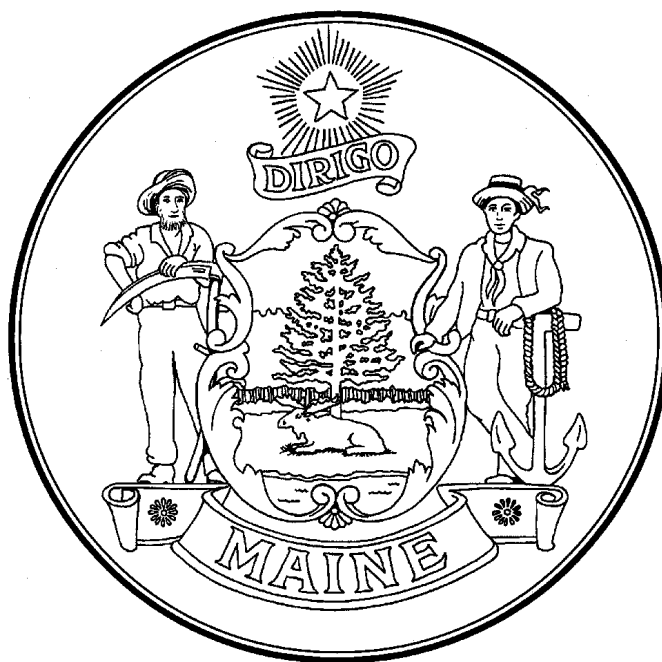


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**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION
JOURNAL AND RECORD OF THE SENATE**

In Senate Chamber
Tuesday
April 15, 2025

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

Prayer by Pastor Todd Bell of Calvary Baptist Church in Sanford.

PASTOR TODD BELL: Let's pray. Our Father in Heaven, we thank you for the joy and the blessing it is to be able to call upon your name. What a blessing it is to know that you are a God who hears and answers prayer. We thank you for your greatness and your might and your power. We certainly thank you for this state and the opportunity to be able to serve you in this capacity.

We ask you today for wisdom, that we might be able to have the wisdom to make the decisions you've called upon us to make. And Lord, we ask you for blessings upon all the proceedings that are happening now and that will happen in the future. We pray that you would continue to pour out your blessings upon this state as we seek to honor and to glorify you. We do give you the glory and the honor for all that you have done, all that you're going to do in the future, and we praise you in Jesus' name. Amen.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Senator Matthew A. Harrington of York County.

Reading of the Journal of Thursday, April 10, 2025.

Medical Provider of the Day, Marco Cornelio, M.D. of Kennebunk.

Off Record Remarks

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:

SENATE PAPERS

Bill "An Act to Amend Maine's Good Samaritan Laws Regarding Suspected Drug-related Overdoses"

S.P. 643 L.D. 1646

Presented by Senator TALBOT ROSS of Cumberland. Cosponsored by Representative HASENFUS of Readfield and Senators: BEEBE-CENTER of Knox, BENNETT of Oxford, CURRY of Waldo, MOORE of Washington, Representatives: BLIER of Buxton, CARLOW of Buxton, CRAFTS of Newcastle, LAJOIE of Lewiston. Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

On motion by Senator **BEEBE-CENTER** of Knox, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Resolve, to Honor Margaret Chase Smith and Joshua Chamberlain in the National Statuary Hall

S.P. 656 L.D. 1648

Presented by President DAUGHTRY of Cumberland. Cosponsored by Representative SATO of Gorham and Senator: NANGLE of Cumberland, Representative: ANKELES of Brunswick.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Repeal the Dirigo Business Incentives Program"

S.P. 658 L.D. 1664

Presented by Senator TIPPING of Penobscot.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Amend the Maine Human Rights Act to Provide Additional Remedies for Educational Discrimination"
S.P. 655 L.D. 1647

Presented by Senator CARNEY of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative MOONEN of Portland and
Senators: DUSON of Cumberland, INGWERSEN of York,
RAFFERTY of York, ROTUNDO of Androscoggin, TIPPING of
Penobscot, Representatives: KUHN of Falmouth, SATO of
Gorham, SINCLAIR of Bath.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Resolve, to Establish the Blue Ribbon Commission to Study the
Operations of the Legislature (EMERGENCY)
S.P. 657 L.D. 1649

Presented by Senator STEWART of Aroostook.
Cosponsored by Senators: BALDACCI of Penobscot, BENNETT
of Oxford, BERNARD of Aroostook, HICKMAN of Kennebec,
Representatives: GREENWOOD of Wales, NUTTING of Oakland,
SALISBURY of Westbrook.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

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

Off Record Remarks

Senate at Ease.

The Senate was called to order by the President.

Off Record Remarks

ORDERS

Joint Orders

Expressions of Legislative Sentiment recognizing:

The Sanford Christian Academy Girls Volleyball Team, which won
the Athletics for Christian Education League State Championship.
We extend our congratulations and best wishes;
SLS 420

Sponsored by Senator HARRINGTON of York.
Cosponsored by Representatives: FREDERICKS of Sanford,
LANIGAN of Sanford, MASTRACCIO of Sanford.

The Joint Order was **READ**.

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

Senator **HARRINGTON:** Thank you, Madam President. Madam
President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, it's an honor
today to welcome the Sanford Christian Academy Girls Volleyball
Team and congratulate them on winning back-to-back
championships in the Athletics for Christian Education League
Championships.

These girls have shown grace, class, and elegance both on
and off the court, not only during the season, but are role models
to their peers and younger students to emulate. They have
displayed athleticism and commitment and, more importantly,
confidence. Throughout the challenges they face, they only grew
stronger as individuals and as a team.

I'd like to share a little story from Coach Cherith Bell. At the
beginning of the season, she asked every team member to write
down a personal goal as well as a team goal and place a piece of
paper in the box that remained sealed until the end of the season.
Coach Cherith wrote the word "undefeated" on hers. I'm sure it
was quite exciting to see that piece of paper come out of the box
at the end of the season when these girls did, in fact, go
undefeated. It goes to show the level of commitment and
dedication that these girls showed all season, and I would
congratulate them.

Thank you, Madam President.

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

Senator **LIBBY:** Thank you, Madam President. I would also like
to join the Good Senator from York, Senator Harrington, in
congratulating the Sanford Christian Academy Girls Volleyball
Team. I have some players that are on the team from my district,
and we're all very proud of not only the -- what they pulled off in
the State Championship, but also they came to our -- today they
came to the Republican caucus, we had a chance to meet them
and learn not only more about them but about their school, and it
was a very impressive visit. Congratulations.

The Joint Order was **PASSED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair is pleased to recognize in the balcony, Pastor Todd Bell, Coach Bell, and members of the Sanford Christian Academy Girls Volleyball Team. They are from the town of Sanford and they are the guests today of the Senator from York, Senator Harrington. Would they please rise and accept the greetings of the Maine Senate?

The Mount Ararat High School Girls Basketball Team, of Topsham, which won the Class A State Championship, the team's first state title. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 428

Sponsored by Senator TEPLER of Sagadahoc.
Cosponsored by Senator: President DAUGHTRY of Cumberland,
Representatives: CLUCHEY of Bowdoinham, GOLEK of Harpswell, MACIAS of Topsham, WEBB of Durham.

The Mount Ararat High School Girls Basketball Team, of Topsham, which won the Class A South Championship. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 429

Sponsored by Senator TEPLER of Sagadahoc.
Cosponsored by Representatives: MACIAS of Topsham, WEBB of Durham.

The Joint Orders were **READ**.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Sagadahoc, Senator Tepler.

Senator **TEPLER:** Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, Colleagues of the Senate, when you walk into the new Mount Ararat High School gymnasium and look up into the rafters, there are more than a dozen red and blue championship banners that cover the entire wall. But one banner has been missing since the school's founding in 1973. The girls' basketball team has never before brought home the gold ball. That changed in February of this year, when the Mount Ararat Girls Basketball Team won the 2025 Class A Girls Basketball State Championship.

The Eagles finished their season with a stellar 21-2 record, including winning 15 straight matches through the regular season and the playoffs. The Eagles soared this season, dominating their competition as the number one seed. An impressive stat is that these young women for a stretch of games never allowed more than 57 points and outscored their opponents by 15 points a game. They went toe to toe with the defending champs and our local rivals, the Brunswick Dragons, and won in the regional semifinal. They then topped Gray-New Gloucester in the regional finals and secured their spot in the school's first-ever state championship title match at the Augusta Civic Center.

The Eagles commanded the court with their swift and relentless play, thanks to their team focused basketball. In the championship match against Hampden Academy, Julianna Allen posted a double-double with 17 points and 12 boards. Kennedy Lampert and Jenna Jensen contributed seven points apiece. Head Coach Julie Petrie said her team has the best chemistry, they're the dream team.

Madam President, this team is extremely talented, determined, and focused, with exceptional players, managers and coaches. As the proud mother of kids who were once MTA Eagle athletes, I cannot express how incredibly proud I am, along with yourself, Madam President, of these young women and their families and coaches.

I want to take a moment to recognize those who rallied around this team all season long. The sense of community pride in Topsham, Bowdoinham, Bowdoin, and Harpswell was palpable during their playoff run and it reminds us all how important it is to show up for each other on and off the court. On behalf of the Maine Senate and the people of Senate District 24, I congratulate the team. We're so proud to welcome you here today and to celebrate this milestone in your school - our school's history.

Colleagues, please join me in celebrating the 2025 Mount Ararat Class A Girls State Basketball Champions. Fly, Eagles!

The Joint Order was **PASSED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair is pleased to recognize in the rear of the Chamber, but before I recognize them, I have to say that this proud Dragon is still very excited to cheer on for these Eagles. I'm pleased to recognize these players: Kennedy Lampert, Avery Beal, Jenna Jensen, Jaelyn Jensen, Elena Willis, Julianna Allen, Emma Berry, Ava Hanson, Cali Pomerleau, Kayleigh Wagg, Maeve Acker, Cali LeClair, and Emma Graffam, as well as their coaches, Varsity Coach Julie Petrie, Assistant Coach Terri Tlumac, as well as their managers, Danica Almy, Kamryn Chase, and Nella Acker. They are the guests today of the Senator from Sagadahoc, Senator Tepler, as well as the guest of the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Daughtry - AKA me - would they please rise and accept the greetings of the Senate?

The Mount Abram Regional High School Boys Basketball Team, of Salem Township, which won the Class C State Championship. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 435

Sponsored by Senator BLACK of Franklin.
Cosponsored by Senator: MARTIN of Oxford, Representatives: HALL of Wilton, SOBOLESKI of Phillips.

The Joint Order was **READ**.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Franklin, Senator Black.

Senator **BLACK:** Thank you, Madam President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. I rise today to recognize and congratulate the Mount Abram High School Boys Basketball Team on an outstanding season and a historic win, their first-ever Class C State Championship.

On March 1st, the Roadrunners traveled to the Cross Insurance Center in Bangor and came away with a commanding 74-48 victory over Mattanawcook Academy. It was a strong team performance from start to finish, and it capped off what's been an impressive all-around season.

Coached by Jeff Pillsbury, the team showed consistency, hard work, discipline throughout the season. They earned their spot in the state final after beating Monmouth Academy in the Class C South Championship, another hard-fought game that showed what the group was really made of. What stands out the most is how they played as a team. They didn't rely on one star, everyone stepped up when needed, and they played smart, tough basketball all season long. The kind of teamwork and effort that doesn't just happen, it's built over time through practice, leadership, and buy-in from everybody involved. This win was a big deal not just for the team but for the entire Mount Abram community. It's something the school can be proud of for years to come.

So, again, congratulations to all the players, the coaching staff, the school, and all the fans and family who supported them every step of the way on this historic season. Thank you.

The Joint Order was **PASSED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair is pleased to recognize in the rear of the Chamber, the Mount Abram basketball team. They are the guests today of the Senator from Franklin, Senator Black, as well as Senator Martin. Would they please rise and accept the hearty greetings of the Maine Senate?

Off Record Remarks

Senate at Ease.

The Senate was called to order by the President.

Off Record Remarks

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

House Paper

Bill "An Act to Ensure Uniformity in the Regulation of Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances in Pesticides" H.P. 1015 L.D. 1557

Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** suggested and ordered printed.

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

On motion by Senator **TALBOT ROSS** of Cumberland **REFERRED** to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** and ordered printed, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

Sent down for concurrence.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication:

S.P. 654

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

April 11, 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 April 11, 2025, 11 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 April 11, 2025, as follows:

Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

Bill "An Act to Support Farmers and Food Banks Affected by Federal Funding Cuts to Their Existing Contracts" (S.P. 642) (L.D. 1605) (Sponsored by Senator BRENNER of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by Representative GUERRETTE of Caribou and Senators: BENNETT of Oxford, BLACK of Franklin, HICKMAN of Kennebec, TALBOT ROSS of Cumberland, TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin, Representatives: PLUECKER of Warren, JACKSON of Oxford, DILL of Old Town) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.)

Appropriations and Financial Affairs

Resolve, to Study Changing the Start of the State Fiscal Year to October 1st (S.P. 644) (L.D. 1636) (Sponsored by Senator BENNETT of Oxford) (Cosponsored by Senator: ROTUNDO of Androscoggin, Representatives: GATTINE of Westbrook, ARATA of New Gloucester, SAYRE of Kennebunk)

Education and Cultural Affairs

Bill "An Act to Codify Minimum Instructional Hours in the State's Schools" (S.P. 647) (L.D. 1639) (Sponsored by Senator GROHOSKI of Hancock)

Housing and Economic Development

Bill "An Act to Reform the Midcoast Regional Redevelopment Authority" (S.P. 645) (L.D. 1637) (Sponsored by President DAUGHTRY of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by Representative ANKELES of Brunswick and Senator: TEPLER of Sagadahoc, Representatives: ARFORD of Brunswick, GOLEK of Harpswell)

Bill "An Act to Protect Maine Consumers by Simplifying Subscription Cancellations" (S.P. 650) (L.D. 1642) (Sponsored by Senator NANGLE of Cumberland)

Bill "An Act to Establish the Maine Life Science Innovation Center" (S.P. 651) (L.D. 1643) (Sponsored by Senator PIERCE of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by Representative ZAGER of Portland and Senators: BENNETT of Oxford, MOORE of Washington, RENY of Lincoln, Representatives: CLOUTIER of Lewiston, STOVER of Boothbay, GERE of Kennebunkport, DUCHARME of Madison, SAYRE of Kennebunk)

Judiciary

Bill "An Act to Improve Legislative Access to Public Information" (S.P. 653) (L.D. 1645) (Sponsored by Senator TIPPING of Penobscot) (Cosponsored by Representative SAYRE of Kennebunk and Representative: FRIEDMANN of Bar Harbor)

Labor

Bill "An Act Regarding Disability Retirement Benefits Under the Maine Public Employees Retirement System" (S.P. 646) (L.D. 1638) (Sponsored by Senator DUSON of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by Representative GEIGER of Rockland and Senators: HICKMAN of Kennebec, BRADSTREET of Kennebec, INGWERSEN of York, Representatives: FOLEY of Wells, ROEDER of Bangor, BRIDGEO of Augusta, COLLINS of Sidney)

Taxation

Bill "An Act to Allow Municipalities to Implement a Local Option Sales Tax" (S.P. 649) (L.D. 1641) (Sponsored by Senator NANGLE of Cumberland)

Transportation

Bill "An Act to Require Train Axle Bearing Sensors to Be Installed on Passenger Rail Lines" (S.P. 652) (L.D. 1644) (Sponsored by Senator RAFFERTY of York) (Cosponsored by Representative CROCKETT of Portland and Senator: INGWERSEN of York, Representatives: DODGE of Belfast, SAYRE of Kennebunk, MITCHELL of Cumberland)

Veterans and Legal Affairs

Bill "An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Gagetown Harmful Chemical Study Commission and to Reestablish the Gagetown Harmful Chemical Study Commission" (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 648) (L.D. 1640) (Sponsored by Senator HICKMAN of Kennebec) (Cosponsored by Representative BABIN of Fort Fairfield and Senators: FARRIN of Somerset, STEWART of Aroostook, GROHOSKI of Hancock, BERNARD of Aroostook,

Representatives: FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor, RIELLY of Westbrook, SUPICA of Bangor, FREDETTE of Newport)

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. 252

STATE OF MAINE OFFICE OF THE STATE AUDITOR

March 27, 2025

Honorable Members of the Legislative Council, 132nd Legislature;

I am pleased to submit the Single Audit of the State of Maine for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024. The audit was conducted in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; the requirements of the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996; and Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Our audit complies with 5 MRSA §243 and is also a prerequisite for the receipt of Federal financial assistance. During fiscal year 2024, \$5.5 billion in Federal financial assistance was expended by the State of Maine.

This document contains the following reports and schedules:

- Independent Auditor's Report
- Basic Financial Statements, Management's Discussion and Analysis, Notes to the Financial Statements, and Required Supplementary Information
- Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters based on an Audit of Financial Statements performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*
- Independent Auditor's Report on Compliance for Each Major Program and on Internal Control over Compliance Required by the Uniform Guidance
- Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards
- Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs
- Financial Statement Findings
- Federal Findings Indexes and Federal Award Identification Numbers
- Federal Findings and Questioned Costs
- Corrective Action Plan
- Summary Schedule of Prior Audit Findings

On behalf of the Office of the State Auditor, I thank employees throughout Maine Government who assisted us during the audit.

Please contact me if you have questions or comments about the 2024 Single Audit of the State of Maine.

Respectfully submitted,

S/Matthew Dunlap, CIA
State Auditor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication:

S.C. 255

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

April 10, 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 Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services has had under consideration the nomination of Gigi Guyton Thompson of Peaks Island, 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, Haggan, D. of Penobscot
	Representatives	9	Mathieson, K. of Kittery, Arford, P. of Brunswick, Boyer, M. of Cape Elizabeth, Cimino, M. of Bridgton, Cluchey, S. of Bowdoinham, Flynn, P. of Albion, Foley, R. of Wells, Mastraccio, A. of Sanford, Olsen, R. of Raymond

NAYS 0

ABSENT 2 Sen. Baldacci, J. of Penobscot, Rep. Morris, J. of Turner

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 Gigi Guyton Thompson of Peaks Island, for reappointment to the Maine Retirement Savings Board be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Donna Bailey
Senate Chair

S/Kristi M. Mathieson
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 132nd Legislature, the vote was taken by the Yeas and Nays.

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

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

ROLL CALL (#104)

YEAS: Senators: None

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

EXCUSED: Senators: LAWRENCE, 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 consideration the nomination of **Gigi Guyton Thompson** of Peaks Island, for reappointment to the Maine Retirement Savings Board was **CONFIRMED**.

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

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.

The Following Communication:

S.C. 253

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

April 10, 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 Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services has had under consideration the nomination of Deborah Neuman of Hampden, 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, Haggan, D. of Penobscot
	Representatives	9	Mathieson, K. of Kittery, Arford, P. of Brunswick, Boyer, M. of Cape Elizabeth, Cimino, M. of Bridgton, Cluchey, S. of Bowdoinham, Flynn, P. of Albion, Foley, R. of Wells, Mastraccio, A. of Sanford, Olsen, R. of Raymond

NAYS	0	
ABSENT	2	Sen. Baldacci, J. of Penobscot, Rep. Morris, J. of Turner

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 Deborah Neuman of Hampden, for reappointment to the Maine Retirement Savings Board be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Donna Bailey
Senate Chair

S/Kristi M. Mathieson
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 132nd Legislature, the vote was taken by the Yeas and Nays.

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#105)

YEAS: Senators: None

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

EXCUSED: Senators: LAWRENCE, 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 **Deborah Neuman** of Hampden, 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. 254

**STATE OF MAINE
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COMMITTEE ON HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND
FINANCIAL SERVICES**

April 10, 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 Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services has had under consideration the nomination of Daniel Piltch of Freeport, 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	1	Bailey, D. of York
	Representatives	9	Mathieson, K. of Kittery, Arford, P. of Brunswick, Boyer, M. of Cape Elizabeth, Cimino, M. of Bridgton, Cluchey, S. of Bowdoinham, Flynn, P. of Albion, Foley, R. of Wells, Mastraccio, A. of Sanford, Olsen, R. of Raymond
NAYS		0	
ABSENT		3	Sen. Baldacci, J. of Penobscot, Sen. Haggan, D. of Penobscot, Rep. Morris, J. of Turner

Ten 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 Piltch of Freeport, for reappointment to the Maine Retirement Savings Board be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Donna Bailey
Senate Chair

S/Kristi M. Mathieson
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 132nd Legislature, the vote was taken by the Yeas and Nays.

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#106)

YEAS: Senators: None

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

EXCUSED: Senators: LAWRENCE, 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 Piltch** of Freeport, 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. 257

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

April 10, 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 we have approved the request by the bill sponsor Rep. Crockett of Portland, to report the following bill Leave to Withdraw:

L.D. 315 An Act to Add a Personal Finance Course to
the State Graduation Requirements in High
Schools

Sincerely,

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

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

The Following Communication:

S.C. 256

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

April 10, 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. 1019 An Act to Provide Funding for Fort McClary

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. 262

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY SECOND LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY**

April 10, 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 Criminal Justice and Public Safety
has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought
Not to Pass":

L.D. 330 Resolve, to Create an Advisory Council to
Oversee the Review and Technical Revision of
the Maine Criminal Code and Other Statutes
Establishing Criminal Offenses

L.D. 962 An Act to Establish the Offense of Aggravated
Operating Under the Influence Resulting in the
Death of a Pet

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Anne Beebe-Center S/Rep. Tavis Rock Hasenfus
Senate Chair House Chair

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

The Following Communication:

S.C. 259

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

April 10, 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. 908 An Act to Eliminate the Sales Tax on Prepared Foods and Support the State's Hospitality Industry

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Nicole Grohoski
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Kristen Sarah Cloutier
House Chair

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

The Following Communication:

S.C. 258

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY SECOND LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

April 10, 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 Health and Human Services has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 1233 An Act to Modify Confidentiality Laws to Protect Children Being Placed into Custody by the Department of Health and Human Services

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Henry Ingwersen
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Michele Meyer
House Chair

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

The Following Communication:

S.C. 260

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

April 9, 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":

L.D. 557 An Act to Allow All-terrain Vehicles to Be Used on a Public Way

L.D. 864 An Act to Allow the Use of Transporter Plates for Transporting Campers or Motor Homes

L.D. 925 Resolve, To Create a License Plate To Recognize the Semiquincentennial of the United States of America

L.D. 989 An Act to Recognize Amateur Radio License Holders by Waiving Fees for License Plates Displaying Call Signs

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.**

The Following Communication:

S.C. 261

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

April 9, 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 Veterans and Legal Affairs has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 1092 An Act to Ensure That Dual Distribution
Prohibitions Are Not Violated by Direct
Shippers of Wine

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Craig V. Hickman
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Laura Supica
House Chair

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

House

Ought to Pass

The Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Bill "An Act to Eliminate Miscarriage Reporting Requirements"
H.P. 59 L.D. 94

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

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

Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

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

Ought to Pass As Amended

The Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** on Bill "An Act to Support Hunger Prevention in Maine"

H.P. 269 L.D. 415

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-42)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-42)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-42) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

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

The Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Bill "An Act to Provide Funding for Respite Care and Supplemental Services Provided by the Family Caregiver Support Program"
H.P. 522 L.D. 815

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-45)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-45)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-45) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

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

The Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Bill "An Act to Fund Essential Services for Victims of Domestic Violence" (EMERGENCY)
H.P. 561 L.D. 875

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-44)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-44)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-44) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

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

The Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act to Provide Support Services for Military Members Transitioning to Civilian Life in Maine"

H.P. 388 L.D. 620

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-43)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-43)**.

On motion by Senator **HICKMAN** of Kennebec, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending **ACCEPTANCE** of the **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-43)** Report.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Bill "An Act to Prohibit State Agencies from Promoting the COVID-19 Vaccination to Children"

H.P. 290 L.D. 436

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

Signed:

Senators:

INGWERSEN of York
NANGLE of Cumberland

Representatives:

MEYER of Eliot
DEBRITO of Waterville
GRAHAM of North Yarmouth
MCCABE of Lewiston
SHAGOURY of Hallowell
ZAGER of Portland

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass**.

Signed:

Senator:

MOORE of Washington

Representatives:

DAIGLE of Fort Kent

GRIFFIN of Levant
JAVNER of Chester
LEMELIN of Chelsea

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

Reports **READ**.

Senator **INGWERSEN** of York moved the Senate **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report, in concurrence.

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 PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from York, Senator Ingwersen.

Senator **INGWERSEN:** Thank you, Madam President. This bill seeks to prohibit state agencies from promoting the COVID-19 vaccine to children under 18. While the intent of this bill may be to limit government involvement in health decisions, the implications will be much more far reaching.

This bill will create confusion and distrust among parents and guardians, hindering efforts to increase vaccination rates among children. The Maine CDC will need to focus further efforts and resources then on combating vaccine misinformation and managing potential outbreaks. By limiting the availability of information about a healthcare choice that is proven to reduce COVID infection rates, Maine will likely see an increase in preventable COVID-related illnesses and consequently the increased need for healthcare services, including MaineCare funded services.

Vaccine education and promotion are core functions of the Maine Immunization Program. Reliable, science-based information for vaccines is disseminated through trusted channels like provider offices, Maine CDC and MaineCare websites, agency media campaigns, and professional networking groups. While children under 18 require parental consent to receive vaccinations, trusted messaging from the Maine Immunization Program and our healthcare providers is essential in equipping parents and guardians with accurate information to make informed choices about their children's health. Without this, misinformation will spread, and vaccination rates will decline, reversing the efforts that the department has worked diligently to maintain.

It's for these reasons that I ask you to follow my light and vote Ought Not to Pass on this.

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

Senator **MOORE:** Thank you, Madam President. I rise in opposition of the motion on the floor.

I agree with my colleague in that we do need to get the information out and everyone to be well informed, but to our children under the age of 18, they have no idea of practically what COVID-19 was. So, I really feel that we should not be promoting it in the avenues that the children under the age of 18 would be -- the parents, yes, and the pediatricians' offices and so forth, but not to our children under the age of 18.

Thank you, Madam President.

THE PRESIDENT: The pending question before the Senate is Acceptance of the Majority Ought Not to Pass report. A roll call has been ordered. Is the Senate ready for the question?

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#107)

YEAS: Senators: BAILEY, BALDACCI, BEEBE-CENTER, BRENNER, CARNEY, CURRY, DUSON, GROHOSKI, HICKMAN, INGWERSEN, LAWRENCE, NANGLE, RAFFERTY, RENY, ROTUNDO, TALBOT ROSS, TEPLER, TIPPING, PRESIDENT DAUGHTRY

NAYS: Senators: BENNETT, BERNARD, BICKFORD, BLACK, BRADSTREET, CYRWAY, FARRIN, GUERIN, HAGGAN, HARRINGTON, LIBBY, MARTIN, MOORE, STEWART, TIMBERLAKE

EXCUSED: Senators: PIERCE

19 Senator having voted in the affirmative and 15 Senators having voted in the negative, with 1 Senators being excused the motion by Senator **INGWERSEN** of York to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report, **PREVAILED**.

Senate

Ought to Pass

Senator LAWRENCE for the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** on Bill "An Act to Clarify the Process to Transfer Funds Resulting from the Expiration of Unused Kilowatt-hour Credits to Be Used to Provide Assistance to Low-income Electricity Customers"

S.P. 394 L.D. 905

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.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair is pleased to recognize in the balcony, the Marshwood Middle School Choir, and their teacher, Ms. Kris Bisson, and their chaperones. They are from the town of Eliot and they are the guests today of the Senator from York, Senator Lawrence. Would they please rise and accept the greetings of the Maine Senate?

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

Senator **LAWRENCE:** Thank you, Madam President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. If you permit me one indulgence, the sixth-grade choir did a wonderful job singing the National Anthem down in the House. Their teacher told me she hasn't been in the Senate Gallery since sixth grade. And I'll give you one unique fact about this school district, the Marshwood School District, District 35. It's the only school district in the state that is made up of towns from Maine and New Hampshire. It's South Berwick, Eliot, and Rollinsford, New Hampshire. Next year when they go into seventh grade, the kids will be coming over from the elementary schools in Rollinsford to join them in the middle school and in the high school, and it's a pleasure to have them here today.

Senator BAILEY for the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** on Bill "An Act to Amend the Provisions of the Maine Workers' Compensation Act of 1992 Governing Requirements for Self-insurers"

S.P. 484 L.D. 1195

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.

Ought to Pass As Amended

Senator CURRY for the Committee on **HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** on Bill "An Act to Provide for the 2025 and 2026 Allocations of the State Ceiling on Private Activity Bonds" (EMERGENCY)

S.P. 293 L.D. 678

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-13)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-13) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** on Bill "An Act to Allow the Sale of Polymer-coated Cookware That Is Authorized for Food Contact by the United States Food and Drug Administration"
S.P. 351 L.D. 827

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

Signed:

Senators:

TEPLER of Sagadahoc
BRENNER of Cumberland

Representatives:

DOUDERA of Camden
ANKELES of Brunswick
BELL of Yarmouth
BRIDGEO of Augusta
CAMPBELL of Orrington
OSHER of Orono
RIELLY of Westbrook

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass**.

Signed:

Senator:

MARTIN of Oxford

Representatives:

SCHMERSAL-BURGESS of Mexico
SOBOLESKI of Phillips

Reports **READ**.

Senator **TEPLER** of Sagadahoc moved the Senate **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** 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 PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Androscoggin, Senator Timberlake.

Senator **TIMBERLAKE:** Good morning, Madam President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. I rise against the pending motion today.

The reason I put this bill in is a pretty simple thing in my world, and I hope you listen to it and we just don't go at this at a party line that this bill was put in for cookware, it has to do with

polyfluorocarbons that are on cookware and FDA approved. And the word FDA approved is something that I think that comes into a very important factor to where we are in this. This approval bill does not eliminate the prohibition of PFAS-containing cookware, but instead clarifies that cookware containing specific FDA-approved fluoropolymers should not be subject to the overly broad ban that we have now put in place on PFAS. The FDA has long authorized fluoropolymers for food contact use. These materials have been used safely in cookware for decades - and I mean decades. And it is a distinct PFAS compounds that pose an environmental or health concerns of fluoropolymers are not -- this is not the product that creates that. Stable and durable, they do not degrade under normal use or at the end of their lifecycle. So, when you throw the pot or the pan away, it's not something that runs off and gets into the ground. Nonwater soluble, non-bio cumulative. Unlike other PFAS, they do not break down into harmful byproducts in the environment. Essentially, for performance and safety, they provide nonstick surfaces that reduce the need for cooking oils and making food preparation safer and healthier.

This bill just simply says at the end of the day that it doesn't put Maine on an island, that all of the stores and so forth throughout the state can continue to sell cookware that has this on it, and I think it's very important. Because, you know, we talk about healthy foods and everything else, this does not affect the environment and this keeps -- doesn't put Maine further out on the island and keep moving us further out to sea. And I think it's important because if they can't buy it here, they're going to buy it online or they're going to buy it across the border, because we're beginning again to be one of the only states. Because they're going to continue to buy it and you can bring it into the state, there's nothing illegal about bringing it into the state, so you just can't sell it in the state.

So, I think it's very important that we vote down the pending motion and pass the bill and give these people the ability to continue to sell safe and honest cookware in the State of Maine.

Thank you, Madam President.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair would recognize the Senator from Sagadahoc, Senator Tepler.

Senator **TEPLER:** Thank you, Madam Chair, and I respectfully disagree with my colleague, the Good Senator from Turner, and I want to say that in the matter of PFAS, Maine is a leader. Dirigo. We truly are out ahead of the rest of the nation in understanding the dangers of these substances. We've had more experience with farmlands and other -- and water sources being contaminated, recognizing that level of contamination, and dealing with it. We also know that when it comes to this polymer-coated cookware, when it's heated to 400 degrees or higher, which would normally be a temperature you might use to fry something in a pan, it will break down into PFAS substances that are dangerous. Now, that is not perhaps normal use according to the guidelines of by which you get with these pans, they say don't use them with high heat. Well, don't use them with high heat because they do break down into PFAS.

So, do we really want our children eating their morning eggs cooked on a substance that's broken down into PFAS? I don't think so. And I believe that the rest of the nation will eventually catch up to the State of Maine and that we should continue to move forward in banning a variety of PFAS containing substances.

Thank you, Madam President.

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

Senator **TIMBERLAKE:** Thank you, Madam President. The Good Senator and I obviously agree to disagree. I don't think the FDA would approve something, I don't think that moving Maine further out on an island is protecting any kids because it doesn't stop the product from coming into Maine, the only thing it does is prevent our businesses in the State of Maine from being able to sell the product.

So, all we do in the State of Maine when we start passing this stuff that puts us on the island and totally different is punish our businesses that are already suffering in this state every single day. Now, we can pretend that isn't happening and we can pretend that we're protecting the world, but we ain't protecting a darn thing except driving our businesses in the state of Maine out of business.

We can continue down the road -- now, I don't expect I'm going to win this debate here today, but I'm going to make it perfectly clear that what we're doing is hurting the businesses that are living and trying to make their living in the State of Maine, trying to pay their taxes, and trying to do those things, and all we continue to do is to continue to make it more and more and more difficult for them, till they say the heck with it. We have -- we are one of the number one states at closing down businesses in the country. Keep it up, folks, we ain't gonna have any left.

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

Senator **NANGLE:** Thank you, Madam President. I'd like to read something that's written in a study and published on PubMed, which is a peer reviewed repository.

It says at normal cooking temperatures, PTFE-coated cookware releases very gasses and chemicals that present mild to severe toxicity. Only a few studies describe the toxicity of PTFE but without solid conclusions. So, it does release gasses and chemicals that present mild to severe toxicity. In fact, Teflon pans are, if you do cook with them at a normal temperature that you would cook with, move all your -- if you have a pet bird, move it out of the room because the gasses emitted by that Teflon pan will kill it.

And I'd also like to pose a question through the Chair?

THE PRESIDENT: The Member may proceed.

Senator **NANGLE:** Are there alternatives to Teflon-coated pans? I mean, I assume there are, there are lots of pans out there that are not coated with Teflon. In fact, the manufacturers -- I think the manufacturers have moved away from Teflon themselves, and I'm wondering if anyone can confirm or deny that.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Sagadahoc, Senator Tepler.

Senator **TEPLER:** Thank you, Madam Chair, and I wish to respond by saying yes. If nothing else, there's the very inexpensive alternative of cast iron, which when well-seasoned works extremely well as a nonstick surface. And there are also ceramic-coated cookware that are safe and don't release PFAS

chemicals.

I also am holding the folder for all --

THE PRESIDENT: The Member will defer. The Chair would remind Members that we are not allowed to use props.

Senator **TEPLER:** I'm sorry. I have at hand the folder that contains all of the testimony that was given at the hearing on this bill, and there were no businesses that testified against this bill with the exceptions of the manufacturers of this cookware. No small businesses that sell this cookware testified against the bill.

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

Senator **BICKFORD:** Thank you, Madam President. May I pose a question through the Chair?

THE PRESIDENT: The Member may proceed.

Senator **BICKFORD:** Thank you. We use at home polymer-coated cookware, and on a sidenote, my wife worships me, so when I get home real late at night, occasionally she leaves me a burnt offering. Should I be concerned?

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Duson, in response to the question.

Senator **DUSON:** Thank you, Madam President. I think the correct reference to that menu item is Cajun blackened.

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

Senator **INGWERSEN:** Thank you. If you're going to talk about PFAS, Madam Chair, I've got to stand up and say something.

So, LD 1537 which we passed last year is currently just finishing up the rulemaking process by the environment department. And it phases out PFAS over a number of years, starting next year, and that was a two-year process that the Good Senator from Androscoggin, her committee went through and it came out of committee, I think it was a unanimous report, and they took a long time to figure out which products to phase in. There's also exemptions allowed. And the bill is designed, the rule is designed so that the most -- products most likely to come in contact with humans are phased out first and that that was where cookware has come in right at the beginning. Not once during that two-year process has the cookware industry come forward and made any suggestions on the bill or entered any data.

I also want to mention that we are a leader in banning PFAS and phasing out PFAS and addressing PFAS contamination in this state, and I'm proud of that. But we are not alone, there are several other states that also ban PFAS in cookware, including Colorado, Minnesota, Connecticut, Vermont, and Rhode Island. New Jersey and California require labeling of PFAS in cookware, and several bills have also been introduced this year in states that ban the use of PFAS in cookware, including Illinois, Maryland, Oregon, and Iowa. Thank you.

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

Senator **LIBBY:** Thank you, Madam President, Men and Women of the Senate. I don't really have either way a huge opinion on this bill. I mean, I'll be voting against the pending motion, but one of the things that concerns me is - and don't take this wrong, it's not a criticism - but something I think we're -- are we, you know, Congress? We're not Congress. And the problem here is that there are other products that are on the market that we've done nothing about, and we're just picking off these individual bans. That's no way to handle it.

Let me just give you an example. Popcorn that is put in a microwave is in a bag that has PFAS. Did you know that? It's well known. Where's -- do we have an amendment for this bill that -- are we going to tag that on? These individual bans are the wrong way to legislate. That's all I'm saying, nothing personal, I think, you know, the committee did a great job examining the science, no criticism intended at all. Thank you to the committee, thank you to the people who are defending the market, but in some of these PFAS cases, we have to take a broader look at this as a state and we also have to depend on the federal government to help us do that. And, you know, with -- absent that, we're going to be looking at a half a million different products that we might want to ban. I mean, how are we going to do that? That's just not the -- I don't think it's a very -- honestly, I don't think it's the intelligent way to legislate. Thank you very much.

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

Senator **BENNETT:** Fellow Members of the Senate, I think the Senator from York, Senator Libby - maybe it's Cumberland now, he used to be the Senator from York, sorry - the Senator from Cumberland, I just want to refer to the history of how we got here and why is it that we've got a measure in front of us for an individual ban. Because I agree with his premise, which is where this Legislature started four years ago when we -- one of the very first states in the nation to take the responsibility of looking at PFAS in our environment overall, whether it's in our sofas, whether it's in our sludge, whether it's in our drinking water, whether it's in our cookware. And we did an overall ban. And since then, it's been a history of erosion as the industry and particularly the chemical manufacturers have come back into this state time and again with these little bills to try to undo that good work that we did then.

So, last year, as the Senator from -- actually, the Senator from York, Senator Ingwersen, stated, there was a recognition of the fact that maybe we should review some of this and do it in a different path and an orderly fashion, and that's what LD 1837 did last year. So, the reason that we're here with a small little bill related to polymer-coated cookware is because, in fact, it is the chemical industry that is asking us to roll back bit by bit, item by item, cookware by cookware every product off from that list. And this is the effort that we've been witness to, and I think today, it's time to stand up against that energy and reaffirm the position of this state, which is you've got a product with PFAS, you need to prove why it should exist, not the reverse.

And so, I will be voting for the Ought Not to Pass Report, Madam President.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair would recognize the Senator from Kennebec, Senator Cyrway.

Senator **CYRWAY:** Thank you, Madam President. I just want to make sure we don't lose our popcorn, my wife really like it, and I just want to --.

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

Senator **INGWERSEN:** Madam President, I would happily like to inform this Body that we have banned PFAS in food packaging, including popcorn bags, in 2019. So, you can happily eat your popcorn and hopefully, if the laws are being followed, there will be no PFAS in that popcorn. Thank you.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Sagadahoc, Senator Tepler.

Senator **TEPLER:** Thank you. I very much like to thank the Good Senator from Oxford, Senator Bennett, for his words because I completely agree with him. The choice of what to ban and what order it will be taken up in is not being made by this Legislature at this time. It is being made by the Department of Environmental Protection and they are making it with as much scientific thoughtfulness as is possible.

This particular carveout comes from the Good Senator from Turner's bill. It does not come from a previous bill that instated a ban on this particular substance.

THE PRESIDENT: The pending question before the Senate is Acceptance of the Majority Ought Not to Pass report. A roll call has been ordered. Is the Senate ready for the question?

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#108)

YEAS: Senators: BAILEY, BALDACCI, BEEBE-CENTER, BENNETT, BERNARD, BRENNER, CARNEY, CURRY, DUSON, GROHOSKI, GUERIN, HICKMAN, INGWERSEN, LAWRENCE, NANGLE, RAFFERTY, RENY, ROTUNDO, TALBOT ROSS, TEPLER, TIPPING, PRESIDENT DAUGHTRY

NAYS: Senators: BICKFORD, BLACK, BRADSTREET, CYRWAY, FARRIN, HAGGAN, HARRINGTON, LIBBY, MARTIN, MOORE, STEWART, TIMBERLAKE

EXCUSED: Senators: PIERCE

22 Senator having voted in the affirmative and 12 Senators having voted in the negative, with 1 Senators being excused, the motion by Senator **TEPLER** of Sagadahoc to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report, **PREVAILED**.

The University of Maine Women's Soccer Team, of Orono, which won the America East Championship, the team's second straight title. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 185

Presented by Representative DILL of Old Town.

Cosponsored by Senator TIPPING of Penobscot, Representative FAIRCLOTH of Bangor, Representative OSHER of Orono.

The University of Maine Men's Ice Hockey Team, of Orono, which won the Hockey East Championship. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 186

Presented by Representative COLLAMORE of Pittsfield.

Cosponsored by Senator TIPPING of Penobscot, Representative FAIRCLOTH of Bangor, Representative OSHER of Orono.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Aroostook, Senator Stewart.

Senator **STEWART:** Thank you very much, Madam President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. It is a great honor this morning to be welcoming these impressive athletes and young people to our Chamber here. As a very proud alumni of the University of Maine, it's been great to watch all of the athletic accomplishments there, but certainly the ones most notably recently here in both women's soccer and men's ice hockey.

It was an incredibly exciting season for both of them, but what strikes me even more is the professional demeanor that these young folks possess, the hard work that they put in personally, and all of the lessons that they're learning about life. It's such a great thing to see. I know that the successes that they will have won't end here on the field or on the ice, but continue out throughout your life and wherever you go and we wish you all the best and look forward to seeing those accomplishments that you'll no doubt have and making us all very proud here as alumni and leaders across the state.

So, with that, go blue, have fun here today at the State House, and best of the luck in the next season, for those that are coming back.

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

Senator **BICKFORD:** Thank you, Madam President. As a hockey fan, I rise today as the Senator from Auburn, a community where hockey runs deep. We have the only true ice rink in the state in Auburn, Norway Savings Bank Arena. Rinks are packed on winter nights, the love of the game is part of who we are. It's with great pride that I recognize the University of Maine Men's Hockey Team for an extraordinary season, one that reignited the spirit of Maine hockey and made fans all across our state, especially in Lewiston-Auburn, stand just a little taller.

This team brought back something we've long been proud of in Maine, a hardnosed, team-first style of hockey that reflects our values, grit, work ethic, and perseverance. Under head coach Ben Barr's leadership, these young men climbed through the national ranks, went toe to toe with some of the toughest programs in the country, and filled the Alfond Arena with energy we haven't seen in years. They reminded us all that Maine

hockey is not only back, it's building something special for the future.

To the seniors, thank you for your leadership and commitment. To the underclassmen, keep pushing. You're carrying the torch for a proud tradition.

I want to add as a grandfather of four young hockey players - two play in 10U and two are still at the 6-year-old level - Madam President, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the University of Maine Men's Hockey Team for a phenomenal season. As someone from a city where hockey is more than just a game, I can say with full confidence they've made us proud.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Penobscot, Senator Baldacci.

Senator **BALDACCI:** Thank you, Madam President. As an alumni and as somebody who has always believed the University of Maine is very close to our hearts, six of my -- of seven siblings, we all graduated from the University of Maine, and this is a very important institution and we understand that. And watching you men and women play on the field made us all very proud. Honestly. And I just wish you all the best success going forward and it's the college of our hearts always. Thank you.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair would recognize the other Senator from Penobscot, Senator Guerin.

Senator **GUERIN:** Thank you, Madam Chair -- Madam President, excuse me. I am delighted to welcome my Black Bears here to the Chamber. I was there in the beginning in the 1970s, standing in line in the cold to get that student seat, and having them back in the winner's circle this year was such a delight to my heart and I want to give them my congratulations.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair would recognize the other Senator from Penobscot, Senator Tipping.

Senator **TIPPING:** That may be all of us. Thank you, Madam President. I just want to thank you all for all of your efforts. I want to thank my seatmate, Senator Bickford, for having ESPN+ on his phone so we were able to follow some of the hockey team's deep run even though we were here in session. I want to say seeing the success this year brought back a lot of memories for me, growing up in Orono and sneaking into the Alfond during the third period through the smoker's entrance to watch previous appearances. And the success has buoyed our entire community.

I also want to thank the soccer players here today. Both my young kids play soccer, we got to attend a number of the games this last season, and thank you also for your participation in the soccer summer camp, which inspired and thrilled them. So, thank you all for your time and your efforts.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair would also note the players and our guests from the University of Maine today our deep appreciation from the entire Senate. You're our role model for our whole state. And with that, I would ask our incredible guests from the University of Maine to please rise, in the rear of the Chamber. They are the guests today of the entire Maine Senate. Would they please accept the greetings?

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Bill "An Act to Improve Women's Health and Economic Security by Funding Family Planning Services" S.P. 79 L.D. 143

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-12)**.

Signed:

Senators:

INGWERSEN of York
NANGLE of Cumberland

Representatives:

MEYER of Eliot
DEBRITO of Waterville
GRAHAM of North Yarmouth
MCCABE of Lewiston
SHAGOURY of Hallowell
ZAGER of Portland

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

Signed:

Senator:

MOORE of Washington

Representatives:

DAIGLE of Fort Kent
GRIFFIN of Levant
JAVNER of Chester
LEMELIN of Chelsea

Reports **READ**.

On motion by Senator **INGWERSEN** of York, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending **ACCEPTANCE OF EITHER REPORT**.

ENACTORS

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

Emergency Measure

An Act to Update References to the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986 Contained in the Maine Revised Statutes H.P. 12 L.D. 48
(C "A" H-36)

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

Emergency Measure

An Act to Amend the Hunting Laws Related to the Training of Dogs and Open Training Seasons H.P. 493 L.D. 751

This being an Emergency Measure and having received the affirmative vote of 32 Members of the Senate, with 0 Senators having voted in the negative, and 32 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 Measure

An Act Regarding the Emptying of Elver Fyke Nets H.P. 523 L.D. 816

This being an Emergency Measure and having received the affirmative vote of 32 Members of the Senate, with 0 Senators having voted in the negative, and 32 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.

Acts

An Act to Amend the Laws Governing the Commercial Large Game Shooting Area License Transfer Process H.P. 4 L.D. 40

An Act to Designate the Seppala Siberian Sleddog as the Maine State Dog H.P. 44 L.D. 80

An Act to Establish the Respite for ME Program H.P. 448 L.D. 709

An Act Regarding Charges to Uninsured Patients for COVID-19 Vaccines H.P. 582 L.D. 917

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

Resolves

Resolve, to Rename a Bridge in the Town of Waterboro the Waterboro Veterans Memorial Bridge

H.P. 385 L.D. 617

Resolve, to Honor Scarborough Veterans by Renaming the Pine Point Crossing Bridge the Scarborough Veterans Memorial Bridge

H.P. 548 L.D. 862

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

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Unfinished Business

The following matters in the consideration of which the Senate was engaged at the time of Adjournment have preference in the Orders of the Day and continue with such preference until disposed of as provided by Senate Rule 516.

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later Assigned (3/11/25) matter:

JOINT ORDER - Expression of Legislative Sentiment Recognizing Pamela Ross, of Lewiston

SLS 218

Tabled - March 11, 2025 by Senator **ROTUNDO** of Androscoggin

Pending - **PASSAGE**

READ and **PASSED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Senate considered the following additional papers:

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

House Papers

Bill "An Act to Allow the Keeping of Chickens on Private Residential Property"

H.P. 1096 L.D. 1655

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator **TALBOT ROSS** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Develop Maine's Credentialed Workforce"

H.P. 1094 L.D. 1653

Comes 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 Preserve and Strengthen the Fund for a Healthy Maine"

H.P. 1099 L.D. 1658

Comes 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.

Bill "An Act Relating to Health Care Transparency and the Maine Health Data Organization"

H.P. 1104 L.D. 1663

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

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

Bill "An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding Zoning and Land Use Restrictions to Limit Certain Requirements to Municipalities with Populations of More than 10,000"

H.P. 1103 L.D. 1662

Comes 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 Allow Paralegals to Be Paid by the Maine Commission on Public Defense Services"

H.P. 1091 L.D. 1650

Bill "An Act to Remove the Term 'Alleged' When Referring to Victims of Sexual Assault in the Maine Revised Statutes"

H.P. 1092 L.D. 1651

Bill "An Act to Facilitate Compliance with Federal Immigration Law by State and Local Government Entities"

H.P. 1097 L.D. 1656

Bill "An Act Creating a Private Right of Action Against a Government Employer"

H.P. 1101 L.D. 1660

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 Create a Tax Credit for Providers of Dental Care for MaineCare Recipients"

H.P. 1093 L.D. 1652

Bill "An Act to Allow a Grace Period for the Payment of Excise Tax for Adult Use Cannabis Cultivation Facilities"

H.P. 1095 L.D. 1654

Come 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.

The Senate considered the following additional papers:

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

House Papers

Bill "An Act to Expand the Use of Tax Increment Revenue for Affordable Housing by Adding Authorized Project Costs"

H.P. 1098 L.D. 1657

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

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

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

Bill "An Act to Raise Revenue to Fund Firefighting Equipment Purchases and Training Related to Electric Vehicle Fires Through a Fee on Electric Vehicles"

H.P. 1100 L.D. 1659

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

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

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

Bill "An Act to Establish a Comprehensive and Interagency Approach to Invasive Species Management"

H.P. 1102 L.D. 1661

Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** suggested and ordered printed.

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY**.

On motion by Senator **BALDACCI** of Penobscot, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

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

Off Record Remarks

On motion by Senator **DUSON** of Cumberland, **ADJOURNED**, until Thursday, April 17, 2025 at 10:00 in the morning.