

Senate of Maine

One Hundred and Thirty-First Legislature First Special Session

Advance Journal and Calendar

14th Legislative Day

In Senate Chamber, Thursday, May 11, 2023.

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

Prayer by Reverend Christina Sillari of Unitarian Universalist Community Church in Augusta.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Senator Donna Bailey of York County.

Reading of the Journal of Tuesday, May 9, 2023.

Troy D. Jackson *President of the Senate*

Darek M. GrantSecretary 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. 787

ORDERED , the House concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourn, t	hey do so until
Tuesday, May 16, 2023, at 10:00 in the morning, or until the call of the President of	of the Senate
and the Speaker of the House, respectively.	

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

House Papers

(1-1) Bill "An Act to Increase the Transfer Fees on Petroleum Products and Direct the Proceeds to Efficiency Programs for Low-income Energy Consumers and Financial Assistance to Lowincome Utility Ratepayers and Prevent Profiteering in and Hoarding of Fuel"

H.P. 1223 L.D. 1907

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

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

(1-2) Bill "An Act to Establish Consumer Protections Regarding Small Dollar Loans" H.P. 1228 L.D. 1912

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

Comes from the House, with the Bill and accompanying papers **INDEFINITELY** POSTPONED.

(1-3) Bill "An Act to Establish the Community Housing and Rural Development Authority" H.P. 1197 L.D. 1867

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

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Joint Select Committee on **HOUSING**.

(1-4) Bill "An Act to Create a Residential Rental Unit Registry"	H.P. 1220 L.D. 1905
Committee on LABOR AND HOUSING suggested and ordered	printed.
Comes from the House, REFERRED to the Joint Select Committee	tee on HOUSING.
(1-5) Bill "An Act to Improve Affordability and Opportunity for	Maine Renters and Landlords" H.P. 1216 L.D. 1901
Committee on TAXATION suggested and ordered printed.	
Comes from the House, REFERRED to the Joint Select Committee	tee on HOUSING .

Joint Orders

Expressions of Legislative Sentiment recognizing:

(1-6) Michael Maines, of Gray, who has earned the distinction of being named Valedictorian of the 2023 graduating class of Gray-New Gloucester High School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 294

(1-7) Alexis Hutchings, of Gray, who has earned the distinction of being named Salutatorian of the 2023 graduating class of Gray-New Gloucester High School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 295

(1-8) Arlene and Donald Roy, of Standish, who celebrated their 70th Wedding Anniversary on April 30, 2023. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 297

(1-9) Gerald Scott Whalen, of Auburn, who has been named the Auburn Citizen of the Year. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 298

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

Joint Resolutions

(1-10) The following Joint Resolution:

H.P. 1222

JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MAY 7, 2023 TO MAY 13, 2023 AS MAINE HOME EDUCATION WEEK

WHEREAS, the Maine State Legislature is committed to excellence in education and recognizes the importance of family participation and parental choice in the pursuit of that excellence; and

WHEREAS, families that choose the option of educating students at home make many sacrifices, and the number of students in the State who are being homeschooled has increased during the COVID-19 pandemic, with mothers, fathers, grandparents and other caregivers teaching these students; and

WHEREAS, excellent individualized preparation for citizenship and life work can be provided by home education; and

WHEREAS, in May, homeschoolers in the State will be celebrating home education for the 36th consecutive year; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Thirty-first Legislature now assembled in the First Special Session, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to declare the week of May 7, 2023 to May 13, 2023 as Maine Home Education Week.

Comes from the House, READ and ADOPTED .					

Joint Resolution in Memoriam:

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

(1-11) the Honorable Charles Kent, of Benton. Mr. Kent worked 14 years as a diesel locomotive mechanic in the piping department of the Central Maine Railroad in Waterville before working in the Fairfield Woolen Mill. He also was a dairy farmer, farming 100 acres of land and milking 80 head of cattle for 25 years and selling hay for another 10 years. He served the Town of Benton as its first selectman for 28 years, working in the role of overseer of the poor and road commissioner for many of those years. In this time, he established and chaired the town planning board and was a member of the town budget committee. His accomplishments include initiating construction of the 8-room elementary school with gymnasium in 1957; replacing 14 wells in 1973 by hooking up a public water line from China Lake; securing financing to enable Benton to join the Kennebec Sanitary Treatment District; constructing a salt and sand shed; and building a new town hall. He served in the Maine House of Representatives during the 101st Legislature. In 2014, he received the Boston Post Cane and was presented an honorary Lawrence High School diploma in 2015. He was a member of the Fairfield Lodge of Odd Fellows; Benton and Clinton Methodist Churches; Waterville Elks B.P.O.E. #905; Siloam Lodge #92; Scottish Rite Bodies, Augusta; Maine Consistory 32nd Degree, Portland; Shriners, Lewiston; and Benton Grange, where he was master for 3 years and conductor of the 4th degree. He served Kennebec Water District as a trustee and as president of the board of trustees. Mr. Kent will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family and friends and all those whose lives he touched;

HLS 296

Comes from the House READ and ADOPTED .					

COMMUNICATIONS

(2-1) The Following Communication:

S.C. 456

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

May 8, 2023

Honorable Darek M. Grant 3 State House Station Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Secretary Grant,

Pursuant to my authority under Title 5 MRSA, §20065, I am pleased to appoint Representative Nina Milliken of Blue Hill to the *Substance Use Disorder Services Commission*, effective immediately.

Representative Milliken will serve on this commission as a member of the House of Representatives who is also a member of the joint standing committee having jurisdiction over criminal justice and public safety matters.

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

Sincerely,

S/Rachel Talbot Ross Speaker of the House (2-2) The Following Communication:

S.C. 457

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

May 9, 2023

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

Dear Secretary Grant,

Pursuant to my authority under Title 7, MRSA, Part 23, Ch. 501, §19202.2-B, I am pleased to reappoint Representative Laurie Osher of Orono to the Maine HIV Advisory Committee.

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

Sincerely,

S/Rachel Talbot Ross Speaker of the House

(2-3) The Following Communication:

S.C. 458

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

May 9, 2023

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

Dear Secretary Grant,

Pursuant to my authority under Title 26, Chapter 49, §3802, I am pleased to reappoint the Honorable Margaret Craven of Lewiston to the *Essential Support Workforce Advisory Committee*, effective immediately.

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

Sincerely,

S/Rachel Talbot Ross Speaker of the House

(2-4) The Following Communication:

S.C. 447

STATE OF MAINE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR AUGUSTA, MAINE

May 8, 2023

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

The Honorable Rachel Talbot-Ross Speaker, State of Maine House of Representatives #2 State House Station Augusta, ME 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Talbot-Ross:

Thank you for your invitation to a Joint Session of the 131st Maine Legislature for the State of the Defense, Veteran's Services, and Emergency Management address to take place on May 9th at 10:45 a.m. in the House Chamber.

I am pleased to accept your invitation.

Sincerely,

S/Janet T. Mills Governor (2-5) The Following Communication:

S.C. 451

STATE OF MAINE ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY FIRST LEGISLATURE JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE ON HOUSING

May 9, 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 Sen. Pouliot of Kennebec, to report the following bill Leave to Withdraw:

L.D. 250 An Act to Improve Housing by Increasing Housing Options

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Teresa S. Pierce Senate Chair

S/Rep. Traci Gere House Chair

(2-6) The Following Communication:

S.C. 452

STATE OF MAINE ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY FIRST LEGISLATURE JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE ON HOUSING

May 9, 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 Sen. Hickman of Kennebec, to report the following bill Leave to Withdraw:

L.D. 356 An Act to Invest in Construction Industry Workforce Development

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Teresa S. Pierce Senate Chair

S/Rep. Traci Gere House Chair

(2-7) The Following Communication:

S.C. 454

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

May 05, 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 Education and Cultural Affairs has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 1398 An Act to Increase Teacher Salaries

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Joseph E. Rafferty Senate Chair S/Rep. Michael F. Brennan House Chair (2-8) The Following Communication:

S.C. 450

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

May 05, 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 Health and Human Services has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 1059 Resolve, to Allow Reimbursement for Remote Ultrasound Procedures and Fetal Nonstress Tests Under MaineCare

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Joseph M. Baldacci Senate Chair S/Rep. Michele Meyer House Chair (2-9) The Following Communication:

S.C. 453

STATE OF MAINE ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY FIRST LEGISLATURE JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE ON HOUSING

May 05, 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 Housing has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 1437 An Act to Address Poverty by Increasing Access to Energy Efficiency and Weatherization Programs

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Teresa S. Pierce Senate Chair S/Rep. Traci Gere House Chair (2-10) The Following Communication:

S.C. 455

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

May 05, 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. 533 An Act to Exempt Overtime Pay from Individual Income Tax

L.D. 1168 An Act to Adjust Motor Vehicle Excise Tax Rates

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Nicole Grohoski Senate Chair S/Rep. Joe Perry House Chair (2-11) The Following Communication:

S.C. 459

STATE OF MAINE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

May 8, 2023

The Honorable Troy D. Jackson, President MAINE STATE SENATE 3 State House Station Augusta, Maine 04333

The Honorable Rachel Talbot Ross, Speaker MAINE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 2 State House Station Augusta, Maine 04333

The Honorable Mark Lawrence, Senate Chair
The Honorable Stanley Paige Zeigler, House Chair
COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY
100 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Re: 2020/2021 Attorney General Report to the Legislature Under the Petroleum Market Share Act

Dear President Jackson, Speaker Talbot Ross, Senator Lawrence, and Representative Zeigler:

I am pleased to submit this report in accordance with the Petroleum Market Share Act (PMSA), 10 M.R.S.A. § 1677. The PMSA requires the Attorney General to make a report to the Legislature describing the concentration of retail outlets in the State, including a recommendation as to whether additional legislation is needed to further limit or curtail the activity of refiners operating retail outlets.

Enclosed is a report describing concentration of retail outlets in the State. The report, which is based on data collected from wholesalers of both motor fuel oil and home heating oil, includes maps depicting relative concentration in designated markets throughout the State. This report is also available on the Attorney General's website: Office of the Maine AG: Consumer Protection: Antitrust.

Because no refiners of petroleum products operate retail outlets m this State, we recommend no legislation to limit or curtail such operations.

Sincerely,

S/Aaron M. Frey Attorney General

SENATE PAPERS

(3-1) Bill "An Act to Authorize a Supplemental Benefit Relief Payment" S.P. 782 L.D. 1920 Presented by Senator GROHOSKI of Hancock. Committee on APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS suggested and ordered printed. (3-2) Bill "An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding State-chartered Credit Unions" S.P. 783 L.D. 1921 Presented by President JACKSON of Aroostook. Committee on HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES suggested and ordered printed. (3-3) Bill "An Act to Designate a State Wildlife Sanctuary at Blue Hill Falls" S.P. 781 L.D. 1919 Presented by Senator GROHOSKI of Hancock. Cosponsored by Representative MILLIKEN of Blue Hill. Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** suggested and ordered printed. (3-4) Bill "An Act to Modernize Maine's Business Incentive Programs by Creating the Dirigo Business Incentives Program and Eliminating Certain Other Tax Incentive Programs" S.P. 780 L.D. 1918 Presented by President JACKSON of Aroostook. (GOVERNOR'S BILL) Cosponsored by Representative TERRY of Gorham and Senator: CURRY of Waldo, Representatives: COLLAMORE of Pittsfield, DUCHARME of Madison, ROBERTS of South Berwick, WHITE of Waterville.

Committee on INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND

BUSINESS suggested and ordered printed.

(3-5) Bill "An Act to Allow Bargaining Agents for Public Sector Unions to Merge" S.P. 784 L.D. 1922

Presented by President JACKSON of Aroostook. Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

Committee on LABOR AND HOUSING suggested and ordered printed.

(3-6) Bill "An Act to Provide for Licensing of and Tax Collection from Remote Retail Sellers of

S.P. 785 L.D. 1923

Presented by Senator POULIOT of Kennebec.

Pipe Tobacco and Premium Cigars"

(3-7) Bill "An Act to Protect Maine Taxpayers from Unconstitutional Federal Expenditures" S.P. 786 L.D. 1928

Presented by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin.

Cosponsored by Representative WHITE of Guilford and Senators: HARRINGTON of York, KEIM of Oxford, Representatives: BOYER of Poland, FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor, HENDERSON of Rumford, HYMES of Waldo, LIBBY of Auburn, QUINT of Hodgdon.

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

ORDERS

Joint Orders

Expressions of Legislative Sentiment recognizing:

(4-1) Maddie Ripley, of Owl's Head, a student at Oceanside High School, who won the Class B State Wrestling Championship in the 106-pound Weight Class. Maddie is the first girl in Maine history to win the title wrestling boys. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 469

Sponsored by Senator BEEBE-CENTER of Knox.

Cosponsored by Representatives: GEIGER of Rockland, MATLACK of St. George.

(4-2) Jen Plaut, of Trescott Township, on her receiving the University of Maine Volunteer Pen Award for her service co-leading the Cobscook Currents 4-H Club, which focuses on public speaking, LEGO robotics and photography. We extend our congratulations and best wishes; SLS 470

Sponsored by Senator MOORE of Washington.

Cosponsored by Representative: DAVIS of East Machias.

(4-3) David Dowley, of Roque Bluffs, on his receiving the Norman W. Duzen Community Service Award from the Washington County Extension Association for his contributions as a volunteer to the lives of Washington County citizens. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 471

Sponsored by Senator MOORE of Washington.

Cosponsored by Representative: STROUT of Harrington.

(4-4) Carmen Bernier, of Biddeford, who received the 2022 Lorraine M. Fleury Award for her contributions to Maine elections from Maine's Secretary of State. As City Clerk in Biddeford, Ms. Bernier was a statewide leader promoting ongoing absentee voting, conducting a successful pilot project at the city level showing its efficacy. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 472

Sponsored by Senator INGWERSEN of York.

Cosponsored by Representatives: GERE of Kennebunkport, MALON of Biddeford, SHEEHAN of Biddeford.

(4-5) Nancy Marcoux, of Fairfield, 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 473

Sponsored by Senator LaFOUNTAIN of Kennebec.

Cosponsored by Representative: RUDNICKI of Fairfield.

(4-6) Joan Nestler, of Bangor, who is celebrating her 100th birthday on May 11, 2023. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 474

Sponsored by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot.

Cosponsored by Representatives: PERRY of Bangor, RANA of Bangor, ROEDER of Bangor, SUPICA of Bangor.

(4-7) Lacey Todd, of Rumford, an elementary school teacher for Regional School Unit 10, who has been named the Oxford County Teacher of the Year by the Maine Department of Education. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 476

Sponsored by Senator KEIM of Oxford.

Cosponsored by Representative: HENDERSON of Rumford.

(4-8) the Top Ten students of the 2023 graduating class of Lewiston High School: Jenny Zhao, Benjamin Cloutier, Austin Bouchard, Danny Zhang, Scott Almquist, Farid Muhammad-Aceto, Jack Kahan, Adam Bilodeau, Marguerite Shepard and Brianna Letourneau. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 477

Sponsored by Senator ROTUNDO of Androscoggin.

Cosponsored by Representatives: ABDI of Lewiston, CLOUTIER of Lewiston, CRAVEN of Lewiston, LAJOIE of Lewiston.

Joint Resolutions

Joint Resolutions in Memoriam:

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

(4-9) Albert Edward Hodson III, of Fairfield. Mr. Hodson was a licensed engineer, water operator and wastewater treatment plant operator and a site evaluator for several New England States. He founded A.E. Hodson Engineers. He served on many boards, including those of Efficiency Maine, the State of Maine Tax Board, the Manufactured Housing Board and the Maine Water Utilities Association. He also served his community of Fairfield by participating with the Kennebec Water District, the Kennebec Sanitary Treatment District, the Solid Waste Committee and the Budget Committee. The Town of Fairfield dedicated its 2022 Town Report in his memory. Mr. Hodson will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family and friends and all those whose lives he touched:

SLS 475

Sponsored by Senator LaFOUNTAIN of Kennebec. Cosponsored by Representative: RUDNICKI of Fairfield.

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

(4-10) Michelle "Mickey" Worth, of Ellsworth. Mrs. Worth worked as a social worker employed by Community Health and Counseling Services from 1991 to 2016. She was active in the Unitarian Universalist Church of Ellsworth and A.A. Mrs. Worth will be long remembered and sadly missed by her husband of 45 years, the Honorable J. Mark Worth, her family and friends and all those whose lives she touched;

SLS 478

Sponsored by Senator GROHOSKI of Hancock.

Cosponsored by Senator: LYFORD of Penobscot, Representatives: CARMICHAEL of Greenbush, EATON of Deer Isle, FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor, MILLIKEN of Blue Hill, RUSSELL of Verona Island, WILLIAMS of Bar Harbor.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

House

Ought to Pass As Amended

(5-1) The Committee on EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS on Bill "An Act to Make Maine Schools Safer and Healthier by Increasing the Maximum Debt Service Limit" H.P. 178 L.D. 280
Reported that the same Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-109) .
Comes from the House with the Report READ and ACCEPTED and the Bill PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-109).
(5-2) The Committee on HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES on Bill "An Act to Require That Insurance Companies Notify Workers over 65 Years of Age of Potential High Costs" H.P. 206 L.D. 308
Reported that the same Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-108).
Comes from the House with the Report READ and ACCEPTED and the Bill PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-108).
(5-3) The Joint Select Committee on HOUSING on Bill "An Act to Support Lead Abatement in

Reported that the same Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-100).

H.P. 287 L.D. 470

Older Residential Properties" (EMERGENCY)

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-100).**

(5-4) The Committee on INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE on Bill "An Act to Prohibit the Use of Personal Watercraft on Keyes Pond and Stearns Pond in the Town of Sweden" H.P. 314 L.D. 497
Reported that the same Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-99).

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT** "A" (H-99).

(5-5) The Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** on Bill "An Act to Require That Motor Vehicles Be Clear of Snow When Operated on Public Ways"

H.P. 327 L.D. 522

Reported that the same Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-106).

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-106).**

(5-6) The Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** on Resolve, to Convene a Driver Education Working Group to Evaluate Hardships to Underserved Populations and Low-income Families H.P. 760 L.D. 1200

Reported that the same Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-105).

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-105).**

(5-7) The Majority of the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act to Provide Equal Educational Opportunity by Adopting Rules Ensuring Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Protected Class Status in Educational Institutions"

H.P. 306 L.D. 489

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

Signed:

Senators:

RAFFERTY of York PIERCE of Cumberland

Representatives:

BRENNAN of Portland DODGE of Belfast MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth MURPHY of Scarborough SARGENT of York WORTH of Ellsworth

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 LYMAN of Livermore Falls POLEWARCZYK of Wiscasset SAMPSON of Alfred

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

(5-8) The Majority of the Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** on Bill "An Act to Ensure Accountability for Workplace Harassment and Assault by Removing Intentional Acts and Omissions from Workers' Compensation Exemptions"

H.P. 28 L.D. 53

Reported that the same Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-110).

Signed:

Senator:

TIPPING of Penobscot

Representatives:

ROEDER of Bangor GEIGER of Rockland MALON of Biddeford RUSSELL of Verona Island SKOLD of Portland

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

Signed:

Representatives:

BRADSTREET of Vassalboro DRINKWATER of Milford GERE of Kennebunkport SOBOLESKI of Phillips

Comes from the House with the Majority OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-110) Report READ and ACCEPTED and the Bill PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-110).

(5-9) The Majority of the Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** on Bill "An Act to Exempt Employers from Providing Earned Paid Leave for Certain Employees"

H.P. 199 L.D. 301

Reported that the same	Ought	Not	to	Pass.
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Signed:

Senator:

TIPPING of Penobscot

Representatives:

ROEDER of Bangor GEIGER of Rockland GERE of Kennebunkport MALON of Biddeford RUSSELL of Verona Island 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" (H-111)**.

Signed:

Senator:

POULIOT of Kennebec

Representatives:

BRADSTREET of Vassalboro DRINKWATER of Milford

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

(5-10) The Majority of the Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** on Bill "An Act to Increase the Number of Hours Certain Minor Students May Work Under Certain Circumstances" H.P. 364 L.D. 559

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

Signed:

Senator:

TIPPING of Penobscot

Representatives:

ROEDER of Bangor GEIGER of Rockland GERE of Kennebunkport MALON of Biddeford RUSSELL of Verona Island 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"** (H-112).

Signed:

Representatives:

BRADSTREET of Vassalboro DRINKWATER of Milford SOBOLESKI of Phillips

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

(5-11) The Majority of the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** on Resolve, Directing the Office of the State Auditor to Report on Taxpayer Money Funding Maine Nonprofits

H.P. 319 L.D. 514

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

Signed:

Senators:

NANGLE of Cumberland BALDACCI of Penobscot

Representatives:

STOVER of Boothbay ABDI of Lewiston COPELAND of Saco PAULHUS of Bath RISEMAN of Harrison

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass** as **Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-98)**.

Signed:

Senator:

LYFORD of Penobscot

Representatives:

ADAMS of Lebanon GREENWOOD of Wales POMERLEAU of Standish UNDERWOOD of Presque Isle

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

(5-12) The Majority of the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** on Bill "An Act to Protect Birds and Wildlife in the Construction and Maintenance of Public Buildings" H.P. 439 L.D. 670

Reported that the same Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-102).

Signed:

Senators:

NANGLE of Cumberland BALDACCI of Penobscot

Representatives:

STOVER of Boothbay ABDI of Lewiston COPELAND of Saco PAULHUS of Bath RISEMAN of Harrison

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

Signed:

Senator:

LYFORD of Penobscot

Representatives:

ADAMS of Lebanon GREENWOOD of Wales POMERLEAU of Standish UNDERWOOD of Presque Isle

Comes from the House with the Majority OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-102) Report READ and ACCEPTED and the Bill PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-102).

(5-13) The Majority of the Committee on **TAXATION** on Bill "An Act to Remove the Annual Filing Requirement in the Property Tax Stabilization Laws"

H.P. 334 L.D. 529

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

Signed:

Senators:

GROHOSKI of Hancock CHIPMAN of Cumberland LIBBY of Cumberland

Representatives:

PERRY of Bangor CARMICHAEL of Greenbush CROCKETT of Portland HASENFUS of Readfield LAVIGNE of Berwick MATLACK of St. George RANA of Bangor

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass** as **Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-107)**.

Signed:

Representatives:

LIBBY of Auburn QUINT of Hodgdon RUDNICKI of Fairfield

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

(5-14) The Majority of the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** on Bill "An Act to Allow Commercial Driver's License Holders Who Are 18 to 20 Years of Age to Haul Hazardous Materials Intrastate"

H.P. 339 L.D. 534

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

Signed:

Senators:

CHIPMAN of Cumberland FARRIN of Somerset NANGLE of Cumberland

Representatives:

WILLIAMS of Bar Harbor ALBERT of Madawaska ANKELES of Brunswick CRAFTS of Newcastle MASON of Lisbon O'CONNELL of Brewer PARRY of Arundel THERIAULT of Fort Kent WHITE of Waterville

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass** as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-101).

Signed:

Representative:

WHITE of Guilford

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

Senate

Ought to Pass

(5-15) Senator BAILEY for the Committee on HEALTH COVERAGE , INSURANCE AND
FINANCIAL SERVICES on Bill "An Act to Clarify the Laws Regarding Delegating Authority
for Services Performed by Emergency Medical Services Personnel or Others as a Medical
Assistant"

S.P. 563 L.D. 1396

Reported that the same Ought to Pass .	
(5-16) Senator TIPPING for the Committee on LABOR AND HO Amend the Standards for Manufactured Housing to Comply with U Housing and Urban Development Standards"	
Reported that the same Ought to Pass .	
(5-17) Senator TIPPING for the Committee on LABOR AND HO Require Timely Payment for Salaried Employees" Reported that the same Ought to Pass .	OUSING on Bill "An Act to S.P. 515 L.D. 1278
(5-18) Senator TIPPING for the Committee on LABOR AND HO Require the Bureau of Labor Standards to Create and Distribute in Benefits and Services Poster"	
Reported that the same Ought to Pass .	

Ought to Pass As Amended

(5-19) Senator LAWRENCE for the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** on Bill "An Act to Allow the Baileyville Utilities District to Disconnect Water Service for a Customer's Failure to Pay for Sewer Service Provided by the Town of Baileyville"

S.P. 396 L.D. 925

S.1.636 E.B.1326
Reported that the same Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-79) .
(5-20) Senator BAILEY for the Committee on HEALTH COVERAGE , INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES on Bill "An Act to Increase Access to Birth Control by Making Certain Contraception Available over the Counter"
S.P. 158 L.D. 351
Reported that the same Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-82).
(5-21) Senator CURRY for the Committee on INNOVATION , DEVELOPMENT , ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS on Resolve, Directing the Maine
Technology Institute to Review Targeted Technology Sectors and Industry Clusters S.P. 537 L.D. 1318
Reported that the same Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-77).

(5-22) The Majority of the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE**, **INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** on Resolve, Directing the Treasurer of State to Review and Develop Options for Meeting the Banking Needs of the Cannabis Industry

S.P. 347 L.D. 788

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

Signed:

Senators:

BAILEY of York BRAKEY of Androscoggin RENY of Lincoln

Representatives:

PERRY of Calais
ARFORD of Brunswick
CLUCHEY of Bowdoinham
MASTRACCIO of Sanford
MATHIESON of Kittery
MORRIS of Turner
NUTTING of Oakland
PRINGLE of Windham
SWALLOW of Houlton

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

Signed:

Representative:

CYRWAY of Albion

(5-23) The Majority of the Committee on HEALTH COVERAGE , INSURANCE AND
FINANCIAL SERVICES on Bill "An Act to Advance the Maine Retirement Savings Program
(EMERGENCY)

S.P. 451 L.D. 1082

Reported	that tl	he same	Ought	to Pas	S.
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Signed:

Senators:

BAILEY of York RENY of Lincoln

Representatives:

PERRY of Calais
ARFORD of Brunswick
CLUCHEY of Bowdoinham
CYRWAY of Albion
MASTRACCIO of Sanford
MATHIESON of Kittery
NUTTING of Oakland
PRINGLE of Windham
SWALLOW of Houlton

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass** as **Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-78)**.

Signed	:
Senato	r: BRAKEY of Androscoggin
Repres	entative: MORRIS of Turner

(5-24) Six members of the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE**, **INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** on 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

Reported in Report "A" that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment** "A" (S-80).

Signed:

Senators:

BAILEY of York RENY of Lincoln

Representatives:

PERRY of Calais CLUCHEY of Bowdoinham MATHIESON of Kittery PRINGLE of Windham

Six members of the same Committee on the same subject reported in Report "B" that the same **Ought Not to Pass**.

Signed:

Senator:

BRAKEY of Androscoggin

Representatives:

CYRWAY of Albion MASTRACCIO of Sanford MORRIS of Turner NUTTING of Oakland SWALLOW of Houlton

One member of the same Committee on the same subject reported in Report "C" that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "B" (S-81)**.

Signed:

Representative:

ARFORD of Brunswick

SECOND READERS

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

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(6-1) Resolve, Naming a Pond in the Town of New Gloucester as MacDonald Pond H.P. 429 L.D. 660

House As Amended

(6-2) Bill "An Act to Protect the Practice of Certain Cardiovascular Professionals"

H.P. 533 L.D. 844

(C "A" H-97)

Senate As Amended

- (6-3) Bill "An Act to Allow the Reinstatement of Certain Commercial Driver's Licenses" S.P. 269 L.D. 652 (C "A" S-70)
- (6-4) Bill "An Act to Place Restrictions on Candidate Speech and Clothing, Buttons and Other Items at Voting Places"

S.P. 376 L.D. 879 (C "A" S-74)

(6-5) Bill "An Act to Allow the Disclosure of Death Certificate Data to Hospitals and Health Care Practitioners"

S.P. 401 L.D. 982 (C "A" S-66)

(6-6) Bill "An Act to Protect Maine People from Inflation by Exempting Gold and Silver Coins and Bullion from the State Sales and Use Tax"

S.P. 420 L.D. 1051 (C "A" S-71)

Residents"	Consultation Services to Ensure Affordable Health Care for Maine	
Residents		S.P. 446 L.D. 1077 (C "A" S-76)
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	ENACTORS	
The Committee on Engross	ed Bills reported as truly and strictly	engrossed the following:
	Emergency Measure	
(7-1) An Act to Allow the CElver Fyke Net	Crew Member of a Holder of an Elve	r Fishing License to Empty an
·		H.P. 506 L.D. 817 (C "A" H-89)
	Emergency Measure	
(7-2) An Act to Amend the	Membership of the Rare Disease Ad	lvisory Council H.P. 678 L.D. 1083
	Emergency Measure	
(7-3) An Act to Amend the Directors by Requiring Stag	Terms of the Members of the Maine gered Terms	Space Corporation Board of S.P. 637 L.D. 1605

Acts

(7-4) An Act to Strengthen Temporary Protections for Children Living in Dwellings with Identified Lead Hazards

H.P. 15 L.D. 11

(7-5) An Act to Improve Access to Children's Behavioral Health Services

H.P. 52 L.D. 82

(7-6) An Act to Ensure Release of Relevant Background Investigation Material to Current Employers of Law Enforcement and Corrections Officers

H.P. 64 L.D. 96 (C "A" H-90)

(7-7) An Act to Remove the Limit on Sets of Special Veterans Registration Plates

S.P. 67 L.D. 128 (C "A" S-57)

(7-8) An Act Regarding the Terms of Trustees of the Phippsburg Cemetery District

H.P. 84 L.D. 138 (H "A" H-95)

(7-9) An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding Certain Raffles Conducted by Eligible Organizations

S.P. 76 L.D. 147 (C "A" S-53)

(7-10) An Act to Allow Electronic Distribution of Certain Documents to Municipalities and Electronic Acknowledgment of Receipt of Certain Documents as Acceptable Communications

H.P. 94 L.D. 153 (C "A" H-85)

(7-11) An Act to Establish the Pink-edged Sulphur as the State Butterfly

H.P. 160 L.D. 239 (C "A" H-87)

(7-12) An Act to Provide a Sales Tax Exemption for Diapers

H.P. 185 L.D. 287 (H "A" H-64 to C "A" H-47) (7-13) An Act to Support Higher Education in Maine by Providing Funds to Maine's Community Colleges

S.P. 202 L.D. 447 (C "A" S-58)

(7-14) An Act to Authorize the Department of Health and Human Services to License Homebased and Community-based Services for Persons with an Intellectual Disability, Autism Spectrum Disorder or a Related Condition or an Acquired Brain Injury and Define Autism Spectrum Disorder

H.P. 278 L.D. 449

(7-15) An Act to Clarify That Haulers Are Under the Jurisdiction of the Logging Dispute Resolution Board

S.P. 228 L.D. 511

- (7-16) An Act Regarding the Appointment of Expert Witnesses in Certain Family Court Actions
 H.P. 343 L.D. 538
 (C "A" H-86)
- (7-17) An Act to Limit the Driver's License Reinstatement Fee in Certain Circumstances
 H.P. 361 L.D. 556
 (C "A" H-82)
- (7-18) An Act to Provide Funding for Sexual Assault Services

S.P. 237 L.D. 566 (C "A" S-56)

(7-19) An Act to Expand the Membership of the Permanent Commission on the Status of Women

S.P. 353 L.D. 794 (C "A" S-51)

- (7-20) An Act to Provide Integrated Behavioral Health Services to Sexual Violence Survivors H.P. 505 L.D. 816 (C "A" H-81)
- (7-21) An Act to Amend the Duties of the Office of Affordable Health Care H.P. 570 L.D. 914

(C "A" H-83)

H.P. 623 L.D. 976 (C "A" H-91)

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(7-22) An Act Regarding the Transfer of Seized Currency to the F Criminal Asset Forfeiture	Gederal Government for
	H.P. 609 L.D. 962
	(C "A" H-84)
(7-23) An Act to Require All Emergency Medical Services Persor and Dispense Naloxone Hydrochloride	as to Be Trained to Administer
and Dispense I valorione III all comortae	S.P. 400 L.D. 981
	(S "A" S-48)
(7.24) An Act to Allow a Postourant to Sarva a Pottle of Wine to	the Derson Who Prought the
(7-24) An Act to Allow a Restaurant to Serve a Bottle of Wine to Bottle	the Person who brought the
	S.P. 435 L.D. 1066 (C "A" S-54)
	(C A 5-54)
(7-25) An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding Public Sector Barga	ining in Public Schools
	H.P. 690 L.D. 1095
	(C "A" H-79)
(7-26) An Act to Increase Support for the Community Forestry Fu	ınd
	H.P. 734 L.D. 1162
	(C "A" H-78)
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Resolve	
(7-27) Resolve, to Establish the Task Force on Accessibility to Ap	opropriete Communication
Methods for Deaf and Hard-of-hearing Patients	propriate Communication

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 the Spruce Mountain High School Girls Basketball Team, of Jay

SLS 346

Tabled - April 6, 2023 by Senator KEIM of Oxford

Pending - PASSAGE

2.

Tabled and Later Assigned

SENATE REPORTS - from the Committee on **JUDICIARY** on Bill "An Act to Require the Recording of Grand Jury Proceedings"

S.P. 207 L.D. 453

Majority - Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-29) (7 members)

Minority - Ought Not to Pass (6 members)

Tabled - April 20, 2023 by Senator CARNEY of Cumberland

Pending - ACCEPTANCE OF EITHER REPORT

3.

Tabled and Later Assigned

Bill "An Act Regarding the Authority of Municipalities to Regulate Timber Harvesting" S.P. 417 L.D. 1048

Tabled - April 20, 2023 by Senator VITELLI of Sagadahoc

Pending - PASSAGE TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-25)

4.

Tabled and Later Assigned

JOINT ORDER - Expression of Legislative Sentiment Recognizing Mike Connolly, of Brunswick

SLS 449

Tabled - May 3, 2023 by Senator VITELLI of Sagadahoc

Pending - PASSAGE

5.

Tabled and Later Assigned

JOINT ORDER - Expression of Legislative Sentiment Recognizing Richard Flaherty, of Scarborough

SLS 450

Tabled - May 3, 2023 by Senator VITELLI of Sagadahoc

Pending - PASSAGE

6.

Tabled and Later Assigned

JOINT ORDER - Expression of Legislative Sentiment Recognizing Phil Curtis, of Old Orchard Beach

SLS 451

Tabled - May 3, 2023 by Senator VITELLI of Sagadahoc

Pending - **PASSAGE**

7.

Tabled and Later Assigned

JOINT ORDER - Expression of Legislative Sentiment Recognizing Arlo Pike, Jr., of Buxton SLS 452

Tabled - May 3, 2023 by Senator VITELLI of Sagadahoc

Pending - PASSAGE

8.

Tabled and Later Assigned

SENATE REPORTS - from the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** on Bill "An Act to Protect Maine People from Inflation by Restoring Gold and Silver as Legal Tender"

S.P. 507 L.D. 1270

Majority - Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-64) (11 members)

Minority - Ought Not to Pass (2 members)

Tabled - May 4, 2023 by Senator **BAILEY** of York

Pending - ACCEPTANCE OF EITHER REPORT

SPECIAL STUDY TABLE

1.

Resolve, to Establish the Task Force to Review Work Practices and Treatment of Pharmacists
H.P. 173 L.D. 275
(C "A" H-38)

Tabled - May 3, 2023 by Senator DAUGHTRY of Cumberland

Pending - FINAL PASSAGE in concurrence

SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS TABLE

L.D. 7 - H.P. 11 (C "A" H-27)	L.D. 315 - S.P. 136 (C "A" S-27)
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L.D. 56 - H.P. 31 (C "A" H-9)	L.D. 355 - S.P. 162 (C "A" S-47)
L.D. 70 - H.P. 45 (C "A" H-24)	L.D. 384 - H.P. 235 (C "A" H-53)
L.D. 112 - H.P. 80 (C "A" H-15)	L.D. 432 - H.P. 265 (H "A" H-22)
L.D. 113 - H.P. 81 (C "A" H-26)	L.D. 477 - H.P. 294 (C "A" H-63)
L.D. 121 - S.P. 60 (C "A" S-49)	L.D. 505 - S.P. 222 (C "A" S-22)
L.D. 142 - H.P. 88 (C "A" H-51)	L.D. 564 - S.P. 235 (C "A" S-30)
L.D. 143 - H.P. 89 (C "A" H-6)	L.D. 568 - S.P. 239 (C "A" S-11)
L.D. 164 - H.P. 105 (C "A" H-41)	L.D. 588 - S.P. 256
L.D. 210 - H.P. 131 (C "A" H-10)	L.D. 791 - S.P. 350 (C "A" S-26)
L.D. 265 - H.P. 170 (C "A" H-23)	L.D. 1021 - H.P. 657 (C "A" H-74)

SPECIAL HIGHWAY TABLE

L.D. 575 - H.P. 370 (C "A" H-56)