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OF THE
STATE OF MAINE

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TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.

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on African American and indigenous farmers in the State. The commission shall report its findings and recommendations, including suggested legislation, to the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry by January 17, 2022. The joint standing committee may submit a bill to the Second Regular Session of the 130th Legislature relating to the subject matter of the report.

Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations. Resolved: That the following appropriations and allocations are made.

LABOR, DEPARTMENT OF

Racial, Indigenous and Maine Tribal Populations Z287

Initiative: Provides one-time funds for a study of the impact of policies regarding agriculture, access to land, access to grants and access to financing on African American and indigenous farmers in the State.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	\$20,000	\$0
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$20,000	\$0

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CHAPTER 28

H.P. 693 - L.D. 937

Resolve, To Direct the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry and the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife To Jointly Develop Recommendations Regarding Carbon Storage Programs and Policies

Sec. 1. Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry and Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to develop recommendations regarding carbon storage programs and policies. Resolved: That the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry and the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife shall jointly develop recommendations for the establishment of programs and policies to promote and incentivize, where appropriate, practices that increase sequestration of soil carbon on natural and working lands by farmers, landowners and land managers, including, but not limited to, technical assistance and financial incentives for that purpose. The departments shall consult with stakeholders with expertise on carbon storage programs, agriculture, forestry, land management and economic incentives for

carbon storage and with members of the Maine Climate Council's working lands working group established pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 38, section 577-A, subsection 7, paragraph D.

Sec. 2. Reports regarding carbon storage programs and policies. Resolved: That, on or before March 1, 2022, the departments under section 1 shall submit an interim report with findings and recommendations to the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, and the joint standing committee may submit a bill to the 130th Legislature relating to the subject matter of the interim report. On or before September 1, 2022, the departments shall submit a final report with findings and recommendations to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over agricultural, conservation and forestry matters, and the joint standing committee may submit a bill to the First Regular Session of the 131st Legislature relating to the subject matter of the report.

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CHAPTER 29

H.P. 962 - L.D. 1306

Resolve, To Facilitate the Inclusion of Crisis Response Services in Emergency Services Offered through the E-9-1-1 System

Sec. 1. Emergency Services Communications Bureau; report. Resolved: That, in consultation with the Department of Public Safety, the E-9-1-1 Council, established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 12004-I, subsection 74-A, crisis response services providers and other stakeholders, the Public Utilities Commission, Emergency Services Communications Bureau shall research and review protocols and procedures necessary to ensure the delivery of crisis response services under the State's E-9-1-1 system. On or before February 1, 2022, the Emergency Services Communications Bureau shall submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology outlining protocols and procedures necessary to ensure the delivery of crisis response services under the State's E-9-1-1 system and including any recommendations, including proposed legislation, necessary to implement such protocols and procedures. The report under this section may also include measures for the training of dispatch staff in the provision of crisis response services. After reviewing the report, the joint standing committee may report out related legislation to the 130th Legislature.

As used in this section, "crisis response services" means services offered to individuals experiencing mental health emergencies, emergencies relating to substance use disorder or other emergencies for which fire,

emergency medical or police services are determined not to be required.

Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations. Resolved: That the following appropriations and allocations are made.

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Emergency Services Communication Bureau 0994

Initiative: Provides a one-time allocation for consulting services.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	\$100,000	\$0
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$100,000</u>	<u>\$0</u>

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CHAPTER 30

H.P. 1041 - L.D. 1425

Resolve, To Dedicate a Portion of Route 6 from Lee to Springfield in Honor of Sgt. Blair Emery

Sec. 1. Designate a portion of Route 6 the Sgt. Blair Emery Road. Resolved: That the Department of Transportation shall designate Route 6 in the Town of Lee and the Town of Springfield the Sgt. Blair Emery Road.

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CHAPTER 31

S.P. 502 - L.D. 1560

Resolve, Authorizing the State To Convey to the Passamaquoddy Tribe the State's Interest in a Certain Parcel of Land in the Town of Meddybemps

Sec. 1. Authority to convey state land. Resolved: That, notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the State may transfer a certain parcel of land described in section 2 to the Passamaquoddy Tribe, subject to such terms and conditions described in sections 3 to 6.

Sec. 2. Description of land transferred. Resolved: That the land authorized to be conveyed pursuant to this resolve is a parcel of land of approximately 3.2 acres located on the northern side of State Route 191 in Meddybemps, Washington County, described in a

deed recorded in the Washington County Registry of Deeds, Book 2462, Page 212.

Sec. 3. Land subject to terms and conditions. Resolved: That the State may convey the parcel described in section 2 upon such terms and conditions as the Commissioner of Environmental Protection considers appropriate and necessary to ensure access to the property transferred, compliance with encumbrances of record and inclusion of any new restrictions determined necessary by the Department of Environmental Protection or the United States Environmental Protection Agency.

Sec. 4. Land to be transferred as is. Resolved: That the land described in section 2 must be transferred by release deed "as is" with no representations or warranties as to title, subject to any and all terms, conditions, encumbrances, restrictions and liens of record, including those described in section 3.

Sec. 5. Release of liability for historical contamination. Resolved: That the Passamaquoddy Tribe's compliance with the terms, conditions, encumbrances and restrictions described in section 3 releases the Passamaquoddy Tribe of any state environmental contamination claims, including natural resource damage claims, that have or in the future may accrue to the State or its agencies as a result of the historic contamination of the land by parties other than the Passamaquoddy Tribe.

Sec. 6. Repeal. Resolved: That sections 1 to 4 of this resolve are repealed 5 years from its effective date.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 32

S.P. 41 - L.D. 33

Resolve, Directing the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry To Seek Input from Stakeholders on the State's Hemp Program

Sec. 1. Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to seek input from stakeholders on the State's hemp program. Resolved: That the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry shall meet with and seek input from stakeholders on the United States Department of Agriculture Domestic Hemp Production Program requirements. The department shall study and monitor other state hemp programs, including states that are following federal hemp program regulations and states that are not in compliance with federal hemp program regulations. The department shall submit a report with findings and recommendations to the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry no later than