

Senate of Maine

One Hundred and Thirty-First Legislature Second Regular Session

Advance Journal and Calendar

11th Legislative Day

In Senate Chamber, Thursday, February 8, 2024.

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

Prayer by First Reader Dale Matheny of First Church of Christ, Scientist in Brunswick.

National Anthem Performed by Evelyn LaCroix of Skowhegan.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Senator Glenn Curry of Waldo County.

Reading of the Journal of Tuesday, February 6, 2024.

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. 943

Ordered, the House concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourn, they do so until Tuesday, February 13, 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. 876

STATE OF MAINE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR AUGUSTA, MAINE

February 5, 2024

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

RE: Nominations to the School Board of the Maine Educational Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing and the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf

Dear President Jackson:

I am pleased to nominate the following individuals to serve on the School Board of the Maine Educational Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing and the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf.

<u>For Reappointment:</u> Anna Perna of Holden, Lisette Belanger of Portland, Michael Pulsifer of Cape Elizabeth, Roxanne Baker of Portland and Sandra Wood of Portland.

<u>For Appointment:</u> Barbara Millios of Glenburn, Beth R. Campbell of Hermon and Dawna Thorpe of Hartland.

Pursuant to Title 20-A §7406, this is contingent on confirmation by the Maine State Senate after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills Governor

(2-2) The Following Communication:

S.C. 879

STATE OF MAINE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR AUGUSTA, MAINE

February 6, 2024

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

RE: Appointment of Megan Sanders of Old Town to the Maine Human Rights Commission

Dear President Jackson:

I am pleased to nominate Megan Sanders of Old Town for appointment to the Maine Human Rights Commission.

Pursuant to Title 5 MRSA §4561, this appointment is contingent on confirmation by the Maine Senate after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary

Sincerely,

S/Janet T. Mills Governor (2-3) The Following Communication:

S.C. 881

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

January 31, 2024

The Honorable Troy Jackson President of the Senate

The Honorable Rachel Talbot Ross Speaker of the House of Representatives

131st Legislature State House Augusta, ME 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Talbot Ross:

Please accept this letter as the report of the findings of the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry from its review and evaluation of the Land for Maine's Future Board under the State Government Evaluation Act, Title 3 Maine Revised Statutes, chapter 35.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Act, the committee notified the board by letter dated May 1, 2023 of its intent to conduct a review. The board submitted its program evaluation report dated December 15, 2023. The committee has reviewed the report and unanimously finds that the Land for Maine's Future Board is operating within its statutory authority.

Sincerely,

S/Henry Ingwersen Senate Chair

(2-4) The Following Communication:

S.C. 882

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

January 31, 2024

The Honorable Troy Jackson President of the Senate

The Honorable Rachel Talbot Ross Speaker of the House of Representatives

131st Legislature State House Augusta, ME 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Talbot Ross:

Please accept this letter as the report of the findings of the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry from its review and evaluation of the Maine State Harness Racing Commission under the State Government Evaluation Act, Title 3 Maine Revised Statutes, chapter 35.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Act, the committee notified the commission by letter dated May 1, 2023 of its intent to conduct a review. The commission submitted its program evaluation report dated November 2023. The committee has reviewed the report and unanimously finds that the Maine Harness Racing Commission is operating within its statutory authority.

Sincerely,

S/Henry Ingwersen Senate Chair

(2-5) The Following Communication:

S.C. 883

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

January 31, 2024

The Honorable Troy Jackson President of the Senate

The Honorable Rachel Talbot Ross Speaker of the House of Representatives

131st Legislature State House Augusta, ME 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Talbot Ross:

Please accept this letter as the report of the findings of the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry from its review and evaluation of the Maine Milk Commission under the State Government Evaluation Act, Title 3 Maine Revised Statutes, chapter 35.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Act, the committee notified the commission by letter dated May 1, 2023 of its intent to conduct a review. The commission submitted its program evaluation report dated January 2024. The committee has reviewed the report and unanimously finds that the Maine Milk Commission is operating within its statutory authority.

Sincerely,

S/Henry Ingwersen Senate Chair

(2-6) The Following Communication:

S.C. 884

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

January 31, 2024

The Honorable Troy Jackson President of the Senate

The Honorable Rachel Talbot Ross Speaker of the House of Representatives

131st Legislature State House Augusta, ME 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Talbot Ross:

Please accept this letter as the report of the findings of the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry from its review and evaluation of the Maine Dairy and Nutrition Council and the Maine Dairy Promotion Board under the State Government Evaluation Act, Title 3 Maine Revised Statutes, chapter 35.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Act, the committee notified both the board and the council by letter dated May 1, 2023 of its intent to conduct a review. The board and the council jointly submitted a program evaluation report in November of 2023. The committee has reviewed the report and unanimously finds that the both the Maine Dairy and Nutrition Council and the Maine Dairy Promotion Board are operating within their statutory authority.

Sincerely,

S/Henry Ingwersen Senate Chair

(2-7) The Following Communication:

S.C. 891

STATE OF MAINE ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY FIRST LEGISLATURE COMMITTEE ON INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS

February 6, 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. Roberts of South Berwick, to report the following bill Leave to Withdraw:

L.D. 377 An Act to Relieve Student Debt

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Chip Curry Senate Chair

S/Rep. Tiffany Danielle Roberts

House Chair

(2-8) The Following Communication:

S.C. 880

STATE OF MAINE ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY FIRST LEGISLATURE COMMITTEE ON MARINE RESOURCES

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 Sen. Reny of Lincoln, to report the following bill Leave to Withdraw:

L.D. 370 An Act to Protect Marine Resources in Maine

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Cameron deGrasse Reny Senate Chair

S/Rep. Allison Hepler House Chair

(2-9) The Following Communication:

S.C. 885

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

February 5, 2024

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. 2138 Resolve, to Improve Funding for Homeless Shelters

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. 886

STATE OF MAINE ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY FIRST LEGISLATURE COMMITTEE ON INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS

February 1, 2024

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 Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 1806 An Act to Require Online Used Car Dealers to Be Licensed

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Chip Curry Senate Chair S/Rep. Tiffany Danielle Roberts House Chair (2-11) The Following Communication:

S.C. 887

STATE OF MAINE ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY FIRST LEGISLATURE COMMITTEE ON MARINE RESOURCES

February 5, 2024

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 Marine Resources has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 710 An Act to Fund the Lobster Legal Defense Fund

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Cameron deGrasse Reny Senate Chair S/Rep. Allison Hepler House Chair

(2-12) The Following Communication:

S.C. 888

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

February 5, 2024

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 Transportation has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

- L.D. 369 An Act to Allow Repurposed Military Vehicles to Be Registered and Operated on Maine Roads
- L.D. 1750 Resolve, Directing the Department of Transportation to Complete a Service Plan and Determine the Scope of Work for Restoration of Rail Use of the Berlin Subdivision Rail Corridor from Downtown Portland to Auburn

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Ben Chipman Senate Chair S/Rep. Lydia Crafts House Chair (2-13) The Following Communication:

S.C. 889

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

January 31, 2024

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 Transportation has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 527 An Act to Allow Municipalities to Create Bicycle and Pedestrian Zones with Reduced Speed Limits

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Ben Chipman Senate Chair S/Rep. Lydia Crafts House Chair

(2-14) The Following Communication:

S.C. 877

LORING DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF MAINE

January 25, 2024

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

Honorable Rachel Talbot Ross Speaker of the House 2 State House Station Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Talbot Ross:

Pursuant to 5 M.R.S.A., Section 12023, please consider this the letter of transmittal for the required report from the Loring Development Authority of Maine, due by February 1, 2024.

Don't hesitate to get in touch with me if you have any questions or need additional information.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

S/Jonathan Judkins President and CEO

(2-15) The Following Communication:

S.C. 878

EFFICIENCY MAINE TRUST

January 30, 2024

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

Honorable Rachel Talbot Ross Speaker of the House 2 State House Station Augusta, ME 04333-0002

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Ross:

Pursuant to 5 M.R.S.A., Section §12023, I am pleased to deliver this the letter of transmittal for the required report from Efficiency Maine Trust due by February 1, 2024.

Please contact me if you have any questions or need additional information.

Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

S/Michael D. Stoddard Executive Director

(2-16) The Following Communication:

S.C. 890

STATE OF MAINE OFFICE OF THE STATE AUDITOR

February 5, 2024

Honorable Members of the Legislative Council for the 131st Legislature;

Honorable Janet T. Mills Governor of the State of Maine

I am pleased to submit the State Auditor's Fraud Hotline Semiannual Report for the period January 1, 2023, to June 30, 2023.

A summary of the complaints is attached.

Sincerely,

S/Matthew Dunlap, CIA State Auditor

SENATE PAPERS

(3-1) Bill "An Act Regarding Incentives for Heat Pumps and Other Weatherization Products and Services"

S.P. 942 L.D. 2206

Presented by President JACKSON of Aroostook.

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

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

ORDERS

Joint Orders

Expressions of Legislative Sentiment recognizing:

(4-1) Lance Longley, of Caribou, who has been inducted into the Hall of Hometown Heroes at Caribou Community School. The Hall of Hometown Heroes celebrates the citizens of Caribou who attended the various K-8 schools that once stood proudly in Caribou before Caribou Community School was constructed. Inductees serve as role models for current students at the school and inspire their aspirations to reach their dreams. We extend our congratulations and best wishes:

SLS 1366

Sponsored by President JACKSON of Aroostook.

Cosponsored by Representative: GUERRETTE of Caribou.

(4-2) Neal Sleeper, of Caribou, who has been inducted into the Hall of Hometown Heroes at Caribou Community School. The Hall of Hometown Heroes celebrates the citizens of Caribou who attended the various K-8 schools that once stood proudly in Caribou before Caribou Community School was constructed. Inductees serve as role models for current students at the school and inspire their aspirations to reach their dreams. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 1367

Sponsored by President JACKSON of Aroostook. Cosponsored by Representative: GUERRETTE of Caribou.

(4-3) Matt Bouchard, of Caribou, who has been inducted into the Hall of Hometown Heroes at Caribou Community School. The Hall of Hometown Heroes celebrates the citizens of Caribou who attended the various K-8 schools that once stood proudly in Caribou before Caribou Community School was constructed. Inductees serve as role models for current students at the school and inspire their aspirations to reach their dreams. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 1368

Sponsored by President JACKSON of Aroostook.

Cosponsored by Representative: GUERRETTE of Caribou.

(4-4) Albert Farley, of Woodland, who has been inducted into the Hall of Hometown Heroes at Caribou Community School. The Hall of Hometown Heroes celebrates the citizens of Caribou who attended the various K-8 schools that once stood proudly in Caribou before Caribou Community School was constructed. Inductees serve as role models for current students at the school and inspire their aspirations to reach their dreams. We extend our congratulations and best wishes:

SLS 1369

Sponsored by President JACKSON of Aroostook.

Cosponsored by Representative: BABIN of Fort Fairfield.

(4-5) Andrea Flannery, of Caribou, who has been inducted into the Hall of Hometown Heroes at Caribou Community School. The Hall of Hometown Heroes celebrates the citizens of Caribou who attended the various K-8 schools that once stood proudly in Caribou before Caribou Community School was constructed. Inductees serve as role models for current students at the school and inspire their aspirations to reach their dreams. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 1370

Sponsored by President JACKSON of Aroostook. Cosponsored by Representative: GUERRETTE of Caribou.

(4-6) Cindy Bouchard, of Caribou, who has been inducted into the Hall of Hometown Heroes at Caribou Community School. The Hall of Hometown Heroes celebrates the citizens of Caribou who attended the various K-8 schools that once stood proudly in Caribou before Caribou Community School was constructed. Inductees serve as role models for current students at the school and inspire their aspirations to reach their dreams. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 1371

Sponsored by President JACKSON of Aroostook. Cosponsored by Representative: GUERRETTE of Caribou.

(4-7) Bethany Souther-Zell, of Caribou, who has been inducted into the Hall of Hometown Heroes at Caribou Community School. The Hall of Hometown Heroes celebrates the citizens of Caribou who attended the various K-8 schools that once stood proudly in Caribou before Caribou Community School was constructed. Inductees serve as role models for current students at the school and inspire their aspirations to reach their dreams. We extend our congratulations and best wishes:

SLS 1372

Sponsored by President JACKSON of Aroostook. Cosponsored by Representative: GUERRETTE of Caribou.

(4-8) Kyle Corrigan, of Caribou, who has been inducted into the Hall of Hometown Heroes at Caribou Community School. The Hall of Hometown Heroes celebrates the citizens of Caribou who attended the various K-8 schools that once stood proudly in Caribou before Caribou Community School was constructed. Inductees serve as role models for current students at the school and inspire their aspirations to reach their dreams. We extend our congratulations and best wishes:

SLS 1373

Sponsored by President JACKSON of Aroostook. Cosponsored by Representative: GUERRETTE of Caribou.

(4-9) Andrew Michaud, of Caribou, who has been inducted into the Hall of Hometown Heroes at Caribou Community School. The Hall of Hometown Heroes celebrates the citizens of Caribou who attended the various K-8 schools that once stood proudly in Caribou before Caribou Community School was constructed. Inductees serve as role models for current students at the school and inspire their aspirations to reach their dreams. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 1374

Sponsored by President JACKSON of Aroostook. Cosponsored by Representative: GUERRETTE of Caribou.

(4-10) Karen St. Peter, of Caribou, who has been inducted into the Hall of Hometown Heroes at Caribou Community School. The Hall of Hometown Heroes celebrates the citizens of Caribou who attended the various K-8 schools that once stood proudly in Caribou before Caribou Community School was constructed. Inductees serve as role models for current students at the school and inspire their aspirations to reach their dreams. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 1375

Sponsored by President JACKSON of Aroostook. Cosponsored by Representative: GUERRETTE of Caribou.

(4-11) Scott Jackson, of Caribou, who has been inducted into the Hall of Hometown Heroes at Caribou Community School. The Hall of Hometown Heroes celebrates the citizens of Caribou who attended the various K-8 schools that once stood proudly in Caribou before Caribou Community School was constructed. Inductees serve as role models for current students at the school and inspire their aspirations to reach their dreams. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 1376

Sponsored by President JACKSON of Aroostook. Cosponsored by Representative: GUERRETTE of Caribou.

(4-12) Michelle Goulet, of Saco, who has been named an Outstanding Early Childhood Leader, Advocate and Change Maker by the Maine Association for the Education of Young Children. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 1377

Sponsored by Senator BAILEY of York.

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

(4-13) Patrick Young, of Saco, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. This is the highest award in Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 1378

Sponsored by Senator BAILEY of York.

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

(4-14) the Yarmouth High School Boys Soccer Team, which won the 2023 Class B State Championship. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 1381

Sponsored by Senator PIERCE of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Senator: DAUGHTRY of Cumberland, Representative: BELL of Yarmouth.

(4-15) the Yarmouth High School Girls Soccer Team, which won the 2023 Class B State Championship. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 1382

Sponsored by Senator PIERCE of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Senator: DAUGHTRY of Cumberland, Representative: BELL of Yarmouth.

(4-16) the Yarmouth High School Volleyball Team, which won the 2023 Class B State Championship. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 1383

Sponsored by Senator PIERCE of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Senator: DAUGHTRY of Cumberland, Representative: BELL of Yarmouth.

Joint Resolutions

Joint Resolutions in Memoriam:

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

(4-17) Kevin Brennan, of West Gardiner. Mr. Brennan was a veteran of the United States Army, having graduated from Airborne Ranger School and served in the Special Forces. He later worked as an arborist for a tree-trimming company and shared the Christian Gospel. He ministered to his neighbors, friends and family, hosted bible study, sponsored an annual summer barbeque and ministered internationally in Romania and Pakistan, where he also supported a Christian school. Mr. Brennan will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family, friends and community;

SLS 1365

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

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

(4-18) Faith Pomerleau, of Winslow. A member of a large family and known as gregarious and outgoing, Ms. Pomerleau will be long remembered and sadly missed after her unexpected passing by her family, friends and all those whose lives she touched;

SLS 1379

Sponsored by Senator LaFOUNTAIN of Kennebec. Cosponsored by Representatives: CYRWAY of Albion, MADIGAN of Waterville.

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

(4-19) William Tanner, of Fairfield, a dedicated mental health provider who worked with homeless people. Dr. Tanner worked as a case manager at the Mid-Maine Homeless Shelter in Waterville for over 7 years. Dr. Tanner will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family and friends and all those whose lives he touched;

SLS 1380

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

House

Ought to Pass As Amended

(5-1) The Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** on Bill "An Act Regarding Compliance with Environmental Permit and License Application Requirements"

H.P. 1320 L.D. 2058

Reported that the same Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-738).

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT** "A" (H-738).

(5-2) The Joint Select Committee on **HOUSING** on Bill "An Act to Amend the Maine Cooperative Affordable Housing Ownership Act"

H.P. 960 L.D. 1505

Reported that the same Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-736).

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT** "A" (H-736).

Divided Report

(5-3) The Majority of the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** on Bill "An Act to Ensure Rural Law Enforcement Services in Maine"

H.P. 407 L.D. 630

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

Signed:

Senators:

BEEBE-CENTER of Knox HARRINGTON of York LaFOUNTAIN of Kennebec

Representatives:

SALISBURY of Westbrook HASENFUS of Readfield LAJOIE of Lewiston LOOKNER of Portland MATHIESON of Kittery MILLIKEN of Blue Hill PERKINS of Dover-Foxcroft

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TAXATION**.

Signed:

Representatives:

ARDELL of Monticello NUTTING of Oakland

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

Divided Report

(5-4) The Majority of the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** on Bill "An Act Concerning Contracts and Agreement for Large-scale Water Extraction" H.P. 707 L.D. 1111

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

Signed:

Senators:

LAWRENCE of York HARRINGTON of York

Representatives:

BABIN of Fort Fairfield DUNPHY of Embden FOSTER of Dexter PAUL of Winterport RUNTE of York

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass** as **Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-739)**.

Signed:

Senator:

GROHOSKI of Hancock

Representatives:

ZEIGLER of Montville GEIGER of Rockland KESSLER of South Portland WARREN of Scarborough

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

Senate

Ought to Pass As Amended

(5-5) Senator INGWERSEN for the Committee on **AGRICULTURE**, **CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** on Bill "An Act to Support Farmland Conservation and Transition Planning for Farmers"

S.P. 247 L.D. 579

Reported that the same Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-519).

SECOND READERS

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

Senate As Amended

(6-1) Bill "An Act to Clarify the Roles and Responsibilities of the Board of Environmental Protection by Adjusting the Requirements for Certain Hearings and for Certain Agencies by Adjusting the Requirements for Cost-Benefit Analysis"

S.P. 362 L.D. 865 (C "A" S-518)

(6-2) Bill "An Act to Provide That Advanced Recycling Facilities Are Subject to Solid Waste Regulation and That Advanced Recycling Does Not Constitute Recycling"

S.P. 665 L.D. 1660 (C "A" S-514)

(6-3) Resolve, to Construct a New District Headquarters Building for the Bureau of Forestry in Fort Kent

S.P. 759 L.D. 1886 (C "A" S-517)

(6-4) Bill "An Act to Address Food Insecurity by Helping Maine Residents Access Locally Produced Food" (EMERGENCY)

S.P. 886 L.D. 2093 (C "A" S-516)

ENACTORS

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

Emergency Resolve

Emergency Resorve	
(7-1) Resolve, to Authorize the Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court to Arrange the Constitution of Maine to Incorporate Amendments Approved at the November 2023 Referendum H.P. 1407 L.D. 2196	
Act	
(7-2) An Act Regarding the State Auditor's Reporting Requirements on State Agencies' Financial Activities S.P. 834 L.D. 2011	

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 RESOLUTION - Memorializing Aaron Rollins, of Madison

SLS 1328

Tabled - January 11, 2024 by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin

Pending - **ADOPTION**

3.

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

4.

Tabled and Later Assigned

Joint Resolution "JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING SEPARATE APPLICATIONS TO THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES CALLING CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTIONS TO CONSIDER REPRESENTATIONAL INTEGRITY AND PROPOSE AMENDMENTS ESTABLISHING TERM LIMITS FOR CONGRESS AND ADDRESSING CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM"

S.P. 705

Tabled - January 30, 2024 by Senator **HICKMAN** of Kennebec

Pending - motion by same Senator to ACCEPT the Majority OUGHT TO PASS Report

5.

Tabled and Later Assigned

JOINT ORDER - Requiring Suggested Committee Amendments to Concept Drafts to Be Filed Before Their Committee Hearings

S.P. 937

Tabled - February 1, 2024 by Senator **BENNETT** 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)

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