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TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.

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2. If it is feasible, how useful is the information under subsection 1 to residential and small nonresidential consumers in understanding their electric supply costs and what are the estimated costs to competitive electricity providers and standard-offer service providers for supplying the information;

3. If it is not feasible, what are the barriers to providing the information under subsection 1 to transmission and distribution utilities and what information is available to competitive electricity providers and standard-offer service providers that may be provided to assist consumers in understanding their electric supply costs; and

4. Whether it is feasible for competitive electricity providers and standard-offer service providers to calculate the levelized cost of electricity for each power source used by each provider to serve the provider's load and, if not, what data elements would be needed in order to calculate the levelized costs. For the purposes of this subsection, "levelized cost of electricity" means a measurement of the cost of building and operating a source of electrical generation over an assumed lifetime.

Sec. 2. Electric consumer education. Resolved: That the Public Utilities Commission shall consider methods the commission could undertake to better educate electric consumers on their electric energy supply and the reasons for fluctuations in the price for that supply.

Sec. 3. Report. Resolved: That, by February 10, 2024, the Public Utilities Commission shall submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology that includes the information gathered under section 1 and what methods the commission considered under section 2, along with any recommendations. The committee may report out a bill related to the report to the 131st Legislature in 2024.

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CHAPTER 13

S.P. 181 - L.D. 400

Resolve, Directing the Department of Environmental Protection to Examine Regulatory Requirements for Outdoor Wood Boilers

Sec. 1. Review of laws and rules regarding outdoor wood boilers. Resolved: That the Department of Environmental Protection shall review the laws governing outdoor wood boilers, including the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 38, section 610-B, and rules adopted by the department relating to emission standards, stack height requirements and setback requirements for new installations of outdoor wood boilers. In

the review, the department shall determine if stack height and setback requirements for new installations of outdoor wood boilers should be amended, taking into consideration the emission standards of the most recent models of outdoor wood boilers. By January 5, 2024, the department shall submit a report relating to the review, including findings and recommendations, to the Joint Standing Committee on Environment and Natural Resources. The joint standing committee may report out a bill relating to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature.

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CHAPTER 14

S.P. 419 - L.D. 1050

Resolve, Directing the Department of Labor to Request a Federal Waiver to Allow Presumptive Work Eligibility for Asylum Seekers

Sec. 1. Commissioner of Labor to request federal waiver to allow asylum seekers to work in the State. Resolved: That the Commissioner of Labor shall request a waiver from the United States Department of Homeland Security, United States Citizenship and Immigration Services to allow asylum seekers to work in the State. The waiver must request that any asylum seeker in the State who has applied for asylum and who has not been denied asylum is eligible to work in the State:

1. For the 6-month period immediately after the asylum seeker has applied for asylum and is awaiting a decision on a pending asylum application; and

2. For any period of time following the expiration of the asylum seeker's existing asylum work permit while the asylum seeker's application is pending renewal by the Federal Government.

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CHAPTER 15

S.P. 110 - L.D. 244

Resolve, Directing Maine Emergency Medical Services to Convene a Stakeholder Group to Explore Emergency Medical Services Career Pathways and Educational Opportunities in the State

Sec. 1. Emergency medical services stakeholder group established. Resolved: That the Department of Public Safety, Maine Emergency Medical

Services shall convene a stakeholder group to explore career pathways and educational opportunities for emergency medical services providers in the State. Maine Emergency Medical Services shall invite the participation of the Maine Community College System, the University of Maine System, other public and private entities that provide emergency medical services education or training programs in the State and individuals with relevant backgrounds and experiences in emergency medical services education and training and in the delivery of emergency medical services. No later than January 15, 2024, Maine Emergency Medical Services shall submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety that outlines the activities of the stakeholder group and any recommendations of the group, including any proposed legislation. The joint standing committee may report out legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature.

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CHAPTER 16

H.P. 429 - L.D. 660

Resolve, Naming a Pond in the Town of New Gloucester as MacDonald Pond

Sec. 1. MacDonald Pond. Resolved: That the pond located in the Town of New Gloucester and having Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, Maine Information Display and Analysis System identification number 5886 is named MacDonald Pond.

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CHAPTER 17

H.P. 519 - L.D. 830

Resolve, Directing the Maine Community College System to Study Providing On-campus Housing on All Campuses

Sec. 1. Campus housing study. Resolved: That the Maine Community College System shall study providing on-campus housing for students, focusing in particular on campuses that do not offer housing currently. The system shall consider the cost of constructing housing, available space on campuses, the cost to students, other infrastructure and staff that would be necessary to support housing, alternate housing options and any other issues the system feels are appropriate. The system shall report its findings and any suggested legislation to the Joint Standing Committee on

Education and Cultural Affairs no later than December 6, 2023.

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CHAPTER 18

H.P. 860 - L.D. 1346

Resolve, Authorizing the Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands Within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to Lease Certain Land Within Somerset County

Preamble. The Constitution of Maine, Article IX, Section 23 requires that real estate held by the State for conservation or recreation purposes may not be reduced or its uses substantially altered except on the vote of 2/3 of all members elected to each House.

Whereas, the Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry may sell, lease or exchange lands with the approval of the Legislature in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 12, sections 1814, 1837 and 1851; now, therefore, be it

Sec. 1. Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands is authorized, but not directed, to lease certain land within Upper Enchanted Township, Somerset County. Resolved: That the Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry may lease to Central Maine Power Company, on such terms and conditions as the director may require, certain property of approximately 0.4 acres on the Coburn Mountain public reserved lands within Upper Enchanted Township, Somerset County originally subject to a lease signed by the bureau in 1999 and on which are located radio telecommunication facilities.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 19

S.P. 103 - L.D. 203

Resolve, to Create a Working Group to Study Motor Vehicle Dealer Display Area and Licensing Requirements

Sec. 1. Dealer display area and licensing working group. Resolved: That the Department of the Secretary of State, Bureau of Motor Vehicles shall convene a working group, referred to in this section as "the working group," to study issues related to laws and