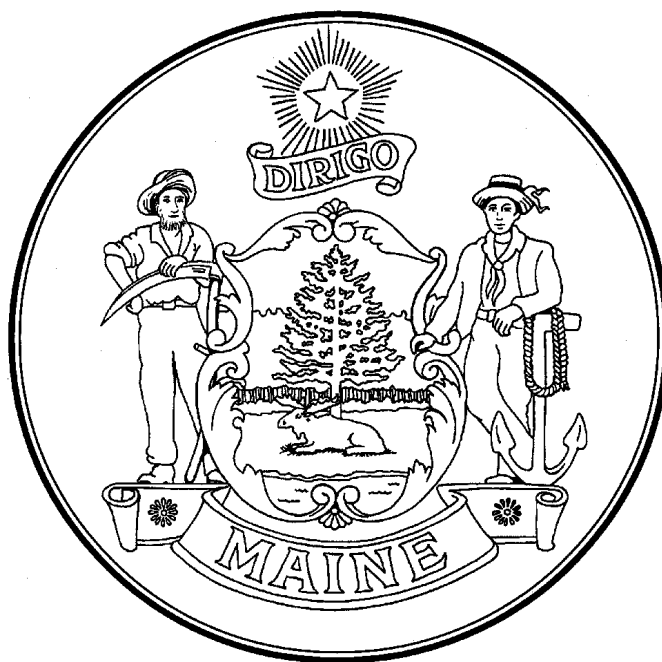


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STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION
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In Senate Chamber
Thursday
March 28, 2024

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

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

PASTOR NEIL WILSON: We are in a spirit of prayer. Holy One, who is known to us by many names, yet one in spirit and desire for all people and your creation, we gather here in a moment of reflection and prayer to acknowledge our need for a wisdom beyond our own. Our desire to seek a way more closely in touch with your way and in desire for our communities, and to reflect the nobler values we can all hold dear. Gathered here are those who have the authority and the potential to impact the lives and livelihoods of many. And so, we ask that in all deliberations we would seek understanding as much as knowledge, for courage in decision making, yet tempered by compassion, to listen as much as to be heard, to strive for those higher ideals more than our own personal desires. So, for the well-being of the communities we represent, the state we love and call home, for our nation and the many freedoms we enjoy, and for the protection of those who safeguard them, for the responsibilities each of us to carry and to govern justly. We humbly pray for the ability to discern your wisdom, your voice, your compassion, your desire amongst the many voices that will be heard in all the discussions, deliberations, and negotiations of this session of the Maine Senate. Praying in the spirit, in the name of all that is holy. Amen.

National Anthem Performed by Eva Benjamin of Hermon.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Senator Margaret R. Rotundo of Androscoggin County.

Reading of the Journal of Wednesday, March 27, 2024.

Medical Provider of the Day, Jacob Longfellow, DO of Farmingdale.

Off Record Remarks

Senator **MOORE** of Washington requested and received leave of the Senate that members and staff be allowed to remove their jackets for the remainder of this Legislative Day.

Off Record Remarks

Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, on motion by Senator **VITELLI** of Sagadahoc, the following Joint Order: S.P. 997

Ordered, the House concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourn, they do so until Monday, April 1, at 10:00 in the morning, or until the call of the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House, respectively.

READ and PASSED.

Ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

All matters thus acted upon were ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

Non-Concurrent Matter

An Act to Remove the Exemption from Sales and Use Tax for Automobiles Purchased for Use as Rentals
H.P. 1409 L.D. 2198

In Senate, March 26, 2024, on motion by Senator **GROHOSKI** of Hancock, the Minority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

Comes from the House, that Body having **INSISTED** on its former action whereby the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report was **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-844)**.

On motion by Senator **VITELLI** of Sagadahoc, the Senate **INSISTED**.

Non-Concurrent Matter

An Act to Identify the Railroad Lines from Portland to Bangor as a Major Corridor and to Fund a Feasibility Study
S.P. 357 L.D. 860

In Senate, March 20, 2024, on motion by Senator **CHIPMAN** of Cumberland, the Minority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED**

Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-565) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-590)** thereto.

Comes from the House, the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

On motion by Senator **VITELLI** of Sagadahoc, the Senate **INSISTED**.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: S.C. 1053

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

March 26, 2024

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

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Section 157, and with Joint Rule 505 of the Maine Legislature, the Joint Standing Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services has had under consideration the nomination of Nathan Moody of Gorham, for appointment to the Maine Retirement Savings Board.

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

YEAS	Senators	2	Bailey, D. of York, Reny, C. of Lincoln
	Representatives	10	Perry, A. of Calais, Arford, P. of Brunswick, Cluchey, S. of Bowdoinham, Cyrway, S. of Albion, Mastraccio, A. of Sanford, Mathieson, K. of Kittery, Morris, J. of Turner, Nutting, R. of Oakland, Pringle, J. of Windham, Swallow, G. of Houlton
NAYS		0	
ABSENT		1	Sen. Brakey, E. of Androscoggin

Twelve members of the Committee having voted in the affirmative and zero in the negative, it was the vote of the Committee that the nomination of Nathan Moody of Gorham, for appointment to the Maine Retirement Savings Board be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Donna Bailey
Senate Chair

S/Anne C. Perry
House Chair

READ and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**.

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall the recommendation of the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** be overridden?"

The Chair noted the absence of the Senator from Kennebec, Senator **LAFOUNTAIN**, and the Senator from Cumberland, Senator **PIERCE**, and further excused the same Senators from today's Roll Call votes.

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Chapter 6, Section 158, and with Joint Rule 506 of the 131st Legislature, the vote was taken by the Yeas and Nays.

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#628)

YEAS: Senators: None

NAYS: Senators: BAILEY, BALDACCI, BEEBE-CENTER, BENNETT, BLACK, BRAKEY, BRENNER, CARNEY, CHIPMAN, CURRY, DAUGHTRY, DUSON, FARRIN, GROHOSKI, GUERIN, HARRINGTON, HICKMAN, INGWERSEN, KEIM, LAWRENCE, LIBBY, LYFORD, MOORE, NANGLE, POULIOT, RAFFERTY, RENY, ROTUNDO, STEWART, TIMBERLAKE, TIPPING, VITELLI, PRESIDENT JACKSON

EXCUSED: Senators: LAFOUNTAIN, PIERCE

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 33 Senators having voted in the negative, with 2 Senators being excused, and none being less than two-thirds of the Membership present and voting, it was the vote of the Senate that the Committee's recommendation be **ACCEPTED** and the nomination of **Nathan Moody** of Gorham, for appointment to the Maine Retirement Savings Board was **CONFIRMED**.

The Secretary has so informed the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

The Following Communication: S.C. 1054

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

March 26, 2024

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

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Section 157, and with Joint Rule 505 of the Maine Legislature, the Joint Standing Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services has had under consideration the nomination of Tina Wilcoxson of Cumberland Center, for reappointment to the Maine Retirement Savings Board.

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

YEAS	Senators	2	Bailey, D. of York, Reny, C. of Lincoln
	Representatives	10	Perry, A. of Calais, Arford, P. of Brunswick, Cluchey, S. of Bowdoinham, Cyrway, S. of Albion, Mastraccio, A. of Sanford, Mathieson, K. of Kittery, Morris, J. of Turner, Nutting, R. of Oakland, Pringle, J. of Windham, Swallow, G. of Houlton

NAYS 0

ABSENT 1 Sen. Brakey, E. of Androscoggin

Twelve members of the Committee having voted in the affirmative and zero in the negative, it was the vote of the Committee that the nomination of Tina Wilcoxson of Cumberland Center, for reappointment to the Maine Retirement Savings Board be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Donna Bailey
Senate Chair

S/Anne C. Perry
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall the recommendation of the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** be overridden?"

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Chapter 6, Section 158, and with Joint Rule 506 of the 131st Legislature, the vote was taken by the Yeas and Nays.

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#629)

YEAS: Senators: None

NAYS: Senators: BAILEY, BALDACCI, BEEBE-CENTER, BENNETT, BLACK, BRAKEY, BRENNER, CARNEY, CHIPMAN, CURRY, DAUGHTRY, DUSON, FARRIN, GROHOSKI, GUERIN, HARRINGTON, HICKMAN, INGWERSEN, KEIM, LAWRENCE, LIBBY, LYFORD, MOORE, NANGLE, POULIOT, RAFFERTY, RENY, ROTUNDO, STEWART, TIMBERLAKE, TIPPING, VITELLI, PRESIDENT JACKSON

EXCUSED: Senators: LAFOUNTAIN, PIERCE

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 33 Senators having voted in the negative, with 2 Senators being excused, and none being less than two-thirds of the Membership present and voting, it was the vote of the Senate that the Committee's recommendation be **ACCEPTED** and the nomination of **Tina Wilcoxson** of Cumberland Center, for reappointment to the Maine Retirement Savings Board was **CONFIRMED**.

The Secretary has so informed the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

The Following Communication: S.C. 1055

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

March 26, 2024

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

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Section 157, and with Joint Rule 505 of the Maine Legislature, the Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business has had under consideration the nomination of Daniel L. Cummings of South Portland, for appointment to the Finance Authority of Maine.

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

YEAS	Senators	2	Curry, C. of Waldo, Rafferty, J. of York
	Representatives	9	Roberts, T. of South Berwick, Collamore, A. of Pittsfield, Crockett, E. of Portland, LaRochelle, R. of Augusta, Ness, C. of Fryeburg, Sayre, D. of Kennebunk, Smith, K. of Palermo, Walker, M. of Naples, White, B. of Waterville

NAYS 0

ABSENT	2	Sen. Guerin, S. of Penobscot, Rep. Lanigan, L. of Sanford
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Eleven members of the Committee having voted in the affirmative and zero in the negative, it was the vote of the Committee that the nomination of Daniel L. Cummings of South Portland, for appointment to the Finance Authority of Maine be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Chip Curry S/Tiffany Danielle Roberts
Senate Chair House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall the recommendation of the Committee on **INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS** be overridden?"

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Chapter 6, Section 158, and with Joint Rule 506 of the 131st Legislature, the vote was taken by the Yeas and Nays.

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#630)

YEAS: Senators: None

NAYS: Senators: BAILEY, BALDACCI, BEEBE-CENTER, BENNETT, BLACK, BRAKEY, BRENNER, CARNEY, CHIPMAN, CURRY, DAUGHTRY, DUSON, FARRIN, GROHOSKI, GUERIN, HARRINGTON, HICKMAN, INGWERSEN, KEIM, LAWRENCE, LIBBY, LYFORD, MOORE, NANGLE, POULIOT, RAFFERTY, RENY, ROTUNDO, STEWART, TIMBERLAKE, TIPPING, VITELLI, PRESIDENT JACKSON

EXCUSED: Senators: LAFOUNTAIN, PIERCE

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 33 Senators having voted in the negative, with 2 Senators being excused, and none being less than two-thirds of the Membership present and voting, it was the vote of the Senate that the Committee's recommendation be **ACCEPTED** and the nomination of **Daniel L. Cummings** of South Portland, for appointment to the Finance Authority of Maine was **CONFIRMED**.

The Secretary has so informed the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

ORDERS

Joint Orders

Expressions of Legislative Sentiment recognizing:

The Saint Dominic Academy Baseball Team, of Auburn, which won the 2023 Class D State Championship. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 1711

Sponsored by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin.

Cosponsored by Representatives: LEE of Auburn, LIBBY of Auburn, SHAW of Auburn.

The Saint Dominic Academy Baseball Team, of Auburn, which won the 2022 Class D State Championship. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 1714

Sponsored by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin.

Cosponsored by Representatives: LEE of Auburn, LIBBY of Auburn, SHAW of Auburn.

The Joint Orders were **READ**.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Androscoggin, Senator Brakey.

Senator **BRAKEY:** Thank you, Mr. President. I rise today to recognize some great athletes and their excellent coaches here from Saint Dominic Academy's baseball team. This team has won the Class D Baseball State Championship two years in a row, and they're looking to repeat this again this year. Now, you may be thinking well, why are we celebrating the team for winning the state championships from last year and two years ago?

There must be hardly any players from those teams here due to graduation, right? Well, two years ago, the Saints entered the playoffs, eight to eight, as the third seed in D South with 15 of their 16 players either freshmen or sophomores. They went on to defeat Machias - apologies to my seatmate from Washington County - but they went on to defeat Machias three to one in the state final that year, and last year, a year older and a year more experienced as primarily sophomores and juniors, they defeated Bangor Christian in the state final four to one. Now, this team, with all their experience, is more primed than ever to make it a three-peat. The players' increase of experience has been aided by Coach Blackman, who has been the Saints' head coach for 19 years and led them to seven state titles - 2005, 2007, 2009, 2011, 2015, 2022, and 2023. And I will note that's as many titles as Tom Brady, and as far as I know, the baseballs have always been fully inflated. Lastly, I'd like to ask that we congratulate the lone senior from last year's state championship team, Miles - I apologize, I'm going to mispronounce his last name - but Frenette, who batted over 500 and had 30-plus hits. Miles is now at Assumption College. Now, I wish -- to the team, I wish them all the best this baseball season, and again, congratulations on two state championships in a row.

The Joint Orders were **PASSED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair is pleased to recognize up in the gallery the Saint Dominic Academy Baseball Team of Auburn, who won the Class D State Championship. Would the members please all rise and accept the greetings and congratulations of the Maine Senate.

Timothee Ouellette, of Lewiston, a senior at Saint Dominic Academy, who has received the Travis Roy Award, which is presented to the most outstanding Class A senior boys hockey player in Maine. We extend our congratulations and best wishes; SLS 1713

Sponsored by Senator ROTUNDO of Androscoggin.
Cosponsored by Representatives: ABDI of Lewiston, CLOUTIER of Lewiston, CRAVEN of Lewiston, LAJOIE of Lewiston.

The Joint Order was **READ**.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Androscoggin, Senator Rotundo.

Senator **ROTUNDO:** Thank you, Mr. President. Mr. President, Colleagues of the Senate, I rise to recognize Lewiston's Timothee Ouellette, the 29th winner of the Travis Roy Award, which is awarded to the top Class A high school hockey player in the state of Maine. Tim is the fourth player from Saint Dominic's Academy to receive the award. Tim's father, Steve Ouellette, is a former coach of the Saint Dom Saints. He inspired Tim to train hard and focus on becoming great. The years of hard work have certainly paid off so far. This year, Tim led the Saints in scoring with 14 goals and 22 assists in 19 games. And his talent is not limited to hockey. Tim has been a varsity athlete in three sports for the entire four years he has attended Saint Doms. Tim's leadership skills matches his expertise on the ice. He has been the Saints'

captain for the past two years, and his coaches praise him for quietly leading by example and delivering in the clutch instead of drawing attention to himself. His nicknames include the Big Kahuna and the Quiet Assassin. Need I say more? Congratulations, Tim, on winning this prestigious award. We're all very proud of you. Your future is, indeed, very bright and I wish you all the best.

The Joint Order was **PASSED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair is very pleased to recognize in the rear of the chamber Tim Oulette -- also known as the 'Big Kahuna'. He's from Lewiston and is the guests today of the Senator from Androscoggin, Senator Rotundo and the entire Maine Senate. Would the guest please rise and accept the congratulations of the Maine Senate.

The Monmouth Academy Boys Basketball Team, which won the Class C State Championship. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;
SLS 1712

Sponsored by Senator HICKMAN of Kennebec.
Cosponsored by Representative: GREENWOOD of Wales.

The Joint Order was **READ**.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Kennebec, Senator Hickman.

Senator **HICKMAN:** Thank you, Mr. President. I rise to honor this historic victory and in doing so, if you'll indulge, I will read part of the reporting by Dave Dyer after this was achieved by these young men. It was Maine high school basketball at its finest. Fending out Mount View throughout the fourth quarter, the Monmouth Academy boys basketball team managed to hang on and take a wild 52 to 50 victory in the Class C final at the Augusta Civic Center earlier this month. It's the first gold ball in program history. It feels crazy, said Monmouth senior forward Sammy Calder, who led the team with 17 points. It feels even better to get it right after winning a state title in soccer, just to keep the ball rolling. Three gold balls for this school after 12 months? It's insane. It also capped a dramatic postseason for run for Monmouth, which won all four postseason games by a total of 23 points. Monmouth beat Mount Abram 46 to 43 in the Class C South final after needing overtime to edge Hall-Dale 73 to 67 in the regional semifinals. Kyle Palleschi scored 13 points for Monmouth, nine of which came in the third quarter. Bingham Abbott added eight points. I don't think I could put into words how proud I am of this team, Monmouth head coach Wade Morrill said. This day marks the 104th day of basketball in a row. Our boys grind. I don't think a lot of people thought we could be here, I think we've been counted out most of the year, really. We had to prove it every night. We adapted that mindset. It was a game of runs in the first half. Mount View went on a 12-0 run in the fourth quarter, then Monmouth responded with an 11-0 run in its own late in the second quarter. Noah Hurd and Wyatt Evensen each scored nine points in the first half while Calder led Monmouth with eight points. Monmouth then went on a 7-0 run in

the third quarter and outscored Mount View 18-11 in that period. But Evensen and Hurd scored seven points early in the fourth quarter, tying the game 45 to 45 with 4 minutes left to play. Me and Luke Harmon were just trying to calm the guys down, and then I tried to calm Luke down, said Calder, who also had seven rebounds. I just told the guys to keep their heads, try not to do stupid turnovers, don't do anything crazy, just play our game and play as hard as we can on the defense. Baskets by Calder, Abbott, and a free-throw by Jacob Harmon helped give Monmouth a 52-50 lead. On Mount View's last possession of the game, Hurd found Evensen, who dribbled to his right, took a shot at the side of the basket, but it bounced off the glass. The Mustangs are the champions. At the end of the day, Coach Morrill was most impressed with his group's depth than anything after their show of resilience. Kyle got in foul trouble, Luke fouled out, we ended up using eight guys. Rory hasn't played all tournament, came in and played two great minutes for us. Jake, a freshman, stepped up big, Levi gets banged up, sucks it up for a few minutes. I just can't say enough about our boys' mental toughness. Mr. President, I'd like to say congratulations to Steve Bell, the athletic director, Coach Wade Morrill, and the entire Monmouth Academy boys basketball team on their historic victory. Congratulations. Thank you, Mr. President.

The Joint Order was **PASSED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair is very pleased to recognize the Class C State Champions the Monmouth Academy Boys Basketball Team with Coach Wade Morrill and Athletic Director Steve Bell. Members of the team are: Tyson Bryant, Cameron Smith, Levi Laverdiere, Rory Foyt, Aiden Oliveira, Tyler Johnson, Sammy Calder, Kyle Palleschi, Logan Hall, Bingham Abbott, Devon Sangermano, Carter O'Connell, Richard Johnson, Jacob Harmon, Lewis Lamoreau, Lucas Harmon, Noah Brown, Liam Ennis, Gavin Witham and obviously Coach Morrill. Would they all please rise and accept the greetings of the Maine Senate.

The Massabesic High School Boys Wrestling Team, of Waterboro, which won the Class A State Championship. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;
SLS 1720

Sponsored by Senator HARRINGTON of York.
Cosponsored by Senator: LIBBY of Cumberland,
Representatives: SAMPSON of Alfred, WOODSOME of Waterboro.

Isaac Broulard, of West Newfield, who won the Class A Boys State Wrestling Championship in the 113-pound Weight Class. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;
SLS 1721

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

Dominick Bubar, of Limerick, who won the Class A Boys State Wrestling Championship in the 165-pound Weight Class. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;
SLS 1722

Sponsored by Senator LIBBY of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Senator: HARRINGTON of York,
Representative: WOODSOME of Waterboro.

Jack Harriman, of North Waterboro, who won the Class A Boys State Wrestling Championship in the 157-pound Weight Class. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;
SLS 1723

Sponsored by Senator HARRINGTON of York.
Cosponsored by Representatives: SAMPSON of Alfred,
WOODSOME of Waterboro.

Evan Broulard, of West Newfield, who won the Class A Boys State Wrestling Championship in the 126-pound Weight Class. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;
SLS 1724

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

The Joint Orders were **READ**.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Libby.

Senator **LIBBY:** Thank you, Mr. President, Men and Women of the Senate. Senator Harrington and I will both be speaking about the Massabesic wrestling team and about some individuals and the team. And we were well represented this year in 2024 in the Maine State Wrestling Championship, and as you just heard from our Senate Secretary - and I want to compliment him on his reading - we have several young men here today up in the gallery who are joining us and three of these champions come from my Senate District - Isaac Broulard, Evan Broulard, and Dominick Bubar. They all delivered individual weight class championships for Massabesic High School and were instrumental in the collective efforts needed to secure the school's first state title since 2008. Now, last year, I was talking to the coach, and they fell just shy of a state championship and they were fully committed to bringing the championship home this year and they accomplished their mission. As a basketball coach, I often coach teams that win by razor-thin margins and it doesn't matter if you win by a razor-thin margin or if you win going away, if you win a state championship, it's something that you can celebrate for the rest of your life. There were some clutch efforts by these gentlemen that are up in the Gallery behind me, we all want to recognize them and tell them just how proud we are to represent them. Congratulations once more to all of you for your efforts in winning the state championship for Massabesic High School. Thank you, Mr. President.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from York, Senator Harrington.

Senator **HARRINGTON:** Thank you, Mr. President. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize an incredible group of young men from Massabesic High School. A little over a month ago, the Massabesic Boys Wrestling Team won a Class A State Championship, something they had not done since 2008, when their new coach, Joe Eon, was on the team. After a crushing second place -- after crushing second place at Noble the years before at the state championship, the seventh runner-up finish since 2008, the Mustangs were determined to reverse the trend. As you may know, the most important thing at a regional meet is to place as many wrestlers as possible in the top four of their weight class, thus qualifying for the state meet. After this year's regional championship, it seemed like Noble may be in for another state title. And I have to be careful here, because I also represent wrestlers at Noble. They ended with 201.5 points and sent ten plus one who wrestled as an alternate of their 14 wrestlers to the state meet. Massabesic finished second at the regionals with 176 points and sent seven wrestlers to the states. But as we know, quality is more important than quantity, and these seven proved it. At states, Massabesic put five wrestlers into the final. Jack Harriman, Dominick Bubar, as well as brothers Isaac Broulard and Evan Broulard won titles. Nicholas Chenard, at 132 pounds, lost one of the most exciting matches in the finals 11 to 9. Massabesic won the title with 114.5 points, Noble which had entered the state championship finals with a slim 5-point lead, were second with 109.5. Mount Blue of Farmington, where our colleague from Franklin County wrestled in the 1970s, finished third with 91 points. Furthermore, at the end of February, Massabesic went to take 21st out of 187 teams at the New England Championships in Rhode Island. I'd be remiss if I didn't mention Mustang's phenomenal coaching staff, head coach Joe Eon, who was a four-time state champion himself, assistant coach Leo Amabile, who was a state champion and a hundred-win wrestler, and assistant coach Lucas Labbe, who also coaches football and baseball. They bring out the strength and talent of their wrestlers and bring a renowned energy to the team, with an attitude there's no option but to win. That attitude paid off. I want to congratulate these young men on a fantastic season, and I hope to see you back here next year.

The Joint Orders were **PASSED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair is pleased to recognize up in the balcony the Class A State Champions, the Massabesic High School Wrestling Team and Coaches: Joe Eon, Lucas Labbe and Leo Amabile. In the gallery also is Isaac and Evan Broulard, Dominick Bubar and Jack Harriman and obviously the rest of the team. They're from towns of Limerick and West Newfield. They are the guests today of the Senator from York, Senator Libby and the Senator from York, Senator Harrington. Would they please rise and accept the greetings and congratulations of the Maine Senate.

Angela Blanchette, of Scarborough, Scarborough's Town Engineer, who received the Golden Raindrop Award from the New England Water Environment Association for being a leader in, and for her contributions to, the storm water field in Maine and New England. We extend our congratulations and best wishes; SLS 1392

Sponsored by Senator BRENNER of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Senator: CARNEY of Cumberland,
Representatives: GATTINE of Westbrook, MURPHY of Scarborough, Warren of Scarborough.

The Joint Order was **READ**.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Brenner.

Senator **BRENNER:** Thank you, Mr. President, Fellow Colleagues of the Senate. I rise today to honor and recognize Angela Blanchette of South Portland, who serves as the town engineer for the Town of Scarborough. She recently won the Golden Raindrop Award. This award is given to New England Water Environmental Association member who has made notable contributions to the stormwater field. Angela was recognized for being a leader in the stormwater field in Maine and New England. She has a unique ability to bridge the gap between engineering and planning. She is a valuable resource and in important municipal voice for stormwater throughout Maine. Her perspective is often sought during state permit negotiations because she understands the practical impacts of proposed regulations. She was recently invited to serve on the State's technical committee for the update of Maine's stormwater law. Angela is an active member of NEWEA, serving as vice president of the stormwater committee from 2012 to 2018, and chair from 2018 to 2021. She's represented NEWEA on the New England Stormwater Collaborative since its inception in 2013 and has represented Scarborough on the board of the Long Creek Watershed Management District since 2016. Angela's knowledge, expertise, and dedication have benefitted Scarborough's stormwater program and local water resources. In our ever-changing world, where environmental challenges continue to loom large, the importance of innovative and effective stormwater management cannot be overstated. It is a critical aspect of our infrastructure that ensures the safety and wellbeing of our communities, protects our natural resources, and safeguards against devastating effects of flooding and erosion. As we applaud Angela's remarkable achievement, let us reaffirm our commitment to supporting and investing in the vital work of stormwater management. Let us work together to build a more resilient and sustainable future for all of Maine people. Her passion, expertise, and dedication should be an inspiration to us all, and I have no doubt she will continue to make invaluable contributions to my community in Scarborough, as well as beyond, throughout the State of Maine. Thank you so much.

The Joint Order was **PASSED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair is pleased to recognize in the rear of the chamber Angela Blanchette of the town of South Portland. She is the guest today of the Senators from Cumberland, Senator Brenner and Senator Carney. Would she please rise and accept the greetings and congratulations of the Maine Senate.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

House

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act to Provide Incentives to Schools That Contract for Certain Social Work and Family Therapy Services" H.P. 1280 L.D. 2002

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-856)**.

Signed:

Senators:

RAFFERTY of York
LIBBY of Cumberland
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:

Representatives:

BAGSHAW of Windham
LYMAN of Livermore Falls
POLEWARCZYK of Wiscasset
SAMPSON of Alfred

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-856)** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-856)**.

Reports **READ**.

On motion by Senator **RAFFERTY** of York, the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **ACCEPTED**.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-856) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED** in concurrence.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **JUDICIARY** on Bill "An Act to Require the State to Notify Indian Tribes and Indian Nations When New Laws Are Enacted That Need to Be Certified" H.P. 1167 L.D. 1835

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-853)**.

Signed:

Senators:

CARNEY of Cumberland
BAILEY of York
BRAKEY of Androscoggin

Representatives:

MOONEN of Portland
ANDREWS of Paris
ENDERSON of Rumford
KUHN of Falmouth
LEE of Auburn
MORIARTY of Cumberland
SHEEHAN of Biddeford

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

Signed:

Representatives:

HAGGAN of Hampden
POIRIER of Skowhegan

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-853)** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-853)**.

Reports **READ**.

On motion by Senator **BAILEY** of York, the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **ACCEPTED**.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-853) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED** in concurrence.

ROLL CALL (#631)

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **JUDICIARY** on Resolve, Directing the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, the State Court Administrator and the Executive Director of the Legislative Council to Add a 3rd Option for Gender on State Forms
H.P. 1434 L.D. 2235

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-854)**.

Signed:

Senators:

CARNEY of Cumberland
BAILEY of York
BRAKEY of Androscoggin

Representatives:

MOONEN of Portland
BECK of South Portland
KUHN of Falmouth
LEE of Auburn
MORIARTY of Cumberland
SHEEHAN of Biddeford

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

Signed:

Representatives:

ANDREWS of Paris
HAGGAN of Hampden
HENDERSON of Rumford
POIRIER of Skowhegan

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-854)** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-854)**.

Reports **READ**.

Senator **BAILEY** of York moved the Senate **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report.

On motion by Senator **STEWART** of Aroostook, supported by a Division of one-fifth of the members present and voting, a Roll Call was ordered.

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

YEAS: Senators: BAILEY, BALDACCI, BEEBE-CENTER, BENNETT, BRAKEY, BRENNER, CARNEY, CHIPMAN, CURRY, DAUGHTRY, DUSON, GROHOSKI, HICKMAN, INGWERSEN, LAWRENCE, NANGLE, RAFFERTY, RENY, ROTUNDO, TIPPING, VITELLI, PRESIDENT JACKSON

NAYS: Senators: BLACK, FARRIN, GUERIN, HARRINGTON, KEIM, LIBBY, LYFORD, MOORE, POULIOT, STEWART, TIMBERLAKE

EXCUSED: Senators: LAFOUNTAIN, PIERCE

22 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 11 Senators having voted in the negative, with 2 Senators being excused, the motion by Senator **BAILEY** of York to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report, in concurrence, **PREVAILED**.

Resolve **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-854) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED** in concurrence.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **TAXATION** on Bill "An Act to Allow Municipalities to Tax Personal Solar Energy Equipment Under 5 Megawatts"
H.P. 725 L.D. 1153

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-855)**.

Signed:

Senator:

GROHOSKI of Hancock

Representatives:

CROCKETT of Portland
HASENFUS of Readfield
LAVIGNE of Berwick
MATLACK of St. George
QUINT of Hodgdon
RANA of Bangor

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

Signed:

Senators:

CHIPMAN of Cumberland
LIBBY of Cumberland

Representative:

RUDNICKI of Fairfield

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-855)** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-855)**.

Reports **READ**.

On motion by Senator **GROHOSKI** of Hancock, the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **ACCEPTED**.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-855) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED** in concurrence.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **TAXATION** on Bill "An Act to Dedicate the Revenue from the Sales Tax on Electricity to Low-income Ratepayer Assistance"
H.P. 1367 L.D. 2143

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-866)**.

Signed:

Senator:

GROHOSKI of Hancock

Representatives:

HASENFUS of Readfield
LAVIGNE of Berwick
LIBBY of Auburn
QUINT of Hodgdon
RUDNICKI of Fairfield

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "B" (H-867)**.

Signed:

Senators:

CHIPMAN of Cumberland
LIBBY of Cumberland

Representatives:

CROCKETT of Portland
MATLACK of St. George

RANA of Bangor

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-866)** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-866)**.

Reports **READ**.

On motion by Senator **GROHOSKI** of Hancock, the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-866)** Report **ACCEPTED**.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-866) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-866)**, in concurrence.

Divided Report

Six Members of the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** on Bill "An Act to Enhance Electric Utility Performance-based Ratemaking" (EMERGENCY)
H.P. 1391 L.D. 2172

Reported in Report "A" that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-852)**

Signed:

Senator:

LAWRENCE of York

Representatives:

ZEIGLER of Montville
BOYLE of Gorham
GEIGER of Rockland
KESSLER of South Portland
RUNTE of York

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

Signed:

Senator:

HARRINGTON of York

Representatives:

BABIN of Fort Fairfield
DUNPHY of Embden
FOSTER of Dexter
PAUL of Winterport
WARREN of Scarborough

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

Reports **READ**.

Senator **LAWRENCE** of York moved the Senate **ACCEPT** Report "**A**" **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-852)**, in concurrence.

On further motion by same Senator, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending the motion by same Senator to **ACCEPT** Report "**A**" **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-852)**, in concurrence.

Divided Report

Eight members of the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** on Resolve, to Add Members to the Maine Semiquincentennial Commission and Set the Compensation Rate for Commission Members (EMERGENCY)
H.P. 1369 L.D. 2145

Reported in Report "**A**" that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-864)**.

Signed:

Senators:

NANGLE of Cumberland
BALDACCI of Penobscot

Representatives:

STOVER of Boothbay
ABDI of Lewiston
COPELAND of Saco
DHALAC of South Portland
RISEMAN of Harrison
SINCLAIR of Bath

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

Signed:

Senator:

LYFORD of Penobscot

Representatives:

ADAMS of Lebanon
GREENWOOD of Wales
UNDERWOOD of Presque Isle

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" (H-865)**.

Signed:

Representative:

POMERLEAU of Standish

Comes from the House with Report "**A**" **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-864)** **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-864)**.

Reports **READ**.

On motion by Senator **NANGLE** of Cumberland, Report "**A**" **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-864)** Report **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

Resolve **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "**A**" (H-864) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-864)**, in concurrence.

Senate

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** on Bill "An Act to Provide Greater Transparency About the Cost of Insulin and to Promote the Availability of Low-cost Insulin in the State"
S.P. 996 L.D. 2282

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass**, pursuant to Joint Order 2023, S.P. 968.

Signed:

Senators:

BAILEY of York
RENY of Lincoln

Representatives:

PERRY of Calais
ARFORD of Brunswick
CLUCHEY of Bowdoinham
MASTRACCIO of Sanford
MATHIESON of Kittery
PRINGLE of Windham

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought Not to Pass**, pursuant to Joint Order 2023, S.P. 968.

Signed:

Senator:

BRAKEY of Androscoggin

Representatives:

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

Reports **READ**.

Senator **BAILEY** of York moved the Senate **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS** Report.

On further motion by same Senator, supported by a Division of one-fifth of the members present and voting, a Roll Call was ordered.

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#632)

YEAS: Senators: BAILEY, BALDACCI, BEEBE-CENTER, BENNETT, BLACK, BRENNER, CARNEY, CHIPMAN, CURRY, DAUGHTRY, DUSON, FARRIN, GROHOSKI, GUERIN, HARRINGTON, HICKMAN, INGWERSEN, KEIM, LAWRENCE, LIBBY, LYFORD, MOORE, NANGLE, POULIOT, RAFFERTY, RENY, ROTUNDO, STEWART, TIMBERLAKE, TIPPING, VITELLI, PRESIDENT JACKSON

NAYS: Senators: BRAKEY

EXCUSED: Senators: LAFOUNTAIN, PIERCE

32 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 1 Senator having voted in the negative, with 2 Senators being excused, the motion by Senator **BAILEY** of York to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS** Report, **PREVAILED**.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS** on Bill "An Act to Ensure That Residents of the State Have the Right to Repair Their Own Electronic Devices" S.P. 608 L.D. 1487

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-615)**.

Signed:

Senators:

CURRY of Waldo
RAFFERTY of York

Representatives:

ROBERTS of South Berwick
CROCKETT of Portland
LaROCHELLE of Augusta
SAYRE of Kennebunk
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 "B" (S-616)**.

Signed:

Senator:

GUERIN of Penobscot

Representatives:

COLLAMORE of Pittsfield
LANIGAN of Sanford
NESS of Fryeburg
SMITH of Palermo
WALKER of Naples

Reports **READ**.

On motion by Senator **CURRY** of Waldo, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending the motion by same Senator to **ACCEPT OF EITHER REPORT**.

ENACTORS

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

Emergency Measure

An Act to Provide Emergency One-time Relief from the Wild Blueberry Tax for Growers
H.P. 1447 L.D. 2256
(C "A" H-845)

On motion by Senator **ROTUNDO** of Androscoggin, placed on the **SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS TABLE** pending **ENACTMENT**, in concurrence.

Emergency Measure

An Act to Allow School Administrative District No. 52 to Issue Temporary Notes for a Wastewater Treatment Project
S.P. 974 L.D. 2257

This being an Emergency Measure and having received the affirmative vote of 33 Members of the Senate, with no Senators

having voted in the negative, and 33 being more than two-thirds of the entire elected Membership of the Senate, was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED** and having been signed by the President, was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for approval.

Emergency Resolve

Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 213: Rules for the Salmonella Enteritidis Risk Reduction and Surveillance Program for Commercial Egg-type Flocks, a Late-filed Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

H.P. 1427 L.D. 2226
(C "A" H-841)

This being an Emergency Measure and having received the affirmative vote of 33 Members of the Senate, with no Senators having voted in the negative, and 33 being more than two-thirds of the entire elected Membership of the Senate, was **FINALLY PASSED** and having been signed by the President, was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for approval.

Emergency Resolve

Resolve, to Rename a Bridge in the Town of Mechanic Falls the Bill Dunlop Memorial Bridge

S.P. 959 L.D. 2239
(C "A" S-584)

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Oxford, Senator Bennett.

Senator **BENNETT:** Thank you, Mr. President, Fellow Members of the Senate. I rise today to maybe jostle some recollections and some memories from days gone by and to say a few words about an extraordinary Mainer, Bill Dunlop, and explain why it's important that we name this bridge after him. Forty years ago, Bill Dunlop of Mechanic Falls disappeared while sailing his tiny sailboat, Wind's Will, somewhere in the South Pacific. The stories of his trips and adventures in a boat a little larger than a bathtub are legendary. Bill is best known for his 1982 transatlantic crossing in Wind's Will, which set a world record for a solo eastbound crossing in the smallest boat. Sailing in the days before the use of GPS was widespread, he relied on a \$16 sextant for navigation. His boat had a radio, but no backup engine. After his courageous 78-day voyage across the ocean, Bill was given a parade in Mechanic Falls and honored with a speech from Governor Brennan. Many locals were calling the town Dunlopville on the day of the celebration. So, ready for a new challenge, Bill decided to circumnavigate the world in the Wind's Will. He left in July 1983, and he always started all of his adventures from DiMillo's in Portland, from the wharf there. And so, he left in July of 1983, sailed down the Atlantic coast, through the Panama Canal, and across the Pacific. He was sailing from the Cook Islands, 3,000 miles east of Australia, when he was hit by an incredible storm that caused 50 mile per hour winds on land - much worse, likely, at sea. Bill was only 43 years old when he went missing in 1984. A note in Bill's handwriting was found in a

margarine tin, washed ashore in Queensland, providing hope that he was still alive. Unfortunately, despite search efforts, Bill was never found, and a few years later, declared dead. For those of you of a certain age, I'm certain that you remember reading about Bill and his adventures in the newspapers. Bill took death-defying trips and traveled the world, bringing world attention to Mechanic Falls and inspiring people to take adventures for their own. He continues to inspire all who are adventurers, which I think in some way encompasses all of us. It is fitting that this bridge in Mechanic Falls, Maine, be named after such a remarkable man. Thank you, Mr. President.

The Chair noted the absence of the Senator from Penobscot, Senator **BALDACCI**, and the Senator from Kennebec, Senator **POULIOT**, and further excused the same Senators from today's Roll Call votes.

This being an Emergency Measure and having received the affirmative vote of 31 Members of the Senate, with no Senators having voted in the negative, and 31 being more than two-thirds of the entire elected Membership of the Senate, was **FINALLY PASSED** and having been signed by the President, was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for approval.

Acts

An Act to Reduce Conflicts Between Landowners and Deer and Add an Additional Youth Deer Hunting Day
H.P. 391 L.D. 614
(C "A" H-851)

An Act to Increase Funding for the Prevention and Control of Invasive Aquatic Species
H.P. 856 L.D. 1342
(C "A" H-849)

An Act to Amend Certain State Tax Laws
S.P. 856 L.D. 2028
(C "B" S-596)

An Act Regarding the Placement of Portable Toilets
S.P. 938 L.D. 2201
(C "A" S-586)

PASSED TO BE ENACTED and having been signed by the President were presented by the Secretary to the Governor for approval.

An Act to Require Public Employers to Provide Long-term Disability Insurance Coverage
S.P. 479 L.D. 1152
(C "A" S-592)

On motion by Senator **ROTUNDO** of Androscoggin, placed on the **SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS TABLE** pending **ENACTMENT**, in concurrence.

An Act Regarding Sales and Use Tax Exemptions for Durable Medical Equipment, Breast Pumps and Mobility Enhancing Equipment
S.P. 480 L.D. 1184
(C "A" S-593)

On motion by Senator **ROTUNDO** of Androscoggin, placed on the **SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS TABLE** pending **ENACTMENT**, in concurrence.

An Act to Enhance Services Provided by the Department of Environmental Protection
S.P. 822 L.D. 1997
(C "A" S-594)

On motion by Senator **ROTUNDO** of Androscoggin, placed on the **SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS TABLE** pending **ENACTMENT**, in concurrence.

An Act to Replace the Money Transmitters Act
S.P. 905 L.D. 2112
(C "A" S-580)

On motion by Senator **ROTUNDO** of Androscoggin, placed on the **SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS TABLE** pending **ENACTMENT**, in concurrence.

An Act to Fund Military Sexual Trauma Liaison Positions at Community-based Organizations
H.P. 1453 L.D. 2263

On motion by Senator **ROTUNDO** of Androscoggin, placed on the **SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS TABLE** pending **ENACTMENT**, in concurrence.

An Act to Increase Funding for the Snowmobile Trail Fund and the ATV Recreational Management Fund
H.P. 1463 L.D. 2276

On motion by Senator **CHIPMAN** of Cumberland, placed on the **SPECIAL HIGHWAY TABLE** pending **ENACTMENT**, in concurrence.

Resolves

Resolve, to Improve the Housing Voucher System and Reduce the Number of Voucher Expirations
H.P. 1382 L.D. 2158
(C "A" H-850)

FINALLY PASSED and having been signed by the President were presented by the Secretary to the Governor for approval.

Resolve, to Require the Department of Health and Human Services to Amend Its MaineCare Reimbursement Rules to Provide Reimbursement to Veterans' Facilities on a Per Resident Basis
S.P. 948 L.D. 2217
(S "A" S-585 to C "A" S-571)

On motion by Senator **ROTUNDO** of Androscoggin, placed on the **SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS TABLE** pending **ENACTMENT**, in concurrence.

All matters thus acted upon, with the exception of those matters being held, were ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

Senate at Ease.

The Senate was called to order by the President.

Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, the Senate considered the following:

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

House Paper

Bill "An Act to Enact the Crisis Intervention Order Act to Protect the Safety of the Public"
H.P. 1470 L.D. 2283

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** and ordered printed.

Senator **CARNEY** of Cumberland moved the Bill be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Senator **STEWART** of Aroostook moved to **INDEFINITELY POSTPONE** the Bill and accompanying papers, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

On motion by Senator **VITELLI** of Sagadahoc, supported by a Division of one-fifth of the members present and voting, a Roll Call was ordered.

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#633)

YEAS: Senators: BENNETT, BLACK, BRAKEY, FARRIN, GUERIN, HARRINGTON, KEIM, LIBBY, LYFORD, MOORE, POULIOT, STEWART, TIMBERLAKE

NAYS: Senators: BAILEY, BEEBE-CENTER, BRENNER, CARNEY, CHIPMAN, CURRY, DAUGHTRY, DUSON, GROHOSKI, HICKMAN, INGWERSEN, LAWRENCE, NANGLE, RAFFERTY, RENY, ROTUNDO, TIPPING, VITELLI, PRESIDENT JACKSON

EXCUSED: Senators: BALDACCI, LAFOUNTAIN, PIERCE

13 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 19 Senators having voted in the negative, with 3 Senators being excused, the motion by Senator **STEWART** of Aroostook to **INDEFINITELY POSTPONE** the Bill and accompanying papers, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**, **FAILED**.

Senator **HARRINGTON** of York moved the Bill and accompanying papers be **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending the motion by Senator **CARNEY** of Cumberland that the Bill be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

On motion by Senator **DAUGHTRY** of Cumberland, supported by a Division of one-fifth of the members present and voting, a Roll Call was ordered.

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#634)

YEAS: Senators: BENNETT, BLACK, BRAKEY, FARRIN, GUERIN, HARRINGTON, KEIM, LIBBY, LYFORD, MOORE, POULIOT, STEWART, TIMBERLAKE

NAYS: Senators: BAILEY, BEEBE-CENTER, BRENNER, CARNEY, CHIPMAN, CURRY, DAUGHTRY, DUSON, GROHOSKI, HICKMAN, INGWERSEN, LAWRENCE, NANGLE, RAFFERTY, RENY, ROTUNDO, TIPPING, VITELLI, PRESIDENT JACKSON

EXCUSED: Senators: BALDACCI, LAFOUNTAIN, PIERCE

13 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 19 Senators having voted in the negative, with 3 Senators being excused, the motion by Senator **HARRINGTON** of York that the Bill be **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, **FAILED**.

On motion by Senator **HARRINGTON** of York, supported by a Division of one-fifth of the members present and voting, a Roll Call was ordered.

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#635)

YEAS: Senators: BAILEY, BEEBE-CENTER, BENNETT, BRENNER, CARNEY, CHIPMAN, CURRY, DAUGHTRY, DUSON, GROHOSKI, HICKMAN, INGWERSEN, LAWRENCE, NANGLE, RAFFERTY, RENY, ROTUNDO, TIPPING, VITELLI, PRESIDENT JACKSON

NAYS: Senators: BLACK, BRAKEY, FARRIN, GUERIN, HARRINGTON, KEIM, LIBBY, LYFORD, MOORE, POULIOT, STEWART, TIMBERLAKE

EXCUSED: Senators: BALDACCI, LAFOUNTAIN, PIERCE

20 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 12 Senators having voted in the negative, with 3 Senators being excused, the motion by Senator **CARNEY** of Cumberland that the Bill be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** and ordered printed, in concurrence, **PREVAILED**.

All matters thus acted upon, with the exception of those matters being held, were ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Hancock, Senator Grohoski.

Senator **GROHOSKI**: Thank you, Mr. President. I'm pleased to share an amazing history today as part of Women's History Month. I'm going to share some information about Cornelia Thurza Crosby, also known as Fly Rod, who was born in Phillips, Maine in 1854 and is famous for being the first registered Maine guide. Crosby took to the woods to hunt and fish after contracting tuberculosis. Her success fishing local trout ponds is what earned her the nickname Fly Rod. She used this nickname as a pseudonym in the columns she wrote, which are credited with bringing thousands of hunters, fishers, and outdoorsmen to Maine, as well as tourists who visited to experience the state's beauty as she had described it. Her outdoors column was picked up by national publications, including the Chicago Evening Post and the St. Paul Times in Minnesota. Not only did Cornelia have skills with the fly rod, she was also a talented hunter. One of her noted accomplishments is that she is the last hunter to have legally killed a caribou. A famous quote from her concludes by her saying, 'I would rather fish any day then go to heaven.' Cornelia became close with members of the Penobscot Nation. They are cited as helping teach her the intricacies of working as an outdoor guide. Her public involvement in this male dominated industry made her an icon and a mentor to young women across the U.S. who read her column. Fly Rod also worked for the Maine Central and Sandy River and Rangeley Lakes Railroad to

market the Maine woods for tourists seeking clean air, natural beauty, and a big fish. She traveled to sporting expos to market the Maine woods. At Madison Square Garden in New York City she set up a life-size log cabin with animal mounts and she wore a purposely short skirt to make a point. Fly Rod was also a conservationist. She worked with the state's first committee to establish fishing and hunting bag limits to help preserve Maine's natural resources. In 1897, legislators passed a bill which she had helped craft that required hunting guides to register with the state. Over 1,000 guides were registered that year, with Cornelia holding the spot for license number 1. The Legislature recognized that everything that Fly Rod had done for the outdoor industry made it so that she was deserving of the number 1 spot, the first registered Maine guide. Cornelia passed away in 1946 at the age of 92 in Lewiston and her grave can be found at the Strong Village Cemetery in Strong, Maine. And I just wanted to note for you all that there are two really remarkable recognitions, that I'm aware of, of Fly Rod in our state. The first is a statue of her that is visible at the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife headquarters in Augusta, that I believe is supposed to move to the Maine State Museum once the renovations are complete, and the second is that there is a trail in Western Maine called the Fly Rod Crosby Trail. This trail is envisioned to be a 45 mile hiking trail that will wend its way from Strong to Oquossoc along the Sandy River, Orbeton and Hardy Streams, will cross the Appalachian Trail and Rangeley Lake to end at the Sporting Heritage Museum and there are currently two sections open, comprising already over 20 miles of continuous trails and I just wanted to mention that because I've had the great honor of working on some of the maps for this trail and if you would like to visit after we adjourn this year I would recommend learning more at a website called Maine Trail Finder.com that I work on and the state also supports. There's a lot of great opportunities to appreciate the part of Maine that Fly Rod really grew up in and cut her teeth in and I hope you will take a visit there, even though it's not actually in my district. Thank you.

Off Record Remarks

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Androscoggin, Senator Rotundo.

Senator **ROTUNDO:** Thank you, Mr. President. I am honored to close out our series on extraordinary Maine women by lifting up the life of Judith Magyar Isaacson. Judith Isaacson was a Holocaust survivor, a brilliant student and academic who was fluent in five languages, an advocate for women's rights, a best-selling author, and, despite all she had endured, a person who inspired those around her with her grateful, optimistic outlook on life. Isaacson was born into a close-knit extended family in Kaposvar, Hungary in 1925. She was an only child. An excellent student, she had hoped to study poetry in France until the Nazi occupation of Hungary in 1944 sent her and her family into Jewish ghettos and, ultimately, concentration camps and slave labor. Isaacson, who was known as Jutka, arrived at Auschwitz days after turning 19 years old. Upon getting off the train, head shaved and stripped of clothing, she was separated from her mother by the notorious Nazi doctor, Josef Mengele. She

resisted, deciding she might as well be shot then and there if living meant being separated from her remaining family. Somehow, she was allowed to live. In her month in Auschwitz she was fed soup made of sticks and leaves and was forced to witness the horrors of the camp. Eventually, she was sent to work for over one year in an underground munitions factory at the Hessisch Lichtenau slave labor camp in Germany. Most of Isaacson's family was murdered in the Holocaust. Upon arriving at Auschwitz, her grandmothers and one aunt were immediately sent to the gas chamber. Her father was sent to a labor camp in Hungary and then on to the Buchenwald concentration camp. He died of starvation at the Muhldorf concentration camp complex near Dachau. Isaacson's mother and one aunt survived. Shortly after liberation in 1945, Jutka met U.S. Army Intelligence Officer Irving Isaacson in the German city of Leipzig. The two married in Nuremberg City Hall that year, a marriage that lasted seven decades. Irving, an attorney by trade, returned with Jutka and Jutka's mother to the Lewiston/Auburn area where his family was from and where they settled to live and raise a family. In the early sixties, after raising three children, Jutka turned her attention to academics. In 1965, she earned a bachelor's degree in mathematics from Bates College, after which she began teaching math at Lewiston High School and chairing the math department. In 1967, Isaacson was one of the first women to receive a degree from Bowdoin College, earning a master's degree. In 1968, she joined the faculty at Bates College as a lecturer in mathematics. She also became Bates's very first computer science teacher. After excelling as a faculty member at Bates, Isaacson became the Dean of Women at the college in 1969 and Dean of Students in 1975. It was during this time that she sought to create a more equal environment for women and modernize the rules around social conduct at the school. She overturned a rule against students visiting the rooms of students of the opposite sex. She also worked hard to increase athletic opportunities for women. She retired as Dean in 1978. Isaacson spoke freely at Bates about her experience during the Holocaust. In 1976, during a talk at Bowdoin College, Isaacson could not answer a student's question about how she could still smile given all she had been through. The question inspired her to write her memoir, 'Seed of Sarah: Memoirs of a Survivor,' published in 1990. The book made her a regular speaker in classrooms all over the state. And I have just wanted to add that I would highly recommend this beautifully written memoir. It helped to understand the rise of Nazis. How casual taunting and bullying give rise to increasing dehumanizing language to describe vulnerable groups of people and how that dehumanizing language, if not stopped, gives rise to violence. Isaacson's accolades were many. She received honorary degrees from Bates College, Colby College, and the University of New England. She received the Deborah Morton Award for Outstanding Women from Westbrook College, the Gordon S. Hargraves Preservation of Freedom Prize from Bowdoin College, the Maryann Hartman Award for Distinguished Maine Women from the University of Southern Maine, and the Remember Me Award from the Maine Healthcare Association. She was recognized as one of the Women of Distinction by the Kennebec Council of Girl Scouts and she was a member both of the Maine Women's Hall of Fame and the Maine Jewish Hall of Fame. Judith Isaacson inspired this acclaim by radiating grace and thankfulness while still struggling with the aftereffects of her lived experience. As one friend said, 'In her presence, you were just happy. She told me she woke up every morning and thanks the good Lord for every bone and muscle that didn't hurt. I think

that said it all about her. She looked at what was good, not what was bad.' Her honorary Doctor of Laws degree from Bates read in part 'Your strengths touch the lives of not only your family and your colleagues but those countless others who read in your personal and professional life the inextinguishable force of human worth.' Perhaps the most appropriate tribute for this extraordinary woman should be left to the Hungarian poet, Endre Ady, whose poem Isaacson chose to open her memoir, 'All who live, rejoice, rejoice.' Thank you.

Off Record Remarks

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from York, Senator Harrington.

Senator **HARRINGTON:** I think it's absolutely absurd that on March 28th we're referencing major substantive public policy to committee in which a public hearing is going to be held with little or no notice to the public. And anyone in this Chamber who thinks this is an appropriate way to govern should be absolutely ashamed of themselves. Thank you.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Carney.

Senator **CARNEY:** Thank you, President Jackson, I just would like to share my reflections on the remarks of my good colleague from York. The bill will have a public hearing that will be noticed consistent with the rules of this Body and with the practices of the Legislature that we've all followed this session and during this Legislature. I also just wanted to reflect that having listened to the testimony presented on the other bills that were before the Judiciary Committee, I for one think that this legislation is really important. I am very grateful that we have a legislative vehicle to consider the adoption of a crisis intervention order, and I think it's a really important policy for our state to take up at this time. Thank you.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from York, Senator Harrington, and wants to remind members that we're not going to get into a debate on the merits of bills going forward.

Senator **HARRINGTON:** I would just be curious to know how much notice the public is going to get on this before a public hearing.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Carney.

Senator **CARNEY:** We have endeavored to have ASL interpreters present for bills related to firearms, and I do not know their availability, and so the scheduling depends to some extent on that, and so I'm not able to answer the question simply because I don't know the availability of the interpreters. But there will be plenty of advanced notice. Thank you.

Off Record Remarks

On motion by Senator **VITELLI** of Sagadahoc, **ADJOURNED**, pursuant to the Joint Order, until Monday, April 1, at 10:00 in the morning, or until the call of the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House.