



# Senate of Maine

One Hundred and Thirty-First Legislature  
First Regular Session

Advance Journal and Calendar

**11th Legislative Day**

In Senate Chamber, Thursday, February 16, 2023.

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

Prayer by Pastor Neil Wilson of Lovell United Church of Christ.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Senator Matthea Daughtry of Cumberland County.

Reading of the Journal of Tuesday, February 14, 2023.

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**Troy D. Jackson**  
*President of the Senate*

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

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

S.P. 322

ORDERED, the House concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourn, they do so until Tuesday, February 28, 2023, at 10:00 in the morning, or until the call of the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House, respectively.

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**PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE**

**Joint Order**

An Expression of Legislative Sentiment recognizing:

(1-1) Philip Brown, of Westbrook, recipient of a Spirit of America Foundation Award. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the foundation presents awards to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 51

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

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**Joint Resolutions**

(1-2) The following Joint Resolution:

H.P. 371

**JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING FEBRUARY 2023 AS  
BROWNTAIL MOTH AWARENESS MONTH**

WHEREAS, browntail moth populations in Maine have been in an outbreak phase since 2015, and the browntail moth is not a pest that can be eradicated; and

WHEREAS, most areas of Maine, especially settled areas that have significant host tree populations, including oak, apple, crabapple, pear, birch and cherry trees, are at risk; and

WHEREAS, long-lasting tree defoliation caused by browntail moth caterpillars is a major concern, and browntail moth caterpillars shed microscopic, toxic hairs that can cause a person to have trouble breathing or suffer skin irritation similar to poison ivy; and

WHEREAS, state agencies are committed to coordinating within State Government, with local communities and directly with citizens to respond to the problems posed by browntail moth populations; and

WHEREAS, winter is the best time to clip and destroy browntail moth webs that are safely within reach or to hire licensed arborists or licensed pesticide applicators to reduce populations that are out of reach; and

WHEREAS, comprehensive browntail moth information and tools collected by state agencies and the University of Maine, including research, infestation tracking and the answers to frequently asked questions and other educational resources, can be obtained by dialing 211 or visiting 211maine.org; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Thirty-first Legislature now assembled in the First Regular Session, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to recognize February 2023 as Browntail Moth Awareness Month and encourage the citizens of the State to learn about browntail moths by dialing 211 or visiting 211maine.org.

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

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(1-3) The following Joint Resolution:

H.P. 373

**JOINT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE LIVES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF  
BLACK MAINE CITIZENS REUBEN RUBY, GEORGE THOMPSON RUBY, MARY  
DALY DICKSON AND LOIS ANN DICKSON RICE DURING BLACK HISTORY  
MONTH**

WHEREAS, Maine's Black history and the story of Maine's Black citizens and their accomplishments and contributions are barely remembered today; and

WHEREAS, Reuben Ruby, a Black man, was born in Gray in 1798; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ruby was the first person in the State to have a taxi, then known as a "hack," and one of his riders was William Lloyd Garrison, who was given a tour of Portland by Mr. Ruby before the Boston abolitionist joined Portland's Black leaders at Mr. Ruby's home for dinner; and

WHEREAS, in the place where Mr. Ruby's hack stand was located, on the corner of Temple Street and Federal Street, there is placed, as part of the Portland Freedom Trail, a stone monument recognizing the business; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ruby was only 29 years of age when he became an agent for Freedom's Journal, the first Black-owned newspaper in the country. In October 1834, he was the only Black person among those representing the City of Portland at the forming of the Maine Anti-Slavery Society in Augusta; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ruby was one of 2 Black persons sent to represent Maine at the Fifth Annual Convention for the Improvement of the Free People of Color, held in Philadelphia in 1835. The convention elected Mr. Ruby as its president; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ruby was elected a vice-president of the American Moral Reform Society, a national group led by James Forten, a Black abolitionist from Philadelphia. In 1840, Mr. Ruby was elected president of the Manhattan Anti-Slavery Society in New York City; and

WHEREAS, Reuben Ruby's son, George Thompson Ruby, was the first Black graduate of Portland High School; and

WHEREAS, George Thompson Ruby was elected to the Texas state Senate during Reconstruction and was a delegate to the 1868 Republican National Convention in Chicago and the party's convention in Philadelphia 4 years later; and

WHEREAS, Lois Ann Dickson Rice, a Black woman, was born in Portland and went on to become valedictorian at Portland High School in 1950 and class president of Radcliffe College in 1954. She became national vice president of the College Board and is considered "the Mother of the Pell Grant," a federal financial aid program that benefits millions of students each year; and

WHEREAS, in 1950, her mother, Mary Daly Dickson, was named Maine Mother of the Year, becoming the first Black woman to gain that honor; and

WHEREAS, Lois Ann Dickson Rice's legacy of achievement continues in her daughter Susan Rice, who was United States Ambassador to the United Nations and then National Security Advisor in the administration of President Barack Obama and has been tapped to run the Domestic Policy Council under President Joe Biden; and

WHEREAS, Maine's Black citizens have a long history of accomplishments that should be remembered and celebrated; and

WHEREAS, from the Revolutionary War through the abolitionist movement, to marches from Selma to Montgomery and across America today, and in this State, African Americans in Maine have remained devoted to the proposition that all of us are created equal, even when their own rights were denied; and

WHEREAS, the month of February is officially celebrated as Black History Month, which dates back to 1926 when Dr. Carter G. Woodson set aside a special period of time in February to recognize the heritage and achievements of African Americans; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Thirty-first Legislature now assembled in the First Regular Session, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to honor during Black History Month the contributions of African Americans in Maine's and the nation's history and encourage all people in the State to learn more about the past and to better understand the experiences that have shaped the State and the nation.

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

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Joint Resolutions in Memoriam:

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

(1-4) Robert Howard Kimball, of Sangerville. Mr. Kimball had a long career in the insurance industry, establishing Kimball Insurance in 1999. He also served on a variety of local boards and was a member of the Kiwanis Club, a Mason and a member of the Big Pine Gun Club. Mr. Kimball will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family and friends and all those whose lives he touched;

HLS 49

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

(1-5) William Sawtell, of Brownville. Mr. Sawtell was a veteran of the United States Army, serving in Thailand during the Vietnam War. He tutored and coached basketball in Quebec, Canada for five years before returning to Brownville, where he wrote over 50 books documenting local histories and biographies and some sports articles for local newspapers. He was a member of the American Legion and an active member of the Brownville Historical Society. He was devoted to the local schools, where he volunteered for years giving special history talks, also regularly volunteering at a local nursing home. In 2007, he was named Brownville's Citizen of the Year. Mr. Sawtell will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family and friends and all those whose lives he touched;

HLS 50

Come from the House **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

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**COMMUNICATIONS**

(2-1) The Following Communication:

S.C. 108

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

February 14, 2023

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

Dear Secretary Grant,

Pursuant to my authority under MRSA Title 5, Part 30, Chapter 623, §24051, I am pleased to appoint Representative Amanda Collamore of Pittsfield to the Maine Children's Cabinet Early Childhood Advisory Council, effective immediately.

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

Sincerely,

S/Rachel Talbot Ross  
Speaker of the House

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(2-2) The Following Communication:

S.C. 117

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

February 15, 2023

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

RE: Appointment of Isaac Jurson of Houlton as the Student Trustee to the Maine Maritime Academy Board of Trustees

Dear Mr. President:

It is with great pleasure that I advise you that I am nominating Isaac Jurson of Houlton as the Student Trustee for appointment to the Maine Maritime Academy Board of Trustees.

Pursuant to Title 5 §12004-C and Public Law 1941, c. 37, §1, as amended by P&SL 1993, c 27, §1, this appointment is contingent on the Maine State Senate's confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills  
Governor

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(2-3) The Following Communication:

S.C. 118

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

February 15, 2023

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

Re: Reappointment of The Honorable Wendy L. Ault of Wayne to the State Board of  
Education

Dear President Jackson:

It is with great pleasure that I advise you that I am nominating The Honorable Wendy L. Ault of  
Wayne for reappointment to the State Board of Education.

Pursuant to Title 20-A, MRSA §401, this reappointment is contingent on the Maine State  
Senate's confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural  
Affairs.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills  
Governor

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(2-4) The Following Communication:

S.C. 119

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

February 15, 2023

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

Re: Appointment of Denham Salisbury Ward, MD of Bowdoinham to the State Board of  
Education

Dear President Jackson:

It is with great pleasure that I advise you that I am nominating Denham Salisbury Ward, MD of Bowdoinham for appointment to the State Board of Education.

Pursuant to Title 20-A, MRSA §401, this appointment is contingent on the Maine State Senate's confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills  
Governor

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(2-5) The Following Communication:

S.C. 120

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

February 15, 2023

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

Re: Reappointment of Fernande Desjardins of Saint Agatha to the State Board of Education

Dear President Jackson:

It is with great pleasure that I advise you that I am nominating Fernande Desjardins of Saint Agatha for reappointment to the State Board of Education.

Pursuant to Title 20-A, MRSA §401, this reappointment is contingent on the Maine State Senate's confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills  
Governor

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(2-6) The Following Communication:

S.C. 121

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

February 15, 2023

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

RE: Reappointment of Douglas Kelley Young, Esquire of Portland to the Maine Board of Tax Appeals

Dear President Jackson:

It is with great pleasure that I advise you that I am nominating Douglas Kelley Young, Esquire of Portland for reappointment to the Maine Board of Tax Appeals.

Pursuant to Title 36, MRSA §151-D, this reappointment is contingent on the Maine State Senate's confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Taxation.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills  
Governor

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(2-7) The Following Communication:

S.C. 122

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

February 15, 2023

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

RE: Reappointment of Jeanne T. Gibson of Winthrop to the Maine Board of Tax Appeals

Dear President Jackson:

It is with great pleasure that I advise you that I am nominating Jeanne T. Gibson of Winthrop for reappointment to the Maine Board of Tax Appeals.

Pursuant to Title 36, MRSA §151-D, this reappointment is contingent on the Maine State Senate's confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Taxation.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills  
Governor

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(2-8) The Following Communication:

S.C. 123

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

February 15, 2023

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

RE: Appointment of The Honorable Bettyann Sheets of Auburn to the Maine Turnpike Authority Board of Directors

Dear President Jackson:

It is with great pleasure that I advise you that I am nominating The Honorable Bettyann Sheets of Auburn for appointment to the Maine Turnpike Authority Board of Directors.

Pursuant to Title 23, MRSA §1964-A, this appointment is contingent on the Maine State Senate's confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills  
Governor

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(2-9) The Following Communication:

S.C. 124

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

February 15, 2023

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

RE: Reappointment of Marguerite Miller Fleming of Portland to the Northern New England  
Passenger Rail Authority

Dear President Jackson:

It is with great pleasure that I advise you that I am nominating Marguerite Miller Fleming of  
Portland for reappointment to the Northern New England Passenger Rail Authority.

Pursuant to Title 23, MRSA §8112, this reappointment is contingent on the Maine State Senate's  
confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills  
Governor

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(2-10) The Following Communication:

S.C. 105

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

February 13, 2023

The Honorable Troy Dale Jackson  
President of the Senate of Maine  
131st Maine State Legislature  
State House  
Augusta, Maine 04333-0003

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Section 157, and with Joint Rule 505 of the Maine Legislature, the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry has had under consideration the nomination of Michael Wiers of St. Albans, for reappointment to the Maine Milk Commission.

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

YEAS	Senators	3	Ingwersen, H. of York, Black, R. of Franklin, Hickman, C. of Kennebec
	Representatives	9	Pluecker, B. of Warren, Costain, D. of Plymouth, Cray, D. of Palmyra, Guerrette, T. of Caribou, Hall, R. of Wilton, Hepler, A. of Woolwich, Jackson, C. of Oxford, Jauch, R. of Topsham, Shaw, K. of Auburn
NAYS		0	
ABSENT		1	Rep. Osher, L. of Orono

Twelve members of the Committee having voted in the affirmative and zero in the negative, it was the vote of the Committee that the nomination of Michael Wiers of St. Albans, for reappointment to the Maine Milk Commission be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Henry Ingwersen  
Senate Chair

S/Bill Pluecker  
House Chair



(2-11) The Following Communication:

S.C. 106

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

February 13, 2023

The Honorable Troy Dale Jackson  
President of the Senate of Maine  
131st Maine State Legislature  
State House  
Augusta, Maine 04333-0003

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Section 157, and with Joint Rule 505 of the Maine Legislature, the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry has had under consideration the nomination of Dr. Richard A. Cook, PhD of Hermon, for reappointment to the Maine Milk Commission.

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

YEAS	Senators	3	Ingwersen, H. of York, Black, R. of Franklin, Hickman, C. of Kennebec
	Representatives	10	Pluecker, B. of Warren, Costain, D. of Plymouth, Cray, D. of Palmyra, Guerrette, T. of Caribou, Hall, R. of Wilton, Hepler, A. of Woolwich, Jackson, C. of Oxford, Jauch, R. of Topsham, Osher, L. of Orono, Shaw, K. of Auburn
NAYS		0	
ABSENT		0	

Thirteen members of the Committee having voted in the affirmative and zero in the negative, it was the vote of the Committee that the nomination of Dr. Richard A. Cook, PhD of Hermon, for reappointment to the Maine Milk Commission be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Henry Ingwersen  
Senate Chair

S/Bill Pluecker  
House Chair





(2-12) The Following Communication:

S.C. 107

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

February 13, 2023

The Honorable Troy Dale Jackson  
President of the Senate of Maine  
131st Maine State Legislature  
State House  
Augusta, Maine 04333-0003

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Section 157, and with Joint Rule 505 of the Maine Legislature, the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry has had under consideration the nomination of Barry W. Norris of Union, for reappointment to the State Harness Racing Commission.

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

YEAS	Senators	3	Ingwersen, H. of York, Black, R. of Franklin, Hickman, C. of Kennebec
	Representatives	10	Pluecker, B. of Warren, Costain, D. of Plymouth, Cray, D. of Palmyra, Guerrette, T. of Caribou, Hall, R. of Wilton, Hepler, A. of Woolwich, Jackson, C. of Oxford, Jauch, R. of Topsham, Osher, L. of Orono, Shaw, K. of Auburn
NAYS		0	
ABSENT		0	

Thirteen members of the Committee having voted in the affirmative and zero in the negative, it was the vote of the Committee that the nomination of Barry W. Norris of Union, for reappointment to the State Harness Racing Commission be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Henry Ingwersen  
Senate Chair

S/Bill Pluecker  
House Chair



(2-13) The Following Communication:

S.C. 116

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

February 14, 2023

The Honorable Troy Dale Jackson  
President of the Senate of Maine  
131st Maine State Legislature  
State House  
Augusta, Maine 04333-0003

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Section 157, and with Joint Rule 505 of the Maine Legislature, the Joint Standing Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services has had under consideration the nomination of Megan Garratt-Reed of South Thomaston, for appointment as the Executive Director, Office of Affordable Health Care.

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

YEAS	Senators	2	Bailey, D. of York, Reny, C. of Lincoln
	Representatives	7	Perry, A. of Calais, Arford, P. of Brunswick, Cluchey, S. of Bowdoinham, Cyrway, S. of Albion, Mastraccio, A. of Sanford, Mathieson, K. of Kittery, Morris, J. of Turner
NAYS	Senators	1	Brakey, E. of Androscoggin
	Representatives	1	Swallow, G. of Houlton
ABSENT		2	Rep. Nutting, R. of Oakland, Rep. Pringle, J. of Windham

Nine members of the Committee having voted in the affirmative and two in the negative, it was the vote of the Committee that the nomination of Megan Garratt-Reed of South Thomaston, for appointment as the Executive Director, Office of Affordable Health Care be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Donna Bailey  
Senate Chair

S/Anne C. Perry  
House Chair



(2-14) The Following Communication:

S.C. 110

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

February 14, 2023

The Honorable Troy Dale Jackson  
President of the Senate of Maine  
131st Maine State Legislature  
State House  
Augusta, Maine 04333-0003

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Section 157, and with Joint Rule 505 of the Maine Legislature, the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary has had under consideration the nomination of Maria A. Woodman of Monmouth, for reappointment as a District Court Judge.

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

YEAS	Senators	2	Carney, A. of Cumberland, Lyford, P. of Penobscot
	Representatives	8	Moonen, M. of Portland, Henderson, R. of Rumford, Kuhn, A. of Falmouth, Lee, A. of Auburn, Moriarty, S. of Cumberland, Poirier, J. of Skowhegan, Reckitt, L. of South Portland, Sheehan, E. of Biddeford
NAYS		0	
ABSENT		3	Sen. Bailey, D. of York, Rep. Andrews, J. of Paris, Rep. Haggan, D. of Hampden

Rep. Dana of Passamaquoddy Tribe supports the Committee's recommendation.

Ten members of the Committee having voted in the affirmative and zero in the negative, it was the vote of the Committee that the nomination of Maria A. Woodman of Monmouth, for reappointment as a District Court Judge be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Anne Carney  
Senate Chair

S/Matt Moonen  
House Chair



(2-15) The Following Communication:

S.C. 111

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

February 14, 2023

The Honorable Troy Dale Jackson  
President of the Senate of Maine  
131st Maine State Legislature  
State House  
Augusta, Maine 04333-0003

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Section 157, and with Joint Rule 505 of the Maine Legislature, the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary has had under consideration the nomination of Michael P. Roberts of Bangor, for reappointment as a District Court Judge.

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

YEAS	Senators	1	Carney, A. of Cumberland
	Representatives	8	Moonen, M. of Portland, Henderson, R. of Rumford, Kuhn, A. of Falmouth, Lee, A. of Auburn, Moriarty, S. of Cumberland, Poirier, J. of Skowhegan, Reckitt, L. of South Portland, Sheehan, E. of Biddeford
NAYS		0	
ABSENT		4	Sen. Bailey, D. of York, Sen. Lyford, P. of Penobscot, Rep. Andrews, J. of Paris, Rep. Haggan, D. of Hampden

Rep. Dana of Passamaquoddy Tribe supports the Committee's recommendation.

Nine members of the Committee having voted in the affirmative and zero in the negative, it was the vote of the Committee that the nomination of Michael P. Roberts of Bangor, for reappointment as a District Court Judge be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Anne Carney  
Senate Chair

S/Matt Moonen  
House Chair



(2-16) The Following Communication:

S.C. 112

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

February 14, 2023

The Honorable Troy Dale Jackson  
President of the Senate of Maine  
131st Maine State Legislature  
State House  
Augusta, Maine 04333-0003

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Section 157, and with Joint Rule 505 of the Maine Legislature, the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary has had under consideration the nomination of Jed J. French of Yarmouth, for reappointment as a District Court Judge.

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

YEAS	Senators	2	Carney, A. of Cumberland, Lyford, P. of Penobscot
	Representatives	8	Moonen, M. of Portland, Henderson, R. of Rumford, Kuhn, A. of Falmouth, Lee, A. of Auburn, Moriarty, S. of Cumberland, Poirier, J. of Skowhegan, Reckitt, L. of South Portland, Sheehan, E. of Biddeford
NAYS		0	
ABSENT		3	Sen. Bailey, D. of York, Rep. Andrews, J. of Paris, Rep. Haggan, D. of Hampden

Rep. Dana of Passamaquoddy Tribe supports the Committee's recommendation.

Ten members of the Committee having voted in the affirmative and zero in the negative, it was the vote of the Committee that the nomination of Jed J. French of Yarmouth, for reappointment as a District Court Judge be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Anne Carney  
Senate Chair

S/Matt Moonen  
House Chair



(2-17) The Following Communication:

S.C. 109

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

February 14, 2023

Honorable Troy Dale Jackson, Senate President  
Honorable Rachel Talbot Ross, Speaker of the House  
131st Maine State Legislature  
State House  
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Talbot Ross,

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

L.D. 176      An Act to Increase the Safety of Patients and Staff at the Dorothea Dix  
                  Psychiatric

Center and the Riverview Psychiatric Center

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Joseph M. Baldacci  
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Michele Meyer  
House Chair

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(2-18) The Following Communication:

S.C. 113

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

February 14, 2023

Honorable Troy Dale Jackson, Senate President  
Honorable Rachel Talbot Ross, Speaker of the House  
131st Maine State Legislature  
State House  
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Talbot Ross,

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

L.D. 476      An Act to Amend the Law Regarding Court Locations

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Anne Carney  
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Matt Moonen  
House Chair

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(2-19) The Following Communication:

S.C. 115

**STATE OF MAINE  
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE  
COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

February 09, 2023

Honorable Troy Dale Jackson, President of the Senate  
Honorable Rachel Talbot Ross, Speaker of the House  
131st Legislature  
State House  
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Talbot Ross:

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

L.D. 127      An Act to Eliminate Television Recycling Fees for Charitable Entities

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Stacy Fielding Brenner  
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Lori K. Gramlich  
House Chair

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(2-20) The Following Communication:

S.C. 114

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

February 10, 2023

Honorable Troy Dale Jackson, President of the Senate  
Honorable Rachel Talbot Ross, Speaker of the House  
131st Legislature  
State House  
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Talbot Ross:

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

L.D. 195                      An Act to Exempt Gold Star Parents from Income Tax

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Nicole Grohoski  
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Joe Perry  
House Chair

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**SENATE PAPERS**

(3-1) Bill "An Act to Authorize the Treasurer of State and Municipalities to Invest in Gold, Silver and Other Precious Metals"

S.P. 292 L.D. 734

Presented by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin.

Cosponsored by Representative GREENWOOD of Wales and Senators: LIBBY of Cumberland, MOORE of Washington, Representatives: BOYER of Poland, FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor, LIBBY of Auburn, MORRIS of Turner, PERKINS of Dover-Foxcroft, RUDNICKI of Fairfield.

(3-2) Bill "An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue to Provide a New Dormitory Facility at the Maine School of Science and Mathematics"

S.P. 307 L.D. 749

Presented by President JACKSON of Aroostook.

Cosponsored by Senators: DUSON of Cumberland, GROHOSKI of Hancock, PIERCE of Cumberland, RAFFERTY of York, STEWART of Aroostook, Representative: BABIN of Fort Fairfield.

(3-3) Bill "An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding Signature Requirements on Issuance of General Fund Bonds"

S.P. 318 L.D. 760

Presented by Senator ROTUNDO of Androscoggin.

Cosponsored by Representative TERRY of Gorham and Representatives: ANKELES of Brunswick, CLOUTIER of Lewiston, COLLINGS of Portland, SHAGOURY of Hallowell, WHITE of Waterville.

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

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(3-4) Bill "An Act to Prohibit the Use of Toy Cannon Fireworks Devices That Exceed 150 Decibels Without Permission from Affected Property Owners"

S.P. 303 L.D. 745

Presented by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin. (BY REQUEST)

(3-5) Bill "An Act to Provide Funding for Positions in the Penobscot County Sheriff's Office"  
S.P. 314 L.D. 756

Presented by Senator GUERIN of Penobscot.

Cosponsored by Senator: BALDACCI of Penobscot, Representatives: DILL of Old Town,  
FOSTER of Dexter, ROEDER of Bangor.

(3-6) Bill "An Act to Amend the Laws Governing the Crime of Endangering the Welfare of a  
Child and to Create the Crime of Aggravated Endangering the Welfare of a Child"  
S.P. 319 L.D. 761

Presented by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot.

Cosponsored by Senators: BENNETT of Oxford, LIBBY of Cumberland, Representatives:  
ARATA of New Gloucester, BAGSHAW of Windham, COSTAIN of Plymouth,  
FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor, POIRIER of Skowhegan, THERIAULT of Fort Kent.

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

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(3-7) Bill "An Act to Add an Adult Education Pathway to a High School Diploma"  
S.P. 283 L.D. 725

Presented by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin.

Cosponsored by Representative LEE of Auburn and Senator: LIBBY of Cumberland,  
Representatives: LIBBY of Auburn, SHAW of Auburn.

(3-8) Bill "An Act to Provide Traffic Safety Education in Schools"  
S.P. 288 L.D. 730

Presented by Senator DAUGHTRY of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Representative ANKELES of Brunswick and Senator: CARNEY of  
Cumberland, Representatives: ARFORD of Brunswick, BELL of Yarmouth.

(3-9) Bill "An Act to Allow Retired Teachers and Educational Technicians to Be Recertified"  
S.P. 311 L.D. 753

Presented by Senator RAFFERTY of York.

Cosponsored by Senator: President JACKSON of Aroostook.

Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** suggested and ordered printed.

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(3-10) Bill "An Act to Increase the Beneficial Reuse of Construction and Demolition Debris"  
S.P. 276 L.D. 718

Presented by Senator BLACK of Franklin.

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

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(3-11) Bill "An Act to Strengthen Child Protection"

S.P. 273 L.D. 715

Presented by Senator NANGLE of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Senators: BALDACCI of Penobscot, CURRY of Waldo, TIPPING of Penobscot, Representative: ARATA of New Gloucester.

(3-12) Resolve, to Direct the Department of Health and Human Services to Perform Rate Studies and Rate Determinations for Providers of Certain Services for Adults with Intellectual Disabilities or Autism Spectrum Disorder

S.P. 302 L.D. 744

Presented by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot.

Cosponsored by Senator: BENNETT of Oxford.

(3-13) Bill "An Act to Expand Telemonitoring for MaineCare Patients"

S.P. 315 L.D. 757

Presented by Senator GUERIN of Penobscot.

Cosponsored by Representative JAVNER of Chester and Senators: BALDACCI of Penobscot, MOORE of Washington, Representatives: GRIFFIN of Levant, MADIGAN of Waterville.

(3-14) Bill "An Act to Authorize Burials with Biodegradable Containers, Including Tree Pods"

S.P. 320 L.D. 762

Presented by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin.

Cosponsored by Representatives: ANDREWS of Paris, CLUCHEY of Bowdoinham.

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

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(3-15) Bill "An Act to Expedite the Health Insurance Referral Process for Specialists by Allowing Referrals from Urgent Care Facilities"

S.P. 280 L.D. 722

Presented by Senator RENY of Lincoln.  
Cosponsored by Representative: PRINGLE of Windham.

(3-16) Bill "An Act to Protect Consumers by Prohibiting Discrimination by Insurers Based on Certain Information"

S.P. 281 L.D. 723

Presented by President JACKSON of Aroostook.  
Cosponsored by Representative PERRY of Calais and Senators: BAILEY of York, RENY of Lincoln, Representative: Speaker TALBOT ROSS of Portland.

(3-17) Bill "An Act to Expand Access to Banking Services for Minors"

S.P. 310 L.D. 752

Presented by Senator CURRY of Waldo.  
Cosponsored by Senators: BAILEY of York, BALDACCI of Penobscot, BEEBE-CENTER of Knox, Representatives: COLLINGS of Portland, WHITE of Waterville.

(3-18) Bill "An Act to Reduce Out-of-pocket Prescription Drug Expenses for Coinsurance"

S.P. 317 L.D. 759

Presented by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot.  
Cosponsored by Senators: BAILEY of York, RAFFERTY of York, TIPPING of Penobscot, Representatives: MADIGAN of Waterville, SHAGOURY of Hallowell.

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

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(3-19) Bill "An Act to Preserve Historic Buildings and Promote Affordable Housing"

S.P. 279 L.D. 721

Presented by Senator DAUGHTRY of Cumberland.

(3-20) Bill "An Act to Expand Workforce Housing in Rural Maine by Funding the Maine State Housing Authority's Rural Affordable Rental Housing Program"

S.P. 282 L.D. 724

Presented by Senator RENY of Lincoln.  
Cosponsored by Senator: POULIOT of Kennebec.

Joint Select Committee on **HOUSING** suggested and ordered printed.

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(3-21) Bill "An Act to Amend the Bag Limit for Turkey"

S.P. 286 L.D. 728

Presented by Senator TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin.  
Cosponsored by Representative WOOD of Greene and Senator: BLACK of Franklin,  
Representatives: LYMAN of Livermore Falls, MASON of Lisbon.

(3-22) Bill "An Act to Prohibit Off-trail Operation of a Snowmobile in an Area Closed to Off-trail Operation"

S.P. 290 L.D. 732

Presented by Senator BLACK of Franklin.  
Cosponsored by Representative LANDRY of Farmington and Representatives: MASON of Lisbon, WOOD of Greene.

(3-23) Bill "An Act to Provide Antlerless Deer Permits to Certain Landowners"

S.P. 321 L.D. 763

Presented by Senator GUERIN of Penobscot.  
Cosponsored by Senators: BLACK of Franklin, LYFORD of Penobscot.

Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** suggested and ordered printed.

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(3-24) Bill "An Act to Adopt the Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact"

S.P. 275 L.D. 717

Presented by Senator STEWART of Aroostook.  
Cosponsored by Senator: BRENNER of Cumberland.

(3-25) Bill "An Act to Promote Higher Blends of Biofuel by Regulating the Sale or Transfer of Biofuels"

S.P. 313 L.D. 755

Presented by Senator DAUGHTRY of Cumberland.  
Cosponsored by Representative THERIAULT of Fort Kent and Senators: HARRINGTON of York, President JACKSON of Aroostook, STEWART of Aroostook, VITELLI of Sagadahoc, Representatives: CLOUTIER of Lewiston, FOSTER of Dexter.

Committee on **INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS** suggested and ordered printed.

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(3-26) Bill "An Act to Assist Nonprofit Service Providers"

S.P. 274 L.D. 716

Presented by Senator DAUGHTRY of Cumberland.

(3-27) Bill "An Act to Implement Certain Recommendations of the Commission to Examine Reestablishing Parole"

S.P. 278 L.D. 720

Presented by Senator HICKMAN of Kennebec.  
Cosponsored by Representative CYRWAY of Albion and Senator: CARNEY of Cumberland, Representative: MOONEN of Portland.

(3-28) RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Empower the Legislature to Allow the Expungement or Sealing of Certain Criminal Records

S.P. 297 L.D. 739

Presented by Senator HICKMAN of Kennebec.  
Cosponsored by Representative DILL of Old Town and Senators: BAILEY of York, BEEBE-CENTER of Knox, HARRINGTON of York, Representatives: ANDREWS of Paris, BOYER of Poland, FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor, HASENFUS of Readfield, Speaker TALBOT ROSS of Portland.

(3-29) Bill "An Act to Require the Probate Court to Report Name Changes to the State Bureau of Identification" (EMERGENCY)

S.P. 305 L.D. 747

Presented by Senator BAILEY of York.

Submitted by the Department of Public Safety and approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

(3-30) Bill "An Act to Strengthen the Due Process Rights of Persons in Law Enforcement Custody"

S.P. 306 L.D. 748

Presented by Senator HICKMAN of Kennebec.

Cosponsored by Representative BOYER of Poland and Senator: CARNEY of Cumberland, Representatives: ANDREWS of Paris, COLLINGS of Portland, FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor, HASENFUS of Readfield, MOONEN of Portland, RIELLY of Westbrook, Speaker TALBOT ROSS of Portland.

(3-31) Bill "An Act to Clarify the Powers of a Conservator to Transfer Property"

S.P. 309 L.D. 751

Presented by Senator BAILEY of York.

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

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(3-32) Bill "An Act to Support Maine Industry"

S.P. 277 L.D. 719

Presented by Senator DAUGHTRY of Cumberland.

(3-33) Bill "An Act Regarding Workers' Compensation Benefits for First Responders Injured in the Line of Duty"

S.P. 285 L.D. 727

Presented by Senator NANGLE of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Senators: BALDACCI of Penobscot, CURRY of Waldo, DUSON of Cumberland, TIPPING of Penobscot, Representatives: SALISBURY of Westbrook, STOVER of Boothbay, Speaker TALBOT ROSS of Portland.



(3-34) Bill "An Act to Require an Annual Itemized Statement of Benefits for Public Employees and Retirees"

S.P. 291 L.D. 733

Presented by Senator POULIOT of Kennebec.  
Cosponsored by Senator: KEIM of Oxford.

(3-35) Bill "An Act to Establish a Paid Family and Medical Leave System"

S.P. 296 L.D. 738

Presented by Senator DAUGHTRY of Cumberland.

(3-36) Bill "An Act to Prohibit Training Repayment Agreements by Employers"

S.P. 299 L.D. 741

Presented by Senator TIPPING of Penobscot.  
Cosponsored by Representative ROEDER of Bangor and Representatives: MALON of Biddeford, MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth, O'NEIL of Saco, OSHER of Orono, RANA of Bangor, RUSSELL of Verona Island, SKOLD of Portland, WARREN of Scarborough.

(3-37) Bill "An Act to Divest State Pensions from Companies Boycotting Maine Lobster"

S.P. 300 L.D. 742

Presented by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin.  
Cosponsored by Representative FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor and Senators: KEIM of Oxford, MOORE of Washington.

Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** suggested and ordered printed.

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(3-38) Bill "An Act to Require the State to Hold a Public Hearing in a Municipality Before the State Constructs a Solar Project in That Municipality"

S.P. 293 L.D. 735

Presented by Senator POULIOT of Kennebec.  
Cosponsored by Representative LaROCHELLE of Augusta and Representative: BRIDGEO of Augusta.

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

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(3-39) Bill "An Act to Account for the Impact of Inflation on the Taxation of Capital Gains and Losses"

S.P. 316 L.D. 758

Presented by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin.

Cosponsored by Senator: LIBBY of Cumberland, Representatives: FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor, LIBBY of Auburn, MORRIS of Turner, QUINT of Hodgdon.

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

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(3-40) Resolve, Regarding Traffic Lights in Turner (EMERGENCY)

S.P. 287 L.D. 729

Presented by Senator TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin.

Cosponsored by Representative MORRIS of Turner and Representative: LYMAN of Livermore Falls.

(3-41) Bill "An Act to Remove the Requirement That Certain Motor Vehicles Be Equipped with a Front License Plate"

S.P. 294 L.D. 736

Presented by Senator HICKMAN of Kennebec.

Cosponsored by Representative LANIGAN of Sanford.

(3-42) Bill "An Act to Provide Free or Reduced-cost Vehicle Registration to All Disabled Veterans"

S.P. 301 L.D. 743

Presented by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin. (BY REQUEST)

Cosponsored by Senators: CHIPMAN of Cumberland, LIBBY of Cumberland, Representatives: ANDREWS of Paris, HYMES of Waldo.

(3-43) Bill "An Act to Modernize the State's Vehicle Inspection System by Requiring Inspections Biennially and Allowing for an Electronic Inspection Program"

S.P. 304 L.D. 746

Presented by Senator VITELLI of Sagadahoc.

Cosponsored by Representative PLUECKER of Warren and Senators: President JACKSON of Aroostook, STEWART of Aroostook, Representatives: ANKELES of Brunswick, ARATA of New Gloucester, DILL of Old Town, FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor.

(3-44) 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. 312 L.D. 754

Presented by Senator BENNETT of Oxford.  
Cosponsored by Representative: GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach.

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

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(3-45) Bill "An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Political Action Committees Relating to Union, Business and Nonprofit Organizations"

S.P. 284 L.D. 726

Presented by Senator TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin.  
Cosponsored by Senator: FARRIN of Somerset, Representative: MORRIS of Turner.

(3-46) Bill "An Act Regarding the Licensing of Persons to Conduct Advance Deposit Wagering"

S.P. 289 L.D. 731

Presented by Senator FARRIN of Somerset.  
Cosponsored by Representative JACKSON of Oxford and Senator: TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin, Representatives: ANDREWS of Paris, CLOUTIER of Lewiston, MORIARTY of Cumberland, WHITE of Waterville.

(3-47) Bill "An Act to Prohibit Government Contracting Organizations from Influencing Elections"

S.P. 295 L.D. 737

Presented by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin.  
Cosponsored by Senators: BENNETT of Oxford, HARRINGTON of York, TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin, Representative: ANDREWS of Paris.

(3-48) Bill "An Act to Clarify the Criteria for State Approval of Alcoholic Beverage Container Labels"

S.P. 298 L.D. 740

Presented by Senator DAUGHTRY of Cumberland.  
Cosponsored by Representatives: MONTELL of Gardiner, RIELLY of Westbrook.

(3-49) Bill "An Act to Eliminate the Limits on Candidates' Speech at the Polls"  
S.P. 308 L.D. 750

Presented by Senator LIBBY of Cumberland.  
Cosponsored by Senator: BRAKEY of Androscoggin.

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

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## ORDERS

### Joint Orders

Expressions of Legislative Sentiment recognizing:

(4-1) Todd Hanson, of Brunswick, who has been inducted into the Maine Basketball Hall of Fame. Mr. Hanson coached the Brunswick High School boys basketball team and was a University of Maine basketball player. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;  
SLS 132

Sponsored by Senator DAUGHTRY of Cumberland.  
Cosponsored by Representatives: ANKELES of Brunswick, ARFORD of Brunswick, GOLEK of Harpswell.

(4-2) Jeffrey Hudson, of Presque Isle, who has been inducted into the Maine Basketball Hall of Fame. Over 28 years, he coached girls basketball in Limestone and Presque Isle. He coached the Presque Isle Wildcats to state titles in 2006, 2012 and 2013. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 133

Sponsored by Senator STEWART of Aroostook.  
Cosponsored by Representative: UNDERWOOD of Presque Isle.

(4-3) Glad Tidings Church, of Bangor, which is celebrating its 100th Anniversary. Glad Tidings Church was founded by the Davis sisters, who came to Maine from Georgia. From its beginnings, the church has grown steadily and has become an integral part of the Bangor community, known as the Pentecostal Assembly. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 134

Sponsored by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot.  
Cosponsored by Representatives: PERRY of Bangor, RANA of Bangor, ROEDER of Bangor, SUPICA of Bangor.

(4-4) the Ellsworth High School Cheer Team, which won both the Class B State Championship and the Class B North Sportsmanship Award. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 136

Sponsored by Senator GROHOSKI of Hancock.

Cosponsored by Representative: WORTH of Ellsworth.

(4-5) Sherri Lewis, of Norridgewock, recipient of a Spirit of America Foundation Award. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the foundation presents awards to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 138

Sponsored by Senator FARRIN of Somerset.

Cosponsored by Representative: DUCHARME of Madison.

(4-6) Abigail Clair, of Norridgewock, recipient of a Spirit of America Foundation Award. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the foundation presents awards to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 139

Sponsored by Senator FARRIN of Somerset.

Cosponsored by Representative: DUCHARME of Madison.

(4-7) the Emergency Area Network, of Brunswick, recipient of a Spirit of America Foundation Award. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the foundation presents awards to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 140

Sponsored by Senator DAUGHTRY of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Representatives: ANKELES of Brunswick, ARFORD of Brunswick, GOLEK of Harpswell.

(4-8) Robert McPhee, of Dixfield, recipient of a Spirit of America Foundation Award. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the foundation presents awards to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 141

Sponsored by Senator KEIM of Oxford.

Cosponsored by Representative: SCHMERSAL-BURGESS of Mexico.

(4-9) Colleen Halse, of Buckfield, recipient of a Spirit of America Foundation Award. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the foundation presents awards to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 142

Sponsored by Senator KEIM of Oxford.

Cosponsored by Representative: JACKSON of Oxford.

(4-10) Dorothy White, of Jay, recipient of a Spirit of America Foundation Award. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the foundation presents awards to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 143

Sponsored by Senator KEIM of Oxford.

Cosponsored by Representative: LYMAN of Livermore Falls.

(4-11) Cave Hill School, of Eastbrook, recipient of a Spirit of America Foundation Award. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the foundation presents awards to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 144

Sponsored by Senator MOORE of Washington.

Cosponsored by Representative: CARMICHAEL of Greenbush.

(4-12) the Wesley Foundation, of East Machias, recipient of a Spirit of America Foundation Award. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the foundation presents awards to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 145

Sponsored by Senator MOORE of Washington.

Cosponsored by Representative: DAVIS of East Machias.

(4-13) Jonesport Elementary School, recipient of a Spirit of America Foundation Award. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the foundation presents awards to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 146

Sponsored by Senator MOORE of Washington.

Cosponsored by Representative: STROUT of Harrington.

(4-14) Michelle MacFarline, of Mars Hill, who has been named the Central Aroostook Chamber of Commerce Board Member of the Year in recognition of her volunteerism with the chamber's BBQ Cook-off and the Holiday Light Parade. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 149

Sponsored by Senator STEWART of Aroostook.

Cosponsored by Representative: ARDELL of Monticello.

(4-15) Larry Shaw, of Hampton Falls, New Hampshire, who has received the Central Aroostook Chamber of Commerce Lifetime Achievement Award for his guidance and involvement with the Maine Mutual Group, which has led to economic growth in Aroostook County. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 150

Sponsored by Senator STEWART of Aroostook.

Cosponsored by Representative: UNDERWOOD of Presque Isle.

(4-16) BigRock Mountain, of Mars Hill, which has been named the Central Aroostook Chamber of Commerce Economic Impact Business of the Year. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 151

Sponsored by Senator STEWART of Aroostook.

Cosponsored by Representative: ARDELL of Monticello.

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### Joint Resolutions

Joint Resolutions in Memoriam:

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

(4-17) Paul "Pony" Colwell, of Newfield. Mr. Colwell started as a junior firefighter for the Newfield Fire Department at 14 years of age. He went on to serve with Newfield Fire and Rescue for over 38 years, serving in every position and committee in the department, including with the All Addressing Committee from 1996 to 1999, as Civil Defense Coordinator in 1990 and from 1996 to 2006 and as Fire Chief from 1993 to 2003. He was appointed to the position of Fire Chief at 23 years of age, making him the youngest chief in the State. He started on the Finance Committee in 2010 and served as Secretary for Rescue beginning in 2021. He was the driver and operator for Fire and Rescue and served as a York County dispatcher. He also was an active member of the 107 Day Spring Masonic Lodge for 29 years, and he worked for Moulton Lumber for over 18 years. Mr. Colwell will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family and friends and all those whose lives he touched;

SLS 135

Sponsored by Senator LIBBY of Cumberland.  
Cosponsored by Representative: LANIGAN of Sanford.

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

(4-18) Charles Thomas Jagger, of Springvale. A faithful servant to St. Georges Episcopal Church, Mr. Jagger was involved with weekly mass throughout his life, serving the church as a deacon and sitting on many boards and committees. Also very involved in the civic life of his community, he had lifelong commitment to the Masons, first joining the local DeMolay chapter. More recently, he was a member Preble Lodge #143, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. He was a member of the Sanford-Springvale Rotary Club since 1975. Recognized multiple times as a Paul Harris Fellow, he served on the club's board of directors and contributed in other roles, including those of president and club secretary. He was a founding member of the club's Scholarship Fund, providing funds to further the education of Massabessic and Sanford High school students, and he helped to form the Christmas Angel program, supporting families and the elderly in need at Christmas time. He also cooked and provided other help at the Acton Fair and created floats for annual 4th of July parades. Mr. Jagger will be long remembered and sadly missed by his wife of 65 years, Judith, his family and friends and all those whose lives he touched;

SLS 137

Sponsored by Senator HARRINGTON of York.  
Cosponsored by Representatives: LANIGAN of Sanford, MASTRACCIO of Sanford.



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

(4-19) Therese Delage, of Saco. Mrs. Delage worked as the office manager and bookkeeper of her family's business, Delage's Garage and Body Shop Sunoco Station, which she and her husband, Raymond, built from the ground up. She was a lifelong member of Good Shepherd Parish, singing in the choirs of both Notre Dame de Lourdes and Most Holy Trinity Catholic Churches. She was also a member of St. Anne's Sodality. Mrs. Delage will be long remembered and sadly missed by her family and friends and all those whose lives she touched;

SLS 147

Sponsored by Senator BAILEY of York.

Cosponsored by Representatives: COPELAND of Saco, GATTINE of Westbrook, O'NEIL of Saco.

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

(4-20) Kenneth Paradis, of Old Orchard Beach. Mr. Paradis was a veteran of the United States Army, serving in the Korean War. For over forty years, he worked for H.P. Hood. He was a 4th Degree Member of the Old Town Knights of Columbus, as well as a member of the Elks Lodge and Veterans of Foreign Wars. Mr. Paradis will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family and friends and all those whose lives he touched;

SLS 148

Sponsored by Senator BAILEY of York.

Cosponsored by Representative: GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach.

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**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

**House**

**Ought to Pass**

(5-1) The Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** on Bill "An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Invasive Aquatic Plants"

H.P. 14 L.D. 10

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

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

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**Senate**

**Change of Committee**

(5-2) Senator BALDACCI for the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Bill "An Act to Align Maine's Lead Abatement Law with Federal Definitions and to Clarify Lead Abatement Licensing and Certification Requirements"

S.P. 19 L.D. 27

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**SECOND READERS**

The Committee on **Bills in the Second Reading** reported the following:

**Senate**

(6-1) Bill "An Act to Clarify the Boundary Between Waldo and Knox Counties in Penobscot Bay"

S.P. 58 L.D. 119

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**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**

Bill "An Act to Provide Funding for Winter Emergency Energy Relief and to Finalize the COVID Pandemic Relief Payment Program" (EMERGENCY)

S.P. 8 L.D. 1

Tabled - January 17, 2023 by Senator **VITELLI** of Sagadahoc

Pending - **FURTHER CONSIDERATION**

(In Senate, December 7, 2022, **FAILED ENACTMENT** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.)

(In House, Bill and accompanying papers **INDEFINITELY POSTPONED** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.)

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**2.**

**Tabled and Later Assigned**

JOINT ORDER - Expression of Legislative Sentiment Recognizing Jules Vazquez, of South Portland

SLS 72

Tabled - January 31, 2023 by Senator **CARNEY** of Cumberland

Pending - **PASSAGE**

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Portland

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