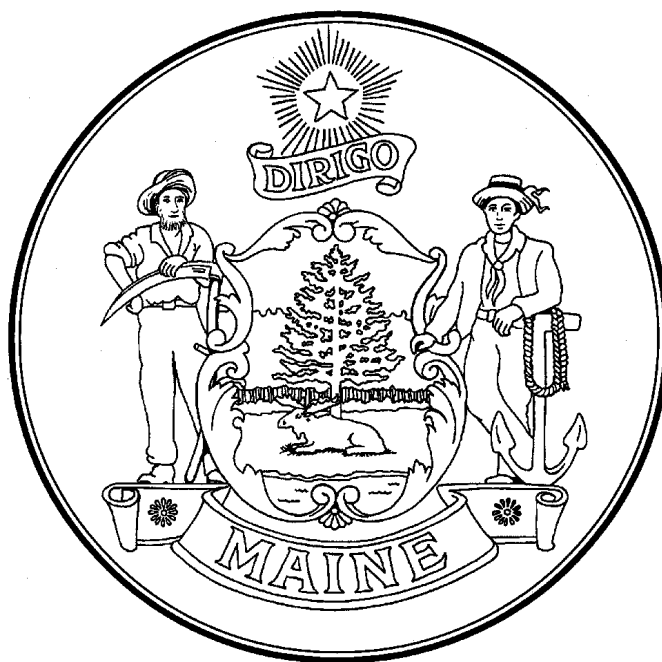


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**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION
JOURNAL AND RECORD OF THE SENATE**

In Senate Chamber
Wednesday
April 23, 2025

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

Prayer by Senator Mark W. Lawrence of York County.

SENATOR LAWRENCE: Une prière pour les représentants élus et les fonctionnaires. A prayer for public servants. Esprit Saint, aujourd'hui, nous nous souvenons des paroles de votre serviteur, le pape François, qui est avec vous maintenant. Holy Spirit, today we remember the words of your servant Pope Francis, who is with you now. Les rivières ne boivent pas leur propre eau. Rivers do not drink their own water. Les arbres ne mangent pas leurs propre fruits. The trees do not eat their own fruit. Le soleil ne brille pas sur lui-même. The sun does not shine on itself. Les fleurs ne répandent pas leur parfum pour elles-mêmes. The flowers do not spread their fragrance for themselves. Vivre pour les autres es la règle de la nature. To live for others is the rule of nature. Nous sommes nés pour s'aider les uns les autres. We are born to help each other. Peu importe la difficulté la vie est bonne quand on est heureux. No matter how difficult life is, life is good when you are happy. Mais beaucoup mieux quand les autres sont heureux à cause de vous. But life is better when others are happy because of you. Amen.

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

Reading of the Journal of Tuesday, April 22, 2025.

Medical Provider of the Day, Lori Towne, FNP of Dover Foxcroft.

Off Record Remarks

SENATE PAPERS

Bill "An Act to Ensure Data Reporting for Temporary Nurse Agencies"

S.P. 687 L.D. 1769

Presented by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot.

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 Incorporate Probate Judges into the Maine Judicial Branch"

S.P. 684 L.D. 1766

Presented by Senator CARNEY of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative WHITE of Ellsworth and Senator: GROHOSKI of Hancock, Representatives: BISHOP of Bucksport, KUHN of Falmouth, LEE of Auburn, MILLIKEN of Blue Hill.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Amend the Waldo County Budget Adoption Process and Allow Residents Who Are Not Municipal Officers to Serve on the Waldo County Budget Committee"

S.P. 685 L.D. 1767

Presented by Senator CURRY of Waldo.

On motion by Senator **BEEBE-CENTER** of Knox, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Protect Residents of Mobile Home Parks by Amending the Real Estate Transfer Tax"

S.P. 686 L.D. 1768

Presented by Senator BAILEY of York.
Cosponsored by Representative GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach and Senators: BALDACCI of Penobscot, CURRY of Waldo, HICKMAN of Kennebec, NANGLE of Cumberland, RENY of Lincoln, TALBOT ROSS of Cumberland, TIPPING of Penobscot.

Bill "An Act to Provide Immediate and Long-term Property Tax Relief to Maine Households" (EMERGENCY)
S.P. 688 L.D. 1770

Presented by President DAUGHTRY of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Speaker FECTEAU of Biddeford and Senators: BALDACCI of Penobscot, BICKFORD of Androscoggin, CARNEY of Cumberland, LIBBY of Cumberland, PIERCE of Cumberland, STEWART of Aroostook, Representatives: ANKELES of Brunswick, MATLACK of St. George.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

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

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

House Papers

Bill "An Act to Modify Provisions of the State Civil Service System Governing Employee Recruitment and Retention"
H.P. 1162 L.D. 1744

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT**.

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

Bill "An Act to Allow Municipalities to Prohibit Firearms Within Their Municipal Buildings and Voting Places and at Their Municipal Public Proceedings"
H.P. 1161 L.D. 1743

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

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

Bill "An Act to Improve the Growth Management Program Laws"
H.P. 1169 L.D. 1751

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**.

On motion by Senator **BEEBE-CENTER** of Knox, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Senate at Ease.

The Senate was called to order by the President.

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

At this point the Senate retired to the Hall of the House where a Joint Convention was formed.

Following the Joint Convention the Senate was called to order in the Senate Chamber by the President.

Joint Resolutions

Joint Resolutions in Memoriam:

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

Andrea Quaid, of Lewiston. Ms. Quaid worked in investment management services for banks in New York, Chicago, London and Paris before starting a career in government service. She worked in the office of Congressman Michael Michaud and at the time of her death as a Constituent Services Representative for Senator Angus King, handling casework around immigration and State Department issues. In the community, she performed for the Lewiston-Auburn Community Little Theatre in *To Kill a Mockingbird*, *You Can't Take It With You*, *The Importance of Being Earnest* and *The Odd Couple*. She served on the boards of the Franco-American Collection at the Lewiston-Auburn Campus of the University of Southern Maine, the Androscoggin Land Trust, the Lewiston-Auburn Community Little Theatre and the Dartmouth College Club of Maine. Ms. Quaid will be long remembered and sadly missed by her family, friends and community;

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The Joint Resolution was **READ**.

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

Senator **ROTUNDO:** Thank you, Madam President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Andrea Quaid had keen intelligence, a generous heart, a devotion to public service and, I must add, a wonderful sense of humor. She was also one of the most effective legislative and congressional aides I have ever worked with. There was no constituent problem she couldn't fix.

Andrea spent a good deal of time in Aroostook County, helping Mike Michaud with his re-election campaigns. She was fluent in French and loved her time in the County. She often spoke about the wonderful people she met and how much she

admired them. Her last gift to us was the example of her courage as she faced a series of health challenges in recent years.

Andrea was an extraordinary public servant and a very loyal friend. She will continue to be deeply missed by her friends, colleagues, and family. Thank you.

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

Senator **BICKFORD:** Thank you, Madam President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. I first met Andrea Quaid in the Androscoggin County Chamber of Commerce when she was working for Congressman Michaud. I then got to work with her in the Lewiston-Auburn Community Little Theatre when we performed in Shakespeare in Hollywood. And one of her lines was she was the leader out front where she had to pronounce the word "Saco" as "Sayco." And it was a good play, we enjoyed it. I always had a lot of love for Andrea and I'm going to miss her dearly. Thank you.

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

Senator **BENNETT:** Thank you, Madam President, Fellow Members of the Senate. I rise today to share some reflections on Andrea as well, and I had the opportunity yesterday to communicate with former Congressman Michaud and he shared some thoughts that I will share with you as well today.

Andrea Quaid was a truly remarkable woman who has, as been noted, devoted her life to service, to friendship, and the pursuit of knowledge. Andrea, says former Congressman Michaud, was more than a colleague, she was a steadfast advocate, a trusted confidante, and a cherished friend. During her time working in his office, she embodied the highest ideals of public service. As the staff member responsible for constituent services, Andrea was a tireless champion for the people of Maine. She approached her work with sharp intellect, deep compassion, and a fierce dedication that set her apart.

Diane Jackson, who worked for Senator Olympia Snowe when Andrea was working for Congressman Michaud, said this about her; Andrea was a rare soul, who was passionate about her friends as well as her community. She possessed the one trait we should all strive for, human kindness.

Andrea was often the voice for those who felt unheard, always working behind the scenes to ensure that every constituent was treated with respect, with empathy, and with dignity. Her quiet effectiveness left a lasting impact on countless lives. Andrea's influence extended well beyond her professional life. She was a passionate lover of literature, theater, and all things French. Fitting to honor her today. A true connoisseur of culture, her appreciation for the arts enriched not only her own life, but also the lives of those around her. With her quick wit and infectious laugh, Andrea had a way of bringing light even to the most difficult moments.

As we remember Andrea today, let us celebrate not only the sorrow of her passing but the joy she brought into our lives. Let us honor her memory by carrying forward the same compassion, dedication, and intellectual curiosity that defined her. Though Andrea may no longer be with us in person, her spirit lives on in the many, many lives she touched, and in the values she upheld with such quiet strength.

On behalf of Congressman Michaud and all who had the

privilege to know and work with her, I want to say to her spirit; Andrea, thank you for your service, your friendship, and your unwavering kindness. You will be dearly missed and your memory will remain a guiding light. Thank you.

The Joint Resolution was **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair is pleased to recognize in the rear of the Chamber, Donald and Sherrie Bergman and Molly Quaid. They are from the town of Brunswick, and they are the guests of the Senators from Androscoggin and Senator Daughtry and Senator Rotundo. Will they please rise and accept the greetings of the Senate?

Off Record Remarks

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication:

S.C. 290

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

April 18, 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. 1295	An Act to Waive Basic Law Enforcement Training Requirements for Full-time Law Enforcement Officers Who Have Successfully Completed Equivalent Courses in Other Jurisdictions
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This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Anne Beebe-Center
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Tavis Rock Hasenfus
House Chair

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

The Following Communication:

S.C. 289

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

April 18, 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 Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 1300 An Act to Strengthen Maine's Implied Warranty Laws

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Donna Bailey
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Kristi M. Mathieson
House Chair

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

The Following Communication:

S.C. 288

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

April 18, 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. 951 An Act to Require Disclosure of Campaign Funding Sources

L.D. 1350 An Act to Ban Corporate Contributions to Candidates

L.D. 1527 An Act to Require Postage Prepaid Envelopes Be Provided for the Return of Absentee Ballots

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 As Amended

The Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** on Resolve, to Establish the Criminal Justice Legal Aid Clinic Pilot Project at the University of Maine School of Law
H.P. 570 L.D. 884

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-60)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-60)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-60) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

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

The Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** on Resolve, to Rename a Bridge in Bingham the Barry A. DeLong Bridge
H.P. 189 L.D. 289

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-61)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-61)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-61) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

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

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act to Include School Counselors in the Educators for Maine Program"

H.P. 63 L.D. 98

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-59)**.

Signed:

Senators:

RAFFERTY of York
PIERCE of Cumberland

Representatives:

MURPHY of Scarborough
BRENNAN of Portland
CROCKETT of Portland
DODGE of Belfast
MITCHELL of Cumberland
SARGENT of York

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

Signed:

Senator:

LIBBY of Cumberland

Representatives:

BAGSHAW of Windham
HAGGAN of Hampden
LYMAN of Livermore Falls

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-59)** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-59)**.

Reports **READ**.

Senator **RAFFERTY** of York moved the Senate **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report, in concurrence.

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

Senator **LIBBY:** Thank you, Madam President, Men and Women of the Senate. Good morning still. I just had to check. We opposed -- some Members of the Republican caucus in the Education Committee opposed this bill. Just a brief note about it.

The Educators for Maine is a competitive, merit-based, forgivable loan for Maine students pursuing careers in education, speech pathology, and childcare. And these students plan to live and work in Maine, so it sounds pretty good. I think the problem that we had was that there was this EASE grant that was received -- federal funding that was received for provision of mental health services. Well, some of the money from the EASE grant is being put into this bill before it's even law. So, in other words, apparently, we've had this ease grant for two years and the money hasn't been allocated or sent anywhere. And this is typical of what I've been seeing in a lot of allocations lately and, in fact, the State Auditor made it a point of saying that there have been a lot of these kinds of allocations that aren't properly or correctly provided with the correct paperwork and the authority over the money being moved is loose, I guess that's the best way to put it. So, our concern was that, you know, adding school counselors to receive aid in a postbaccalaureate degree program - that sounds great, I don't think that we're necessarily opposed to that - but currently, in current law, the postbaccalaureate aid is a competitive grant and it goes to educators. It goes to teachers, it doesn't go to specialists, and we're only choosing one specialist in this case and adding them to the law.

So, yes, there is a need for school counselors, I don't think there's any doubt that there's a shortage there, but the funding that's coming from the EASE grant, which was that federal grant, is said to be covering two years of the competitive grant that we're getting for the school counselors. And again, that -- I don't know if we're just, you know, shifting around money willy-nilly or what, but that's typically not the way a federal grant would be utilized for something where the law hasn't even been passed yet.

So, that was our concerns, and I appreciate you listening, and I would urge Members to vote against the pending motion.

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

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

Senator **RAFFERTY:** Thank you, Madam President. I'd just like to speak just to kind of make some clarifications here.

So, this is a department bill that was -- we've been asked to

look at, and it is definitely targeting a need. So, this whole program, in terms of the financial assistance, is under the Educators for Maine program and that is overseen by FAME. Originally just for teachers as was mentioned but in '99, we added a group that was needed at the time was speech pathologists. They were added in. Then in 2003, there was another need, and we added in childcare candidates. So, this particular -- right now, we're asking that it add counselors because there's been a statewide report and concerns expressed that the mental health of our students in our schools have a desperate need for counselors. They want to help students address the multiple concerns that they're dealing with and making counselors eligible to receive the financial assistance may help attract needed candidates.

And I ask again that we support the Ought to Pass as Amended motion. Thank you.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Lincoln, Senator Reny.

Senator **RENY:** Thank you, Madam President. You know, when I saw this bill on the calendar, I was worried we are going to have a different kind of floor debate, and I'm really thankful that we're not, honestly.

I just want to point out, I guess, as a school counselor, that school counselors are absolutely a crucial part of the education team, so to speak, and I just -- I won't go into the whole history of what school counselors are and all the things we do, but I just want to point out that school counselors are responsible - and I'm talking school counselors, 075 certification for the State of Maine, they work with the whole school, not just specific groups or specific populations. They are a tier 1 intervention, for those who are really into school stuff, sometimes tier 2 because we are specialists, but, you know, we are teaching classes, we are working with everyone, and we are needed desperately throughout the state and they need more of us.

So, I'm definitely going to be supporting this motion. Thank you.

THE PRESIDENT: The pending question before the Senate is Acceptance of the Majority Ought to Pass as Amended report. A roll call has been ordered. Is the Senate ready for the question?

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

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

ROLL CALL (#122)

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

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

EXCUSED: Senators: CARNEY, LAWRENCE, NANGLE, STEWART

18 Senator having voted in the affirmative and 13 Senators having voted in the negative, with 4 Senators being excused the motion by Senator **RAFFERTY** of York to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **PREVAILED**, in concurrence.

Bill READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-59) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** on Resolve, Directing the Maine Arts Commission to Study Federal and National Efforts to Protect Artists from Copyright Infringement by Artificial Intelligence Companies and Users and to Monitor Educational Use

H.P. 74 L.D. 109

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-58).**

Signed:

Senators:
RAFFERTY of York
PIERCE of Cumberland

Representatives:
MURPHY of Scarborough
BRENNAN of Portland
CARLOW of Buxton
CROCKETT of Portland
DODGE of Belfast
MITCHELL of Cumberland
SARGENT of York

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

Signed:

Senator:

LIBBY of Cumberland

Representatives:

BAGSHAW of Windham

HAGGAN of Hampden

LYMAN of Livermore Falls

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-58)** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-58)**.

Reports **READ**.

Senator **RAFFERTY** of York moved the Senate **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report, in concurrence.

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

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

Senator **LIBBY**: Thank you, Madam President. Again, on 5-4, the -- I think the intention of the bill is certainly a positive one. The issue that we really had is that Maine currently has an AI taskforce, and I'm on it, and we thought that it would be duplicative if we had this study and that in a year where we are having a difficult time balancing the Maine state budget, we thought it was the appropriate and responsible thing to do to vote against this and put it off until a later date.

Thank you very much, Madam President.

THE PRESIDENT: The pending question before the Senate is Acceptance of the Majority Ought to Pass as Amended. 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 (#123)

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

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

EXCUSED: Senators: CARNEY, LAWRENCE, STEWART

18 Senator having voted in the affirmative and 14 Senators having voted in the negative, with 4 Senators being excused the motion by Senator **RAFFERTY** of York to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **PREVAILED**, in concurrence.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-58) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** on Bill "An Act to Establish Immunity for a Receiver Appointed by the Public Utilities Commission to Oversee the Operations of a Consumer-owned Water Utility"

H.P. 746 L.D. 1127

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

Signed:

Senators:

LAWRENCE of York

GROHOSKI of Hancock

HARRINGTON of York

Representatives:

SACHS of Freeport

FOSTER of Dexter

GEIGER of Rockland

KESSLER of South Portland

MCINTYRE of Lowell

RUNTE of York

WADSWORTH of Hiram

WARREN of Scarborough

WEBB of Durham

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

Signed:

Representative:

PAUL of Winterport

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

Reports **READ**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

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

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Bill "An Act to Fund Free Health Clinics"
H.P. 34 L.D. 70

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-63)**.

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

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-63)** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-63)**.

Reports **READ**.

Senator **INGWERSEN** of York moved the Senate **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report, in concurrence.

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

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#124)

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

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

EXCUSED: Senators: CARNEY, LAWRENCE, STEWART

19 Senator having voted in the affirmative and 13 Senators having voted in the negative, with 3 Senators being excused the motion by Senator **INGWERSEN** of York to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **PREVAILED**, in concurrence.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-63) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **LABOR** on Bill "An Act to Establish a Health Care Gap Year Program for Recent College Graduates"

H.P. 442 L.D. 703

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-64)**.

Signed:

Senators:

TIPPING of Penobscot
BRADSTREET of Kennebec
RAFFERTY of York

Representatives:

ROEDER of Bangor
ARCHER of Saco
BECK of South Portland
DRINKWATER of Milford
MACIAS of Topsham
SKOLD of Portland

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

Signed:

Representatives:

COLLINS of Sidney
LIBBY of Auburn
SOBOLESKI of Phillips

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-64)** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-64)**.

Reports **READ**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-64) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

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

Senate

Ought to Pass As Amended

Senator BAILEY for the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** on Bill "An Act to Protect Emergency Medical Services Persons' Right to Work in Multiple Health Care Settings"

S.P. 104 L.D. 238

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-22)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-22) **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 **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** on Bill "An Act to Allow Persons to Label Their Wild Animal Traps with Their Online Identification Number Issued by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife"

S.P. 18 L.D. 6

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-23)**.

Signed:

Senators:

BALDACCI of Penobscot
GUERIN of Penobscot

Representatives:

ROBERTS of South Berwick
BRIDGEO of Augusta
CLUCHEY of Bowdoinham
DILL of Old Town
LANCE of Paris
MASON of Lisbon
TERRY of Gorham
THORNE of Carmel
WOOD of Greene
WOODSOME of Waterboro

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

Signed:

Senator:

CARNEY of Cumberland

Reports **READ**.

Senator **BALDACCI** of Penobscot moved the Senate **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report.

On motion by Senator **PIERCE** of Cumberland, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending the motion by Senator **BALDACCI** of Penobscot to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report.

ENACTORS

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

Emergency Measure

An Act to Provide an Exception to a Fishing Prohibition near the Crooked Brook Dam

H.P. 11 L.D. 47
(C "A" H-46)

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 to Provide for the 2025 and 2026 Allocations of the State Ceiling on Private Activity Bonds

S.P. 293 L.D. 678
(C "A" S-13)

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 to Require the Issuance of Maine Agricultural Fair Licenses Every 4 Years

H.P. 597 L.D. 932
(C "A" H-52)

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 Repeal the Sunday Amateur Sports Law, the Law Allowing Municipalities to Permit the Operation of Movie Theaters on Sundays and the Law Imposing a Fine or Imprisonment for Playing Games and Sports with Admission Charges on Memorial Day

H.P. 237 L.D. 337

An Act to Support Removal of Overboard Discharge Systems
H.P. 255 L.D. 401
(C "A" H-51)

An Act to Ensure That the Exemption of Certain Agricultural Buildings from the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code Includes Maple Sugarhouses

H.P. 371 L.D. 603

An Act to Amend the Membership of the State Employee Health Commission and Make Referential Changes to the Office of Employee Health, Wellness and Workers' Compensation
H.P. 446 L.D. 707
(C "A" H-50)

An Act to Allow for Rescission of a Site Location of Development Permit When a Development Is Decommissioned
H.P. 447 L.D. 708

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

An Act to Grant the Rockland Port District an Increase in Its Borrowing Capacity and Include Sustainable Aquaculture and Marine Industries in Its Charter

H.P. 787 L.D. 1182

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

An Act to Align the Schedules for Climate Change Protection Plans and Grid-enhancing Technology Reviews with the Integrated Grid Planning Process

H.P. 815 L.D. 1240

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

An Act to Improve Efficiency of Meat and Poultry Processing Facilities by Requiring the Designation of State Inspectors as Essential

H.P. 211 L.D. 311
(C "A" H-54)

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

An Act to Restore Matching Funding to the Maine Development Foundation

H.P. 397 L.D. 629
(C "A" H-56)

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

An Act to Prohibit Persons Under 18 Years of Age from Marrying
H.P. 790 L.D. 1185

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

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

The Chair noted the absence of the Senator from Cumberland, Senator **BRENNER**, and the Senator from Penobscot, Senator **TIPPING**, and further excused the same Senators from today's Roll Call votes.

ROLL CALL (#125)

YEAS: Senators: BALDACCI, BEEBE-CENTER, BENNETT, BICKFORD, BRADSTREET, CURRY, DUSON, GROHOSKI, HAGGAN, HARRINGTON, INGWERSEN, NANGLE, PIERCE, RAFFERTY, RENY, ROTUNDO, TALBOT ROSS, TEPLER, PRESIDENT DAUGHTRY

NAYS: Senators: BAILEY, BERNARD, BLACK, CYRWAY, FARRIN, GUERIN, HICKMAN, LIBBY, MARTIN, MOORE, TIMBERLAKE

EXCUSED: Senators: BRENNER, CARNEY, LAWRENCE, STEWART, TIPPING

19 Senator having voted in the affirmative and 11 Senators having voted in the negative, with 5 Senators being excused

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

Resolves

Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 27: Standards for Timber Harvesting and Timber Harvesting Related Activities Within Unorganized and Deorganized Areas of the State, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Forestry
H.P. 492 L.D. 750
(C "A" H-55)

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

Resolve, Directing the Department of Public Safety, Office of the State Fire Marshal to Compile a Statewide Inventory of Aqueous Film-forming Foam Concentrate

H.P. 254 L.D. 400
(C "A" H-53)

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

Resolve, Directing the Permanent Commission on the Status of Women to Study the Extent of Workforce Gender Segregation in the State

H.P. 341 L.D. 522
(C "A" H-49)

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

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

Senate at Ease.

The Senate was called to order by the President.

The Senate considered the following additional papers:

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

House Papers

Bill "An Act to Ensure Equitable Staffing Ratios Across the State for Career and Technical Education Programs in Areas with Smaller Student Populations"

H.P. 1183 L.D. 1764

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 Ensure Affordability and Stability in Housing for Mobile Home Park Residents"

H.P. 1184 L.D. 1765

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 Regulate Nonwater-dependent Floating Structures on Maine's Waters"

H.P. 1182 L.D. 1763

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

On motion by Senator **BALDACCI** of Penobscot, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** 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 24, 2025 at 10:00 in the morning in memory and lasting tribute of Andrea Quaid of Lewiston.