



Senate of Maine

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Advance Journal and Calendar

5th Legislative Day

In Senate Chamber, Thursday, January 18, 2024.

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

Prayer by Reverend John Allen of First Parish Church in Brunswick.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Senator Richard A. Bennett of Oxford County.

Reading of the Journal of Tuesday, January 16, 2024.

Medical Provider of the Day, Lisa Letourneau, MD, MPH of Portland.

Troy D. Jackson
President of the Senate

Darek M. Grant
Secretary of the Senate

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

S.P. 922

Ordered, the House concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourn, they do so until Tuesday, January 23, 2024, at 10:00 in the morning, or until the call of the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House, respectively.

COMMUNICATIONS

(2-1) The Following Communication:

S.C. 799

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

January 16, 2024

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. Blier of Buxton, to report the following bill Leave to Withdraw:

L.D. 387 An Act to Promote Affordable Housing by Providing a Tax Exemption for
Housing Choice Vouchers

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Teresa Pierce
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Traci Gere
House Chair

SENATE PAPERS

(3-1) Bill "An Act to Prioritize School Construction Projects for Schools Affected by Disasters"
S.P. 921 L.D. 2170

Presented by Senator VITELLI of Sagadahoc.

Cosponsored by Senators: President JACKSON of Aroostook, LIBBY of Cumberland, PIERCE of Cumberland, RAFFERTY of York, Representatives: CLUCHEY of Bowdoinham, HEPLER of Woolwich, JAUCH of Topsham.

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

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

(3-2) Bill "An Act to Support the Development of Workforce Housing to Promote Economic Development in Maine"

S.P. 920 L.D. 2169

Presented by Senator DAUGHTRY of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Representative LaROCHELLE of Augusta and Senators: INGWERSEN of York, VITELLI of Sagadahoc, Representatives: ANKELES of Brunswick, BRADSTREET of Vassalboro, GATTINE of Westbrook, GOLEK of Harpswell, RANA of Bangor, STOVER of Boothbay.

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

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

ORDERS

Joint Orders

Expressions of Legislative Sentiment recognizing:

(4-1) Stephen Maki, of Jay, who was named Member of the Year by the Jay, Livermore, Livermore Falls Chamber of Commerce for his commitment and contributions to the success of the chamber. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 1337

Sponsored by Senator KEIM of Oxford.

Cosponsored by Representative: LYMAN of Livermore Falls.

(4-2) Re Energy, of Livermore Falls, which was named Business of the Year by the Jay, Livermore, Livermore Falls Chamber of Commerce for positively impacting the Jay, Livermore and Livermore Falls communities. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 1338

Sponsored by Senator KEIM of Oxford.

Cosponsored by Senator: TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin, Representative: LYMAN of Livermore Falls.

(4-3) Spruce Mountain Adult Education, of Livermore Falls, which was named Organization of the Year by the Jay, Livermore, Livermore Falls Chamber of Commerce for addressing areas of need to improve the prosperity of the tri-town area. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 1339

Sponsored by Senator KEIM of Oxford.

Cosponsored by Senator: TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin, Representative: LYMAN of Livermore Falls.

(4-4) Luke Bliss, of Farmington, who received a lifesaving award from the Farmington Police Department in recognition of his actions in rescuing a woman who had a medical event and was in trouble. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 1340

Sponsored by Senator BLACK of Franklin.

Cosponsored by Representative: LANDRY of Farmington.

(4-5) Jimmy Reel, of Farmington, who received a lifesaving award from the Farmington Police Department in recognition of his actions in rescuing a woman who had a medical event and was in trouble. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 1341

Sponsored by Senator BLACK of Franklin.

Cosponsored by Representative: LANDRY of Farmington.

(4-6) Andrew LaFlamme, of Farmington, who received a lifesaving award from the Farmington Police Department in recognition of his actions in rescuing a woman who had a medical event and was in trouble. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 1342

Sponsored by Senator BLACK of Franklin.

Cosponsored by Representative: LANDRY of Farmington.

(4-7) Eastern Maine Appliance, of Calais, which is celebrating its 50th anniversary of being in business. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 1343

Sponsored by Senator MOORE of Washington.

Cosponsored by Representative: PERRY of Calais.

(4-8) Charlie Austin, of Brunswick, who was named a 2023 Patriots Difference Maker of the Week by the Kraft family, the New England Patriots Foundation and Gillette for his commitment to Special Olympics Maine. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 1344

Sponsored by Senator DAUGHTRY of Cumberland.

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

Joint Resolution

Joint Resolution in Memoriam:

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

(4-9) Katherine Helen Brookes Lund, of Saco. After substituting in local schools, Mrs. Lund became the assistant librarian at Thornton Academy in 1983, retiring in 2015. She was recognized for her years of service in the library and for her work in maintaining one of the most outstanding high school libraries in the State. She was a member of First Parish Church, serving on many committees, leading several as chairperson, and singing in the First Parish Choir for over 35 years. Mrs. Lund will be long remembered and sadly missed by her husband of 52 years, Raymond John Lund, her family and friends and all those whose lives she touched;

SLS 1345

Sponsored by Senator BAILEY of York.

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

House

Ought to Pass

(5-1) The Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** on Bill
"An Act to Clarify the Laws Governing Disclosure of Wood Processing Data"
H.P. 1325 L.D. 2063

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

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

SECOND READERS

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

Senate

(6-1) Bill "An Act to Amend the Law Regarding the Land for Maine's Future Board to Allow for Proxy Designees"

S.P. 866 L.D. 2038

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

SENATE REPORTS - from the Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** on Bill "An Act to Address Unsafe Staffing of Nurses and Improve Patient Care"

S.P. 656 L.D. 1639

Majority - Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-391) (7 members)

Minority - Ought Not to Pass (3 members)

Tabled - June 22, 2023 by Senator **TIPPING** of Penobscot

Pending - **ACCEPTANCE OF EITHER REPORT**

(**CARRIED OVER**, pursuant to Joint Order SP 847.)

2.

Tabled and Later Assigned

JOINT ORDER - Expression of Legislative Sentiment Recognizing Jim Marquis, of Fort Kent
SLS 1307

Tabled - January 9, 2024 by Senator **VITELLI** of Sagadahoc

Pending - **PASSAGE**

3.

Tabled and Later Assigned

JOINT ORDER - Expression of Legislative Sentiment Recognizing Phil Rumery, of South
Portland

SLS 1315

Tabled - January 9, 2024 by Senator **VITELLI** of Sagadahoc

Pending - **PASSAGE**

4.

Tabled and Later Assigned

JOINT RESOLUTION - Memorializing Aaron Rollins, of Madison

SLS 1328

Tabled - January 11, 2024 by Senator **BRAKEY** of Androscoggin

Pending - **ADOPTION**

5.

Tabled and Later Assigned

HOUSE REPORTS - from the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY**
on Bill "An Act to Support Municipal Franchise Agreements"

H.P. 1264 L.D. 1967

Majority - Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-728) (7 members)

Minority - Ought Not to Pass (4 members)

Tabled - January 11, 2024 by Senator **LAWRENCE** of York

Pending - **ACCEPTANCE OF EITHER REPORT**

(In House, Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and
the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE**
AMENDMENT "A" (H-728).)

6.

Tabled and Later Assigned

JOINT ORDER - Expression of Legislative Sentiment Recognizing Zoe Fitzsimmons, of
Westbrook

SLS 1329

Tabled - January 16, 2024 by Senator **NANGLE** of Cumberland

Pending - **PASSAGE**

7.

Tabled and Later Assigned

JOINT ORDER - Expression of Legislative Sentiment Recognizing the Madison Area Memorial High School Girls Soccer Team

SLS 1334

Tabled - January 16, 2024 by Senator **KEIM** of Oxford

Pending - **PASSAGE**

8.

Tabled and Later Assigned

JOINT ORDER - Expression of Legislative Sentiment Recognizing Kayla Carrier, of Madison

SLS 1335

Tabled - January 16, 2024 by Senator **KEIM** of Oxford

Pending - **PASSAGE**

9.

Tabled and Later Assigned

JOINT ORDER - Expression of Legislative Sentiment Recognizing Raegan Cowan, of Madison

SLS 1336

Tabled - January 16, 2024 by Senator **KEIM** of Oxford

Pending - **PASSAGE**

SPECIAL STUDY TABLE

1.

Emergency

Resolve, to Establish the Task Force to Study Barriers to Achieving Behavioral Health Integration and Parity

H.P. 829 L.D. 1304
(C "A" H-220)

Tabled - June 6, 2023 by Senator **DAUGHTRY** of Cumberland

Pending - **FINAL PASSAGE** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**

(**CARRIED OVER**, pursuant to Joint Order SP 847.)

SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS TABLE

L.D. 56 - H.P. 31 (C "A" H-9)	L.D. 988 - S.P. 407 (C "A" S-62)
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L.D. 93 - H.P. 61 (C "A" H-701)	L.D. 997 - H.P. 633 (C "A" H-342)
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L.D. 185 - S.P. 89 (C "A" S-201)	L.D. 1096 - H.P. 691 (C "A" H-313)
L.D. 186 - S.P. 90 (C "A" S-89)	L.D. 1100 - H.P. 695 (C "A" H-448; S "A" S-337 to C "A" H-448)
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L.D. 210 - H.P. 131 (C "A" H-10)	L.D. 1128 - S.P. 465 (C "A" S-236)
L.D. 220 - H.P. 141 (C "A" H-224)	L.D. 1139 - S.P. 466 (C "A" S-406)
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L.D. 273 - H.P. 171 (C "A" H-329)	L.D. 1190 - S.P. 486 (C "A" S-377)
L.D. 280 - H.P. 178 (C "A" H-109)	L.D. 1227 - H.P. 775 (C "A" H-437)
L.D. 287 - H.P. 185 (C "A" H-47; H "A" H-64 to C "A" H-47)	L.D. 1234 - H.P. 782 (C "A" H-454)
L.D. 335 - S.P. 156 (C "A" S-101)	L.D. 1236 - H.P. 784 (C "A" H-495)
L.D. 348 - H.P. 222 (C "A" H-449)	L.D. 1258 - H.P. 806 (C "A" H-215)
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L.D. 1769 - H.P. 1133 (C "A" H-332)	L.D. 1935 - H.P. 1243 (C "A" H-375)
L.D. 1792 - S.P. 717 (C "A" S-364)	L.D. 1942 - S.P. 791 (C "A" S-393)
L.D. 1797 - S.P. 722 (C "A" S-417)	L.D. 1958 - H.P. 1260 (C "A" H-610)
L.D. 1817 - S.P. 732 (C "A" S-192; S "A" S-261 to C "A"	
