

# One Hundred and Twenty-Ninth Legislature First Regular Session

# Advance Journal and Calendar

#### **3rd Legislative Day**

In Senate Chamber, Wednesday, January 9, 2019.

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

Prayer by Pastor Frank Gleason, CenterPoint Community Church in Anson.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Senator James F. Dill of Penobscot County.

Reading of the Journal of Wednesday, January 2, 2019.

Doctor of the day, Robert Chagrasulis, M.D. of Casco.

Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, on motion by Senator **LIBBY** of Androscoggin, the following Joint Order:

S.P. 13

Ordered, the House concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourn, they do so until Tuesday, January 15, 2019 at 10:00 in the morning.

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**Troy D. Jackson** *Senate President* 

**Darek M. Grant**Secretary of the Senate

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# **COMMUNICATIONS**

# (2-1) The Following Communication:

S.C. 22

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

January 3, 2019

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

Dear Clerk Hunt:

Pursuant to my authority under House Rule 201.1 (I) (a), I have appointed Representative Bruce Bickford as the Republican Lead on the Taxation Committee.

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

Sincerely,

S/Sara Gideon Speaker of the House

(2-2) The Following Communication:

S.C. 24

STATE OF MAINE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE AUGUSTA, MAINE

December 30, 2018

Honorable Troy D. Jackson President of the Senate 3 State House Station Augusta, ME 04333-0003

Dear President Jackson,

Pursuant to 5 MRSA § 12009, I am submitting to you the report of Board and Commission appointments or reappointments for calendar year 2019. Additionally, I am providing a report that list appointments or re-appointments that have not been made from previous years through December 31, 2018, and where vacancies actually exist on a board or commission that need a new appointment. If you need a breakdown by your appointments only, we can provide this to you as well.

If you have any questions concerning these reports or need additional information, please contact me or Cathy Beaudoin at the Bureau of Corporations, Elections and Commissions at 624-7748.

Sincerely,

S/Matthew Dunlap Secretary of State

#### (2-3) The Following Communication:

S.C. 25

# CHILD WELFARE OMBUDSMAN P.O. BOX 2057 HOPE, MAINE 04847

December 31, 2018

The Honorable Troy D. Jackson President of the Maine Senate Maine State House Station 3 State House Station Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Senator Jackson,

I am pleased to present the sixteenth annual report of the Maine Child Welfare Ombudsman. Our office reports to the Governor, the Department, and the Legislature each year pursuant to 22 M.R.S.A. §4087-A. This report reflects the Fiscal Year from October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2018. I respectfully request that you distribute this report to the members of the Maine Senate.

The Child Welfare Services Ombudsman provides information to callers about Child Welfare Services and referrals to other resources and sources of information. Each year we open between 110 and 120 cases for review. Additionally, we make recommendations to the Department, Governor and Legislature.

Please let me know if you have any questions about the report or our program and I would be happy to meet and discuss those or any other issues with you.

Respectfully submitted,

S/Christine Alberi Ombudsman

#### **SENATE PAPERS**

(3-1) Bill "An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Task Force on Health Care Coverage for All of Maine"

S.P. 14 L.D. 51

Presented by Senator SANBORN, H. of Cumberland.

(3-2) Bill "An Act To Provide an Affordable and Accessible Health Care System for all Residents of Maine"

S.P. 15 L.D. 52

Presented by Senator GRATWICK of Penobscot.

Cosponsored by Representative HYMANSON of York and Senators: CLAXTON of Androscoggin, FOLEY of York, President JACKSON of Aroostook, SANBORN, H. of Cumberland, SANBORN, L. of Cumberland, VITELLI of Sagadahoc, Representatives: McCREIGHT of Harpswell, RYKERSON of Kittery.

Committee on	HEALTH	COVERAGE,	<b>INSURANCE</b>	AND FINA	ANCIAL S	ERVICE	S
suggested and	ordered prin	nted.					

(3-3) Bill "An Act To Clarify Local Referendum Ballots"

S.P. 17 L.D. 53

Presented by Senator SANBORN, H. of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Representative JORGENSEN of Portland and Senators: CLAXTON of Androscoggin, GRATWICK of Penobscot, LIBBY of Androscoggin, Representatives: CARDONE of Bangor, CROCKETT of Portland.

(3-4) Bill "An Act To Limit the Influence of Lobbyists by Expanding the Prohibition on Accepting Political Contributions"

S.P. 18 L.D. 54

Presented by Senator CHENETTE of York.

Cosponsored by Representative COLLINGS of Portland and Senators: CHIPMAN of Cumberland, MIRAMANT of Knox.

Committee on VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS suggested and ordered printed.

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#### **ORDERS**

#### **Joint Orders**

(4-1) On motion by Senator **LIBBY** of Androscoggin, under unanimous consent, on behalf of President JACKSON of Aroostook, the following Joint Order:

S.P. 16

**ORDERED,** the House concurring, that the Joint Rules be amended by amending Joint Rule 301, last indented paragraph to read:

There are established 17 joint standing committees, which must be appointed at the commencement of the first regular session and which exercise jurisdiction in the following areas:

Agriculture, conservation and forestry

Appropriations and financial affairs

Criminal justice and public safety

Education and cultural affairs

Energy, utilities and technology

Environment and natural resources

Health and human services

Health coverage, insurance and financial services

Inland fisheries and wildlife

Innovation, development, economic advancement and commerce business

Judiciary

Labor and housing

Marine resources

State and local government

Taxation

Transportation

Veterans and legal affairs

Expressions of Legislative Sentiment recognizing:

(4-2) Laurence Hayward, of Lubec, who has retired as an Emergency Communications Specialist with the Washington County Regional Communications Center after 33 years of public service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

**SLS 14** 

Sponsored by Senator MOORE of Washington.

Cosponsored by Representative: TUELL of East Machias.

(4-3) Lucette Valentino, of Saco, who is celebrating her 90th Birthday on January 8, 2019. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

**SLS 15** 

Sponsored by Senator CHENETTE of York.

Cosponsored by Representatives: BAILEY of Saco, MAREAN of Hollis, O'NEIL of Saco.

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## **Joint Resolutions**

Joint Resolutions in Memoriam:

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

(4-4) Bertha W. Johnson, of Baring Plantation. Mrs. Johnson worked as a clerk for Maine State Government and served many years performing clerical and other tasks for Baring Plantation. Mrs. Johnson will be long remembered and sadly missed by her family and friends;

**SLS 13** 

Sponsored by Senator MOORE of Washington. Cosponsored by Representative: PERRY of Calais.

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

(4-5) Ronald E. McAllister, of Jay. Mr. McAllister worked in accounting with various companies in the Farmington area before he opened his own firm, McAllister Accounting and Tax Services. Always very involved in sports, he coached children's baseball and soccer teams for AYS. He also served as Treasurer of the Wilson Lake Country Club, Jay-Niles Memorial Library and Foothills Land Conservancy. He was a member of the Maine Association of Professional Accountants, serving as president for two years. He was actively involved with Otis Federal Credit Union, serving on the supervisory committee and the board of directors, for which he served as chairman. Mr. McAllister will be long remembered and sadly missed by his wife of 49 years, Pamela, by his family and friends and by all those whose lives he touched;

**SLS 16** 

Sponsored by Senator BLACK of Franklin. Cosponsored by Representative: RILEY of Jay.

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

(4-6) Bruce P. Frost, of Wilton. Mr. Frost served in the United States Air Force for 20 years as a ground radio maintenance technician, including in Vietnam, where he earned a Bronze Star for heroic and meritorious service. He worked as a corrections officer and a dispatcher, among other jobs, and for 19 years was the proprietor of Bruce's Mobile Home Service. Mr. Frost will be long remembered and sadly missed by his wife of 54 years, Earline, and by his family and friends;

**SLS 17** 

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

#### 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.

1.

## **Tabled and Later Assigned**

JOINT ORDER - Expression of Legislative Sentiment Recognizing Wells High School Boys Cross Country Team

SLS 1

Tabled - January 2, 2019 by Senator LIBBY of Androscoggin

Pending - PASSAGE

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# **Tabled and Later Assigned**

JOINT ORDER - Expression of Legislative Sentiment Recognizing Wells High School Football Team

SLS 3

Tabled - January 2, 2019 by Senator LIBBY of Androscoggin

Pending - PASSAGE

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**3.** 

# **Tabled and Later Assigned**

JOINT ORDER - Expression of Legislative Senti	ment Recognizing Wells High School Girls
Cross Country Team	
	SLS 4

Tabled - January 2, 2019 by Senator **LIBBY** of Androscoggin

Pending - **PASSAGE** 

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# **Tabled and Later Assigned**

JOINT ORDER - Expression of Legislative Sentiment Recognizing Phillip McCarthy, of Bath SLS 8

Tabled - January 2, 2019 by Senator LIBBY of Androscoggin

Pending - PASSAGE