

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION  
7th Legislative Day  
Thursday, January 24, 2019

The House met according to adjournment and was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by Nancy Hathaway, Senior Zen Meditation Teacher, Center for Studying Mindfulness, Surry.

National Anthem by Martin Swinger, Augusta.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Doctor of the day, Clota Snow, M.D., Topsham.

The Journal of Tuesday, January 22, 2019 was read and approved.

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**SENATE PAPERS**

Bill "An Act To Ensure Access to Justice for Victims of Sexual Assault"

(S.P. 20) (L.D. 67)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** and ordered printed.

**REFERRED** to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** in concurrence.

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Bill "An Act To Allow Regional Service Center Municipalities To Assess an Additional One Percent Sales Tax for Infrastructure Costs"

(S.P. 43) (L.D. 156)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TAXATION** and ordered printed.

**REFERRED** to the Committee on **TAXATION** in concurrence.

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**COMMUNICATIONS**

The Following Communication: (H.C. 50)

**MIDCOAST REGIONAL REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**  
**15 TERMINAL ROAD, SUITE 200**  
**BRUNSWICK, MAINE 04011**

January 16, 2019

Honorable Troy D. Jackson

President of the Senate

3 State House Station

Augusta, Maine 04333

Honorable Sara Gideon

Speaker of the House

2 State House Station

Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Gideon:

Pursuant to 5 MRSA, Section 12023, please consider this the letter of transmittal for the required report from the Midcoast Regional Redevelopment Authority.

MRRA was created in 2006 by the Maine Legislature (5 MRSA §13083-G) as a municipal corporation charged with the responsibility to implement the reuse master plans for Naval Air Station Brunswick (NAS Brunswick) and the Topsham Annex, which closed as a result of the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) process.

Please contact me if you have any questions or need additional information. Thank you.

Sincerely,  
S/Jeffrey K. Jordan  
Deputy Director

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

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Under suspension of the rules, members were allowed to remove their jackets.

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**PETITIONS, BILLS AND RESOLVES REQUIRING REFERENCE**

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Dangerous Dogs and Nuisance Dogs To Allow for Flexibility in Protection Dog Training"

(H.P. 258) (L.D. 333)

Sponsored by Representative SKOLFIELD of Weld.

Cosponsored by Senator BLACK of Franklin and Representatives: LANDRY of Farmington, STEWART of Presque Isle, Senator: DAVIS of Piscataquis.

Bill "An Act To Ensure Accuracy in the Labeling of Maine Meat and Poultry"

(H.P. 277) (L.D. 351)

Sponsored by Representative PLUECKER of Warren.

Cosponsored by Senator BLACK of Franklin and Representatives: COSTAIN of Plymouth, HALL of Wilton, HICKMAN of Winthrop, MAXMIN of Nobleboro, McCREA of Fort Fairfield, SKOLFIELD of Weld, Senator: DILL of Penobscot.

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

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

Sent for concurrence.

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Bill "An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for the Construction of a Convention Center in Portland"

(H.P. 267) (L.D. 341)

Sponsored by Representative McLEAN of Gorham.

Cosponsored by Representatives: BRENNAN of Portland, PIERCE of Falmouth, SYLVESTER of Portland.

Bill "An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Upgrade and Replace Infrastructure of the Maine Public Broadcasting Corporation"

(H.P. 290) (L.D. 381)

Sponsored by Representative GATTINE of Westbrook.

Cosponsored by Senator MILLETT of Cumberland and Representatives: HUBBELL of Bar Harbor, PIERCE of Falmouth, Senator: POULIOT of Kennebec.

Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** suggested and ordered printed.

**REFERRED** to the Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed.

Sent for concurrence.

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Bill "An Act Regarding Forfeiture of Assets of Persons Convicted of Certain Criminal Restraint Offenses, Aggravated Sex Trafficking Offenses and Sex Trafficking Offenses"

(H.P. 249) (L.D. 324)

Sponsored by Representative RECKITT of South Portland.

Cosponsored by Representatives: CARNEY of Cape Elizabeth, PERRY of Calais.

Bill "An Act To Decriminalize Engaging in Prostitution"  
(H.P. 251) (L.D. 326)  
Sponsored by Representative RECKITT of South Portland.

Bill "An Act To Exempt from Criminal Liability Persons Reporting a Drug-related Medical Emergency"  
(H.P. 254) (L.D. 329)  
Sponsored by Representative CARDONE of Bangor.

Cosponsored by Senator DESCHAMBAULT of York and Representatives: BAILEY of Saco, HANDY of Lewiston, MADIGAN of Waterville, McCREIGHT of Harpswell, SYLVESTER of Portland, Senator: CARPENTER of Aroostook.

Bill "An Act To Remove the Statute of Limitations for Certain Sex Crimes"  
(H.P. 257) (L.D. 332)

Sponsored by Representative TIPPING of Orono.  
Cosponsored by Senator HERBIG of Waldo and Representatives: CARDONE of Bangor, DAUGHTRY of Brunswick, MOONEN of Portland, RECKITT of South Portland, RILEY of Jay, SHEATS of Auburn, Senator: KEIM of Oxford.

Bill "An Act To Require a Person To Notify Law Enforcement Officers of the Possession of a Hypodermic Needle"  
(H.P. 268) (L.D. 342)

Sponsored by Representative HARRINGTON of Sanford.  
Cosponsored by Representatives: CEBRA of Naples, COREY of Windham, JOHANSEN of Monticello, NADEAU of Winslow, PERKINS of Oakland, PICKETT of Dixfield, Senator: DAVIS of Piscataquis.

Bill "An Act To Classify Recovery Residences as One-family Dwellings for the Purposes of the Fire Code"  
(H.P. 279) (L.D. 353)

Sponsored by Representative FECTEAU of Augusta.  
Cosponsored by Representatives: DILLINGHAM of Oxford, HICKMAN of Winthrop, MILLETT of Waterford, MOONEN of Portland, SHEATS of Auburn, STEWART of Presque Isle, STROM of Pittsfield, WARREN of Hallowell.

Bill "An Act To Protect Children by Requiring the Safe Storage of Loaded Firearms"  
(H.P. 288) (L.D. 379)

Sponsored by Representative DOUDERA of Camden.  
Cosponsored by Senator CYRWAY of Kennebec and Senator: MOORE of Washington.

Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** suggested and ordered printed.

**REFERRED** to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** and ordered printed.  
Sent for concurrence.

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Bill "An Act To Prepare All Students for Work and Life by Requiring That Students Receive Instruction in Vocational Preparation and Practical Life Skills"

(H.P. 243) (L.D. 318)  
Sponsored by Representative KESCHL of Belgrade.  
Cosponsored by Senator BLACK of Franklin and Representatives: BRADSTREET of Vassalboro, BRYANT of Windham, FOSTER of Dexter, REED of Carmel, RUDNICKI of Fairfield, SAMPSON of Alfred, TUELL of East Machias, Senator: BREEN of Cumberland.

Bill "An Act To Help New Teachers Succeed"  
(H.P. 271) (L.D. 345)

Sponsored by Representative McCREA of Fort Fairfield.  
Cosponsored by Senator CARPENTER of Aroostook and Representatives: BABBIDGE of Kennebunk, BRYANT of Windham, CAIAZZO of Scarborough, DODGE of Belfast,

FARNSWORTH of Portland, MARTIN of Sinclair, McDONALD of Stonington, TUELL of East Machias.

Bill "An Act To Promote the Forest Products Industry in School Construction and Renovation Involving Heating Systems"  
(H.P. 284) (L.D. 375)

Sponsored by Representative STEWART of Presque Isle.  
Cosponsored by President JACKSON of Aroostook and Representatives: ACKLEY of Monmouth, HUBBELL of Bar Harbor, MAREAN of Hollis, McCREA of Fort Fairfield, STEARNS of Guilford, WADSWORTH of Hiram, Senators: BLACK of Franklin, DILL of Penobscot.

Bill "An Act To Fund Services for Blind and Visually Impaired Persons at the Maine State Library"  
(H.P. 291) (L.D. 382)

Sponsored by Speaker GIDEON of Freeport.  
Cosponsored by Senator CARSON of Cumberland.

Bill "An Act To Base School Funding on the Number of Students Sent by a Town to a Regional School Unit"  
(H.P. 294) (L.D. 385)

Sponsored by Representative ACKLEY of Monmouth. (BY REQUEST)  
Bill "An Act To Require Cursive Handwriting Instruction in Grade 3 to Grade 5"  
(H.P. 296) (L.D. 387)

Sponsored by Representative SAMPSON of Alfred.  
Cosponsored by Senator CHENETTE of York and Representatives: DOLLOFF of Rumford, GRIGNON of Athens, HANDY of Lewiston, Senator: WOODSOME of York.

Bill "An Act To Recognize Employee Background Checks Conducted for Out-of-state Schools Eligible for Maine Tuition Assistance" (EMERGENCY)  
(H.P. 297) (L.D. 388)

Sponsored by Representative ACKLEY of Monmouth. (BY REQUEST)  
Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** suggested and ordered printed.

**REFERRED** to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed.  
Sent for concurrence.

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Bill "An Act To Expand Health Insurance Options for Town Academies"  
(H.P. 285) (L.D. 376)

Sponsored by Representative DEVIN of Newcastle.  
Cosponsored by Senator DOW of Lincoln.

Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** suggested.

On motion of Representative KORNFIELD of Bangor, the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES**, ordered printed and sent for concurrence.

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Bill "An Act To Change the Definition of 'Renewable Capacity Resource'"  
(H.P. 259) (L.D. 334)

Sponsored by Representative BABINE of Scarborough.  
Cosponsored by Senator CHIPMAN of Cumberland and Representatives: CAIAZZO of Scarborough, COLLINGS of Portland, CROCKETT of Portland, FARNSWORTH of Portland, GATTINE of Westbrook, HANDY of Lewiston, PEOPLES of Westbrook, PIERCE of Falmouth.

Bill "An Act To Amend the Brunswick Sewer District Charter"

(H.P. 272) (L.D. 346)

Sponsored by Representative TUCKER of Brunswick.  
Cosponsored by Representatives: DAUGHTRY of Brunswick, McCREIGHT of Harpswell.

Bill "An Act To Provide Sustainable Funding for Drinking Water and Wastewater Infrastructure"

(H.P. 273) (L.D. 347)

Sponsored by Representative DeCHANT of Bath.  
Cosponsored by Senator VITELLI of Sagadahoc and Representatives: BERRY of Bowdoinham, BLUME of York, DEVIN of Newcastle, HEPLER of Woolwich, O'CONNOR of Berwick, TUCKER of Brunswick, Senators: CHENETTE of York, WOODSOME of York.

Bill "An Act To Increase the Safety of Municipal Residents by Allowing Municipalities To Address Downed Wires in Extended Power Outages"

(H.P. 281) (L.D. 372)

Sponsored by Representative McCREIGHT of Harpswell.  
Cosponsored by Senator GUERIN of Penobscot and Representatives: ACKLEY of Monmouth, BAILEY of Saco, BERRY of Bowdoinham, DAUGHTRY of Brunswick, HANDY of Lewiston, HEPLER of Woolwich, TEPLER of Topsham, Senator: CARSON of Cumberland.

Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** suggested and ordered printed.

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

Sent for concurrence.

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Bill "An Act To Standardize the Laws Concerning Property Transfers and To Protect Water Quality"

(H.P. 244) (L.D. 319)

Sponsored by Representative KESCHL of Belgrade.  
Cosponsored by Senator BREEN of Cumberland and Representatives: CAMPBELL of Orrington, COREY of Windham, NADEAU of Winslow, PERKINS of Oakland, SAMPSON of Alfred, Senators: BLACK of Franklin, SANBORN, L. of Cumberland.

Bill "An Act To Revise Maine's Environmental Laws"

(H.P. 252) (L.D. 327)

Sponsored by Representative TUCKER of Brunswick.  
Bill "An Act To Allow Flexibility in the Deposit Labeling of Metal Returnable Beverage Containers"

(H.P. 263) (L.D. 338)

Sponsored by Representative FAY of Raymond.  
Cosponsored by Senator FOLEY of York and Representatives: CAMPBELL of Orrington, MASTRACCIO of Sanford, MAXMIN of Nobleboro, ORDWAY of Standish, RISEMAN of Harrison, SCHNECK of Bangor.

Bill "An Act To Protect Small Redemption Centers" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 286) (L.D. 377)

Sponsored by Representative DEVIN of Newcastle.  
Cosponsored by Senator CHIPMAN of Cumberland.

Bill "An Act To Amend Maine's Bottle Deposit Law"

(H.P. 287) (L.D. 378)

Sponsored by Representative DEVIN of Newcastle.  
Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** suggested and ordered printed.

**REFERRED** to the Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** and ordered printed.

Sent for concurrence.

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Bill "An Act To Provide Emergency Funds for Clients of the Adult Protective Services System"

(H.P. 250) (L.D. 325)

Sponsored by Representative RECKITT of South Portland.  
Cosponsored by Representatives: BRADSTREET of Vassalboro, CARNEY of Cape Elizabeth, HARNETT of Gardiner, PERRY of Calais, STOVER of Boothbay.

Bill "An Act To Require That Notice of Lead Abatement Orders Be Filed with the Registry of Deeds"

(H.P. 261) (L.D. 336)

Sponsored by Representative CLOUTIER of Lewiston.  
Cosponsored by Senator CLAXTON of Androscoggin and Representatives: ACKLEY of Monmouth, BROOKS of Lewiston, DRINKWATER of Milford, EVANGELOS of Friendship, FOLEY of Biddeford, HANDY of Lewiston, RISEMAN of Harrison, SYLVESTER of Portland.

Bill "An Act To Promote Equity in Business Opportunity for Tobacco Specialty Stores"

(H.P. 269) (L.D. 343)

Sponsored by Representative HARRINGTON of Sanford.  
Cosponsored by Representatives: CEBRA of Naples, KRYZAK of Acton, O'CONNOR of Berwick, WADSWORTH of Hiram, Senator: WOODSOME of York.

Bill "An Act To Provide MaineCare Coverage for Dental Services to Adults with Intellectual Disabilities or Autism Spectrum Disorder"

(H.P. 282) (L.D. 373)

Sponsored by Representative TEPLER of Topsham.  
Cosponsored by Senator GRATWICK of Penobscot and Representatives: BEEBE-CENTER of Rockland, CRAVEN of Lewiston, DILLINGHAM of Oxford, HANDY of Lewiston, HEAD of Bethel, McCREIGHT of Harpswell, PERRY of Calais, Senator: CLAXTON of Androscoggin.

Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** suggested and ordered printed.

**REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** and ordered printed.

Sent for concurrence.

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Bill "An Act To Amend the Scope of Practice of Podiatric Medicine"

(H.P. 245) (L.D. 320)

Sponsored by Representative KESCHL of Belgrade.  
Cosponsored by Representatives: BRADSTREET of Vassalboro, RUDNICKI of Fairfield, Senators: BLACK of Franklin, SANBORN, L. of Cumberland.

Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** suggested and ordered printed.

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

Sent for concurrence.

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Bill "An Act To Ensure the Continuation of the Landowner Relations Program"

(H.P. 246) (L.D. 321)

Sponsored by Representative KESCHL of Belgrade.  
Cosponsored by Senator BREEN of Cumberland and Representatives: BRADSTREET of Vassalboro, CAMPBELL of Orrington, COREY of Windham, MAREAN of Hollis, NADEAU of Winslow, REED of Carmel, Senator: BLACK of Franklin.

Bill "An Act To Start a Spring Bear Hunting Season"

(H.P. 262) (L.D. 337)

Sponsored by Representative LYFORD of Eddington.

Cosponsored by Representatives: CAMPBELL of Orrington, DRINKWATER of Milford, JOHANSEN of Monticello, PICKETT of Dixfield, REED of Carmel, STEARNS of Guilford.

Bill "An Act To Prohibit Unattended Watercraft on Open Water"

(H.P. 265) (L.D. 339)

Sponsored by Representative FAY of Raymond.

Cosponsored by Representatives: CARNEY of Cape Elizabeth, MASTRACCIO of Sanford, McCREIGHT of Harpswell, RISEMAN of Harrison, SKOLFIELD of Weld, Senator: LUCHINI of Hancock.

Bill "An Act To Establish a Comprehensive Wildlife Biology Internship Program"

(H.P. 295) (L.D. 386)

Sponsored by Representative SAMPSON of Alfred.

Cosponsored by Representatives: McCREA of Fort Fairfield, STEARNS of Guilford.

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

**REFERRED** to the Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** and ordered printed.

Sent for concurrence.

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Bill "An Act To Prohibit the Providing of Misleading or Inaccurate Information via Caller Identification Services during Telemarketing Calls"

(H.P. 274) (L.D. 348)

Sponsored by Representative TIPPING of Orono.

Cosponsored by Senator MIRAMANT of Knox and Representatives: RILEY of Jay, ROBERTS-LOVELL of South Berwick, RYKERSON of Kittery, Senator: MILLETT of Cumberland.

Committee on **INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS** suggested and ordered printed.

**REFERRED** to the Committee on **INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS** and ordered printed.

Sent for concurrence.

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Bill "An Act To Define Licensed Massage Therapists as Health Care Practitioners"

(H.P. 255) (L.D. 330)

Sponsored by Representative DeCHANT of Bath.

Cosponsored by Representatives: HUBBELL of Bar Harbor, WARREN of Hallowell.

Committee on **INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS** suggested.

On motion of Representative DAUGHTRY of Brunswick, the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES**, ordered printed and sent for concurrence.

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Bill "An Act To Institute Safe Children Court Team Programs"

(H.P. 253) (L.D. 328)

Sponsored by Representative MADIGAN of Waterville.

Cosponsored by Senator BELLOWES of Kennebec and Representatives: DODGE of Belfast, GATTINE of Westbrook, MEYER of Eliot, Senator: CHIPMAN of Cumberland.

Resolve, Directing the Secretary of State To Review the Revised Uniform Law on Notarial Acts

(H.P. 293) (L.D. 384)

Sponsored by Representative MOONEN of Portland.

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

**REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** and ordered printed.

Sent for concurrence.

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Bill "An Act To Establish a Temporary Terminal Condition Medical Allowance for Lobster and Crab Fishing License Holders"

(H.P. 266) (L.D. 340)

Sponsored by Representative McCREIGHT of Harpswell.

Cosponsored by Senator MOORE of Washington and Representatives: FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor, HEPLER of Woolwich, HUTCHINS of Penobscot, PERRY of Calais, TUELL of East Machias, Senators: CARSON of Cumberland, MIRAMANT of Knox, VITELLI of Sagadahoc.

Committee on **MARINE RESOURCES** suggested and ordered printed.

**REFERRED** to the Committee on **MARINE RESOURCES** and ordered printed.

Sent for concurrence.

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Bill "An Act To Extend the Refundability of the Educational Opportunity Tax Credit to Students in the Behavioral Health Field"

(H.P. 275) (L.D. 349)

Sponsored by Representative BEEBE-CENTER of Rockland.

Cosponsored by Senator VITELLI of Sagadahoc and Representatives: AUSTIN of Skowhegan, BABBIDGE of Kennebunk, COREY of Windham, DENK of Kennebunk, DENNO of Cumberland, DOUDERA of Camden, Senators: BREEN of Cumberland, MIRAMANT of Knox.

Committee on **TAXATION** suggested.

On motion of Representative MOONEN of Portland, **TABLED** pending **REFERENCE** and later today assigned.

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Bill "An Act To Set the Minimum Penalty for Littering on State Highways at \$1,000"

(H.P. 248) (L.D. 323)

Sponsored by Representative CEBRA of Naples.

Bill "An Act To Prohibit the Operation of Large Commercial Vessels in the Waters of Southern Mount Desert Island"

(H.P. 256) (L.D. 331)

Sponsored by Representative HUBBELL of Bar Harbor. (BY REQUEST)

Cosponsored by Senator BELLOWES of Kennebec and Senators: BREEN of Cumberland, CARSON of Cumberland, CHENETTE of York, CHIPMAN of Cumberland, GRATWICK of Penobscot, MILLETT of Cumberland.

Bill "An Act To Increase the Penalties for Illegally Passing a School Bus"

(H.P. 270) (L.D. 344)

Sponsored by Representative McDONALD of Stonington.

Cosponsored by Senator MOORE of Washington and Representatives: ALLEY of Beals, BERRY of Bowdoinham, FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor, FECTEAU of Augusta, GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach, McCREA of Fort Fairfield, Senators: CARPENTER of Aroostook, LUCHINI of Hancock.

Bill "An Act To Exempt Head Start School Buses from Snow Tire Restrictions"

(H.P. 276) (L.D. 350)

Sponsored by Representative STEWART of Presque Isle.

Cosponsored by Representative JACKSON of Aroostook and Representatives: DeVEAU of Caribou, JOHANSEN of Monticello, MARTIN of Eagle Lake, MARTIN of Sinclair, McCREA of Fort Fairfield, SWALLOW of Houlton, WHITE of Washburn, Senator: CARPENTER of Aroostook.

Bill "An Act To Revise the Calculation of Tolls Established for the Maine State Ferry Service"

(H.P. 289) (L.D. 380)

Sponsored by Representative DOUDERA of Camden.

Cosponsored by Senator HERBIG of Waldo and Representatives: BABBIDGE of Kennebunk, BEEBE-CENTER of Rockland, PERKINS of Oakland.

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

**REFERRED** to the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** and ordered printed.

Sent for concurrence.

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Bill "An Act To Strengthen Maine's Election Laws by Requiring Photographic Identification for the Purpose of Voting"

(H.P. 247) (L.D. 322)

Sponsored by Representative CEBRA of Naples.

Cosponsored by Representative HARRINGTON of Sanford and Representatives: GRIGNON of Athens, ORDWAY of Standish.

Bill "An Act To Exempt Veterans' Organizations from Licensing Fees for Certain Games"

(H.P. 278) (L.D. 352)

Sponsored by Representative SKOLFIELD of Weld.

Cosponsored by Senator BLACK of Franklin and Representatives: FAY of Raymond, FECTEAU of Augusta, LANDRY of Farmington, STEWART of Presque Isle, WADSWORTH of Hiram, Senator: DAVIS of Piscataquis.

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Require That Signatures on a Direct Initiative of Legislation Come from Each State Senatorial District

(H.P. 283) (L.D. 374)

Sponsored by Representative STEWART of Presque Isle.

Cosponsored by Representative STETKIS of Canaan and Representatives: ANDREWS of Paris, DeVEAU of Caribou, DILLINGHAM of Oxford, HEAD of Bethel, KINNEY of Knox, MILLETT of Waterford, WADSWORTH of Hiram.

Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** suggested and ordered printed.

**REFERRED** to the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed.

Sent for concurrence.

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Bill "An Act To Require the State To Distribute 25 Percent of Adult Use Marijuana Retail Sales and Excise Tax Revenue to Generating Municipalities"

(H.P. 260) (L.D. 335)

Sponsored by Representative WARREN of Hallowell.

Cosponsored by Senator DESCHAMBAULT of York and Representatives: FAY of Raymond, FOLEY of Biddeford, JOHANSEN of Monticello, PICKETT of Dixfield, Senator: DAVIS of Piscataquis.

Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** suggested.

On motion of Representative SCHNECK of Bangor, the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TAXATION**, ordered printed and sent for concurrence.

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#### **Pursuant to Statute ConnectME Authority**

Representative BERRY for the **ConnectME Authority** pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 8072 asks leave to report that the accompanying Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 101: ConnectME Authority, a Major Substantive Rule of the ConnectME Authority (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 292) (L.D. 383)

Be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** and printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Report was **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **REFERRED** to the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Sent for concurrence.

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By unanimous consent, all matters having been acted upon were **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH**.

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#### **ORDERS**

On motion of Representative CLOUTIER of Lewiston, the following Joint Resolution: (H.P. 242) (Cosponsored by Senator POULIOT of Kennebec and Representatives: DODGE of Belfast, FOLEY of Biddeford, GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach, HARNETT of Gardiner, HOBBS of Wells, LANDRY of Farmington, MAXMIN of Nobleboro, McDONALD of Stonington)

#### **JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING JANUARY 25, 2019 AS EITC AWARENESS DAY**

WHEREAS, in order to promote the federal and Maine state earned income tax credit, which enhances family household budgets, we recognize January 25, 2019 as EITC Awareness Day; and

WHEREAS, 4 of 5 people eligible for the credit claim it, which demonstrates the importance of raising awareness of this credit and urging individuals to find out if they qualify for it; and

WHEREAS, throughout the State, IRS-certified volunteer tax preparers who are members of CA\$H Maine and AARP Tax-Aide, a collaboration of 10 statewide coalitions including 50 nonprofit and for-profit partners, provide free federal and state tax preparation; and

WHEREAS, since 2003, CA\$H Maine has also educated hard-working families and individuals about programs in the community that can increase their income, reduce debt and build savings; and

WHEREAS, in 2018, these volunteers helped Maine residents save more than \$3,500,000 in tax filing fees and claim over \$4,400,000 in earned income tax credits, returning

over \$20,000,000 to Maine residents in federal income tax refunds; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Twenty-ninth Legislature now assembled in the First Regular Session, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to recognize January 25, 2019 as EITC Awareness Day; and be it further

RESOLVED: That we send our appreciation to all the volunteers who participate in EITC Awareness Day for the benefit of Maine citizens and we urge participation in this worthy cause.

**READ.**

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Lewiston, Representative Cloutier.

Representative **CLOUTIER**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. In order to promote the Federal and Maine State Earned Income Tax Credit, which enables family household budgets, we recognize January 25, 2019 as EITC Awareness Day. Four out of five people eligible for the credit claim it, which demonstrates the importance of raising awareness of this credit and urging individuals to find out if they qualify for it.

Throughout the state, IRS-certified volunteer tax preparers who are members of CA\$H Maine, a collaboration of ten statewide coalitions including over 50 nonprofit and for-profit partners and AARP tax aide, provide free federal and state tax preparation. Since 2003, CA\$H Maine has also educated hardworking families and individuals about programs in the community that can increase their income, reduce debt and build savings. In 2018, these volunteers helped Maine residents save more than \$3.5 million in tax filing fees and claim over \$4.4 million in earned income tax credits, returning over \$20 million to Maine residents in federal income tax refunds.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Penobscot, Representative Hutchins.

Representative **HUTCHINS**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I also would like to speak to this issue and the importance of it. It is a great way that income tax is; payments are given to or distributed through the country for hardworking people. But there is a problem with it, as all good-intentioned bills, there's almost always a problem with them and this particular one does have one. I listened to a C-SPAN documentary the other night that talked about how many thousands and thousands of people that are here illegally use this as a way to get funds that belong to United States citizens to support people that aren't even in the country. They might be, but the children that they claim are not. And so it's a way that it is exploited and something that if this is an awareness day, we should be aware of that, that a lot of this, a lot of these funds that are being used or that should be used for United States; Maine citizens are being used for other countries. Thank you.

Subsequently, the Joint Resolution was **ADOPTED**.  
Sent for concurrence.

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By unanimous consent, all matters having been acted upon were **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH**.

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On motion of Representative NADEAU of Winslow, the following Joint Resolution: (H.P. 280) (Cosponsored by Representatives: ACKLEY of Monmouth, ALLEY of Beals, AUSTIN of Skowhegan, BABINE of Scarborough, BAILEY of Saco, BICKFORD of Auburn, BROOKS of Lewiston, CAIAZZO

of Scarborough, CARDONE of Bangor, CARNEY of Cape Elizabeth, CLOUTIER of Lewiston, CRAVEN of Lewiston, CROCKETT of Portland, CUDDY of Winterport, DeCHANT of Bath, DENK of Kennebunk, DODGE of Belfast, EVANGELOS of Friendship, FARNSWORTH of Portland, FAY of Raymond, FECTEAU of Biddeford, FOLEY of Biddeford, GATTINE of Westbrook, Speaker GIDEON of Freeport, GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach, GROHOSKI of Ellsworth, HARNETT of Gardiner, HEPLER of Woolwich, HICKMAN of Winthrop, HOBBS of Wells, INGWERSEN of Arundel, KESCHL of Belgrade, KORNFIELD of Bangor, MADIGAN of Waterville, MASTRACCIO of Sanford, MATLACK of St. George, MAXMIN of Nobleboro, McCREA of Fort Fairfield, McCREIGHT of Harpswell, McDONALD of Stonington, MELARAGNO of Auburn, PEBWORTH of Blue Hill, PIERCE of Falmouth, RECKITT of South Portland, RILEY of Jay, ROBERTS-LOVELL of South Berwick, RYKERSON of Kittery, SCHNECK of Bangor, SHEATS of Auburn, STANLEY of Medway, STEARNS of Guilford, SYLVESTER of Portland, TERRY of Gorham, TIPPING of Orono, TUELL of East Machias, VEROW of Brewer, WARREN of Hallowell, WHITE of Waterville, ZEIGLER of Montville, Senators: CARSON of Cumberland, CHENETTE of York, GRATWICK of Penobscot, SANBORN, L. of Cumberland) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 214)

**JOINT RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO SUPPORT FEDERAL EMPLOYEES IN MAINE AFFECTED BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN AND TO TAKE IMMEDIATE CONGRESSIONAL ACTION**

WE, your Memorialists, the Members of the One Hundred and Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Maine now assembled in the First Regular Session, most respectfully present and petition the United States Congress as follows:

WHEREAS, the longest partial shutdown in the history of the United States government began on December 22, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the federal government shutdown is affecting approximately 800,000 federal employees; and

WHEREAS, in Maine the workers currently affected are employees of the Department of Homeland Security, which includes airport screening personnel and members of the United States Coast Guard, and employees of Acadia National Park; and

WHEREAS, those federal workers who have not been furloughed are obliged to work without pay; and

WHEREAS, the federal government shutdown is also having an effect on other industries in Maine, such as tourism, and small businesses that depend upon federal regulation and loan processing; and

WHEREAS, as the federal government shutdown continues, there is potential for many social and housing services in the State to be negatively affected; and

WHEREAS, it is important for the economic health of the State that the federal government shutdown cease as quickly as possible; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, your Memorialists, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to respectfully request that the United States Congress take immediate steps to reach a compromise and end the partial shutdown of the Federal Government and restore financial security to the lives of citizens; and be it further

RESOLVED: That suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the



United States House of Representatives and each Member of the Maine Congressional Delegation.

**READ.**

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Winslow, Representative Nadeau.

Representative **NADEAU**: Okay, so that just made my speech a little shorter, so I thank you for that. Men and Women of the House of Representatives, thank you for the opportunity to speak to this Joint Resolution. I am proud to sponsor this resolution and am humbled by the support of the members of this body and on the other side of the hall and unanimous support from Senate leadership and House leadership.

My son James, and myself cannot thank you enough. It has meant so much that this family, as dysfunctional as we can be down here, this resolution was formed by a text I received from my son, who is here today in the gallery and who I love and am still very proud of. His words, can we not send a letter down to Washington encouraging them to end this partial federal shutdown so I can get back to work at the USGS, also known as the United States Geological Survey. I love my job and I went to school for this. He also served in the US Coast Guard, so he is a veteran. With each day that the shutdown continues, the burden on these workers and their family grows. Today marks 34 days that the shutdown has been in effect and they are heading for their third missed paycheck. What does that mean to them? Well, James took out a personal loan to cover his mortgage payment and expenses including an unexpected furnace problem. As difficult as it is for my son and his family, I know that he is one of many who are in this terrible situation, so when I say he, I really mean them.

As frustrating as it is, he is a kind young man who has not said a bad or unkind word about anyone in Washington. Again, how proud am I.

We urge members of Congress to act immediately to end this federal shutdown. Federal workers deserve better. Coasties deserve better. The people of Maine deserve better. It all started with a text from one veteran and we listened. He is proud of us. I know I am. I thank you for making this happen.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Amherst, Representative Lockman.

Representative **LOCKMAN**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, I cannot vote for the pending resolution because it's incomplete. I don't want to minimize the hardship of furloughed federal employees but, frankly, whatever temporary inconvenience they are now experiencing pales in comparison to the pain and suffering of thousands of American families who have been permanently separated from their loved ones by violent criminal aliens who have been allowed to cross our poorest southern border. That's been left out of this resolution, that's why I won't be voting for it. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Subsequently, the Joint Resolution was **ADOPTED**. Sent for concurrence.

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By unanimous consent, all matters having been acted upon were **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH**.

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On motion of Representative WADSWORTH of Hiram, the following Joint Resolution: (H.P. 264) (Cosponsored by Representatives: HARRINGTON of Sanford, STANLEY of Medway)

**JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING APPLICATION TO THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES CALLING A CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION UNDER ARTICLE V OF THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION LIMITED TO PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION TO REQUIRE A BALANCED FEDERAL BUDGET**

WHEREAS, under the United States Constitution, Article V, the Congress of the United States, whenever two-thirds of both Houses shall deem it necessary, shall propose amendments to the United States Constitution, or, on the application of the legislatures of two-thirds of the several states, shall call a convention for proposing amendments that, in either case, shall be valid to all intents and purposes, as part of the United States Constitution, when ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several states, or by conventions in three-fourths thereof, as the one or the other mode of ratification may be proposed by the Congress; and

WHEREAS, with each passing year, this nation becomes more deeply in debt as its expenditures grossly and repeatedly exceed available revenues, so that the public debt now exceeds hundreds of billions of dollars; and

WHEREAS, the annual federal budget is a continual demonstration of an unwillingness or inability of both the legislative and executive branches of the Federal Government to curtail spending to conform to available revenues; and

WHEREAS, unified budgets do not reflect actual spending because of the exclusion of special outlays that are neither included in the budget nor subject to the legal public debt limit; and

WHEREAS, knowledgeable planning, fiscal prudence and plain good sense require that the budget reflect all federal spending and be in balance; and

WHEREAS, believing that fiscal irresponsibility at the federal level, with the inflation that results from this policy, is the greatest threat that faces our nation, we firmly believe that constitutional restraint is necessary to bring about the fiscal discipline needed to restore financial responsibility; and

WHEREAS, we believe action on amendments to the United States Constitution concerning federal expenditures to be vital; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the Legislature of Maine respectfully applies to the Congress of the United States, under the provisions of Article V of the United States Constitution, for the calling of a convention of the states limited to proposing an amendment to the United States Constitution requiring that, in the absence of a national emergency, the total of all federal outlays made by the Congress of the United States for any fiscal year may not exceed the total of all estimated federal revenues for that fiscal year, together with any related and appropriate fiscal restraints; and be it further

RESOLVED: That this application is to be considered as covering the same subject matter as the presently outstanding balanced budget applications from other states, including but not limited to previously adopted applications from Alabama, Alaska, Arkansas, Colorado, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Maryland, Michigan, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, Ohio, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Mexico, North Carolina, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah and West Virginia; and this application must be aggregated with same for the purpose of attaining the two-thirds of states necessary to require the calling of a convention for proposing amendments, but may not be aggregated with any applications on any other subject; and be it further

RESOLVED: That this application constitutes a continuing application in accordance with Article V of the United States Constitution until the legislatures of at least two-thirds of the several states have made applications on the same subject. It supersedes all previous applications by this Legislature on the same subject; and be it further

RESOLVED: That suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the Secretary of the Senate and presiding officers of both houses of the legislatures of each of the several states in the nation, the Speaker and Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, the President and Secretary of the United States Senate and each member of the Maine Congressional Delegation.

Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** suggested.

**READ.**

On motion of Representative WADSWORTH of Hiram, the Joint Resolution was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** and sent for concurrence.

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By unanimous consent, all matters having been acted upon were **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH.**

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On motion of Representative FARNSWORTH of Portland, the following House Order: (H.O. 11)

**ORDERED**, that Representative Richard T. Bradstreet of Vassalboro be excused January 2 for personal reasons.

**AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED**, that Representative Jennifer DeChant of Bath be excused January 15 for personal reasons.

**AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED**, that Representative Dale J. Denno of Cumberland be excused January 9 and 15 for health reasons.

**AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED**, that Representative Thomas H. Martin, Jr. of Greene be excused January 17 for personal reasons.

**AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED**, that Representative Tiffany Roberts-Lovell of South Berwick be excused January 17 for health reasons.

**AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED**, that Representative Ann E. Peoples of Westbrook be excused January 9, 15 and 17 for health reasons.

**AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED**, that Representative Christina Riley of Jay be excused January 15 for personal reasons.

**READ and PASSED.**

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The following item was taken up out of order by unanimous consent:

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

The following matters, in the consideration of which the House was engaged at the time of adjournment, had preference in the Orders of the Day and continued with such preference until disposed of as provided by House Rule 502.

Expression of Legislative Sentiment Recognizing Jessica Gagne, of Biddeford

(HLS 33)

TABLED - January 22, 2019 (Till Later Today) by Representative FECTEAU of Biddeford.

PENDING - **PASSAGE.**

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Biddeford, Representative Fecteau.

Representative **FECTEAU**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, I rise to share my heartfelt congratulations for Jessica Gagne, our Maine Sportscaster of the Year.

Like me, Jess is a fellow Biddeford High School graduate. Jess did not initially set out to be a journalist. She started college as a Biology major with the intention of becoming an eye doctor but during her sophomore year she said she realized the lab was not the place for her. That's when she decided to pursue her true passion. Today, Jess is the sports anchor and reporter with News Center Maine and everyone agrees she is one of the best. She's covered everything from high school games to the Superbowl and has earned several honors for her reporting. She could not make it to be here on Tuesday of this week because she was actually stuck in Kansas City to cover the game where the New England Patriots went on to win the AFC Championship, but we're happy to have her here today. She is now Maine's Sportscaster of the Year, the first woman to be recognized with this honor by the National Sports Media Association. She has smashed a glass ceiling in her profession. Jess is talented, she is hard working, and I can think of no one more deserving of this award. Please join me in congratulating her.

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Kennebunkport, Representative Denk.

Representative **DENK**: Thank you, Madam Speaker and Men and Women of the House. I rise very briefly to echo the remarks of the Representative from Biddeford and to add my voice in congratulating Jessica Gagne for her remarkable and very well-earned achievement. Becoming Maine's Sportscaster of the Year breaks yet another barrier on behalf of Maine women and it is a particular point of pride for Biddeford, where she grew up and was educated. We couldn't be prouder of all her hard work and I'm thrilled that young women interested in sports broadcasting will have Jessica as a role model they can look up to. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Subsequently, this Expression of Legislative Sentiment was **PASSED** and sent for concurrence.

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Bill "An Act To Allow the Reduction of a MaineCare Lien" (H.P. 157) (L.D. 194)

(Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** suggested) TABLED - January 17, 2019 (Till Later Today) by Representative HYMANSON of York.

PENDING - **REFERENCE.**

Subsequently, the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY**, ordered printed and sent for concurrence.

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By unanimous consent, all matters having been acted upon were **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH.**

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Bill "An Act To Create the Water Resources Planning Committee"

(H.P. 162) (L.D. 199)

(Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** suggested)

TABLED - January 22, 2019 (Till Later Today) by Representative HICKMAN of Winthrop.

PENDING - **REFERENCE.**

Subsequently, the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY**, ordered printed and sent for concurrence.

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Bill "An Act To Convene a Working Group To Authorize a Public Trust for Maine's Groundwater and To Impose a 2-year Moratorium on Large-scale Groundwater Extraction"

(H.P. 160) (L.D. 197)

(Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** suggested)

TABLED - January 22, 2019 (Till Later Today) by Representative TUCKER of Brunswick.

PENDING - **REFERENCE**.

Subsequently, the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY**, ordered printed and sent for concurrence.

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By unanimous consent, all matters having been acted upon were **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH**.

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The Chair laid before the House the following item which was **TABLED** and today assigned:

**TABLED AND TODAY ASSIGNED**

HOUSE DIVIDED REPORT - Majority (3) **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-1)** - Minority (2) **Ought Not to Pass** - Committee on **HOUSE RULES** on House Order, To Amend House Rule 401

(H.O. 9)

TABLED - January 22, 2019 by Representative FECTEAU of Biddeford.

(Pursuant to House Rule 524)

PENDING - **ACCEPTANCE OF EITHER REPORT**.

Representative MOONEN of Portland moved that the House **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended Report**.

Representative STEWART of Presque Isle **REQUESTED** a roll call on the motion to **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended Report**.

More than one-fifth of the members present expressed a desire for a roll call which was ordered.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Presque Isle, Representative Stewart.

Representative STEWART: Thank you very much, Madam Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. As the Ranking Republican on the Committee of House Rules, I just wanted to speak very briefly to this motion and explain why our caucus's position is going to be not in support of the pending question.

The first is that we, quite simply, don't see a purpose for this rule and what it hopes to achieve we believe it can already be done in this chamber. The first fact is that the Senate doesn't have such a rule and they can enforce the rules of decorum without such rule and our caucus believes that we can do the same sort of enforcement in the House. Additionally, we feel that in the 21st Century we should be looking at moving forward and going towards where the people are in terms of getting the message of what's happening in this chamber, in the people's House, out to the people of Maine. And we believe that one of the better ways to do that is through better leveraging of technology. I know that there are cameras in the chamber, I'm looking at one right now, but our members, quite frankly, have had issues accessing that footage and

making it work for them in order to be able to actually present to their constituency exactly what is happening in this chamber. We feel that it is a limit on the transparency of what happens in this chamber for that reason and furthermore don't feel that it's a move that; it's almost a solution in search of a problem, so to speak, and so we feel very strongly that we shouldn't be moving forward with this rule, that we shouldn't be limiting access of our constituents to reach out to our members and I would respectfully request that our; that this chamber vote down this motion and that it would accept the Minority Report instead. Thank you very much, Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Portland, Representative Moonen.

Representative MOONEN: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, Women and Men of the House, I rise in support of the pending motion. This rule change simply restricts members of this body from photographing or taking videos of each other during the deliberations in this chamber. Advancements in technology have given the people of Maine more access to the legislative process than ever before. Technology certainly has an important role to play in our work in this body. But its use in the chamber should not distract us from or interfere with that work. In recognition of this, other legislative bodies across the country and the U.S. Congress have adopted restrictions similar to the proposal before us today in their own rules.

One of the main purposes served by the House rules is to maintain decorum. Practically, that means paying the institution of the House the respect it deserves and requiring members to behave in a way that allows us to focus on the serious issues we are charged with considering. Allowing members to video or photograph each other during House deliberations does not fit the traditions of this body or reflect the gravity of our work. It is not what our constituents sent us here to do. In fact, it detracts from the work that they sent us here to do and allowing it does not serve a purpose that isn't otherwise met.

Transparency is of the utmost importance to me, Madam Speaker. The people of Maine should have access to everything we do in this chamber. Whenever we meet in this chamber, day or night, our deliberations are streamed live online and made available for viewing after we've adjourned. That's exactly as it should be and it will continue to be the case. The public and the media are virtually always present while the House is in session. This rule change does nothing to restrict or impede their rights. I know many members of the body use social media and email to communicate with their constituents. Under this change, members will still have access to their devices so that they continue that communication in real time, sharing the live video of our proceedings or other information.

Madam Speaker, I believe this change to the House rules is straightforward and appropriate. It's about respect for each other, respect for the process we have the privilege to take part in and respect for the people we serve. I hope you will join me in supporting it. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Penobscot, Representative Hutchins.

Representative HUTCHINS: Madam Speaker, thank you. I rise again this morning in a motion for openness and I think this is a good example of it. I don't think we should be running around taking pictures of people, but I don't see any reason why we shouldn't be taking pictures from our seats and I think that probably would be proper decorum, anyway. But I would

ask for a roll call vote on this when we take the vote today. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: A roll call has already been requested and approved.

A roll call has been ordered. The pending question before the House is Acceptance of the Majority Ought to Pass as Amended Report. All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

**ROLL CALL NO. 1**

YEA - Alley, AustinB, Babbidge, Babine, Bailey, Beebe-Center, Berry, Blume, Brennan, Brooks, Bryant, Caiazzo, Cardone, Carney, Cloutier, Collings, Cooper, Craven, Crockett, Cuddy, Daughtry, DeChant, Denk, Denno, Devin, Dodge, Doore, Doudera, Dunphy, Evangelos, Farnsworth, Fay, FecteauR, Foley, Gattine, Gramlich, Grohoski, Handy, Harnett, Hepler, Hickman, Hobbs, Hubbell, Hymanson, Ingwersen, Jorgensen, Kessler, Kornfield, Landry, MadiganC, MartinJ, MartinR, Mastraccio, Matlack, Maxmin, McCrea, McCreight, McDonald, McLean, Melaragno, Meyer, Moonen, Morales, Nadeau, O'Neil, Pebworth, Peoples, Perry, PierceT, Pluecker, Reckitt, Riley, Riseman, Roberts-Lovell, Rykerson, Schneck, Sharpe, Sheats, Stanley, Stover, Sylvester, Talbot Ross, Tepler, Terry, Tipping, Tucker, Verow, Warren, WhiteB, Zeigler, Madam Speaker.

NAY - Ackley, Andrews, Arata, AustinS, Bickford, Blier, Bradstreet, Campbell, Cebra, Corey, Costain, Curtis, Dillingham, Dolloff, Drinkwater, Faulkingham, FecteauJ, Foster, Griffin, Grignon, Hall, Hanington, Hanley, Harrington, Head, Higgins, Hutchins, Javner, Johansen, Keschl, Kinney, Kryzak, Lockman, Lyford, MartinT, Mason, Millett, Morris, Pickett, Prescott, Reed, Rudnicki, Sampson, Skolfield, Stearns, Stetkis, Stewart, Strom, Swallow, Theriault, Tuell, Wadsworth, WhiteD.

Total 53

ABSENT - DeVeau, Haggan, Marean, O'Connor, Ordway, Perkins.

Yes, 91; No, 53; Absent, 6; Excused, 0.

91 having voted in the affirmative and 53 voted in the negative, with 6 being absent, and accordingly, the Majority Ought to Pass as Amended Report was **ACCEPTED**.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-1)** was **READ** by the Clerk and **ADOPTED**

Subsequently, the House Order was **PASSED as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H--1)**.

By unanimous consent, all matters having been acted upon were **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH**.

The following items were taken up out of order by unanimous consent:

**SENATE PAPERS**

The following Joint Order: (S.P. 93)

**ORDERED**, the House concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourn, they do so until Tuesday, January 29, 2019 at 10:00 in the morning.

Came from the Senate, **READ** and **PASSED**. **READ** and **PASSED** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Exclude Domesticated Species Used for Agricultural Purposes from the Laws Governing Permits To Possess Wildlife in Captivity"

(S.P. 95) (L.D. 355)

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

**REFERRED** to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Encourage the Provision of Reliable High-speed Internet in Rural Underserved Areas of Maine"

(S.P. 94) (L.D. 354)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed.

**REFERRED** to the Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Fully Fund Career and Technical Education for Fiscal Year 2018-19" (EMERGENCY)

(S.P. 98) (L.D. 358)

Bill "An Act To Address Student Hunger with a 'Breakfast after the Bell' Program"

(S.P. 99) (L.D. 359)

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

**REFERRED** to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Increase the Reimbursement to Bottle Redemption Centers" (EMERGENCY)

(S.P. 100) (L.D. 360)

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

**REFERRED** to the Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** in concurrence.

Resolve, To Require the Department of Health and Human Services To Submit a State Plan Amendment To Exempt Retirement and Educational Assets from Calculations for Medicaid Eligibility

(S.P. 102) (L.D. 362)

Bill "An Act To Protect Residents of Assisted Living Facilities"

(S.P. 103) (L.D. 363)

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

**REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Amend the Definition of 'Insurer' under the Maine Guaranteed Access Reinsurance Association Act"

(S.P. 108) (L.D. 367)

Bill "An Act To Redefine Geographic Association for Multiple-employer Welfare Arrangements"

(S.P. 109) (L.D. 368)

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

**REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** in concurrence.

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Bill "An Act To Create the Small Communities Tourism Fund"

(S.P. 112) (L.D. 371)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS** and ordered printed.

**REFERRED** to the Committee on **INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS** in concurrence.

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Bill "An Act Regarding Court Facilities in York County"

(S.P. 97) (L.D. 357)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** and ordered printed.

**REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** in concurrence.

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Bill "An Act To Support Healthy Workplaces and Healthy Families by Providing Earned Paid Sick Leave to Certain Employees"

(S.P. 110) (L.D. 369)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** and ordered printed.

**REFERRED** to the Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** in concurrence.

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Bill "An Act To Facilitate State Employee Service in the Legislature"

(S.P. 111) (L.D. 370)

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

**REFERRED** to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** in concurrence.

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Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Political Action Committees"

(S.P. 101) (L.D. 361)

Bill "An Act To Allow Flexible Business Hours for Certain Agency Liquor Stores"

(S.P. 106) (L.D. 365)

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

**REFERRED** to the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** in concurrence.

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By unanimous consent, all matters having been acted upon were **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH**.

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The following Joint Resolution: (S.P. 105)  
**JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING APPLICATION TO THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES TO CALL A CONVENTION UNDER ARTICLE V OF THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION TO PROPOSE AN AMENDMENT TO THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION TO RESTORE FREE AND FAIR ELECTIONS**

WHEREAS, the framers of the United States Constitution intended that the Congress of the United States should be "dependent on the people alone"; and

WHEREAS, that dependency has evolved from a dependency on the people alone to a dependency on powerful special interests, through campaigns or 3rd-party groups, that has created a fundamental imbalance in our representative democracy; and

WHEREAS, Americans across the political spectrum agree that elections in the United States of America should be free from the disproportionate influence of special interests and fair enough that any citizen can be elected to office; and

WHEREAS, the Constitution of Maine, Article I, Section 2 states that "All power is inherent in the people; all free governments are founded in their authority and instituted for their benefit" and that the people have an unalienable and indefeasible right to reform the government; and

WHEREAS, under the United States Constitution, Article V, the Congress of the United States, whenever 2/3 of both Houses consider it necessary, shall propose amendments to the United States Constitution, or, on the application of the legislatures of 2/3 of the several states, call a convention for proposing amendments that, in either case, will be valid to all intents and purposes as part of the United States Constitution when ratified by the legislatures of 3/4 of the several states, or by conventions in 3/4 thereof, as the one or the other mode of ratification may be proposed by the Congress; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the Legislature of Maine respectfully applies to the Congress of the United States to call a convention for the specific and exclusive purpose of proposing an amendment to the United States Constitution that will permanently protect free and fair elections by addressing concerns about the removal of restrictions on amounts of independent political spending through Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission, 558 U.S. 310 (2010) and related cases and events including those occurring long before or afterward or for a substantially similar purpose, and desires that the requested convention be limited to that purpose; and be it further

RESOLVED: That this State desires that the delegations to the requested convention be composed equally of individuals currently elected to state and local office or be selected by election in each congressional district for the purpose of serving as delegates and all individuals elected or appointed to federal office, now or in the past, be prohibited from serving as delegates to the requested convention and that the State intends to retain the ability to restrict or expand the power of its delegates within the limits expressed in this paragraph; and be it further

RESOLVED: That this application by this body constitutes a continuing application in accordance with the United States Constitution, Article V together with similar applications calling for a convention passed in Vermont, California, Illinois, New Jersey and Rhode Island and all other passed, pending and future applications until at least 2/3 of the legislatures of the several states have made similar application pursuant to Article

V and the convention is convened by the Congress of the United States; and be it further

RESOLVED: That this application is void, rescinded and of no effect in the event that such a convention is not limited to such a specific and exclusive purpose; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the people of the State speaking through its Legislature, and pursuant to Article V of the United States Constitution, hereby apply to the Congress of the United States to call a convention for the exclusive purpose of proposing an amendment to the United States Constitution that will restore free and fair elections as described herein, as soon as 2/3 of the several states have applied for a convention for a similar purpose; and be it further

RESOLVED: That suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the Secretary of the Senate and the presiding officers of the houses of the legislature of each of the several states in the nation, the President of the United States, the Speaker and the Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, the President and the Secretary of the United States Senate and each member of the Maine Congressional Delegation.

Came from the Senate, **READ** and **REFERRED** to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT**.

**READ** and **REFERRED** to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** in concurrence.

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By unanimous consent, all matters having been acted upon were **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH**.

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On motion of Representative BABINE of Scarborough, the House adjourned at 11:29 a.m., until 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, January 29, 2019, pursuant to the Joint Order (S.P. 93).