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Sec. 3. Report. Resolved: That the office, in consultation with the state agencies listed in section 1, shall submit a report on the evaluation under this resolve to the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology by February 1, 2026. The report must contain recommendations related to how to display and maintain data regarding renewable energy construction projects in an efficient, meaningful and publicly accessible manner for the purposes of identifying renewable energy trends in this State. The committee may report out a bill to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature based on the report.

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CHAPTER 132

H.P. 1357 - L.D. 2027

Resolve, to Rename a Bridge in Woolwich the Woolwich Veterans Memorial Bridge

Sec. 1. Bridge in Woolwich renamed. Resolved: That the Department of Transportation shall designate Bridge 3039 on Main Street in the Town of Woolwich, currently known as the Station 46 Bridge, the Woolwich Veterans Memorial Bridge.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 133

H.P. 1359 - L.D. 2029

Resolve, to Name the New East Main Street Bridge in Dover-Foxcroft in Honor of Private Willard Merrill and Private Barton Merrill, Jr.

Sec. 1. Bridge in Dover-Foxcroft named. Resolved: That the Department of Transportation shall designate Bridge 2293 on East Main Street in the Town of Dover-Foxcroft, formerly known as the Foxcroft West Bridge, the Private Willard D. Merrill and Private Barton G. Merrill, Jr. Bridge.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 134

S.P. 822 - L.D. 2006

Resolve, Authorizing the Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands to Make Certain Land Transactions in Aroostook and Somerset Counties

Preamble. The Constitution of Maine, Article IX, Section 23 requires that real estate held by the State for conservation or recreation purposes may not be reduced or its uses substantially altered except on the vote of 2/3 of all members elected to each House.

Whereas, certain real estate authorized for conveyance by this resolve is under the designations described in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 12, section 598-A; and

Whereas, the Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry may sell or exchange lands with the approval of the Legislature in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 12, sections 1814 and 1851; now, therefore, be it

Sec. 1. Director of Bureau of Parks and Lands authorized to convey certain land in Westmanland, Aroostook County. Resolved: That the Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry may convey, by quitclaim deed with a reverter clause, and at no cost, on other terms and conditions as the director may direct, the State's interest in approximately 7 acres of public reserved land to the Town of Westmanland. The 7 acres represent the section of the Little Madawaska Lake Road that is currently designated as public reserved lands under the bureau. The purpose of the conveyance is to enable the town to improve and maintain this section of road by which several town property taxpayers access their property. The cost of the bureau's attorney's fees, as well as the cost of a survey of the property boundaries, must be paid by the town, and the recording costs may not be paid by the bureau.

Sec. 2. Director of Bureau of Parks and Lands authorized to sell certain land in Seboomook Township, Somerset County. Resolved: That the Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry may sell to the owners of 51 Sebey Lane in Big W Township, and no other party, approximately 0.25 acres of public reserved land. The 0.25 acres represent the land under an existing septic system that serves 51 Sebey Lane and was installed prior to state ownership of the land. The buyer must pay all transaction costs, including survey, legal and recording costs for the transaction. The director may negotiate a

price for the land or, if needed, obtain an appraisal that must be paid by the buyer.

Sec. 3. Director of Bureau of Parks and Lands authorized to exchange certain land in Presque Isle, Aroostook County. Resolved: That the Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry may engage in a minor land exchange of less than 0.25 acres with Towers North, Inc. in the City of Presque Isle. The land swap will rectify a recently identified boundary issue in which a communication tower occupies a very small portion of state land. Towers North, Inc. must pay all transaction costs, including legal and recording costs for the transaction.

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CHAPTER 135

H.P. 1358 - L.D. 2028

Resolve, to Rename a Bridge in West Forks Plantation and The Forks Plantation the Gordon Clifton Berry, Sr. Bridge

Sec. 1. Bridge in West Forks Plantation and The Forks Plantation renamed. Resolved: That the Department of Transportation shall designate Bridge 2841 on Route 201, which crosses the Kennebec River between West Forks Plantation and The Forks Plantation and is currently known as the Forks Bridge, the Gordon Clifton Berry, Sr. Bridge.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 136

H.P. 1363 - L.D. 2033

Resolve, to Designate Route 3 in Trenton as the Deputy Luke Gross Memorial Highway

Sec. 1. Designate Route 3 in Trenton the Deputy Luke Gross Memorial Highway. Resolved: That the Department of Transportation shall designate Route 3 in the Town of Trenton the Deputy Luke Gross Memorial Highway and shall erect appropriate signs to identify Route 3 as the Deputy Luke Gross Memorial Highway.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 137

H.P. 94 - L.D. 161

Resolve, Directing the Maine Office of Community Affairs to Convene a Working Group Tasked with a Comprehensive Overhaul and Modernization of Maine's Subdivision Laws

Sec. 1. Maine Office of Community Affairs to establish working group; purpose. Resolved: That the Maine Office of Community Affairs, established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 3202, shall convene and administer a working group composed of representatives from the Maine Office of Community Affairs, the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry and the Department of Environmental Protection to review the subdivision laws in Title 12, chapter 206-A; Title 30-A, chapter 187, subchapter 4; and Title 38, chapter 3, subchapter 1, article 6. The purpose of the review is to make recommendations on how to overhaul and modernize the regulation of residential, commercial and industrial development.

Sec. 2. Commissioners to assign representatives. Resolved: That the Commissioner of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry and the Commissioner of Environmental Protection shall assign one or more employees to represent their respective departments as members in the working group established pursuant to section 1. An assigned employee must have experience and knowledge relevant to the purpose of the working group and the working group's assigned tasks as specified in section 3.

Sec. 3. Working group tasks. Resolved: That the working group established pursuant to section 1 shall, within existing resources, undertake the following tasks with respect to the State's subdivision laws:

1. Develop recommendations on how to overhaul and consolidate the subdivision laws in a manner that reduces inconsistencies and ambiguities;
2. Develop recommendations on how to streamline the application processes under the subdivision laws; and
3. Identify policy conflicts, opportunities to clarify policies and ways to promote improved outcomes for housing, economic development, conservation and other matters identified by the working group.

If the working group is unable to achieve consensus on any finding or recommendation identified through its work, the working group shall include in the report required in section 6 an explanation of the issue lacking consensus, the possible solutions to the issue and the areas of disagreement.