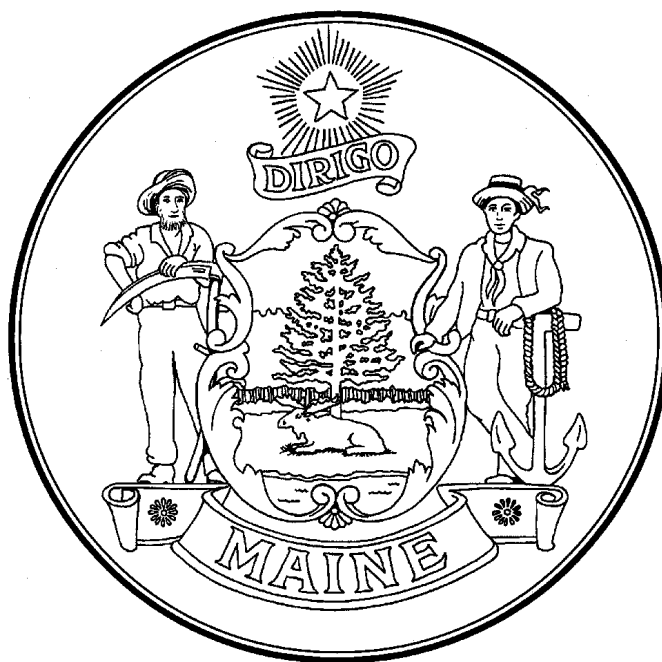


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**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION
JOURNAL AND RECORD OF THE SENATE**

In Senate Chamber
Tuesday
April 1, 2025

Senate called to order by President Matthea E. Larsen Daughtry of Cumberland County.

Prayer by Pastor Marcos Juliao of Wayne Community Church.

PASTOR MARCOS JULIAO: Good morning. Let us pray. I thank you, Lord God and creator of everything, visible and invisible, everything were made by your hand through your voice. Thank you for the opportunity to be here, breathing and alive. I thank you, God, for this house and for all folks who work for the people in this lovely state of Maine in which we call home.

Lord, we look around and see things that we would not want to see. There are people lost, afraid, famished, tired. And they are waiting for a better time. Lord, they are working, they are fighting, they are crying. They are still hoping that tomorrow will be a new day, with new opportunities. Lift us up and open our eyes to see a way to help and be helpful. Inspired by the word of the prophet Micah, I would ask you, Lord God, that you please teach us to do justice, to love mercy, and walk humbly with you, with all people, and all creation.

Lord of all, father and sustainer, we lift up our voices and our thoughts to you to ask you to be with us in everything we do. To bless each thought we would have. To guide every single word from our mouth. May we be humble enough to accept each other and seek together a merciful future for us all.

We also ask for your wisdom upon us. Help us to look around and see people as they are, brothers and sisters, sharing lives together. Sometimes full of possibilities and sometimes we don't know.

Lord, our Lord, powerful and unstoppable, we ask you with boldness use our lives and our voice. May your presence here help us to be sensible to our neighbor and all the people around us.

Lord, with an open heart and hope that you hear our prayers, we say, together, Amen. Thank you.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Senator Richard Bradstreet of Kennebec County.

Reading of the Journal of Thursday, March 27, 2025.

Medical Provider of the Day, Dawn LeVasseur, FNP-C of Fairfield.

Senate at Ease.

The Senate was called to order by the President.

Off Record Remarks

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication:

S.P. 574

**MAINE SENATE
132nd LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF THE SENATE**

March 28, 2025

Hon. Matthea Daughtry
President of the Senate
132nd Legislature

Hon. Ryan D. Fecteau
Speaker of the House
132nd Legislature

Dear Madam President and Mr. Speaker:

On March 28, 2025, 16 bills were received by the Secretary of the Senate.

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, these bills were referred to the Joint Standing Committees on March 28, 2025, as follows:

Energy, Utilities and Technology

Bill "An Act Regarding the Supply of Water to the Town of New Sharon" (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 563) (L.D. 1346) (Sponsored by Senator BLACK of Franklin) (Cosponsored by Representative HALL of Wilton and Senator: MARTIN of Oxford, Representatives: NUTTING of Oakland, FROST of Belgrade)

Environment and Natural Resources

Bill "An Act to Require Legislative Approval for a Contract to Operate the Juniper Ridge Landfill" (S.P. 566) (L.D. 1349) (Sponsored by Senator TIPPING of Penobscot) (Cosponsored by Representative ROEDER of Bangor and Senators: BENNETT of Oxford, NANGLE of Cumberland, Representatives: BOYER of Poland, DILL of Old Town)

Health and Human Services

Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services to Timely Provide Interim Settlement Payments to Long-term Care Facilities (S.P. 561) (L.D. 1345) (Sponsored by Senator STEWART of Aroostook) (Cosponsored by Senators: MOORE of Washington, GROHOSKI of Hancock, Representative: JAVNER of Chester)

Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services

Bill "An Act to Regulate Virtual Currency Kiosks" (S.P. 553) (L.D. 1339) (Sponsored by Senator CURRY of Waldo) (Submitted by the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act to Establish Additional Requirements for Dentists to Administer Botulinum Toxin and Dermal Fillers" (S.P. 568) (L.D. 1374) (Sponsored by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot)

Housing and Economic Development

Resolve, to Establish a Working Group to Address Regulatory Barriers to Housing Construction (S.P. 569) (L.D. 1375) (Sponsored by Senator CURRY of Waldo) (Cosponsored by Senators: BENNETT of Oxford, HICKMAN of Kennebec, PIERCE of Cumberland, BAILEY of York, Representative: GERE of Kennebunkport)

Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

Bill "An Act to Protect the Right to Harvest Wildlife" (S.P. 559) (L.D. 1343) (Sponsored by Senator HICKMAN of Kennebec) (Cosponsored by Representative FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor and Senators: HARRINGTON of York, STEWART of Aroostook, BALDACCI of Penobscot, Representatives: WOOD of Greene, ROBERTS of South Berwick, HASENFUS of Readfield, FREDERICKS of Sanford, DILL of Old Town)

Judiciary

Bill "An Act to Improve the Response Time to Tenant Mold Complaints" (S.P. 560) (L.D. 1344) (Sponsored by Senator LIBBY of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by Representative WOODSOME of Waterboro)

Bill "An Act to Increase the Cap on Liability for Governmental Entities Under the Maine Tort Claims Act" (S.P. 564) (L.D. 1347) (Sponsored by Senator LAWRENCE of York) (Cosponsored by Senator: CARNEY of Cumberland, Representatives: GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach, LEE of Auburn, KUHN of Falmouth)

Bill "An Act to Increase the Limit on Damages Under the Maine Tort Claims Act for Negligence Involving School Field Trips" (S.P. 565) (L.D. 1348) (Sponsored by Senator LAWRENCE of York) (Cosponsored by Representatives: GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach, LEE of Auburn)

Marine Resources

Resolve, Directing the Department of Marine Resources to Evaluate How to Effectively Allow 2 Licensed Individuals to Fish

for Lobsters or Scallops from a Single Vessel (S.P. 556) (L.D. 1341) (Sponsored by Senator GROHOSKI of Hancock) (Cosponsored by Representative EATON of Deer Isle and Senators: TEPLER of Sagadahoc, MOORE of Washington, CURRY of Waldo, RENY of Lincoln, Representatives: TUELL of East Machias, HEPLER of Woolwich, FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor, GOLEK of Harpswell)

Transportation

Bill "An Act to Establish the Municipal Stream Crossing Fund" (S.P. 555) (L.D. 1340) (Sponsored by President DAUGHTRY of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by Representative CRAFTS of Newcastle and Senators: TEPLER of Sagadahoc, FARRIN of Somerset, NANGLE of Cumberland)

Bill "An Act Regarding Vehicle Inspection and Registration" (S.P. 557) (L.D. 1342) (Sponsored by Senator GROHOSKI of Hancock)

Resolve, to Convene a Working Group to Evaluate Potential Regulation of the Vehicle Towing Industry and the Impact on State Agencies and Industries (S.P. 572) (L.D. 1377) (Sponsored by Senator NANGLE of Cumberland)

Veterans and Legal Affairs

Bill "An Act to Ban Corporate Contributions to Candidates" (S.P. 567) (L.D. 1350) (Sponsored by Senator TIPPING of Penobscot) (Cosponsored by Representative MACIAS of Topsham and Senators: TEPLER of Sagadahoc, DUSON of Cumberland, RENY of Lincoln, NANGLE of Cumberland, Representatives: GEIGER of Rockland, ROEDER of Bangor, SKOLD of Portland, BECK of South Portland)

Bill "An Act to Increase the Acceptable Level of Alcohol in a Low-alcohol Spirits Product and to Increase Availability of Those Products" (S.P. 570) (L.D. 1376) (Sponsored by Senator HICKMAN of Kennebec)

Sincerely,

S/Darek M. Grant
Secretary of the Senate

S/Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Following Communication:

S.C. 190

**STATE OF MAINE
132nd LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

March 27, 2025

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

Dear Secretary Grant,

Pursuant to my authority under Title 38, MRSA, Ch. 3-A, §577-A, I am pleased to appoint the following to the Maine Climate Council, effective immediately:

Senator Stacy Brenner of Cumberland County, representing the party holding the most seats in the Senate;

Senator Bruce Bickford of Androscoggin County, representing the party holding the second most seats in the Senate.

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

Sincerely,

S/Matthea Elisabeth Larsen Daughtry
President of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication:

S.C. 191

**STATE OF MAINE
132nd LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

March 27, 2025

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

Dear Secretary Grant,

Pursuant to my authority under Title 38, MRSA, Ch. 3-A, §577-A, I am pleased to appoint the following to the Buildings, Infrastructure, and Housing Working Group of the Maine Climate Council, effective immediately:

Senator Chip Curry of Waldo County, representing the party holding the most seats in the Senate;

Senator Richard Bradstreet of Kennebec County, representing the party holding the second most seats in the Senate.

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

Sincerely,

S/Matthea Elisabeth Larsen Daughtry
President of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication:

S.C. 192

**STATE OF MAINE
132nd LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

March 27, 2025

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

Dear Secretary Grant,

Pursuant to my authority under Title 38, MRSA, Ch. 3-A, §577-A, I am pleased to appoint the following to the Coastal and Marine Working Group of the Maine Climate Council, effective immediately:

Senator Cameron Reny of Lincoln County, representing the party holding the most seats in the Senate;

Senator Marianne Moore of Washington County, representing the party holding the second most seats in the Senate.

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

Sincerely,

S/Matthea Elisabeth Larsen Daughtry
President of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication:

S.C. 193

**STATE OF MAINE
132nd LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

March 27, 2025

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

Dear Secretary Grant,

Pursuant to my authority under Title 38, MRSA, Ch. 3-A, §577-A, I am pleased to appoint the following to the Community Resilience, Planning, Public Health, and Emergency Management Working Group of the Maine Climate Council, effective immediately:

Senator Craig Hickman of Kennebec County, representing the party holding the most seats in the Senate;

Senator Marianne Moore of Washington County, representing the party holding the second most seats in the Senate.

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

Sincerely,

S/Matthea Elisabeth Larsen Daughtry
President of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication:

S.C. 194

**STATE OF MAINE
132nd LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

March 27, 2025

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

Dear Secretary Grant,

Pursuant to my authority under Title 38, MRSA, Ch. 3-A, §577-A, I am pleased to appoint the following to the Energy Working Group of the Maine Climate Council, effective immediately:

Senator Mark Lawrence of York County, representing the party holding the most seats in the Senate;

Senator Rick Bennett of Oxford County, representing the party holding the second most seats in the Senate.

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

Sincerely,

S/Matthea Elisabeth Larsen Daughtry
President of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication:

S.C. 195

**STATE OF MAINE
132nd LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

March 27, 2025

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

Dear Secretary Grant,

Pursuant to my authority under Title 38, MRSA, Ch. 3-A, §577-A, I am pleased to appoint the following to the Natural and Working Lands Working Group of the Maine Climate Council, effective immediately:

Senator Rachel Talbot Ross of Cumberland County, representing the party holding the most seats in the Senate;

Senator Russell Black of Franklin County, representing the party holding the second most seats in the Senate.

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

Sincerely,

S/Matthea Elisabeth Larsen Daughtry
President of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication:

S.C. 196

**STATE OF MAINE
132nd LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

March 27, 2025

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

Dear Secretary Grant,

Pursuant to my authority under Title 38, MRSA, Ch. 3-A, §577-A, I am pleased to appoint the following to the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee of the Maine Climate Council, effective immediately:

Senator Nicole Grohoski of Hancock County, representing the party holding the most seats in the Senate;

Senator Matt Harrington of York County, representing the party holding the second most seats in the Senate.

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

Sincerely,

S/Matthea Elisabeth Larsen Daughtry
President of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication:

S.C. 197

**STATE OF MAINE
132nd LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

March 27, 2025

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

Dear Secretary Grant,

Pursuant to my authority under Title 38, MRSA, Ch. 3-A, §577-A, I am pleased to appoint the following to the Transportation Working Group of the Maine Climate Council, effective immediately:

Senator Tim Nangle of Cumberland County, representing the party holding the most seats in the Senate;

Senator Brad Farrin of Somerset County, representing the party holding the second most seats in the Senate.

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

Sincerely,

S/Matthea Elisabeth Larsen Daughtry
President of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication:

S.C. 183

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

March 26, 2025

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

Dear Secretary Grant,

Pursuant to my authority under 22 MRSA, Subtitle 3, Part 3, Ch. 1058 (2) (B), I have appointed the Assistant Majority Leader Lori Gramlich of Old Orchard Beach to the Board of the Maine Children's Trust Incorporated, effective immediately.

Representative Gramlich will serve on this board as the member of the House of Representative.

Please contact my office if you have any questions regarding this appointment.

Sincerely,

S/Ryan D. Fecteau
Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication:

S.C. 198

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

March 28, 2025

The Honorable Matthea Daughtry
President of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

RE: Appointment to the Maine Commission on Public Defense Services

Dear President Daughtry:

I am pleased to nominate Kelly O'Connor of Camden for reappointment to the Maine Commission on Public Defense Services.

Pursuant to Title 4, MRSA §1803, this appointment is contingent on confirmation by the Maine State Senate after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary.

Sincerely,

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication:

S.C. 200

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY SECOND LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS**

March 31, 2025

The Honorable Matthea Elisabeth Larsen Daughtry
President of the Senate of Maine
132nd Maine State Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333-0003

Dear Madam 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 Veterans and Legal Affairs has had under consideration the nomination of D'arcy Main-Boyington of Hampden, for appointment to the Gambling Control 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	3	Hickman, C. of Kennebec, Duson, J. of Cumberland, Timberlake, J. of Androscoggin
	Representatives	10	Supica, L. of Bangor, Boyer, D. of Poland, Chapman, Q. of Auburn, Faircloth, S. of Bangor, Fredericks, A. of Sanford, Frost, S. of Belgrade, Graham, A. of North Yarmouth, Hymes, B. of Waldo, Malon, M. of Biddeford, Terry, P. of Gorham

NAYS 0

ABSENT 0

Thirteen 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 D'arcy Main-Boyington of Hampden, for appointment to the Gambling Control Board be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Craig V. Hickman
Senate Chair

S/Laura Supica
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall the recommendation of the committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** be overridden?"

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Chapter 6, Section 158, and with Joint Rule 506 of the 132nd Legislature, the vote was taken by the Yeas and Nays.

The Chair noted the absence of the Senator from Penobscot, Senator **BALDACCI**, and the Senator from Cumberland, Senator **BRENNER**, and the Senator from Cumberland, Senator **DUSON**, and the Senator from Somerset, Senator **FARRIN**, and the Senator from York, Senator **LAWRENCE**, and further excused the same Senators from today's Roll Call votes.

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#82)

YEAS: Senators: None

NAYS: Senators: BAILEY, BEEBE-CENTER, BENNETT, BERNARD, BICKFORD, BLACK, BRADSTREET, CARNEY, CURRY, CYRWAY, GROHOSKI, GUERIN, HARRINGTON, HICKMAN, INGWERSEN, LIBBY, MARTIN, MOORE, NANGLE, PIERCE, RAFFERTY, RENY, ROTUNDO, STEWART, TALBOT ROSS, TEPLER, TIMBERLAKE, TIPPING, PRESIDENT DAUGHTRY

EXCUSED: Senators: BALDACCI, BRENNER, DUSON, FARRIN, HAGGAN, LAWRENCE

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 29 Senators having voted in the negative, with 6 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 the nomination of **D'arcy Main-Boyington** of Hampden, for appointment to the Gambling Control Board was **CONFIRMED**.

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

The Following Communication:

S.C. 185

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY SECOND LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

March 26, 2025

Honorable Matthea Elisabeth Larsen Daughtry, Senate President
Honorable Speaker Fecteau, Speaker of the House
132nd Maine State Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Daughtry and Speaker Fecteau:

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that we have approved the request by the bill sponsor Rep. Ardell. of Monticello, to report the following bill Leave to Withdraw:

L.D. 804 An Act to Encourage Election Involvement by Making Election Day a State Holiday in Even-numbered Years

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Joseph M. Baldacci
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Suzanne M. Salisbury
House Chair

READ and with accompanying papers **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

The Following Communication:

S.C. 186

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY SECOND LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

March 24, 2025

Honorable Matthea Elisabeth Larsen Daughtry, Senate President
Honorable Speaker Fecteau, Speaker of the House
132nd Maine State Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Daughtry and Speaker Fecteau:

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that we have approved the request by the bill sponsor Sen. Martin of Oxford, to report the following bill Leave to Withdraw:

L.D. 991 An Act to Prevent Conflicts of Interest When Voting on Municipal Employee Compensation

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Joseph M. Baldacci
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Suzanne M. Salisbury
House Chair

READ and with accompanying papers **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

The Following Communication:

S.C. 187

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

March 27, 2025

Honorable Matthea Elisabeth Larsen Daughtry, President of the Senate
Honorable Ryan D. Fecteau, Speaker of the House
132nd Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Daughtry and Speaker Fecteau:

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and

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

L.D. 183 An Act to Cap Publicly Owned Land Area at No More than 50 Percent of Any County

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Rachel Talbot Ross S/Rep. Bill Pluecker
Senate Chair House Chair

READ and with accompanying papers **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

The Following Communication:

S.C. 181

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

March 26, 2025

Honorable Matthea Elisabeth Larsen Daughtry, President of the Senate
Honorable Ryan D. Fecteau, Speaker of the House
132nd Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Daughtry and Speaker Fecteau:

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 181 An Act to Modify the Calculation of Pupil Counts Used for Determination of School Administrative Unit Operating Costs

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Joseph E. Rafferty S/Rep. Kelly Maureen Noonan Murphy
Senate Chair House Chair

READ and with accompanying papers **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

The Following Communication:

S.C. 199

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

March 27, 2025

Honorable Matthea Elisabeth Larsen Daughtry, President of the Senate
Honorable Ryan D. Fecteau, Speaker of the House
132nd Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Daughtry and Speaker Fecteau:

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 927 An Act to Require Chaplains in School Administrative Units

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Joseph E. Rafferty S/Rep. Kelly Maureen Noonan Murphy
Senate Chair House Chair

READ and with accompanying papers **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

The Following Communication:

S.C. 201

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY SECOND LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

March 28, 2025

Honorable Matthea Elisabeth Larsen Daughtry, President of the Senate
Honorable Ryan D. Fecteau, Speaker of the House
132nd Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Daughtry and Speaker Fecteau:

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that the Joint Standing Committee on Environment and Natural Resources has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 479 An Act to Facilitate Expansion of the State's
Recycling Efforts Under the Beverage
Container Redemption Program

The Following Communication:

S.C. 182

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Denise A. Tepler S/Rep. Victoria W. Doudera
Senate Chair House Chair

READ and with accompanying papers **ORDERED PLACED ON
FILE.**

The Following Communication:

S.C. 188

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY SECOND LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY**

March 27, 2025

Honorable Matthea Elisabeth Larsen Daughtry, President of the
Senate
Honorable Ryan D. Fecteau, Speaker of the House
132nd Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Daughtry and Speaker Fecteau:

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that the
Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary has voted unanimously to
report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 986 An Act to Eliminate the Crime of Felony Murder

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Anne Carney S/Rep. Amy D. Kuhn
Senate Chair House Chair

READ and with accompanying papers **ORDERED PLACED ON
FILE.**

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY SECOND LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON TAXATION**

March 26, 2025

Honorable Matthea Elisabeth Larsen Daughtry, President of the
Senate
Honorable Ryan D. Fecteau, Speaker of the House
132nd Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Daughtry and Speaker Fecteau:

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that the
Joint Standing Committee on Taxation has voted unanimously to
report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 223 An Act to Amend the Mining Excise Tax Laws

L.D. 399 An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding the
Retention of Proceeds from Municipal
Foreclosures

L.D. 565 An Act to Amend the Definition of "Homestead"
Under the Homestead Property Tax Exemption
Laws

L.D. 892 An Act to Expand Property Tax Relief for
Veterans and Their Surviving Spouses, Minor
Children and Parents

L.D. 909 An Act to Expand Property Tax Relief for
Veterans and Their Survivors

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Nicole Grohoski S/Rep. Kristen Sarah Cloutier
Senate Chair House Chair

READ and with accompanying papers **ORDERED PLACED ON
FILE.**

The Following Communication:

S.C. 189

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY SECOND LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION**

March 27, 2025

Honorable Matthea Elisabeth Larsen Daughtry, President of the Senate
Honorable Ryan D. Fecteau, Speaker of the House
132nd Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Daughtry and Speaker Fecteau:

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":

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| L.D. 2 | An Act to Allow Military Vehicles Purchased for Civilian Use to Be Registered and Operated on Maine Roads |
| | |
| L.D. 478 | An Act to Reduce Maximum Speeds on Roads Close to Residences |

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Tim Nangle
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Lydia Crafts
House Chair

READ and with accompanying papers **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**.

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

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** on Bill "An Act to Establish 'Welcome Home' as the Official State Anthem"

S.P. 165 L.D. 373

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

Signed:

Senators:
BALDACCI of Penobscot
MARTIN of Oxford

Representatives:

SALISBURY of Westbrook
COPELAND of Saco
FARRIN of Jefferson
MATLACK of St. George
POMERLEAU of Standish
ROLLINS of Augusta

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

Signed:

Representatives:

ADAMS of Lebanon
GREENWOOD of Wales
TUELL of East Machias
UNDERWOOD of Presque Isle

Reports **READ**.

Senator **BEEBE-CENTER** of Knox moved the Senate **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS** Report.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Washington, Senator Moore.

Senator **MOORE:** Thank you, Madam President. I just wanted to speak just a few minutes regarding this bill that is before you as a divided report.

I am reminded an anthem is defined as a rousing or uplifting song identified with a particular group, body, or a cause. And that's us Mainers, for sure. Research tells us that Maine has four musical pieces adopted by the State of Maine. First, the State of Maine, which was adopted as the state song in 1937. It was written and composed by Roger Vinton Snow, who died in 1953. This piece, although it has lyrics, has a march tempo, and while it's a strong piece of music, it sounds quite dated.

In 2012, the Dirigo March was unanimously approved by the Maine State Legislature as the official state march. Leo J. Pepin, an Augusta native, composed this march, a musical score with no lyrics, in 1961. More recently, and I think we all remember this one, those of us that were around in 2019, the Ghost of Paul Revere folk band had their ballad, the Ballad of the 20th Century, confirmed as the official state ballad on June 7, 2019. The ballad focuses on the 20th Maine Regiment's crucial role in winning the Battle of Gettysburg during the Civil War. Again, the ballad is excellent, but does not address the present day.

In 2021, the Legislature adopted Terry Swett's My Sweet Maine, which was written to celebrate Maine's bicentennial in 2020 as the state song of the 21st century. Welcome Home offers something different from the examples listed above. It underscores a multitude of both historical and modern characteristics that make our state appealing and recognized by others as special and unique. There are mentions of what Mainers and the tourists see as valuable and precious, even mentioning that Mainers are the hardest working folks you'll ever know. There's definitely room in Welcome Home -- for Welcome Home in Maine as a state anthem. Did you know that Tennessee has 12 official state songs - the most in the country - and actually an official bicentennial rap song?

When you hear the song, Welcome Home, you will see how it

is -- hey, it's Tennessee, what do you expect -- you will see how it is a positive song, upbeat, catchy, acknowledges the Wabanaki heritage and history, and embraces many locations, occupations, activities, and groups of people, more of what is needed in today's world. It even mentioned that little known behavior of rolling the windows down when driving into Maine, which apparently is more common than I realized.

Gordon Thomas Ward, the songwriter, actually performed the song itself before the committee when he was presenting -- when I presented the bill. I promise you I'm not going to sing it, so that's not my intent today. I have asked that the lyrics be distributed to the Senators, they are not quite on the desk yet, they will be there soon. I'll just read you one of the verses. It says:

My home state has a different state of mind. When I have to leave, I miss her every time. From the harbors to the highlands, from Aroostook to the bays, this corner of our country's doin' fine. And you mighta heard you can't get theyah from heyah - I can't even pronounce it right - but we'll point you in the direction, deayah. From the forests of Paul Bunyan, to our wild blueberry fields, yes, Dirigo won't disappoint you theyah.

Thank you, Madam President.

On motion by Senator **TIPPING** of Penobscot, 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 (#83)

YEAS: Senators: BAILEY, BEEBE-CENTER, BENNETT, BERNARD, BRADSTREET, GUERIN, INGWERSEN, MARTIN, MOORE, PIERCE, RAFFERTY, ROTUNDO

NAYS: Senators: BICKFORD, BLACK, CARNEY, CURRY, CYRWAY, GROHOSKI, HARRINGTON, HICKMAN, LIBBY, NANGLE, RENY, STEWART, TALBOT ROSS, TEPLER, TIMBERLAKE, TIPPING, PRESIDENT DAUGHTRY

EXCUSED: Senators: BALDACCI, BRENNER, DUSON, FARRIN, HAGGAN, LAWRENCE

12 Senator having voted in the affirmative and 17 Senators having voted in the negative, with 6 Senators being excused, the motion by Senator **BEEBE-CENTER** of Knox to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS** Report in concurrence, **FAILED**.

The Minority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **ACCEPTED**, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

Sent down for concurrence.

SENATE PAPERS

Bill "An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for Investment in Workforce Housing and Raise Certain Income Eligibility Limits in the Affordable Homeownership Program" S.P. 580 L.D. 1424

Presented by President DAUGHTRY of Cumberland. Cosponsored by Representative GATTINE of Westbrook and Senators: BENNETT of Oxford, CURRY of Waldo, PIERCE of Cumberland.

On motion by Senator **ROTUNDO** of Androscoggin, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Resolve, to Establish the Commission to Ensure a Just and Equitable Energy Transition for Maine's Workforce S.P. 576 L.D. 1420

Presented by Senator LAWRENCE of York. Cosponsored by Senator: TIPPING of Penobscot, Representatives: GEIGER of Rockland, KESSLER of South Portland.

On motion by Senator **GROHOSKI** of Hancock, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Improve Recycling by Updating the Stewardship Program for Packaging" S.P. 579 L.D. 1423

Presented by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot.

On motion by Senator **TEPLER** of Sagadahoc, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Support and Sustain Maine's Child Care Workforce" S.P. 554 L.D. 1414

Presented by President DAUGHTRY of Cumberland.

Bill "An Act to Clarify Parental Notifications Regarding Child Care Facility Investigations" S.P. 577 L.D. 1421

Presented by Senator PIERCE of Cumberland.

Bill "An Act to Improve Access to Sustainable and Low-barrier Trauma Recovery Services"

S.P. 581 L.D. 1425

Presented by Senator ROTUNDO of Androscoggin.
Cosponsored by Speaker FECTEAU of Biddeford and Senators: BENNETT of Oxford, BICKFORD of Androscoggin, President DAUGHTRY of Cumberland, HICKMAN of Kennebec, PIERCE of Cumberland, TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin, Representatives: GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach, HASENFUS of Readfield.

On motion by Senator **INGWERSEN** of York, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Amend Laws Governing Hearing Aid Dealers and Health Insurance to Allow an Exception to Certain Hearing Examination Requirements"

S.P. 552 L.D. 1413

Presented by Senator BENNETT of Oxford.
Cosponsored by Representative ZAGER of Portland and Senators: BAILEY of York, BALDACCI of Penobscot, CYRWAY of Kennebec, President DAUGHTRY of Cumberland, HAGGAN of Penobscot, MOORE of Washington, Representatives: GRAHAM of North Yarmouth, HENDERSON of Rumford.

On motion by Senator **BAILEY** of York, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Require the Department of Health and Human Services to Immediately Take Custody of Persons Sentenced to Mental Health Facilities That May Not Include County or Regional Jails"

S.P. 562 L.D. 1416

Presented by Senator TALBOT ROSS of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative PERKINS of Dover-Foxcroft and Senators: BEEBE-CENTER of Knox, CYRWAY of Kennebec, HARRINGTON of York, MOORE of Washington, Representatives: ABDI of Lewiston, DAIGLE of Fort Kent, DEBRITO of Waterville, JAVNER of Chester.

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

On motion by Senator **CARNEY** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Protect Access to Reproductive Health Care, Including Fertility Treatments and Contraceptives"

S.P. 573 L.D. 1418

Presented by Senator NANGLE of Cumberland.

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

On motion by Senator **CARNEY** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Expand Reporting Requirements for Legislators and Lobbyists"

S.P. 558 L.D. 1415

Presented by Senator HAGGAN of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Senators: BENNETT of Oxford, GROHOSKI of Hancock, Representatives: BOYER of Poland, RIELLY of Westbrook, WARREN of Scarborough.

On motion by Senator **PIERCE** of Cumberland, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending **REFERENCE**.

Bill "An Act to Strengthen the Authority of Local Officials to Enforce Provisions Regarding Dangerous and Nuisance Properties that Constitute a Threat to Public Health and Safety"
S.P. 571 L.D. 1417

Presented by Senator LIBBY of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative: WADSWORTH of Hiram.

On motion by Senator **PIERCE** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Provide a Sales Tax Exemption for Housing Constructed Off-site Similar to That for On-site Construction"
S.P. 575 L.D. 1419

Presented by Senator BENNETT of Oxford.
Cosponsored by Speaker FECTEAU of Biddeford and Senators: BICKFORD of Androscoggin, BRADSTREET of Kennebec, CURRY of Waldo, PIERCE of Cumberland, Representatives: BLIER of Buxton, GERE of Kennebunkport, GOLEK of Harpswell.

On motion by Senator **GROHOSKI** of Hancock, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TAXATION** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act Regarding Open Primary Elections and Ranked-choice Voting"

S.P. 578 L.D. 1422

Presented by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot.

On motion by Senator **HICKMAN** of Kennebec, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Senate considered the following additional papers:

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

House

Ought to Pass As Amended

The Committee on **JUDICIARY** on Bill "An Act Allowing Access by State Agencies and Hospitals to Certain Confidential Probate Court Records If the Access Is in the Public Interest" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 626 L.D. 966

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-35)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-35)**.

Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-35) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

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

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

ORDERS

Joint Orders

Expressions of Legislative Sentiment recognizing:

Ashley Stasulis, of Lewiston, who represented Team USA in snowshoeing at the Special Olympics 2025 World Winter Games in Turin, Italy. On March 13, 2025, she competed in the 200m race and earned a bronze medal for finishing third. On March 14, 2025, she competed in the 100m and 4x100m relay races,

finishing fourth in the 100m race and fifth in the 4x100m relay race with her team. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

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

The Joint Order was **READ**.

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

Senator **ROTUNDO:** Madam President, my Fellow Colleagues of the Senate, I rise today to recognize Ashley Stasulis, a remarkable young woman who represented Team USA in snowshoeing at the Special Olympics 2025 World Winter Games in Turin, Italy.

On March 13th, she competed in the 200-meter race and placed third, earning a bronze medal. On March 14th, Ashley competed in the 100-meter relay race, finishing fourth. Later that same day, she competed in the 4x100 meter relay race, finishing fifth with her team.

Ashley has also competed in basketball, bocce, bowling, soccer, and tennis. When she's not competing in Olympic events, Ashley works at the John F. Murphy Homes, a Lewiston-Auburn nonprofit that works to improve the lives of those with intellectual disabilities, other developmental disabilities, and autism spectrum disorder. She has been working for the organization for the last ten years as a finance and clerical assistant.

Lewiston is extremely proud to have Ashley as a member of our community, and Maine is so proud to have Ashley representing us so well around the world in these competitions. I'm very happy to have Ashley here with us today. Thank you.

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

Senator **BICKFORD:** Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, Special Olympics, for all of us here, we know how -- what kind of foundation they have and how hard these Olympians work. And for Ashley to be able to actually go to Italy, of all places, and finish with a bronze medal is just incredible.

Senator Rotundo and I were able to meet with John F. Murphy Homes last week and we learned of Ashley and we learned of not only what she did with Special Olympics, but what she's actually able to bring to the organization, working in finance, is incredible. And I, along with Senator Rotundo, really congratulate Ashley for the job that she has done on and off the sports world.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair is pleased to recognize in the rear of the Chamber, Ashley Stasulis, her mother, Maureen, and her friend, Bianca. They are from the town of Lewiston and they are the guests today of the Senators from Androscoggin, Senator Rotundo and Senator Bickford. Would they please rise and accept the greetings of the Senate?

The Joint Order was **PASSED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Senate

Ought to Pass

Senator NANGLE for the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** on Resolve, to Name a Railroad Crossing in Wiscasset the James Weldon Johnson Crossing

S.P. 109 L.D. 243

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

Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ TWICE** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Senator NANGLE for the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** on Resolve, to Rename the Shapleigh Bridge the Shapleigh Veterans Memorial Bridge

S.P. 249 L.D. 569

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

Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ TWICE** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Senator NANGLE for the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** on Resolve, to Rename the Salmon Falls Bridge Between Buxton and Hollis the Salmon Falls Veterans Memorial Bridge

S.P. 285 L.D. 672

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

Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ TWICE** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Senator NANGLE for the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** on Resolve, to Rename the Mill Pond Bridge the Sebago Veterans Memorial Bridge

S.P. 302 L.D. 685

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

Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ TWICE** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Senator NANGLE for the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** on Resolve, to Rename the Kezar Falls Bridge Between Porter and Parsonsfield the Kezar Falls Veterans Memorial Bridge

S.P. 303 L.D. 686

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

Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ TWICE** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

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

The Senate considered the following additional papers:

ENACTORS

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

Emergency Measure

An Act Allowing Access by State Agencies and Hospitals to Certain Confidential Probate Court Records

H.P. 626 L.D. 966
(C "A" H-35)

This being an Emergency Measure and having received the affirmative vote of 29 Members of the Senate, with 0 Senators having voted in the negative, and 29 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.

Ordered sent forthwith.

The Senate considered the following additional papers:

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

House Papers

Bill "An Act Regarding Human Trafficking Prevention Instruction and Dissemination of and Access to Obscene Material in Schools"

H.P. 917 L.D. 1395

Bill "An Act Regarding Behavioral Health Support for Students in Public Schools"

H.P. 920 L.D. 1398

Resolve, to Create a Working Group on the Status of School Libraries and on Public Libraries in Maine

H.P. 926 L.D. 1404

Come from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator **RAFFERTY** of York, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Amend Laws Governing the Public Utilities Commission Concerning Participant Funding"

H.P. 927 L.D. 1405

Bill "An Act to Increase Contingency Reserves for Maine's Consumer-owned Electric Transmission and Distribution Utilities"

H.P. 934 L.D. 1412

Come from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator **GROHOSKI** of Hancock, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act Regarding Dam Repair"

H.P. 904 L.D. 1382

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator **TEPLER** of Sagadahoc, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending **REFERENCE**.

Resolve, Establishing the Study Group on Solutions to Address Maine's Behavioral Health Workforce Shortage

H.P. 902 L.D. 1380

Bill "An Act to Create the Building Opportunity Through Out-of-school Time Program"

H.P. 911 L.D. 1389

Bill "An Act to Fund Community-based Organizations to Prevent and Reduce the Risk of Children's Involvement in the Child Welfare System"

H.P. 919 L.D. 1397

Bill "An Act to Amend Certain Definitions in the Child and Family Services and Child Protection Act" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 928 L.D. 1406

Bill "An Act Regarding the Rights of Foster Parents"

H.P. 931 L.D. 1409

Resolve, to Expand Child Assertive Community Treatment (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 935 L.D. 1426

Come from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator **INGWERSEN** of York, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Resolve, to Increase the Emergency Medical Workforce by Allowing Military Medical Personnel to Become Eligible for Licensure as Emergency Medical Services Persons

H.P. 909 L.D. 1387

Bill "An Act to Repeal the Provisions of Law Requiring Motor Vehicle Liability Insurance Policies to Cover the Cost of Towing and Storing Certain Vehicles"

H.P. 923 L.D. 1401

Bill "An Act to Convene a Stakeholder Group to Determine Methods of Ensuring the Long-term Solvency of the Maine Guaranteed Access Reinsurance Association"

H.P. 924 L.D. 1402

Come from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator **PIERCE** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Consider Municipalities Meeting Regional Housing Goals in Awarding Transportation Grants"

H.P. 907 L.D. 1385

Bill "An Act to Update the Maine Self-service Storage Act"

H.P. 913 L.D. 1391

Bill "An Act to Support Maine's Electric Vehicle Adoption Goals by Providing an Exclusion for Electric Vehicles from Certain Requirements of the Right to Repair Law"

H.P. 916 L.D. 1394

Bill "An Act to Amend Maine's Municipal Subdivision Standards to Increase the Number of Dwelling Units on or Divisions of a Tract of Land Before the Tract is Considered a Subdivision"

H.P. 918 L.D. 1396

Come from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator **CURRY** of Waldo, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Expand the Hunter Safety Course Exemption for Certain Individuals with Firearm Training"

H.P. 925 L.D. 1403

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator **CARNEY** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Require Public Health Warnings to Be Posted and Provided by Firearm Dealers and Gunsmiths"

H.P. 901 L.D. 1379

Bill "An Act to Allow Action Against a Person Violating the Confidentiality of an Executive Session of a Public Body or Agency"

H.P. 921 L.D. 1399

Bill "An Act to Codify Judicial Deference to Agency Interpretations"

H.P. 930 L.D. 1408

Bill "An Act to Provide Due Process in Confiscation and Destruction of Personal Items of Unhoused Persons"

H.P. 932 L.D. 1410

Bill "An Act Extending the Statute of Limitations on Criminal Actions Involving Aggravated Sex Trafficking"

H.P. 936 L.D. 1427

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

On motion by Senator **CARNEY** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Exempt Certain Public School Districts and Their Employees from the Paid Family and Medical Leave Benefits Program"

H.P. 922 L.D. 1400

Bill "An Act to Direct the Board of Occupational Safety and Health to Develop Indoor Air Quality Standards for Buildings in the State in Which Public Sector Workers Work"

H.P. 929 L.D. 1407

Come from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LABOR** and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator **TIPPING** of Penobscot, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LABOR** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Replace the Participation Threshold in Votes to Adopt or Alter a Municipal Charter with a Lower Approval Threshold"

H.P. 910 L.D. 1388

Come from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator **PIERCE** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Require State Divestment from Perpetrators of International Human Rights Violations"

H.P. 905 L.D. 1383

On motion by Senator **PIERCE** of Cumberland, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending **REFERENCE**.

Bill "An Act to Provide Emergency One-time Relief from the Wild Blueberry Tax for Sellers in Maine and Partial Relief for Processors and Shippers" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 908 L.D. 1386

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

On motion by Senator **GROHOSKI** of Hancock, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TAXATION** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Resolve, Directing the Department of Public Safety and the Department of Transportation to Examine Motor Vehicle Accidents Involving Pedestrians

H.P. 906 L.D. 1384

Resolve, Directing the Secretary of State to Develop a Plan for a Multiyear Registration System for National Car Rental Companies

H.P. 912 L.D. 1390

Bill "An Act to Modify the Laws Regarding Driver's License Applications"

H.P. 933 L.D. 1411

Come from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator **NANGLE** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Authorize the Secretary of State to Designate Law Enforcement Officers Employed by the Department of the Secretary of State to Investigate Alleged Violations of Election Laws"

H.P. 903 L.D. 1381

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator **HICKMAN** of Kennebec, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

The Senate considered the following additional papers:

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

House Papers

Bill "An Act to Limit the Applicability of the Laws Regulating Payroll Processors to Services Provided by Payroll Processors to Employers with a Legal Address in the State" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 914 L.D. 1392

Committee on **HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** suggested and ordered printed.

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES**.

On motion by Senator **CURRY** of Waldo, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Require Continuing Education for Licensed Architects"

H.P. 915 L.D. 1393

Committee on **HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** suggested and ordered printed.

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

On motion by Senator **CURRY** of Waldo, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LABOR** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

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

On motion by Senator **PIERCE** of Cumberland, **ADJOURNED**, until Thursday, April 3, 2025 at 10:00 in the morning.