **JUDICIARY** on Bill "An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Maine Commission on Public Defense Services Regarding the Confidentiality of Attorney-Client Communications in Jails and Correctional Facilities"

S.P. 712 L.D. 1825

Reported that the same be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY**, pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 4, section 1804, subsection 3, paragraph H.

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

Bill and accompanying papers **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY**

Sent down for concurrence.

Ought to Pass As Amended

Senator INGWERSEN for the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Bill "An Act to Provide Funding for Sexual Assault Services"

S.P. 16 L.D. 117

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-30)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-30) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Senator NANGLE for the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** on Resolve, Directing the Maine-Canadian Legislative Advisory Commission and the New England and Eastern Canada Legislative Commission to Examine Restoring Passenger Rail from Boston to Montreal

S.P. 212 L.D. 472

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-26)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-26) **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.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** on Bill "An Act to Establish the PFAS Response Program and to Modify the Fund To Address PFAS Contamination"

S.P. 66 L.D. 130

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-28)**.

Signed:

Senators:

TALBOT ROSS of Cumberland
BLACK of Franklin
INGWERSEN of York

Representatives:

PLUECKER of Warren
BUNKER of Farmington
COOPER of Windham
CRAY of Palmyra
DILL of Old Town
FROST of Belgrade
GUERRETTE of Caribou
HEPLER of Woolwich

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

Signed:

Representative:

JACKSON of Oxford

Reports **READ**.

On motion by Senator **TALBOT ROSS** of Cumberland, the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **ACCEPTED**.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-28) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

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

Sent down forthwith for concurrence.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** on Bill "An Act to Require the Office of the Public Advocate to Implement the State's Climate Action Plan"
S.P. 370 L.D. 837

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-29)**.

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 AS AMENDED** Report **ACCEPTED**.

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

Senator **HARRINGTON:** Thank you, Madam President. I rise in opposition to the motion. We have one single state office in state government whose job it is to look out for Maine ratepayers, that is our public advocate. I do not think that blurring the lines between climate goals should be brought into the equation of that office. We have the entire Executive Branch through the Governor's Energy Office, the majority of the Maine Legislature, a vibrant force of the fourth branch of government wandering the halls that we call the lobby, all pushing toward these climate goals. We have this one position that I think should remain steadfast and focused on their job, and that is to look out for Maine ratepayers, and for that reason, I would urge you to vote against the current motion.

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

Senator **LAWRENCE:** Thank you, Madam President. And I would argue -- I appreciate the comments of the Good Senator from York, Senator Harrington, but I would argue that the lines are already blurred, that it's not clear what the role of the public advocate is in relation to the greenhouse gas reduction goals, and this makes it clear that the public advocate's role is to not to argue for the repeal of the greenhouse gas reduction goals in order to allegedly save ratepayers money but within those goals, the public advocate is free to argue for the most cost effective way to implement those goals.

So, we don't want a public advocate working against state policy, we want them working for state policy but finding the most cost-effective way for ratepayers that that policy can be implemented. Thank you.

THE PRESIDENT: The pending question before the Senate is Acceptance of the Majority Ought to Pass as Amended 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 (#129)

YEAS: Senators: BAILEY, BALDACCI, BEEBE-CENTER, CARNEY, CURRY, 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: BRENNER, DUSON

18 Senator having voted in the affirmative and 15 Senators having voted in the negative, with 2 Senators being excused the motion by Senator **LAWRENCE** of York to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report, **PREVAILED**.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-29) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

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

Sent down forthwith for concurrence.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** on Bill "An Act Clarifying Exemptions from the Notification Requirements for Products Containing PFAS"

S.P. 419 L.D. 987

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-27)**.

Signed:

Senators:

TEPLER of Sagadahoc
MARTIN of Oxford

Representatives:

DOUDERA of Camden
BELL of Yarmouth
BRIDGEO of Augusta
CAMPBELL of Orrington
RIELLY of Westbrook
SCHMERSAL-BURGESS of Mexico
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:

Senator:

BRENNER of Cumberland

Representatives:

ANKELES of Brunswick
OSHER of Orono

Reports **READ**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-27) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

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

Sent down forthwith for concurrence.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** on Bill "An Act to Preserve Heating and Energy Choice by Prohibiting a Municipality from Prohibiting a Particular Energy System or Energy Distributor"

S.P. 218 L.D. 556

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

Signed:

Senators:

BALDACCI of Penobscot
MARTIN of Oxford

Representatives:

ADAMS of Lebanon
GREENWOOD of Wales
POMERLEAU of Standish
ROLLINS of Augusta
TUELL of East Machias
UNDERWOOD of Presque Isle

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

Signed:

Senator:

BEEBE-CENTER of Knox

Representatives:

SALISBURY of Westbrook
COPELAND of Saco
FARRIN of Jefferson
MATLACK of St. George

Reports **READ**.

On motion by Senator **BALDACCI** of Penobscot, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending **ACCEPTANCE OF EITHER REPORT**.

ENACTORS

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

**Pursuant to Constitution
Public Land**

Resolve, Authorizing the Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands to Convey Public Land Parcels in Lincoln Plantation and Sandy River Plantation

S.P. 39 L.D. 24
(C "A" S-19)

In accordance with the provisions of Article IX, Section 23 of the Constitution, passage requires the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the entire elected Membership of the Senate. 33 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 0 Senators having voted in the negative, and 33 being more than two-thirds of the entire elected Membership of the Senate, was **FINALLY PASSED** and, having been signed by the President, was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for approval.

Acts

An Act to Fund Climate Resiliency Projects Related to the Repair of Campus Infrastructure Used for Active Transportation and Outdoor Recreation

S.P. 190 L.D. 457
(C "A" S-20)

On motion by Senator **ROTUNDO** of Androscoggin, placed on the **SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS TABLE** pending **ENACTMENT**, in concurrence.

An Act to Amend the Eligibility Criteria for Creditable Service in the Armed Forces of the United States Under the Maine Public Employees Retirement System

S.P. 196 L.D. 462
(C "A" S-21)

On motion by Senator **ROTUNDO** of Androscoggin, placed on the **SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS TABLE** pending **ENACTMENT**, in concurrence.

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

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 (4/23/25) matter:

SENATE REPORTS - from the Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** on Bill "An Act to Allow Persons to Label Their Wild Animal Traps with Their Online Identification Number Issued by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife"

S.P. 18 L.D. 6

Majority - Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-23) (12 members)

Minority - Ought Not to Pass (1 member)

Tabled - April 23, 2025 by Senator **PIERCE** of Cumberland

Pending - motion by Senator **BALDACCI** of Penobscot to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Penobscot, Senator Baldacci.

Senator **BALDACCI:** Thank you, Madam President. I think that the first is to move it off the table?

THE PRESIDENT: It's already been moved.

Senator **BALDACCI:** Okay. So, I would move acceptance of the Majority Ought to Pass as Amended Report and just indicate briefly that this allows the labeling system with an ID so that the names of the trappers are not on it. Basically, to avoid self-help between the trappers and maybe their detractors and to try to have the Department be a mediating force.

So, it was approved by the vast majority of the committee, and I would ask you to join us.

Subsequently, the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **ACCEPTED**.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-23) **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later Assigned (4/24/25) matter:

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
H.P. 174 L.D. 271
(C "A" H-38)

Tabled - April 24, 2025 by Senator **BENNETT** of Oxford

Pending - **FINAL PASSAGE** in concurrence (Roll Call Ordered)

(In House, **FINALLY PASSED**.)

On motion by Senator **BENNETT** of Oxford, 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 (#130)

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

NAYS: Senators: CYRWAY, MARTIN

EXCUSED: Senators: BRENNER, DUSON

31 Senator having voted in the affirmative and 2 Senators having voted in the negative, with 2 Senators being excused, was **FINALLY PASSED** and having been signed by the President, was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for approval.

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

The Senate considered the following additional papers:

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

House Papers

Bill "An Act Regarding the Brunswick Naval Air Station Job Increment Financing Fund"

H.P. 1217 L.D. 1819

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

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

Bill "An Act to Enact the Maine Online Data Privacy Act"
H.P. 1220 L.D. 1822

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 Ensure Responsible Business Practices by Licensed Firearms Dealers"

H.P. 1219 L.D. 1821

Senator **CARNEY** of Cumberland moved to **REFER** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** and order printed, 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 (#131)

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

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

EXCUSED: Senators: BRENNER, DUSON

17 Senator having voted in the affirmative and 16 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** in concurrence **PREVAILED**, in concurrence.

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Limit Taxes, Spending or Debt Without Approval by the Voters

H.P. 1216 L.D. 1818

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

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

Bill "An Act to Simplify Regulation of the Adult Use Cannabis Industry"

H.P. 1218 L.D. 1820

Comes 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:

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

House

Report of the Chair - Pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2

The Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** on Bill "An Act to Advance Equitable Energy Policy in Maine"
H.P. 464 L.D. 725

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 **LABOR**.

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

Senator **LAWRENCE** of York moved to **REFER** to the Committee on **LABOR**, in concurrence.

On motion by Senator **TIPPING** of Penobscot, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending motion by Senator **LAWRENCE** of York to **REFER** to the Committee on **LABOR**, in concurrence.

Pursuant to Statute

The Committee on **JUDICIARY** on Bill "An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Right to Know Advisory Committee Concerning State Boards and Commissions"

H.P. 1214 L.D. 1813

Reported that the same be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY**, pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 1, section 411, subsection 6, paragraph G.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY**.

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

Bill and accompanying papers **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY**, in concurrence.

Pursuant to Statute

The Committee on **JUDICIARY** on Bill "An Act to Protect the Confidentiality of Personally Identifiable Information in Records of the Permanent Commission on the Status of Racial, Indigenous and Tribal Populations"

H.P. 1221 L.D. 1826

Reported that the same be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY**, pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 1, section 411, subsection 6, paragraph G.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY**.

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

Bill and accompanying papers **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY**, in concurrence.

Pursuant to Statute

The Committee on **JUDICIARY** on Bill "An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Right to Know Advisory Committee Concerning Public Records Requests"

H.P. 1222 L.D. 1827

Reported that the same be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY**, pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 1, section 411, subsection 6, paragraph G.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY**.

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

Bill and accompanying papers **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY**, in concurrence.

Pursuant to Statute

The Committee on **JUDICIARY** on Bill "An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Right to Know Advisory Committee Concerning Public Records Exceptions"

H.P. 1223 L.D. 1828

Reported that the same be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY**, pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 1, section 411, subsection 6, paragraph G.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY**.

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

Bill and accompanying papers **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY**, in concurrence.

The Senate considered the following additional papers:

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

House

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** on Bill "An Act to Provide Funding for Low-income Electric Ratepayer Assistance"

H.P. 642 L.D. 995

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-76)**.

Signed:

Senators:

LAWRENCE of York

GROHOSKI of Hancock

HARRINGTON of York

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:

Representative:

PAUL of Winterport

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-76)** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-76)**.

Reports **READ**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-76) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

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

Senate at Ease.

The Senate was called to order by the President.

The Senate considered the following additional papers:

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

House

Change of Committee

The Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on 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

Reported that the same be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES**.

Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES**, in concurrence.

The Senate considered the following from the Special Appropriations Table:

ITEMS TO BE REMOVED AND ENACTED

Emergency Resolve

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

H.P. 175 L.D. 272
(C "A" H-37)

Placed on Special Appropriations Table - April 17, 2025, by Senator **ROTUNDO** of Androscoggin

Pending - **FINAL PASSAGE**

(In Senate, **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-37)**, in concurrence.)

(In House, **FINALLY PASSED**).

On motion by Senator **ROTUNDO** of ANDROSCOGGIN, the Senate removed from the Special Appropriations Table.

This being an Emergency Measure and having received the affirmative vote of 31 Members of the Senate, with 1 Senators having voted in the negative, and 31 being more than two-thirds of the entire elected Membership of the Senate, was **FINALLY PASSED** and having been signed by the President, was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for approval.

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

On motion by Senator **PIERCE** of Cumberland, **ADJOURNED**, until Wednesday, April 30, 2025 at 10:00 in the morning.