

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

In Senate Chamber
Wednesday
May 7, 2025

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

Prayer by The Honorable Marcia Homstead of Lewiston.

THE HONORABLE MARCIA HOMSTEAD: Good morning. Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we gather today with a sense of gratitude for the blessings in our lives and the beauty of this world. We ask for your wisdom and guidance as we work together towards a world of understanding and compassion. We thank you for the opportunity to be here and we pray that our actions and our words may reflect the values we hold dear. Amen.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Senator Marianne Moore of Washington County.

Reading of the Journal of Tuesday, May 6, 2025.

Medical Provider of the Day, Rebecca Koerting, PA-C of Falmouth.

Off Record Remarks

THE PRESIDENT: It's great to see so many faces and friends back here in the Senate. So, to our former Members joining us today, it is a true honor to welcome you home. And to our current colleagues, thank you for being a part of this tradition, one of the most special days in our legislative calendar.

Welcome Back Day is our homecoming as a legislature. It's a celebration of the people who built this institution, who filled these very seats, walked these halls, and carried the hopes of our communities into this Chamber. Today is about honoring your service, your legacy, and the mark that you've left on the Peoples' House. And when I look around this room, I see not just the present and the past that guides us, but also the future we're building together. Each of us, past and present, have been entrusted with the responsibility of representing Maine people. That responsibility is humbling and frankly, some days, quite a lot of stress. But today reminds us that we are never doing it alone. We are part of something bigger than any single session, party, or

policy win.

To those who have come back today, thank you. You helped shape what this institution is and should continue to be - accessible, responsive, respectful, and rooted in community. Whether you served one term or many, your work echoes throughout this building. The floor debates, the late-night committees, the bipartisan problem-solving, hoping there's a Lunch and Learn to get some food, the lives and the hometown stories you've carried into every vote. Those moments endure.

I still remember my first time being in this building, not as a legislator but as a 6-year-old page for Charlene Rydell, wide-eyed and full of wonder. And even then, I could feel the weight of what this place represents. And that sense of awe has never left me. I imagine many of you remember your own first walk up those marble stairs, probably hoping you wouldn't fall and they weren't slippery. Maybe you're in a winter coat, heart pounding, wondering if you truly could make a difference here or if you could even find the Chamber to which you were about to be sworn into. But you did. And now, your stories, your legislation, your courage, your presence are part of the long and rich history of this Chamber.

One of the great honors of serving in leadership is knowing we stand not just with our peers, but on the shoulders of those who came before us. We are continuing your work, learning from your example, and trying always to leave this place better than we found it, just as you did.

I often reflect on the fact that more than 24,000 Mainers have served in this Legislature since its founding. That number isn't just about history, it's about continuity. It's about shared values and collective wisdom. And it's about making sure that each generation of legislators understands the significance of the work and the humanity behind the process.

We live in a time where political divisions can feel louder than our shared goals, but this reminds us - this day - that our connections run much deeper than that. It goes beyond the headlines. Across party lines and policy differences, we are united in our belief in public service and our commitment to make our lives better for all Mainers, not just for those in this building. And it's proof that what unites us as Mainers is greater than any divide.

So, today, we celebrate more than memories - although I know all of you probably have some stories we'll hope to hear afterwards at the luncheon - we also recommit ourselves to the values that have always sustained this Legislature: Respect, inclusion, hard work, a little humor, and a sense of shared purpose. Let us continue to invite the voices of former Members into our conversations, let us keep learning from the past - not as a weight, but as a guiding light - and that's the real magic of Welcome Back Day.

So, again, thank you all for being here. Thank you for your service, past and present. And most importantly, it's good to have you home.

So, with that, we are going to recognize former Presidents of the Senate and invite each one of them to the rostrum to address the Senate.

President Charlie Pray served in the Senate from the 107th through the 115th Legislature. He was also Assistant Minority Leader in the 109th and 110th sessions. He was Majority Leader in the 111th and Senate President in the 112th through the 115th Legislature. Will President Pray please step forward to address the Senate?

Former President **PRAY**: Thank you. I want to start off first of all by apologizing. When I -- I spent my first eight years in the Senate Chamber in the Minority. Joe Sewall, Senate President, was a very gracious individual, taught me a lot though we were opposite parties, and we had at that time always on Welcome Back Day former Governor Burton Cross would come in and address the House and address the Senate Chamber. Those who might be old enough to remember him serving as Governor - I see very few who were here while he was the former Governor and come in and address us - he would always criticize the legislators, Republicans and Democrats, for all the things that they were doing, particularly spending, because he was opposed to even having the building across the backyard here. But it got to the point that he would get up here and he'd just demean the legislative process.

When I became Senate President, former Republican Senate President Ken MacLeod came walking in that back Chamber and I said I've had enough of this negative. So, I said the Chair would like to welcome the former Senate President Ken MacLeod to the rostrum to say a few words. Ken came up and said I don't have anything to say, I wasn't prepared for this, and I said tell them about how you like the institution and how you love it and how you work for it. Well, when I did that, there was only one or two former Senate Presidents. Now, we've got a dozen of them. So, you have to sit here and listen to a whole bunch of them now.

So, I just want to say it was a privilege. I see a number of Members that I served with that are here, I appreciate every one of them, a couple of the opposite political party, we are still friends, we get along well, we talk to each other frequently. Howard Trotzky from -- former Republican Senator from Penobscot County, the Bangor area, is here. We always greet each other warmly when we see each other. And I hope you go forth in your tenure, when you come back to Welcome Back Day, you see a lot of people that you really missed working with. And I want to wish all of you well through the rest of this session. The bad news is the election is 544 days away. I always started caucuses off reminding the Members how many days they had to the next election because you've got to go back and be responsible to the voters, and you're still responsible to the voters no matter where the politics lie.

Thank you very much for this opportunity. Marcia, I just want to thank you in the prayer of not mentioning me. I was -- I did tell Darek they should've had you walk down on this side, but she'll tell you the story about that. Thank you.

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you, President Pray, for your leadership and your service and for starting this ceremony, apparently.

President Mark Lawrence served in the Senate from the 116th to the 119th Legislature -- oh, I'm still giving your deets, even if you aren't giving a speech. He was Minority Leader in the 117th and Senate President in the 118th and the 119th Legislature. President Lawrence returned to the Senate in the 129th, 130th, and the 131st, and we are pleased to have him back in the Senate as a Member this session. He also served in the House in the 114th, 115th, and the 128th.

Since at this time he will not be addressing us due to being a little bit under the water - and by water, I mean weather, not water, it's hasn't been that bad of a session yet - would the Sergeant-at-Arms please deliver the gift to President Lawrence? Thank you.

Thank you, President Lawrence, for your leadership and

service, and this might be the first time that I've known you that you're at a loss of words.

President Richard Bennett served in the Senate from the 118th through the 121st Legislature. He was Assistant Minority Leader in the 119th and Senate President in the 121st, during a historic and unique power share session in which the Senate was evenly divided between the parties. President Bennett returned to the Senate in the 130th and 131st and we are pleased to have him back in the Senate as a Member this session. He also served in the House in the 115th and the 116th.

Will the Sergeant-at-Arms please escort President Bennett to the rostrum to address the Senate?

Former President **BENNETT**: Thank you, President Daughtry. I appreciate you giving me the applause before I have my remarks because you don't know, really, what you're going to get. But you will get, since I get the opportunity to address the Senate frequently, I will keep it brief.

I know you're all here today, returning to the Senate, because this place has left a special mark upon your hearts. And there's a real love here that has existed for those of us who served and it is a unique and special character, I think, of the Legislative Branch of government that you don't see elsewhere. This is the place where the peoples' voice is heard, and the peoples' will is done. And part of that work is the sacrifices that are made for that kind of participation. And the sacrifices not only inure to the Members of the Legislature, the Senate and the House, and all the sacrifices that you've all made to make our democracy work, to breathe life into it, but also to the people whose voice comes to us and the Legislature is the place where their voice is heard. The fact that every bill gets a public hearing and that anybody can speak and have their voice heard on any of those bills is an astonishing part of our work here. Just the listening is so important to keep our democracy alive and our country together, our state together.

So, I want to just acknowledge the sacrifices. I want to thank you all for your service, and I wish you all the best today and hereafter. God bless the Maine Senate. Thank you.

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you, President Bennett, for your leadership and your service.

President Libby Mitchell served in the Senate from the 122nd through the 124th Legislature. She was Majority Leader in the 123rd and Senate President in the 124th Legislature. President Mitchell also served in the House through the 107th through the 111th, and the 115th through the 118th in the House. And during her time in the House, she served as Assistant Majority Leader, Majority Leader, and as Speaker of the House.

I would also like to note that President Mitchell was the first woman in Maine to serve as Speaker and also the first woman in the country to serve as both Speaker and President, something from which my own research has not found any other woman who has topped that record.

Would President Mitchell please step forward to address the Senate?

Former President **MITCHELL**: Thank you, Madam President. Thank you all so very much. It is a deep, deep honor that I'm here today, and as I look at the wisdom of the Senate Chair of Appropriations who served with me and kept me on the right track and your wonderful young Speaker -- President, sorry, she could be both -- but all of this reminds me of what an extraordinary

institution this is.

You all may know that I'm currently serving as Judge of Probate. That's a great job except I can't pontificate and argue for policies unless I get to go to Senator Carney's committee, the Judiciary Committee, and I'm able to speak about things that are important to the Judiciary. So, it's an extraordinary honor to be here.

I just want to say this closing thing to you; it truly is a family. I was a little reluctant to come back today, I've just returned from the burial of my only sister. We were so very close, seven years older, shared the same birthday, and of course, she -- it was time, she was ready, but it made me realize how important family is. We don't always agree, but we were always there to support one another. When I look at you, that's what I see. It's a family. That's why the President had to talk about how you couldn't get rid of me, I just kept running again, because you are a family. You support one another, you can disagree, but please always remember why you're here. It is an honor of a lifetime, and you were chosen, and I am so thrilled to be able to see all of you again.

Thank you, and keep up the good work, we're all pulling for you.

Thank you, Madam President.

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you, President Mitchell, for your leadership and your service. Will the Sergeant-at-Arms please escort the President to the House?

The Chair is pleased to welcome back the following Senators. Please rise when your name is called to be recognized and accept the greetings of the Senate. So, please rise when I read your name. The Honorable Michael Carpenter, who served in the House 107th and the Senate 108th through 112th, as well as 128th and 129th. The Honorable Cathy Breen, who served in the Senate from the 127th through the 130th. We're also joined by the Honorable Justin Chenette who served in the House in the 126th and then the 127th as well as the Senate in the 128th and the 129th. The Honorable Benjamin Chipman from the House the 125th through the 127th and the Senate the 128th through the 131st. The Honorable Paul Davis who served in the Senate from the 119th through the 122nd, the 127th as well and through the 130th, as well as in the House in the 124th and the 126th. The Honorable John Courtney who served in the House in the 121st and in the Senate in the 122nd through the 125th. The Honorable Barry Hobbins who served in the House in the 106th through the 111th and the 126th and 127th, and then served in the Senate in the 114th and then the 122nd through 125th. The Honorable Chris Johnson who served in the Senate from the 125th through the 129th. The Honorable John M. Kerry who served in the House in the 108th as well as in the Senate in the 110th and the 113th. The Honorable Nate Libby who served in the House in the 126th and then in the Senate in the 127th through the 130th. The Honorable Dale McCormick who served in the Senate from the 115th through the 117th. The Honorable Earle McCormick who served in the House in the 121st and the 122nd, and served in the Senate from the 123rd through the 125th and in the 127th. The Honorable Robert E. Murray, Jr., who served in the House in the 111th - we seem to be missing him, but I'll still read his credentials - and who also served in the Senate from the 118th and the 119th. The Honorable Richard A. Nass, who served in the House in the 117th through the 120th and then served in the Senate from the 121st through the 124th. As well as the Honorable Richard W. Rosen who served in the 119th through

the 121st as well as the 122nd and 125th. As well as the Honorable Doug Thomas who served in the House in the 122nd through the 124th, as well as the Senate in the 125th and 126th. The Honorable Charlie Summers who served in the Senate from the 115th and 116th. The Honorable Bonnie Titcomb who served in the Senate from the 114th through the 116th. The Honorable Sharon Treat who served in the House from the 115th through the 117th, the 123rd through the 126th, and in the Senate from the 118th to the 121st. The Honorable Howard M. Trotzky who served in the Senate from the 107th through the 110th. We have the Honorable Norman Weymouth who served in the House from the 110th to the 113th and the Senate in the 114th. And we have the Honorable Richard Woodbury who served in the House from the 121st through the 123rd and in the Senate from the 125th through the 126th.

I do believe this is every former Member of the Body who we have returned today. If I have not called your name and you are a returning Member of the Senate, would you please rise? Yes, we did our work right.

It is a great honor to have all of you here with us today and to see so many great public leaders from over the years. Thank you for your years of service for the Senate and to the people of your district. Can we please have a round of applause for them?

The Chair is pleased to recognize former Senate officials who have served as the Secretary of the Senate and Assistant Secretary of the Senate. Please rise when your name is called and recognize and accept the greetings.

For Secretaries, would the Honorable Heather Priest please rise? Well, we'll clap for her when she comes in. And the Honorable Joe Carleton. For Assistant Secretaries, we have the Honorable Marcia Homstead, the Honorable Shawn Roderick, and the Honorable Brad Sawyer. Will they please rise and accept the greetings of the Senate?

Thank you so much for being here today and for all you gave to the Senate. I have always known that these positions are absolutely crucial to the functioning of this building, but until I stood at this rostrum, I didn't even fully understand how much they're responsible for making the magic happen.

The Chair is also pleased to welcome back the following Senate staff. Please rise when your name is called and recognized, and we'll clap and accept the greetings at the end of reading everyone's names. We have Anita Breton, Oneil Boivin, Carol Carothers, Christopher Jackson, Diane Jackson, Diane Johnson, Ashley Luszczki, Meredith McLaughlin, Andrew Roth-Wells, Max Rush, Meghan Russo, Sara Vanderwood, Jean Vachon, Krysta West, Emily Cook, Diane Steward, Rose Smith, and Robert Asselin. Would they please stand and accept the greetings of the Senate?

At this time, if you have worked as staff in the Senate and I missed your name, would you please rise? Two for two.

With that, thank you all sincerely for joining us today. I know that this building especially this time of year can feel a little bit chaotic but a day like today reminds us why we're here and the generations of people who have been through the exact same frustrations, joy, and learning that we all go through every single day. This does conclude our Welcome Back ceremony. Just as a reminder to the Chamber, lunch will be served for all of us at noon in the Hall of Flags and give us a chance to reconvene and reconnect with all those who have shared the same positions we're in today.

And the House is starting their ceremony. So, having seen that most of us have House and Senate service, I do urge all of

our Members to go to the House for the ceremony as well. With that, the Senate will be at ease.

Senate at Ease.

The Senate was called to order by the President.

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.

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

ORDERS

Joint Orders

Expressions of Legislative Sentiment recognizing:

The Brunswick and Topsham Water District, of Topsham, which received the 2024 President's Award from the Maine Water Utilities Association. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 554

Sponsored by Senator TEPLER of Sagadahoc.
Cosponsored by Senator: President DAUGHTRY of Cumberland,
Representatives: MACIAS of Topsham, WEBB of Durham.

The Joint Order was **READ**.

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

Senator **TEPLER:** Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, Colleagues of the Senate, Happy National Drinking Water Week.

This week is about celebrating the vital role that water plays in our lives and the importance of protecting the precious resource for future generations. An organization that provides clean, safe, and reliable drinking water in my district is the Brunswick and Topsham Water District. This vital community resource has not only provided clean water to thousands of Mainers for over a century, including me and you, Madam President, but has also been a faithful member of the community. The Brunswick and Topsham Water District is here today as they are the recipient of the Maine Water Utilities Association's 2024 President's Award for their dedication and commitment to the waterworks profession. And they've been waiting for us to acknowledge their presence in the Chamber since 10 o'clock this morning.

Some of the groundbreaking projects happening in the district include piloting and construction of a treatment addition to remove PFAS, designing two large diameter watermain crossings to improve resiliency and public communication and response to

the aqueous film-forming foam spill at Brunswick Landing last August. The district determined that there was no impact or immediate threat to the public water supply from the spill. They stepped up immediately, communicating with the community, monitoring the aquifers underground with vigilance for forever chemicals, collaborating with state agencies, and implementing rigorous testing to ensure the safety of our local water supply.

Chairing both the Environment and Natural Resources Committee and the Marine Resources Committee, I've seen firsthand the importance of protecting our natural resources and the tremendous work that goes into maintaining clean and safe water. The Brunswick and Topsham Water District sets a high standard for our community and the entire state of Maine. The employees of the Brunswick and Topsham Water District have shared their expertise and inspired and educated those who attended the annual meeting of water districts which was held in Topsham this year.

Madam President, we're glad to be able to welcome and support our local water district today. This is an organization that leads with integrity and community spirit. The water district has shown us what stewardship looks like, and I am proud to recognize their achievement and welcome them to the Chamber.

Thank you, Madam President.

The Joint Order was **PASSED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair is pleased to recognize in the rear of the Chamber, general manager Craig Douglas, and district engineer T.C. Schofield from the Brunswick-Topsham Water District. Off the record, the Chair would note that my business would not be possible without their amazing water. They are here from the Brunswick-Topsham Water District and are the guests of the Senator from Sagadahoc, Senator Tepler, as well as the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Daughtry. Would they please accept the greetings of the Maine Senate?

Roger Pomerleau, of Hallowell, who has received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Kennebec Valley Chamber of Commerce for his significant and lasting contributions to the local business climate and the well-being of the community. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 555

Sponsored by Senator HICKMAN of Kennebec.
Cosponsored by Representative: SHAGOURY of Hallowell.

The Joint Order was **READ**.

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

Senator **HICKMAN:** Thank you, Madam President, Women and Men of the Senate. Good morning. I rise to recognize Roger Pomerleau of Hallowell for winning the 2025 Lifetime Achievement Award from the Kennebec Valley Chamber of Commerce.

These annual awards, known as the Kenney Awards, are the Kennebec Valley's most prestigious business honors, according

to the Kennebec Journal. Roger is a human institution in the Augusta area business community. His experience includes working for his family's flooring distribution business, NRF Distributors, and founding and helping manage the Marketplace at Augusta. He's a lifelong volunteer and entrepreneur, starting his volunteer efforts at the early age of 13. At one point in his life, he was involved in 17 different groups, everything from Free Maine from Lung Cancer, the Hallowell Board of Trade, to the Snow Pond Center for the Arts and the Maine French Heritage Language Program. Roger has always been a hard worker who likes to stay busy. In his own words in 2017, he said, "volunteering and being so active in the community was therapeutic and rewarding."

The Lifetime Achievement Kenney Award recognizes someone for their significant and lasting contributions to the local business climate and the wellbeing of the community. Roger is an embodiment of this award, and I hope you will join me in thanking him for his decades of work in and service to our Kennebec Valley community.

Thank you, Madam President.

The Joint Order was **PASSED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair is pleased to recognize in the rear of the Chamber, Roger and Carol Pomerleau of the City of Hallowell. They are the guests of the Senator from Kennebec, Senator Hickman. Would they please rise and accept the greetings of the Senate?

Off Record Remarks

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

Non-Concurrent Matter

Joint Order to Amend Joint Rule 308

S.P. 726

In Senate, April 30, 2025, **REFERRED** to the Joint Select Committee on **JOINT RULES** and ordered printed.

Comes from the House, Joint Order **INDEFINITELY POSTPONED** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

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

House Papers

Bill "An Act to Prohibit the Sale of Potentially Intoxicating Hemp Products to a Person Under 21 Years of Age" (EMERGENCY)
H.P. 1281 L.D. 1920

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

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS**.

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

Bill "An Act to Allow Matinicus Isle Plantation to Issue a Revenue Bond for Urgently Needed Repairs to the Plantation's Electric Power Generating Facility" (EMERGENCY)
H.P. 1274 L.D. 1913

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

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

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Protect Housing Quality by Enacting Mold Inspection, Notification and Remediation Requirements"
H.P. 1288 L.D. 1927

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

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

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

Bill "An Act to Increase Penalties for Violations Related to Water Well Drilling"
H.P. 1296 L.D. 1935

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

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

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

Bill "An Act to Address Housing Density Requirements in Sole Source Aquifer Island and Peninsular Communities"

H.P. 1275 L.D. 1914

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

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

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

Joint Resolutions

The following Joint Resolution:

H.P. 1241

**JOINT RESOLUTION
RECOGNIZING MAY 2025 AS MENTAL HEALTH
AWARENESS MONTH**

WHEREAS, the mental health and well-being of all children, youth, adults and families in the State are of fundamental importance to the Legislature; and

WHEREAS, since 1999, the national suicide rate has increased more than 36%, with more than 13.2 million individuals experiencing suicidal thoughts and 1.6 million individuals attempting suicide annually in the United States; and

WHEREAS, over 49,000 people died by suicide in 2022, which is about one death every 11 minutes; and

WHEREAS, suicide, opioid misuse and addiction and children's mental health issues are areas of concern in the State; and

WHEREAS, there are approximately 61,000 adults in the State who are living with a serious mental illness, including, but not limited to, bipolar disorder, severe depression and schizophrenia, and 14,000 children 12 to 17 years of age in the State have depression; and

WHEREAS, over 260,000 people in the State live in a community that does not have enough mental health professionals; and

WHEREAS, the effective treatment of mental health conditions is critical to reducing the number of individuals and families who find themselves in mental health crises, to breaking individual and generational cycles of mental illness and to promoting healing; and

WHEREAS, recovery from a mental illness requires access to professional services and involves families and caregivers as allies in recovery and as critical members of the care delivery team; and

WHEREAS, maintaining an open dialogue regarding mental health conditions encourages individuals struggling with mental illness to seek help and is an essential component to fighting the stigma associated with mental illness; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Thirty-second Legislature now assembled in the First Special Session, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to recognize May 2025 as Mental Health Awareness Month in order to raise awareness of mental health conditions and services and to break the stigma surrounding mental illness in the State.

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

READ and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

The following Joint Resolution:

H.P. 1242

**JOINT RESOLUTION
HONORING THE MEMORY OF POPE FRANCIS**

WHEREAS, the members of the 132nd Maine State Legislature were greatly saddened to hear of the passing of Pope Francis on Monday, April 21, 2025; and

WHEREAS, born on December 17, 1936, in Buenos Aires, Argentina, as Jorge Mario Bergoglio, Pope Francis entered the Society of Jesus at age 21 and was ordained as a Jesuit priest in 1969. He was appointed auxiliary bishop of Buenos Aires in 1992 by Saint John Paul II, became archbishop of the Argentine capital in 1998 and was created cardinal in 2001; and

WHEREAS, Pope Francis ascended to the papacy on March 13, 2013, upon the retirement of his predecessor Pope Benedict XVI, becoming the first pontiff from Latin America; and

WHEREAS, Pope Francis dedicated his entire life to the service of God and His Church and teaching the values of the Gospel with fidelity, courage and universal love, especially for the poorest and most marginalized; and

WHEREAS, during his almost 13-year pontificate, Pope Francis focused on mercy, care for creation and attention to those on the "peripheries of both the Church and society"; and

WHEREAS, Pope Francis canonized 942 saints during his papacy; and

WHEREAS, Pope Francis published 4 encyclicals, *Dilexit Nos* ("He Loved Us"), *Fratelli Tutti* ("All Brothers"), *Laudato Si* ("Praise be to You") and *Lumen Fidei* ("The Light of Faith"), as well as 7 apostolic exhortations and 75 *motu proprio* documents; and

WHEREAS, just hours before his death, Pope Francis reminded the faithful of the dignity of all persons, but most especially the vulnerable, the marginalized and migrants, and encouraged all of us "to hope anew and revive our trust in others, including those who are different from ourselves, or who come from distant lands, bringing unfamiliar customs, ways of life and ideas"; and

WHEREAS, Pope Francis led a holy life focused on humility, simplicity, poverty of spirit and a radical devotion to Christ's call of charity to the least among us; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we should remember the abundant life of this human being and successor to Saint Peter; 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 memory of Pope Francis, reflecting fondly upon his immense holiness and his legacy of service to those most in need.

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

READ and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication:

H.P. 1273

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

May 1, 2025

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

Honorable Matthea Daughtry
President of the Senate
132nd Legislature

Dear Mr. Speaker and Madam President:

On May 1, 2025, 30 bills were received by the Clerk of the House.

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, these bills were referred to the Joint Standing Committees on May 1, 2025, as follows:

Criminal Justice and Public Safety

Bill "An Act Regarding Penalties for Violation of the Law Governing Distracted Driving When the Violation Results in the Death or Significant Injury of Another Person" (H.P. 1257) (L.D. 1886) (Sponsored by Representative LEMELIN of Chelsea)

Education and Cultural Affairs

Bill "An Act to Ensure the Rights of Parents of Minor Children in Education" (H.P. 1252) (L.D. 1881) (Sponsored by Representative CARUSO of Caratunk) (Cosponsored by Senator GUERIN of Penobscot and Representatives: HENDERSON of Rumford, LYMAN of Livermore Falls, QUINT of Hodgdon, SMITH of Palermo, Senators: HAGGAN of Penobscot, LIBBY of Cumberland, TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin)

Resolve, To Improve Air Quality and Ventilation in Newly Constructed Schools (H.P. 1258) (L.D. 1887) (Sponsored by Representative ARATA of New Gloucester) (Cosponsored by Senator BRADSTREET of Kennebec and Representatives: BRENNAN of Portland, CARLOW of Buxton, FOSTER of Dexter, GATTINE of Westbrook, GRAHAM of North Yarmouth, SARGENT of York, Senators: LIBBY of Cumberland, RENY of Lincoln)

Bill "An Act to Address the Dental Professional Workforce Shortage by Establishing Scholarship and Loan Programs and Updating the Dental Care Access Tax Credit" (H.P. 1262) (L.D. 1891) (Sponsored by Representative DAIGLE of Fort Kent) (Cosponsored by Senator STEWART of Aroostook and Representatives: DEBRITO of Waterville, GRAHAM of North Yarmouth, GRIFFIN of Levant, LEMELIN of Chelsea, Senator: MOORE of Washington)

Bill "An Act to Establish Procedures for School Construction Projects" (H.P. 1263) (L.D. 1892) (Sponsored by Representative BRENNAN of Portland) (Cosponsored by Senator PIERCE of Cumberland and Representatives: CLOUTIER of Lewiston, GATTINE of Westbrook, GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach, MURPHY of Scarborough, Senator: RAFFERTY of York)

Environment and Natural Resources

Resolve, Directing the Department of Environmental Protection to Conduct Rulemaking Regarding Significant Vernal Pools (H.P. 1253) (L.D. 1882) (Sponsored by Representative CLUCHEY of Bowdoinham) (Cosponsored by Senator TEPLER of Sagadahoc and Representatives: ANKELES of Brunswick, BELL of Yarmouth, CAMPBELL of Orrington, DOUDERA of Camden, GERE of Kennebunkport, GOLEK of Harpswell, GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach, Senator: CARNEY of Cumberland)

Health and Human Services

Bill "An Act to Establish a Managed Care Program for MaineCare Services" (H.P. 1249) (L.D. 1878) (Sponsored by Representative STOVER of Boothbay) (Cosponsored by Senator STEWART of Aroostook and Representatives: BRENNAN of Portland, DUCHARME of Madison, GRAHAM of North Yarmouth, GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach, JAVNER of Chester, SHAGOURY of Hallowell, Senators: MOORE of Washington, RENY of Lincoln)

Bill "An Act to Facilitate the Development of Ambulatory Surgical Facilities by Exempting Certain Facilities from the Requirement to Obtain a Certificate of Need" (H.P. 1261) (L.D. 1890) (Sponsored by Representative FOLEY of Wells) (Cosponsored by Senator CYRWAY of Kennebec and Representatives: FLYNN of Albion, OLSEN of Raymond, POIRIER of Skowhegan, POMERLEAU of Standish)

Bill "An Act to Establish an Independent Office of the Child Advocate" (H.P. 1264) (L.D. 1893) (Sponsored by Representative GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach) (Cosponsored by Senator BENNETT of Oxford and Representatives: ARATA of New Gloucester, BRENNAN of Portland, LEE of Auburn, MATHIESON of Kittery, MILLIKEN of Blue Hill, SAYRE of Kennebunk, STOVER of Boothbay, Senator: RENY of Lincoln)

Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services

Bill "An Act to Enact the All Maine Health Act" (H.P. 1254) (L.D. 1883) (Sponsored by Representative MASTRACCIO of Sanford)

Bill "An Act to Regulate Shared Appreciation Agreements Relating to Residential Property" (H.P. 1272) (L.D. 1901) (Sponsored by Representative BELL of Yarmouth) (Cosponsored by Representatives: ARFORD of Brunswick, BRIDGEO of Augusta, PUGH of Portland, SATO of Gorham, Senator: TEPLER of Sagadahoc)

Housing and Economic Development

Bill "An Act to Address Consumer Grocery Pricing Fairness" (H.P. 1265) (L.D. 1894) (Sponsored by Representative SAYRE of Kennebunk) (Cosponsored by Senator TALBOT ROSS of Cumberland and Representatives: CLOUTIER of Lewiston, CROCKETT of Portland, Speaker FECTION of Biddeford, MATLACK of St. George, MOONEN of Portland, Senators: BENNETT of Oxford, GROHOSKI of Hancock, NANGLE of Cumberland)

Judiciary

Bill "An Act to Require Age Verification for Online Obscene Matter" (H.P. 1244) (L.D. 1873) (Sponsored by Representative SMITH of Palermo) (Cosponsored by Representatives: COLLINS of Sidney, OLSEN of Raymond, PAUL of Winterport)

Bill "An Act to Increase Penalties for Human Trafficking Offenses" (H.P. 1248) (L.D. 1877) (Sponsored by Representative PAUL of Winterport) (Cosponsored by Senator CYRWAY of Kennebec and Representatives: BISHOP of Bucksport, COLLINS of Sidney,

QUINT of Hodgdon, SMITH of Palermo, WHITE of Ellsworth, Senators: HAGGAN of Penobscot, HARRINGTON of York)

Bill "An Act to Combat Organized Criminal Enterprises in Maine" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1259) (L.D. 1888) (Sponsored by Representative ARATA of New Gloucester) (Cosponsored by Senator HARRINGTON of York and Representatives: ARDELL of Monticello, FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor, GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach, LEE of Auburn, MCINTYRE of Lowell, POIRIER of Skowhegan, STOVER of Boothbay, Senator: BEEBE-CENTER of Knox)

Resolve, to Support Pro Se Litigants Regarding the Return Receipt of Service (H.P. 1267) (L.D. 1896) (Sponsored by Representative WARREN of Scarborough)

Bill "An Act to Correct Outdated References Regarding the Maine Human Rights Act" (H.P. 1269) (L.D. 1898) (Sponsored by Representative MOONEN of Portland)

Bill "An Act to Bring Parity to the State's Recognition of the Wabanaki Nations' Authority to Provide Electric Power Districts and Child Support Enforcement" (H.P. 1271) (L.D. 1900) (Sponsored by Representative DANA of the Passamaquoddy Tribe)

Labor

Bill "An Act to Reinvest in the Pension Funds of the Maine Public Employees Retirement System" (H.P. 1243) (L.D. 1872) (Sponsored by Representative SKOLD of Portland) (Cosponsored by Senator HICKMAN of Kennebec and Representatives: DODGE of Belfast, Speaker FECTION of Biddeford, GATTINE of Westbrook, HASENFUS of Readfield, ROEDER of Bangor, Senators: President DAUGHTRY of Cumberland, PIERCE of Cumberland, TIPPING of Penobscot)

Marine Resources

Bill "An Act to Enable the Maine Pilotage Commission to Oversee Pilots Operating in Portland Harbor" (H.P. 1245) (L.D. 1874) (Sponsored by Representative CROCKETT of Portland) (Cosponsored by Representatives: EATON of Deer Isle, MONTELL of Gardiner, PARRY of Arundel, Senator: DUSON of Cumberland)

State and Local Government

Resolve, to Increase the Number of Kennebec County Commissioners (H.P. 1255) (L.D. 1884) (Sponsored by Representative GREENWOOD of Wales) (Cosponsored by Senator HICKMAN of Kennebec and Representatives: BRIDGEO of Augusta, COLLINS of Sidney, HAGGAN of Hampden, HASENFUS of Readfield, NUTTING of Oakland, Senators: BRADSTREET of Kennebec, FARRIN of Somerset)

Taxation

Bill "An Act to Create Equity in Maine's Highway Funding by Imposing a Road Use Fee for Electric Vehicles" (H.P. 1246) (L.D. 1875) (Sponsored by Representative ARDELL of Monticello)

Bill "An Act to Increase Use of State Tax Credits" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1247) (L.D. 1876) (Sponsored by Representative DEBRITO of Waterville) (Cosponsored by President DAUGHTRY of Cumberland and Representatives: FRIEDMANN of Bar Harbor, GATTINE of Westbrook, LEE of Auburn, MATLACK of St. George, RANA of Bangor, WHITE of Ellsworth, Senators: BALDACCI of Penobscot, BICKFORD of Androscoggin)

S/Darek M. Grant
Secretary of the Senate

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

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

Bill "An Act to Support Maine's Agricultural Economy by Increasing Revenue from the Corporate Income Tax and Providing Property Tax Exemptions" (H.P. 1250) (L.D. 1879) (Sponsored by Representative PLUECKER of Warren) (Cosponsored by Representatives: DODGE of Belfast, GOLEK of Harpswell, GRAHAM of North Yarmouth, MILLIKEN of Blue Hill, WARREN of Scarborough, WEBB of Durham)

The Following Communication:

S.C. 346

SENATOR RICHARD A. BENNETT
SENATE DISTRICT 18

March 4, 2025

Senate President Matthea Daughtry
3 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear President Daughtry,

I hereby resign my seat on the Joint Select Committee on Joint Rules.

Sincerely,

S/Richard A. Bennett
Senator

On motion by Senator **PIERCE** of Cumberland, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending **ORDER TO BE PLACED ON FILE**.

Bill "An Act to Create a State Property Tax Directed Toward 2nd Homes for the Purposes of Funding Education, Early Childhood Programs and the Land for Maine's Future Trust Fund" (H.P. 1256) (L.D. 1885) (Sponsored by Representative GEIGER of Rockland) (Cosponsored by Representatives: BRIDGEO of Augusta, DODGE of Belfast, MATLACK of St. George, Senator: BEEBE-CENTER of Knox)

Bill "An Act to Expand Tax Incentives for Certain Barn Renovations" (H.P. 1260) (L.D. 1889) (Sponsored by Representative BLIER of Buxton) (Cosponsored by Representative: ARATA of New Gloucester)

Bill "An Act to Require the Removal from a Property Tax Lien the Name of a Previous Owner Who Paid Prorated Property Taxes" (H.P. 1266) (L.D. 1895) (Sponsored by Representative ARATA of New Gloucester) (Cosponsored by Senator BRADSTREET of Kennebec and Representatives: BLIER of Buxton, DRINKWATER of Milford, FARRIN of Jefferson, FROST of Belgrade, LEE of Auburn, MORRIS of Turner, ROEDER of Bangor, Senator: TIPPING of Penobscot)

Bill "An Act to Eliminate Taxation on Health Care Spending" (H.P. 1270) (L.D. 1899) (Sponsored by Representative LIBBY of Auburn)

The Following Communication:

S.C. 347

Veterans and Legal Affairs

Bill "An Act to Require Photographic Identification for Voting" (H.P. 1251) (L.D. 1880) (Sponsored by Representative LIBBY of Auburn) (Cosponsored by Representatives: ADAMS of Lebanon, HYMES of Waldo)

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

April 30, 2025

Senator Richard Bennett
Senate Minority Office
3 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Senator Bennett,

Per your letter sent on March 4, 2025, I accept your resignation of your seat on the Joint Select Committee on Joint Rules.

Sincerely,

S/Matthea Elisabeth Larsen Daughtry

Bill "An Act Regarding Sun-grown Cultivation in the Medical Use and Adult Use Cannabis Industries" (H.P. 1268) (L.D. 1897) (Sponsored by Representative OSHER of Orono) (Cosponsored by Senator HICKMAN of Kennebec and Representatives: BOYER of Poland, CHAPMAN of Auburn, DILL of Old Town, PLUECKER of Warren, SUPICA of Bangor, WARREN of Scarborough, Senators: TALBOT ROSS of Cumberland, TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin)

Sincerely,

S/Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House

President of the Senate

On motion by Senator **PIERCE** of Cumberland, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending **ORDER TO BE PLACED ON FILE**.

The Following Communication:

S.C. 345

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

May 5, 2025

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

Dear Secretary Grant,

Pursuant to my authority under Private & Special Laws, First Regular Session of the 119th, Chapter 58, S.P. 760 – L.D. 2136, I am pleased to appoint the Representative William Bridgeo of Augusta to the *Government Board of the Capitol Area Riverfront District*, effective immediately.

Representative Bridgeo will serve on this board as a State Representative who represents the City of Augusta.

Should 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. 348

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

May 2, 2025

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

Dear President Daughtry and Speaker Fecteau:

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

L.D. 822 An Act to End the Collection of Certain Probation Fees

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Anne Beebe-Center S/Rep. Tavis Rock Hasenfus
Senate Chair House Chair

READ and with accompanying papers ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication:

S.C. 349

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

May 2, 2025

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

Dear President Daughtry and Speaker Fecteau:

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

L.D. 268 An Act to Restore Sentencing Discretion to the Judiciary by Removing Mandatory Minimum Sentences of Incarceration

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Anne Beebe-Center S/Rep. Tavis Rock Hasenfus
Senate Chair House Chair

READ and with accompanying papers ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

SENATE PAPERS

Bill "An Act to Ensure Public Access to Conservation Land by Providing Protections from Liability to Landowners"
S.P. 761 L.D. 1953

Presented by Senator BRENNER of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative DUCHARME of Madison and Senators: BLACK of Franklin, CARNEY of Cumberland, FARRIN of Somerset, HARRINGTON of York, Representatives: DILL of Old Town, WOODSOME of Waterboro.
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Authorize the Inclusion of Additional Counties in the Lincoln and Sagadahoc Multicounty Jail Authority"
S.P. 757 L.D. 1950

Presented by Senator CURRY of Waldo.
Cosponsored by Senators: BEEBE-CENTER of Knox, RENY of Lincoln, TEPLER of Sagadahoc.

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 Provide Greater Equity in and Reduce Costs Related to the State's Net Energy Billing Program"
S.P. 754 L.D. 1936

Presented by Senator GROHOSKI of Hancock.
Cosponsored by Senator: HARRINGTON of York, Representative: WARREN of Scarborough.

Bill "An Act Regarding Energy Fairness"
S.P. 756 L.D. 1949

Presented by Senator CARNEY of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative SATO of Gorham and Senators: GROHOSKI of Hancock, MOORE of Washington, NANGLE of Cumberland, TIPPING of Penobscot, Representatives: MOONEN of Portland, SACHS of Freeport, WEBB of Durham.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Increase Child Care Affordability and Early Childhood Educator Stability"
S.P. 763 L.D. 1955

Presented by President DAUGHTRY of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Speaker FECTEAU of Biddeford and Senators: BEEBE-CENTER of Knox, BENNETT of Oxford, INGWERSEN of York, MOORE of Washington, Representatives: DAIGLE of Fort Kent, DEBRITO of Waterville, HASENFUS of Readfield, MEYER of Eliot.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act Regarding Home Heating Fuel Assistance"
S.P. 760 L.D. 1952

Presented by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot.

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

Bill "An Act to Require Hospitals and Hospital-affiliated Providers to Provide Financial Assistance Programs for Medical Care"
S.P. 755 L.D. 1937

Presented by Senator TALBOT ROSS of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Speaker FECTEAU of Biddeford and Senators: BAILEY of York, BALDACCI of Penobscot, INGWERSEN of York, ROTUNDO of Androscoggin, Representatives: GATTINE of Westbrook, MEYER of Eliot, SHAGOURY of Hallowell, STOVER of Boothbay.

Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** suggested and ordered printed.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Amend the Law Governing the Competitive Skills Scholarship Program and Establish the Community Workforce Connections Program"

S.P. 764 L.D. 1956

Presented by Senator ROTUNDO of Androscoggin.
Cosponsored by Speaker FECTEAU of Biddeford and Senators: DUSON of Cumberland, RENY of Lincoln, TIPPING of Penobscot, Representatives: BECK of South Portland, BRENNAN of Portland, DHALAC of South Portland, ROEDER of Bangor, STOVER of Boothbay.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Promote Food Processing and Manufacturing Facility Expansion and Create Jobs"

S.P. 758 L.D. 1951

Presented by Senator STEWART of Aroostook.
Cosponsored by Representative UNDERWOOD of Presque Isle and Senator: BERNARD of Aroostook, Representatives: ALBERT of Madawaska, ARDELL of Monticello, BABIN of Fort Fairfield, DAIGLE of Fort Kent, GUERRETTE of Caribou, SWALLOW of Houlton.

Bill "An Act to Lower Household Costs by Expanding the Sales Tax Exemption for Certain Grocery Staples Sold in Grocery Stores"

S.P. 762 L.D. 1954

Presented by President DAUGHTRY of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor and Senators: CURRY of Waldo, MARTIN of Oxford, NANGLE of Cumberland, Representatives: DEBRITO of Waterville, HENDERSON of Rumford, HYMES of Waldo, LEE of Auburn, SKOLD of Portland.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

ORDERS

Joint Orders

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

S.P. 759

Ordered, the House concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourn, they do so until Tuesday, May 13, 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.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

House

Report of the Chair - Pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2

The Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Bill "An Act to Facilitate the Development of Ambulatory Surgical Facilities by Exempting Certain Facilities from the Requirement to Obtain a Certificate of Need"

H.P. 1261 L.D. 1890

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 **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES.**

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

On motion by Senator **NANGLE** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES**, in concurrence.

Pursuant to Resolve

The Committee on **JUDICIARY** on Bill "An Act to Automatically Seal Criminal History Record Information for Class D and Class E Crimes Relating to Marijuana Possession and Cultivation"

H.P. 1277 L.D. 1916

Reported that the same be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY**, pursuant to Resolve 2023, chapter 103, section 8.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **REJECTED** and the Bill **REFERRED** to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY.**

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

Pursuant to Resolve

The Committee on **JUDICIARY** on Bill "An Act to Allow the Sealing of Criminal History Record Information Related to Convictions for Conduct That Is No Longer a Crime in the State"
H.P. 1278 L.D. 1917

Reported that the same be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY**, pursuant to Resolve 2023, chapter 103, section 8.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **REJECTED** and the Bill **REFERRED** to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY**.

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

Pursuant to Resolve

The Committee on **JUDICIARY** on Bill "An Act to Clarify the Criminal History Record Information Act with Respect to Criminal Charges Dismissed as the Result of a Plea Agreement"
H.P. 1279 L.D. 1918

Reported that the same be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY**, pursuant to Resolve 2023, chapter 103, section 8.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **REJECTED** and the Bill **REFERRED** to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY**.

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

Pursuant to Resolve

The Committee on **JUDICIARY** on Bill "An Act to Expand the Types of Convictions Eligible for Sealing Through a Post-judgment Motion to Seal Criminal History Record Information"
H.P. 1280 L.D. 1919

Reported that the same be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY**, pursuant to Resolve 2023, chapter 103, section 8.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **REJECTED** and the Bill **REFERRED** to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY**.

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

Ought to Pass As Amended

The Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** on Resolve, Establishing the Commission to Study Unregulated Storm Water Pollution (EMERGENCY)
H.P. 414 L.D. 646

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-98)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-98)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-98) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

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

The Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Bill "An Act to Require Reporting on the Expenditure of Opioid Settlement Funds by Certain Municipalities and County Governments"
H.P. 75 L.D. 110

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-93)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-93)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-93) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

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

The Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Bill "An Act to Support Municipal Public Health"
H.P. 418 L.D. 650

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-92)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-92)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-92) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

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 Bill "An Act Regarding the Establishment of Fees and Fee Caps for Dental Provider Licensing and Permits"

H.P. 302 L.D. 448

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-82)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-82)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-82) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

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 Bill "An Act to Amend the Laws Governing the Powers and Responsibilities of the Maine Redevelopment Land Bank Authority"

H.P. 610 L.D. 945

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-83)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-83)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-83) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

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 Bill "An Act to Reinvigorate Maine's Workforce and Ensure Student Job Readiness by Providing Funds for the Career Exploration Program"

H.P. 627 L.D. 967

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-84)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-84)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-84) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

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

The Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** on Bill "An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicle Laws"

H.P. 536 L.D. 850

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-85)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-85)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-85) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

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

The Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act Regarding the Confidentiality of Certain Lottery Winner Identities"

H.P. 258 L.D. 404

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-89)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-89)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-89) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

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

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** on Bill "An Act to Expand the Definition of 'Terrorism' in the Laws Governing the Maine Emergency Management Agency"

H.P. 147 L.D. 224

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-97)**.

Signed:

Senators:

BEEBE-CENTER of Knox
CYRWAY of Kennebec

Representatives:

HASENFUS of Readfield
ABDI of Lewiston
BUNKER of Farmington
LAJOIE of Lewiston
LOOKNER of Portland
MCINTYRE of Lowell
MILLIKEN of Blue Hill
PERKINS of Dover-Foxcroft

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

Signed:

Representative:

ARDELL of Monticello

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-97)** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-97)**.

Reports **READ**.

On motion by Senator **BEEBE-CENTER** of Knox, the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-97) **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 Employ Mental Health Personnel Within the Maine State Police"

H.P. 198 L.D. 298

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-94)**.

Signed:

Senators:

BEEBE-CENTER of Knox
CURRY of Waldo

Representatives:

HASENFUS of Readfield
ABDI of Lewiston
BUNKER of Farmington
LAJOIE of Lewiston
LOOKNER of Portland
MCINTYRE of Lowell
MILLIKEN of Blue Hill

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

Signed:

Senator:

CYRWAY of Kennebec

Representatives:

ARDELL of Monticello
PERKINS of Dover-Foxcroft

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-94)** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-94)**.

Reports **READ**.

On motion by Senator **BEEBE-CENTER** of Knox, the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-94) **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 Remove the Duty of an Individual Exercising Self-defense to Safely Retreat or Abstain from Performing Certain Acts upon Demand"
H.P. 315 L.D. 486

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

Signed:

Senators:
BEEBE-CENTER of Knox
CURRY of Waldo

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
NUTTING of Oakland
PERKINS of Dover-Foxcroft

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

Reports **READ**.

On motion by Senator **BEEBE-CENTER** of Knox, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending **ACCEPTANCE OF EITHER REPORT**.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act to Update the Laws Regarding Education"
H.P. 50 L.D. 86

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

Signed:

Senators:
RAFFERTY of York
PIERCE of Cumberland

Representatives:
MURPHY of Scarborough
BRENNAN of Portland
CROCKETT of Portland
DODGE of Belfast
MITCHELL of Cumberland
SARGENT of York

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

Signed:

Senator:
LIBBY of Cumberland

Representatives:
BAGSHAW of Windham
CARLOW of Buxton
HAGGAN of Hampden
LYMAN of Livermore Falls

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 **RAFFERTY** of York, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending **ACCEPTANCE OF EITHER REPORT**.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act to Restore Religious Exemptions to Immunization Requirements"
H.P. 107 L.D. 174

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

Signed:

Senators:
RAFFERTY of York
PIERCE of Cumberland

Representatives:
MURPHY of Scarborough
BRENNAN of Portland
CROCKETT of Portland
DODGE of Belfast
MITCHELL of Cumberland
SARGENT of York

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

Signed:

Senator:

LIBBY of Cumberland

Representatives:

BAGSHAW of Windham
CARLOW of Buxton
HAGGAN of Hampden
LYMAN of Livermore Falls

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

Reports **READ**.

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

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL**
AFFAIRS on Bill "An Act to Repeal Certain Immunization
Requirements for Schools"

H.P. 466 L.D. 727

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

Signed:

Senators:

RAFFERTY of York
LIBBY of Cumberland
PIERCE of Cumberland

Representatives:

MURPHY of Scarborough
BRENNAN of Portland
CARLOW of Buxton
CROCKETT of Portland
DODGE of Belfast
LYMAN of Livermore Falls
MITCHELL of Cumberland
SARGENT of York

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

Signed:

Representatives:

BAGSHAW of Windham
HAGGAN of Hampden

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

Reports **READ**.

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

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND**
TECHNOLOGY on 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

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

Signed:

Senators:

LAWRENCE of York
GROHOSKI of Hancock

Representatives:

SACHS of Freeport
GEIGER of Rockland
KESSLER of South Portland
PAUL of Winterport
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
WADSWORTH of Hiram

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

Reports **READ**.

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

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** on Bill "An Act to Increase Availability and Affordability of Mental Health Care and Substance Use Disorder Services by Removing the Certificate of Need Requirement"

H.P. 122 L.D. 189

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

Signed:

Senators:

BAILEY of York
BALDACCI of Penobscot

Representatives:

GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach
ARFORD of Brunswick
BOYER of Cape Elizabeth
CLUCHEY of Bowdoinham
FOLEY of Wells
MASTRACCIO of Sanford

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-95)**.

Signed:

Senator:

HAGGAN of Penobscot

Representatives:

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

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

Reports **READ**.

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

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** on Bill "An Act to Increase the Availability and Affordability of Health Care by Eliminating Certificate of Need Requirements"

H.P. 485 L.D. 743

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

Signed:

Senators:

BAILEY of York
BALDACCI of Penobscot

Representatives:

GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach
ARFORD of Brunswick
BOYER of Cape Elizabeth
CLUCHEY of Bowdoinham
FOLEY of Wells
MASTRACCIO of Sanford

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-96)**.

Signed:

Senator:

HAGGAN of Penobscot

Representatives:

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

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

Reports **READ**.

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

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** on Bill "An Act Regarding Nondiscrimination in Financial Services"

H.P. 566 L.D. 880

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

Signed:

Senators:

BAILEY of York
BALDACCI of Penobscot
HAGGAN of Penobscot

Representatives:

GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach
ARFORD of Brunswick
BOYER of Cape Elizabeth
CLUCHEY of Bowdoinham
FLYNN of Albion
FOLEY of Wells
MASTRACCIO of Sanford
MORRIS of Turner
OLSEN of Raymond

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-99)**.

Signed:

Representative:

CIMINO of Bridgton

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

Reports **READ**.

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

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** on Bill "An Act to Repeal the Provisions of Law Requiring Motor Vehicle Liability Insurance Policies to Cover the Cost of Towing and Storing Certain Vehicles"

H.P. 923 L.D. 1401

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

Signed:

Senators:

BAILEY of York
BALDACCI of Penobscot

Representatives:

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

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

Signed:

Senator:

HAGGAN of Penobscot

Representatives:

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

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

Reports **READ**.

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

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **JUDICIARY** on Bill "An Act to Provide State Recognition of the Kineo St. John Tribe"
H.P. 519 L.D. 812

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

Signed:

Senators:

CARNEY of Cumberland
TALBOT ROSS of Cumberland

Representatives:

KUHN of Falmouth
BABIN of Fort Fairfield
CARUSO of Caratunk
HENDERSON of Rumford
LEE of Auburn
O'HALLORAN of Brewer
PUGH of Portland
SATO of Gorham
SINCLAIR of Bath

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

Signed:

Senator:

HAGGAN of Penobscot

Representative:

POIRIER of Skowhegan

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

Reports **READ**.

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

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **JUDICIARY** on Bill "An Act Regarding State Recognition of Native American Tribes"
H.P. 520 L.D. 813

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

Signed:

Senators:
CARNEY of Cumberland
TALBOT ROSS of Cumberland

Representatives:
KUHN of Falmouth
LEE of Auburn
O'HALLORAN of Brewer
PUGH of Portland
SATO of Gorham
SINCLAIR of Bath

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-90)**.

Signed:

Senator:
HAGGAN of Penobscot

Representatives:
BABIN of Fort Fairfield
CARUSO of Caratunk
HENDERSON of Rumford
POIRIER of Skowhegan

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

Reports **READ**.

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

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **JUDICIARY** on Resolve, Requiring the Judicial Branch to Report on the Implementation and Operation of Its Electronic Filing System
H.P. 893 L.D. 1370

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

Signed:

Senators:
CARNEY of Cumberland
TALBOT ROSS of Cumberland

Representatives:

KUHN of Falmouth
BABIN of Fort Fairfield
CARUSO of Caratunk
HENDERSON of Rumford
LEE of Auburn
O'HALLORAN of Brewer
POIRIER of Skowhegan
PUGH of Portland
SATO of Gorham
SINCLAIR of Bath

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

Signed:

Senator:
HAGGAN of Penobscot

(Representative DANA of the Passamaquoddy Tribe - of the House - supports the Majority **Ought Not To Pass** Report.)

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

Reports **READ**.

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

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** on Bill "An Act to Establish the November General Election Day as a State Holiday"
H.P. 17 L.D. 53

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-91)**.

Signed:

Senator:
MARTIN of Oxford

Representatives:

ADAMS of Lebanon
COPELAND of Saco
GREENWOOD of Wales
MATLACK of St. George
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:

Senators:

BALDACCI of Penobscot
BEEBE-CENTER of Knox

Representatives:

SALISBURY of Westbrook
FARRIN of Jefferson

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-91)** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-91)**.

Reports **READ**.

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

Senate

Ought to Pass As Amended

Senator CURRY for the Committee on **HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** on Bill "An Act to Amend the Law Governing Zoning Ordinance Variances for Persons with Permanent Disabilities"

S.P. 396 L.D. 907

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-51)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-51) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Senator CARNEY for the Committee on **JUDICIARY** on Bill "An Act to Protect the Confidentiality of Information of Individual Customers of a Public Utility"

S.P. 118 L.D. 251

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-49)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-49) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Senator TEPLER for the Committee on **MARINE RESOURCES** on Bill "An Act to Create a Limited Retail Seafood Harvester Certificate"

S.P. 80 L.D. 144

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-46)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-46) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Senator HICKMAN for the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Fantasy Contests"

S.P. 51 L.D. 33

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-50)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-50) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** on Bill "An Act to Amend Certain Provisions of Maine's Drug Laws Regarding Heroin, Fentanyl and Cocaine"
S.P. 517 L.D. 1288

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

Signed:

Senators:
BEEBE-CENTER of Knox
CURRY of Waldo

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
NUTTING of Oakland
PERKINS of Dover-Foxcroft

Reports **READ**.

On motion by Senator **BEEBE-CENTER** of Knox, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending **ACCEPTANCE OF EITHER REPORT**.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **LABOR** on Bill "An Act to Protect Maine Businesses by Eliminating the Automatic Cost-of-living Adjustment to the Minimum Hourly Wage"
S.P. 93 L.D. 206

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

Signed:

Senators:
TIPPING of Penobscot
RAFFERTY of York

Representatives:

ROEDER of Bangor
ARCHER of Saco
BECK of South Portland
GEIGER of Rockland
MACIAS of Topsham
SKOLD of Portland

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-48)**.

Signed:

Senator:
BRADSTREET of Kennebec

Representatives:
COLLINS of Sidney
DRINKWATER of Milford
SOBOLESKI of Phillips

Reports **READ**.

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

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **LABOR** on Bill "An Act to Include Judicial Marshals in the 1998 Special Plan for Retirement"
S.P. 359 L.D. 794

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-47)**.

Signed:

Senators:
TIPPING of Penobscot
BRADSTREET of Kennebec
RAFFERTY of York

Representatives:

ROEDER of Bangor
ARCHER of Saco
BECK of South Portland
DRINKWATER of Milford
GEIGER of Rockland
MACIAS of Topsham
SKOLD of Portland
SOBOLESKI of Phillips

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

Signed:

Representative:
COLLINS of Sidney

Reports **READ**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-47) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

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

Sent down forthwith for concurrence.

ENACTORS

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

Emergency Measure

An Act to Provide for a Vessel Breakdown License Exception for
Commercial Halibut Fishing License Holders

H.P. 318 L.D. 489
(C "A" H-74)

This being an Emergency Measure and having received the
affirmative vote of 29 Members of the Senate, with 0 Senators
having voted in the negative, and 29 being more than two-thirds
of the entire elected Membership of the Senate, was **PASSED TO
BE ENACTED** and having been signed by the President, was
presented by the Secretary to the Governor for approval.

Acts

An Act to 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
(C "A" S-23)

An Act to Establish the PFAS Response Program and to Modify
the Fund To Address PFAS Contamination

S.P. 66 L.D. 130
(C "A" S-28)

An Act to Amend the Transportation Laws

H.P. 87 L.D. 154
(C "A" H-75)

An Act to Make May Progressive Supranuclear Palsy Month

H.P. 221 L.D. 321

An Act Clarifying Exemptions from the Law Regulating Products
Containing PFAS

S.P. 419 L.D. 987
(C "A" S-27)

An Act to Change in Statute the Areas Represented by the
Members of the Board of Trustees of the Cross Insurance Arena
from Sets of Municipalities to the County Commissioner Districts
of Cumberland County

H.P. 758 L.D. 1153

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

An Act to Provide Funding for Sexual Assault Services

S.P. 16 L.D. 117
(C "A" S-30)

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

An Act to Require Positions Taken by the Public Advocate to Be
Consistent with the Cost-effective Implementation of the State's
Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reductions Obligations

S.P. 370 L.D. 837
(C "A" S-29)

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

Resolves

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
(C "A" S-26)

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

Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 201: Employer
Reporting and Payments, a Major Substantive Rule of the Maine
Public Employees Retirement System

H.P. 53 L.D. 89
(C "A" H-71)

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

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

Senate at Ease.

The Senate was called to order by the President.

The Senate considered the following additional papers:

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Senate

Change of Committee

Senator BALDACCI for the Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** on Bill "An Act to Ensure the Future of Maine's Sporting Camp Heritage"

S.P. 683 L.D. 1737

Reported that the same be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**.

Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Senate considered the following additional papers:

SENATE PAPERS

Bill "An Act to Prohibit the Department of Health and Human Services from Reducing General Assistance Reimbursement Maximums for Payment of Costs of Providing Emergency Shelter"

S.P. 766 L.D. 1959

Presented by Senator TALBOT ROSS of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative GATTINE of Westbrook and Senators: INGWERSEN of York, NANGLE of Cumberland, ROTUNDO of Androscoggin, TIPPING of Penobscot, Representatives: CLOUTIER of Lewiston, GRAHAM of North Yarmouth, MEYER of Eliot, ROEDER of Bangor.

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

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Ensure Due Process for Recipients of No Trespass Orders on Certain State Properties"

S.P. 765 L.D. 1958

Presented by Senator GROHOSKI of Hancock.
Cosponsored by Representative MILLIKEN of Blue Hill and Senators: BENNETT of Oxford, HICKMAN of Kennebec, TALBOT ROSS of Cumberland, TIPPING of Penobscot, Representatives: HASENFUS of Readfield, HENDERSON of Rumford, LEE of Auburn, POIRIER of Skowhegan.

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

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Exempt Electronic Smoking Devices or Other Tobacco Products Containing Ingestible Hemp from the Tax Imposed on Tobacco Products"

S.P. 767 L.D. 1960

Presented by Senator TALBOT ROSS of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative BOYER of Poland and Senators: BAILEY of York, BENNETT of Oxford, HICKMAN of Kennebec, TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin, Representatives: CHAPMAN of Auburn, FAIRCLOTH of Bangor, FREDERICKS of Sanford, SUPICA of Bangor.

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

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

Sent down for concurrence.

The Senate considered the following additional papers:

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

House Papers

Bill "An Act to Clarify Data Collection Processes in Health Care Facilities"

H.P. 1304 L.D. 1945

Bill "An Act to Clarify the Eligibility of Certified Recovery Residences for Bridging Rental Assistance Program Housing Vouchers"

H.P. 1305 L.D. 1946

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

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

Bill "An Act to Revise the Growth Management Program Laws"

H.P. 1299 L.D. 1940

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

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

Bill "An Act to Implement Recommendations of the Commission to Examine Reestablishing Parole"

H.P. 1300 L.D. 1941

Bill "An Act to Protect Children and Adults from Technology-facilitated Sexual Abuse"

H.P. 1303 L.D. 1944

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 Amend the Laws Pertaining to the Maine Public Employees Retirement System"

H.P. 1306 L.D. 1947

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

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

Bill "An Act to Promote Film Production in Maine"

H.P. 1309 L.D. 1957

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

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

Bill "An Act to Modify Taxes Applying to Adult Use Cannabis, Hemp and Hemp Products"

H.P. 1301 L.D. 1942

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

The Senate considered the following additional papers:

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

House Paper

Resolve, to Establish a Commission to Study the Role of Private Equity in Maine's Economy and in Key Economic Sectors

H.P. 1302 L.D. 1943

Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** suggested and ordered printed.

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

On motion by Senator **BAILEY** of York, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** 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 **JUDICIARY** on Bill "An Act to Combat Organized Criminal Enterprises in Maine" (EMERGENCY)
H.P. 1259 L.D. 1888

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 **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY**.

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

Senator **CARNEY** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY**, 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, May 13, 2025 at 10:00 in the morning.