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Thursday, February 14, 2019

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

Prayer by Bill Cumming, The Boothby Institute, West Bath.

National Anthem by Dr. A. Jan Berlin, Portland.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Doctor of the day, A. Jan Berlin, M.D., Portland.

The Journal of Tuesday, February 12, 2019 was read and approved.

SENATE PAPERS

The following Joint Resolution: (S.P. 196)

**JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING FEBRUARY 6, 2019
AS NATIONAL GIRLS AND WOMEN IN SPORTS DAY**

WHEREAS, the National Girls and Women in Sports Day Coalition celebrates National Girls and Women in Sports Day in Washington, D.C. and encourages its celebration in communities across the nation; and

WHEREAS, this day exists to recognize the past and current sports achievements of girls and women, the positive influence of sports participation and the continuing struggle for equality and access for girls and women in sports; and

WHEREAS, National Girls and Women in Sports Day began in 1987 as a day to remember Olympic volleyball player Flo Hyman for her athletic achievements and her commitment to ensure equality for women's sports; and

WHEREAS, despite the history of impressive successes of girls and women in sports, there has been little national recognition of the significance of girls' and women's athletic achievements; and

WHEREAS, at all levels of athletics, girls and women develop self-discipline, initiative, confidence and leadership skills regardless of background; and

WHEREAS, the bonds girls and women build through athletics help to break down the social barriers of racism and prejudice, and the communication and cooperation skills learned through sports play a key role in the athletes' contributions at home, at work and to society; and

WHEREAS, a need for increased opportunities exists for girls to participate in and pursue physical activity in the community and at the scholastic level so that they may, beginning at an early age, improve their health and well-being on a daily basis and develop lifelong fitness habits; 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 February 6, 2019 as National Girls and Women in Sports Day.

Came from the Senate, **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

READ.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from South Portland, Representative Reckitt.

Representative **RECKITT**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise to speak on behalf of this resolution today on three counts. One is most of you know that I'm in my 70s, in my 75th year, in fact. So, you probably don't picture me as a basketball/tennis/softball/field hockey, etcetera, etcetera athlete. But I was, indeed, such. And I was an athlete both

before and after I worked on the implementation and the adoption of Title 9 of the Higher Education Act which brought equality to women in sports. It was my major focus in life at that point and I'm very glad today to see this resolution.

It's very -- just one other quick thing. I had a dear friend who I share with Representative Marean who is not with us anymore but she died at the age of 97, 12 years ago. She was the first and I think only woman, to play polo in the Massachusetts Polo League. It was a very historic thing. They finally threw her out of the league because she played better than all the guys. And so I think that in her honor, I stand today to remember Marge Rowe and thank her for her activity as a basketball coach when women couldn't pass, we couldn't dribble, could only dribble once, could dribble three times, and could finally in the fourth incarnation could actually play like everybody else. She was a fascinating woman and I rise in her honor today in regards to this resolution. Thank you so much, Madam Speaker.

Subsequently, the Joint Resolution was **ADOPTED** in concurrence.

The following Joint Resolution: (S.P. 238)

**JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MARCH 2019 AS
CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH**

WHEREAS, in the United States, 15,780 children under 21 years of age are diagnosed with cancer every year and approximately 1/4 of them will not survive the disease; and

WHEREAS, the causes of pediatric cancer are still largely unknown and, though new discoveries are resulting in new treatments, this disease continues to harm families and communities with wounds that may never fully heal; and

WHEREAS, due to ongoing advances in research and treatment, the 5-year survival rate for all childhood cancers has climbed from less than 50% to 80% over the past several decades; and

WHEREAS, researchers around the world continue to pioneer new therapies and explore the root causes of the disease, driving progress that could provide cures or improved outcomes for patients; and

WHEREAS, Childhood Cancer Awareness Month will put a spotlight on the survivorship issues that children and families face, the types of cancer that largely affect children, recent gains against the disease and challenges that still lie ahead and will help raise funds for research and family support; 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 proclaim March 2019 as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month and urge citizens of the State to become informed about childhood cancer, including both the issues that are involved and the progress that is being made.

Came from the Senate, **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

READ and **ADOPTED** in concurrence.

Non-Concurrent Matter

Bill "An Act To Allow Holders of Gold Star Family Registration Plates To Be Issued Complimentary Licenses To Hunt, Trap and Fish and To Exempt Them from Vehicle Registration Fees"

(H.P. 484) (L.D. 663)

REFERRED to the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** in the House on February 7, 2019.

Came from the Senate **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

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

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: (H.C. 87)

**STATE OF MAINE
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February 14, 2019
Honorable Sara Gideon
Speaker of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333
Dear Speaker Gideon:

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, the following Joint Standing Committees have voted unanimously to report the following bills out "Ought Not to Pass:"

Education and Cultural Affairs

L.D. 29 Resolve, To Implement the Recommendations of the Task Force To Address the Opioid Crisis in the State by Establishing a Work Group To Develop Educational Programming for Prevention of Substance Use and Substance Use Disorders among Youth and Adolescents (EMERGENCY)

Veterans and Legal Affairs

L.D. 411 Resolve, Directing the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices To Allow Maine Clean Election Act Funds To Be Used for Election Recounts

Sincerely,
S/Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of House

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

PETITIONS, BILLS AND RESOLVES REQUIRING REFERENCE

Bill "An Act Regarding the Control of Brown-tail Moths" (H.P. 614) (L.D. 840)

Sponsored by Representative COOPER of Yarmouth.
Cosponsored by Senator BREEN of Cumberland.

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.

Bill "An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Fund Equipment for Career and Technical Education Centers and Regions"

(H.P. 633) (L.D. 859)

Sponsored by Representative FECTEAU of Biddeford.
Cosponsored by Senator HERBIG of Waldo and Representatives: ACKLEY of Monmouth, ALLEY of Beals, AUSTIN of Skowhegan, BABBIDGE of Kennebunk, BABINE of

Scarborough, BAILEY of Saco, BEEBE-CENTER of Rockland, BICKFORD of Auburn, BRENNAN of Portland, BROOKS of Lewiston, BRYANT of Windham, CAIAZZO of Scarborough, CARDONE of Bangor, CARNEY of Cape Elizabeth, CLOUTIER of Lewiston, COLLINGS of Portland, COOPER of Yarmouth, CRAVEN of Lewiston, CROCKETT of Portland, CUDDY of Winterport, DAUGHTRY of Brunswick, DENK of Kennebunk, DODGE of Belfast, DOORE of Augusta, DOUDERA of Camden, DUNPHY of Old Town, EVANGELOS of Friendship, FARNSWORTH of Portland, FAY of Raymond, FOLEY of Biddeford, GATTINE of Westbrook, Speaker GIDEON of Freeport, GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach, HANDY of Lewiston, HANINGTON of Lincoln, HARNETT of Gardiner, HARRINGTON of Sanford, HEPLER of Woolwich, HICKMAN of Winthrop, HIGGINS of Dover-Foxcroft, HOBBS of Wells, HUBBELL of Bar Harbor, INGWERSEN of Arundel, JORGENSEN of Portland, KESSLER of South Portland, KORNFELD of Bangor, LANDRY of Farmington, MADIGAN of Waterville, MARTIN of Eagle Lake, MARTIN of Sinclair, MASTRACCIO of Sanford, MATLACK of St. George, McCREA of Fort Fairfield, McCREIGHT of Harpswell, McDONALD of Stonington, McLEAN of Gorham, MELARAGNO of Auburn, MEYER of Eliot, MILLETT of Waterford, MOONEN of Portland, MORALES of South Portland, NADEAU of Winslow, O'NEIL of Saco, ORDWAY of Standish, PEBWORTH of Blue Hill, PEOPLES of Westbrook, PERRY of Calais, PIERCE of Falmouth, RECKITT of South Portland, RILEY of Jay, ROBERTS-LOVELL of South Berwick, RYKERSON of Kittery, SCHNECK of Bangor, SHARPE of Durham, SHEATS of Auburn, STEARNS of Guilford, STEWART of Presque Isle, STOVER of Boothbay, SYLVESTER of Portland, TALBOT ROSS of Portland, TEPLER of Topsham, TERRY of Gorham, TIPPING of Orono, TUCKER of Brunswick, TUELL of East Machias, VEROW of Brewer, WARREN of Hallowell, WHITE of Waterville, ZEIGLER of Montville, Senators: BLACK of Franklin, CARSON of Cumberland, CHENETTE of York, CHIPMAN of Cumberland, CLAXTON of Androscoggin, CYRWAY of Kennebec, DESCHAMBAULT of York, DIAMOND of Cumberland, DILL of Penobscot, FARRIN of Somerset, GRATWICK of Penobscot, President JACKSON of Aroostook, LIBBY of Androscoggin, LUCHINI of Hancock, MILLETT of Cumberland, MIRAMANT of Knox, MOORE of Washington, SANBORN, H. of Cumberland, VITELLI of Sagadahoc, WOODSOME of York.

Bill "An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Complete the Renovation of a Wharf and Bulkhead in Portland for Marine Research"

(H.P. 635) (L.D. 861)

Sponsored by Representative SYLVESTER of Portland.
Cosponsored by Senator CHIPMAN of Cumberland and Representatives: BRENNAN of Portland, CARNEY of Cape Elizabeth, COLLINGS of Portland, FARNSWORTH of Portland, FECTEAU of Biddeford, KESSLER of South Portland, MOONEN of Portland, TALBOT ROSS of Portland.

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.

Bill "An Act Concerning the Release of the Name of a Deceased Individual"

(H.P. 602) (L.D. 828)

Sponsored by Representative DILLINGHAM of Oxford.

Cosponsored by Senator TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin and Representatives: PICKETT of Dixfield, STEWART of Presque Isle.

Resolve, To Reestablish the Commission To Improve the Sentencing, Supervision, Management and Incarceration of Prisoners (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 603) (L.D. 829)

Sponsored by Representative TALBOT ROSS of Portland.

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.

Bill "An Act To Clarify Parental Consent Regarding the Release of Student Information"

(H.P. 617) (L.D. 843)

Sponsored by Representative RYKERSON of Kittery.

Bill "An Act To Enhance the Coordination of Benefits, Assessments and Expansion of Continuing Education Programs for Young Adults with Disabilities after High School"

(H.P. 626) (L.D. 852)

Sponsored by Representative PEBWORTH of Blue Hill.

Cosponsored by Senator LUCHINI of Hancock and Representatives: FARNSWORTH of Portland, HARNETT of Gardiner, HEAD of Bethel, STOVER of Boothbay, Senator: CHENETTE of York.

Resolve, Directing the Department of Education To Study and Make Recommendations for the Establishment of a Maine School Safety Center

(H.P. 632) (L.D. 858)

Sponsored by Representative COREY of Windham.

Cosponsored by Senator POULIOT of Kennebec and Representatives: COLLINGS of Portland, FECTEAU of Augusta, MAREAN of Hollis, McCREA of Fort Fairfield, MOONEN of Portland, SAMPSON of Alfred, WARREN of Hallowell, Senator: DESCHAMBAULT of York.

Bill "An Act To Establish the Maine Community College System No-cost Tuition Program"

(H.P. 634) (L.D. 860)

Sponsored by Representative BRENNAN of Portland.

Cosponsored by Senator LIBBY of Androscoggin and Representatives: CRAVEN of Lewiston, EVANGELOS of Friendship, FARNSWORTH of Portland, GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach, INGWERSEN of Arundel, McCREA of Fort Fairfield, MOONEN of Portland, MORALES of South Portland.

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.

Bill "An Act To Expand Options for Consumers of Cable Television in Purchasing Individual Channels and Programs"

(H.P. 606) (L.D. 832)

Sponsored by Representative EVANGELOS of Friendship.

Cosponsored by Senator BLACK of Franklin and Representatives: BICKFORD of Auburn, BRENNAN of Portland, HARNETT of Gardiner, JORGENSEN of Portland, STEWART of Presque Isle, TIPPING of Orono, VEROW of Brewer, Senator: POULIOT of Kennebec.

Bill "An Act To Establish Minimum Service Standards for Electric Utilities"

(H.P. 608) (L.D. 834)

Sponsored by Representative HIGGINS of Dover-Foxcroft.

Cosponsored by Representatives: ACKLEY of Monmouth, DODGE of Belfast, MEYER of Eliot, RYKERSON of Kittery, Senator: DAVIS of Piscataquis.

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.

Bill "An Act To Prohibit the Sale of Motor Fuel Containing More than 10% Ethanol"

(H.P. 596) (L.D. 822)

Sponsored by Representative O'CONNOR of Berwick.

Cosponsored by Senator TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin and Representatives: CAMPBELL of Orrington, DRINKWATER of Milford, HANLEY of Pittston, KINNEY of Knox, LOCKMAN of Bradley, MASON of Lisbon, SAMPSON of Alfred, Senator: HAMPER of Oxford.

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.

Bill "An Act To Set Case Load Standards for the Office of Child and Family Services"

(H.P. 595) (L.D. 821)

Sponsored by Representative MADIGAN of Waterville.

Cosponsored by Senator BELLOWES of Kennebec and Representatives: AUSTIN of Skowhegan, BEEBE-CENTER of Rockland, DENNO of Cumberland, DODGE of Belfast, DOORE of Augusta, HICKMAN of Winthrop, MEYER of Eliot, PERRY of Calais.

Bill "An Act To Expand Maine's School-based Health Centers"

(H.P. 610) (L.D. 836)

Sponsored by Representative HANDY of Lewiston.

Cosponsored by Senator BELLOWES of Kennebec and Representatives: DODGE of Belfast, HIGGINS of Dover-Foxcroft, MEYER of Eliot, PERRY of Calais, TEPLER of Topsham, Senators: CARSON of Cumberland, GRATWICK of Penobscot, MOORE of Washington.

Resolve, To Ensure the Continuation of Services to Maine Children and Families (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 612) (L.D. 838)

Sponsored by Representative BEEBE-CENTER of Rockland.

Cosponsored by Senator MOORE of Washington and Representatives: FECTEAU of Biddeford, GATTINE of Westbrook, MATLACK of St. George, PERRY of Calais, RECKITT of South Portland, TALBOT ROSS of Portland.

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.

Bill "An Act To Prevent Discrimination in Public and Private Insurance Coverage for Pregnant Women in Maine" (H.P. 594) (L.D. 820)

Sponsored by Representative McCREIGHT of Harpswell.
Cosponsored by Senator VITELLI of Sagadahoc and Representatives: ACKLEY of Monmouth, BABBIDGE of Kennebunk, BABINE of Scarborough, BAILEY of Saco, BEEBE-CENTER of Rockland, BERRY of Bowdoinham, BLUME of York, BRENNAN of Portland, BROOKS of Lewiston, CAIAZZO of Scarborough, CARDONE of Bangor, CARNEY of Cape Elizabeth, CLOUTIER of Lewiston, COLLINGS of Portland, COOPER of Yarmouth, CUDDY of Winterport, DAUGHTRY of Brunswick, DENK of Kennebunk, DENNO of Cumberland, DODGE of Belfast, DOORE of Augusta, DOUDERA of Camden, DUNPHY of Old Town, EVANGELOS of Friendship, FARNSWORTH of Portland, FECTION of Biddeford, FOLEY of Biddeford, GATTINE of Westbrook, Speaker GIDEON of Freeport, GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach, HARNETT of Gardiner, HEPLER of Woolwich, HOBBS of Wells, HUBBELL of Bar Harbor, HYMANSON of York, JORGENSEN of Portland, KORNFELD of Bangor, LANDRY of Farmington, MADIGAN of Waterville, MASTRACCIO of Sanford, MATLACK of St. George, McCREA of Fort Fairfield, McDONALD of Stonington, McLEAN of Gorham, MELARAGNO of Auburn, MEYER of Eliot, MOONEN of Portland, O'NEIL of Saco, PEBWORTH of Blue Hill, PEOPLES of Westbrook, PERRY of Calais, PIERCE of Falmouth, RECKITT of South Portland, ROBERTS-LOVELL of South Berwick, RYKERSON of Kittery, SCHNECK of Bangor, SHARPE of Durham, SYLVESTER of Portland, TALBOT ROSS of Portland, TEPLER of Topsham, TERRY of Gorham, TIPPING of Orono, TUCKER of Brunswick, WARREN of Hallowell, ZEIGLER of Montville, Senators: BELLOWES of Kennebec, BREEN of Cumberland, CARSON of Cumberland, CHENETTE of York, CHIPMAN of Cumberland, DESCHAMBAULT of York, DILL of Penobscot, GRATWICK of Penobscot, LIBBY of Androscoggin, LUCHINI of Hancock, MILLETT of Cumberland, MIRAMANT of Knox, SANBORN, H. of Cumberland, SANBORN, L. of Cumberland.

Bill "An Act Relating to Insurance Companies and Totaled Motor Vehicles" (H.P. 616) (L.D. 842)

Sponsored by Representative COLLINGS of Portland.
Cosponsored by Senator GRATWICK of Penobscot and Representatives: ALLEY of Beals, DOORE of Augusta, EVANGELOS of Friendship, MARTIN of Sinclair, RYKERSON of Kittery, TALBOT ROSS of Portland, Senators: CHIPMAN of Cumberland, LAWRENCE of York.

Bill "An Act To Allow Chiropractic Internships" (H.P. 623) (L.D. 849)

Sponsored by Representative DOORE of Augusta.
Cosponsored by Senator LAWRENCE of York and Representatives: ALLEY of Beals, CAMPBELL of Orrington, COLLINGS of Portland, FECTION of Biddeford, HANDY of Lewiston, MARTIN of Sinclair, MASTRACCIO of Sanford, Senator: HERBIG of Waldo.

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.

Bill "An Act To Limit the Amount of Money That May Be Retained on Construction Contracts" (H.P. 636) (L.D. 862)

Sponsored by Representative TEPLER of Topsham.
Cosponsored by Senator LIBBY of Androscoggin and Representatives: CUDDY of Winterport, FECTION of Biddeford, HUBBELL of Bar Harbor, MASTRACCIO of Sanford, PEOPLES of Westbrook.

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.

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

Bill "An Act To Ensure Grandparents and Great-grandparents Have Visitation Rights" (H.P. 605) (L.D. 831)

Sponsored by Representative CUDDY of Winterport.
Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Damages Awarded for Wrongful Death" (H.P. 615) (L.D. 841)

Sponsored by Representative MOONEN of Portland.
Cosponsored by Senator LAWRENCE of York and Representative: BAILEY of Saco.

Resolve, To Provide for the Sealing of Records of Convictions for Marijuana-related Violations That Are No Longer Crimes (H.P. 620) (L.D. 846)

Sponsored by Representative TALBOT ROSS of Portland.
Cosponsored by Representative FARNSWORTH of Portland, President JACKSON of Aroostook and Representatives: EVANGELOS of Friendship, HICKMAN of Winthrop, NEWELL of the Passamaquoddy Tribe, O'NEIL of Saco, PLUECKER of Warren, WARREN of Hallowell, Senator: BELLOWES of Kennebec.

Bill "An Act To Ensure Persons with Disabilities Have Access to Public Rest Rooms" (H.P. 621) (L.D. 847)

Sponsored by Representative RILEY of Jay.
Cosponsored by Representatives: COREY of Windham, CROCKETT of Portland, FAY of Raymond, TERRY of Gorham.

Bill "An Act Concerning Disclosure Requirements for Transfers of Properties Accessed by Means Other Than a Public Way" (H.P. 622) (L.D. 848)

Sponsored by Representative MARTIN of Sinclair.
Cosponsored by President JACKSON of Aroostook.

Bill "An Act To Give Probate Judges Latitude in Permitting Visitation by Grandparents" (H.P. 630) (L.D. 856)

Sponsored by Representative RILEY of Jay.
Cosponsored by Representatives: CROCKETT of Portland, CUDDY of Winterport, SKOLFIELD of Weld, Senator: WOODSOME of York.

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

REFERRED to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** and ordered printed.
Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Enhance the Predetermination of Independent Contractors"

(H.P. 593) (L.D. 819)

Sponsored by Representative SYLVESTER of Portland.

Bill "An Act To Balance Maine's Minimum Wage for Small and Large Employers"

(H.P. 604) (L.D. 830)

Sponsored by Representative STETKIS of Canaan.

Cosponsored by Representatives: ANDREWS of Paris, DRINKWATER of Milford, FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor, GRIGNON of Athens, MASON of Lisbon, PICKETT of Dixfield, Senators: DAVIS of Piscataquis, FARRIN of Somerset.

Bill "An Act To Provide the Same Retirement Benefits for State Employees Working in Law Enforcement as Are Provided to Law Enforcement Officers"

(H.P. 607) (L.D. 833)

Sponsored by Representative DOORE of Augusta.

Cosponsored by Senator CARPENTER of Aroostook and Representatives: ALLEY of Beals, BABINE of Scarborough, COLLINGS of Portland, CUDDY of Winterport, FECTEAU of Biddeford, HICKMAN of Winthrop, MARTIN of Sinclair, SYLVESTER of Portland.

Bill "An Act To Increase Accountability for Wage Violations"

(H.P. 631) (L.D. 857)

Sponsored by Representative COLLINGS of Portland.

Cosponsored by Senator BELLOWS of Kennebec and Representatives: AUSTIN of Skowhegan, DUNPHY of Old Town, FARNSWORTH of Portland, FAY of Raymond, HANDY of Lewiston, RECKITT of South Portland, Senators: LAWRENCE of York, SANBORN, L. of Cumberland.

Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** suggested and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** and ordered printed.

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Strengthen the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code"

(H.P. 629) (L.D. 855)

Sponsored by Representative CAIAZZO of Scarborough.

Cosponsored by Senator MIRAMANT of Knox and Representatives: DENK of Kennebunk, FECTEAU of Biddeford, INGWERSEN of Arundel, KESSLER of South Portland, RYKERSON of Kittery, Senators: CARSON of Cumberland, CHIPMAN of Cumberland, FARRIN of Somerset.

Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** suggested.

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

Bill "An Act To Change the Harassment Prevention Training Required for Legislators, Legislative Staff and Lobbyists"

(H.P. 599) (L.D. 825)

Sponsored by Representative TALBOT ROSS of Portland.

Cosponsored by Senator BLACK of Franklin and Representatives: FECTEAU of Augusta, HICKMAN of Winthrop, MAREAN of Hollis, NEWELL of the Passamaquoddy

Tribe, PLUECKER of Warren, TEPLER of Topsham, Senators: MOORE of Washington, POULIOT of Kennebec.

Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** suggested and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** and ordered printed.

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Allow a Municipality To Opt Out of Collecting Personal Property and Business Equipment Taxes"

(H.P. 598) (L.D. 824)

Sponsored by Representative THERIAULT of China. (BY REQUEST)

Cosponsored by Representative STETKIS of Canaan, Senator POULIOT of Kennebec and Representative: ORDWAY of Standish.

Bill "An Act To Increase the Homestead Property Tax Exemption for Certain Persons Who Are at Least 75 Years of Age"

(H.P. 611) (L.D. 837)

Sponsored by Representative MASTRACCIO of Sanford.

Cosponsored by Senator WOODSOME of York and Representatives: FAY of Raymond, HYMANSON of York, RYKERSON of Kittery, SCHNECK of Bangor, SHARPE of Durham, TIPPING of Orono, Senators: CHENETTE of York, DAVIS of Piscataquis.

Bill "An Act To Increase Funding for Multimodal Transportation"

(H.P. 613) (L.D. 839)

Sponsored by Representative CLOUTIER of Lewiston.

Cosponsored by Senator CHIPMAN of Cumberland and Representatives: DENK of Kennebunk, HANDY of Lewiston, HARNETT of Gardiner, SKOLFIELD of Weld, SYLVESTER of Portland, TERRY of Gorham, TIPPING of Orono, Senator: LIBBY of Androscoggin.

Bill "An Act To Improve Tax Incentives for Broadband Service"

(H.P. 628) (L.D. 854)

Sponsored by Representative ACKLEY of Monmouth.

Cosponsored by Senator BELLOWS of Kennebec and Representatives: BRYANT of Windham, HIGGINS of Dover-Foxcroft, RYKERSON of Kittery, SKOLFIELD of Weld.

Bill "An Act To Exempt Diapering Products from Sales Tax"

(H.P. 637) (L.D. 863)

Sponsored by Representative TEPLER of Topsham.

Cosponsored by Representative DENK of Kennebunk, Senator VITELLI of Sagadahoc and Representatives: BERRY of Bowdoinham, DAUGHTRY of Brunswick, DILLINGHAM of Oxford, McCREIGHT of Harpswell, McDONALD of Stonington, TERRY of Gorham, TIPPING of Orono, Senator: CHIPMAN of Cumberland.

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

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

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Exempt Vehicles That Are More Than 15 Years Old from Titling Requirements"

(H.P. 597) (L.D. 823)

Sponsored by Representative BRYANT of Windham.

Cosponsored by President JACKSON of Aroostook and Representatives: COREY of Windham, MARTIN of Sinclair, McCREA of Fort Fairfield, Senators: BLACK of Franklin, MIRAMANT of Knox.

Bill "An Act Regarding Motor Vehicle Registration Plate Numbers"

(H.P. 600) (L.D. 826)

Sponsored by Representative PICKETT of Dixfield.

Cosponsored by Senator KEIM of Oxford and Representatives: COSTAIN of Plymouth, DILLINGHAM of Oxford, HALL of Wilton, SKOLFIELD of Weld, STROM of Pittsfield, Senators: BLACK of Franklin, CYRWAY of Kennebec, DAVIS of Piscataquis.

Bill "An Act To Prohibit Driverless Commercial Vehicles"

(H.P. 618) (L.D. 844)

Sponsored by Representative HUTCHINS of Penobscot.

Cosponsored by Representatives: LYFORD of Eddington, PERKINS of Oakland, Senators: DAVIS of Piscataquis, ROSEN of Hancock.

Resolve, Directing the Department of Transportation To Erect Signs on Interstate 95 in Island Falls

(H.P. 624) (L.D. 850)

Sponsored by Representative STANLEY of Medway.

Cosponsored by Senator ROSEN of Hancock and Representatives: JOHANSEN of Monticello, VEROW of Brewer, Senator: CARPENTER of Aroostook.

Resolve, To Effect Economies of Scale in Maine's Transportation Funding

(H.P. 625) (L.D. 851)

Sponsored by Representative McLEAN of Gorham.

Cosponsored by Representatives: BERRY of Bowdoinham, PERKINS of Oakland.

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

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

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Increase Funding for Case Managers for Veterans"

(H.P. 609) (L.D. 835)

Sponsored by Representative ROBERTS-LOVELL of South Berwick.

Cosponsored by Representatives: BERRY of Bowdoinham, COLLINGS of Portland, FECTEAU of Biddeford, HICKMAN of Winthrop, MASTRACCIO of Sanford, McCREIGHT of Harpswell, MEYER of Eliot, TALBOT ROSS of Portland.

Bill "An Act To Secure the Integrity of Elections When the Secretary of State Is a Candidate"

(H.P. 619) (L.D. 845)

Sponsored by Representative FECTEAU of Biddeford.

Bill "An Act To Facilitate Weekend Malt Liquor Purchases by Licensed Establishments"

(H.P. 627) (L.D. 853)

Sponsored by Representative ANDREWS of Paris.

Cosponsored by Senator LUCHINI of Hancock and Representatives: DOLLOFF of Rumford, FECTEAU of Augusta, McCREIGHT of Harpswell, MORRIS of Turner, STROM of Pittsfield, Senator: KEIM of Oxford.

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.

Bill "An Act Regarding the Placement of Campaign Signs"

(H.P. 601) (L.D. 827)

Sponsored by Representative DILLINGHAM of Oxford.

Cosponsored by Senator TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin and Representatives: PICKETT of Dixfield, WADSWORTH of Hiram.

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

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

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

ORDERS

On motion of Representative FARNSWORTH of Portland, the following House Order: (H.O. 14)

ORDERED, that Representative Lydia Blume of York be excused January 22 for legislative business.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative W. Edward Crockett of Portland be excused February 5 for personal reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Benjamin T. Collings of Portland be excused January 9 and 22 for health reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Scott W. Cuddy of Winterport be excused January 17 for health reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Billy Bob Faulkingham of Winter Harbor be excused February 7 for personal reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Sara Gideon of Freeport be excused January 17 for legislative business.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Lori K. Gramlich of Old Orchard Beach be excused February 11 for personal reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Sheldon Mark Hanington of Lincoln be excused February 5 for health reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Jeffery P. Hanley of Pittston be excused January 31 for personal reasons and February 5 for health reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Matthew A. Harrington of Sanford be excused January 31 and February 5 for health reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Brian L. Hubbell of Bar Harbor be excused December 5 for personal reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Chris A. Johansen of Monticello be excused January 9 for personal reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Christopher J. Kessler of South Portland be excused February 7 for personal reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Lawrence E. Lockman of Bradley be excused February 7 for personal reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Genevieve McDonald of Stonington be excused January 31 and February 7 for personal reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Rena D. Newell of the Passamaquoddy Tribe be excused January 9 for personal reasons, and January 24 and February 5 for legislative business.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Beth A. O'Connor of Berwick be excused January 22 and 24 for personal reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Margaret M. O'Neil of Saco be excused January 22 for personal reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Richard A. Pickett of Dixfield be excused February 5 and 7 for personal reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Tiffany Roberts-Lovell of South Berwick be excused February 5 and 7 for health reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Bettyann W. Sheats of Auburn be excused February 5 for personal reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Harold L. Stewart III of Presque Isle be excused December 5 for personal reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Timothy S. Theriault of China be excused February 5 and 7 for personal reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Nathan J. Wadsworth of Hiram be excused February 7 for personal reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Dustin Michael White of Washburn be excused January 31 for legislative business.

READ and PASSED.

SPECIAL SENTIMENT CALENDAR

In accordance with House Rule 519 and Joint Rule 213, the following items:

Recognizing:

the City of Auburn, which is celebrating its Sesquicentennial on February 22, 2019. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

(SLS 76)

On **OBJECTION** of Representative SHEATS of Auburn, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

READ.

The **SPEAKER:** The Chair recognizes the Representative from Auburn, Representative Sheats.

Representative **SHEATS:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. For those that do not know what sesquicentennial is, it is our 150th birthday in Auburn. Officially, it's February 22nd, and we will have a variety of activities throughout the state which -- excuse me, throughout the city, which you are all invited to. There will be cake at almost every business or old Victorian home, the Women's Literary Union, churches are opening up. So if you've ever wanted to see the stained-glass window in my church at St. Michael's, which is stunning, I invite you to come to Auburn on February 22nd, next Friday. If you go to auburn150.com, there's a list of all the different activities. If you were born on February 22nd, there will also be a lot of freebies, free skating, and things like that, and to babies born on that day, there will be even more to celebrate. So, thank you, and please come visit Auburn.

Subsequently, this Expression of Legislative Sentiment was **PASSED** in concurrence.

Recognizing:

the Gardiner Area High School Varsity Field Hockey Team, which won the Class B State Championship. Members of the team include Haley Brann, Madelin Walker, Sarah Foust, Aimee Adams, Jazmin Clary, Kristen Ladner, Maddie Farnham, Piper Lavoie, Amanda Cameron, Maggie Bell, Jillian Bisson, Lindsey Bell, Willow Lavoie, Lani Porter and Alyssa Gould; assistant coach Kristen Collins; and head coach Sharon Gallant. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

(HLS 64)

Presented by Representative HARNETT of Gardiner.

Cosponsored by Senator BELLOWES of Kennebec.

On **OBJECTION** of Representative HARNETT of Gardiner, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

READ.

The **SPEAKER:** The Chair recognizes the Representative from Gardiner, Representative Harnett.

Representative **HARNETT:** Thank you, Madam Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I rise today to ask you to join me in recognizing and celebrating the accomplishments of the players and coaches who led the Gardiner Area High School Field Hockey team to the Class B state title on November 3, 2018.

These young women scholar-athletes outperformed the expectations of some, but never their own, in compiling a 17-1 record this past season. I could not be prouder of them. Their coaches, Sharon Gallant and Kristen Collins, will always remember that while they were sometimes a painfully slow starting squad, they always played their best when it counted the most; at the end of games and in the biggest moments. Those first halves were often difficult but there were never any arguments about the final results. I am particularly pleased that we are recognizing these young women on the same day that we just read and adopted a joint resolution recognizing February 6, 2019 as National Girls and Women's Sports Day. The fight towards full equality for girls and women's access to sports and funding for those sports is not yet over, however we have come a long way and these young women are proof of that.

I also want to recognize and thank the parents, grandparents, family members, teachers and friends who supported these student athletes this past season and during all the many seasons before that. I know full well the bonds that develop among community members and families who drive to gyms and fields all around the state and beyond in all sorts of weather and at all sorts of hours, from early morning to late at night. They have made those trips for many years, as most of these athletes have played together for more than a decade. Those bonds will last long after the final whistle or buzzer.

Lastly, I want to thank the communities of Randolph, Pittston, West Gardiner, and Gardiner, who embraced this team, held them close, and celebrated in a grand and loud manner complete with a fire and police escort after they captured the state title last November. Sports can strengthen communities. Congratulations, ladies, on an accomplishment you will carry with you and remember forever. Well done.

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

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

Second Day

In accordance with House Rule 519, the following items appeared on the Consent Calendar for the Second Day:

(H.P. 8) (L.D. 7) Resolve, To Name a Bridge in the Town of Lincoln and the Town of Chester the Master Sergeant Gary Gordon Bridge

(H.P. 18) (L.D. 17) Resolve, Designating a Portion of Route 1 in Downeast Maine the Hannah and Rebecca Weston Trail

(H.P. 33) (L.D. 32) Resolve, Naming a Highway and Renaming a Bridge in the Town of Whiting

(H.P. 163) (L.D. 200) Resolve, To Name the Bridge on Main Street in the Town of Orono the Brandon M. Silk Memorial Bridge

No objections having been noted at the end of the Second Legislative Day, the House Papers were **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED** and sent for concurrence.

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

SENATE PAPERS

The following Joint Order: (S.P. 241)

ORDERED, the House concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourn, they do so until Tuesday, February 19, 2019 at 10:00 in the Morning.

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

READ and **PASSED** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Require Background Checks for All Private Firearm Sales or Transfers Except between Family Members" (S.P. 246) (L.D. 810)

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.

Bill "An Act Regarding the Duties of the Public Advocate" (S.P. 243) (L.D. 807)

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

REFERRED to the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Advance the Restoration of the Penobscot River" (S.P. 253) (L.D. 817)

Bill "An Act To Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions" (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 254) (L.D. 818)

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.

Bill "An Act To Regulate the Issuance of Short-term, Limited-duration Health Insurance Policies in the State" (S.P. 251) (L.D. 815)

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.

Resolve, To Encourage Relocation of Working Professionals (S.P. 249) (L.D. 813)

Bill "An Act To Strengthen Maine's Economy through Research and Innovation led by the University of Maine System" (S.P. 250) (L.D. 814)

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.

Bill "An Act To Create a Youth Wage" (S.P. 244) (L.D. 808)

Bill "An Act To Expand and Clarify the Disqualification from Workers' Compensation Benefits of an Employee Who Is Injured While Under the Influence of Drugs or Alcohol" (S.P. 245) (L.D. 809)

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.

Bill "An Act To Clarify the Definition of 'Ancient Burying Ground'" (S.P. 242) (L.D. 806)

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.

Bill "An Act To Provide Additional Flexibility in the Municipal Property Tax Assistance Programs for Seniors" (S.P. 247) (L.D. 811)

Bill "An Act To Stabilize Property Taxes on Homesteads of Individuals Who Are 66 Years of Age or Older" (S.P. 248) (L.D. 812)

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

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

Bill "An Act To Implement the National Popular Vote for President of the United States"

(S.P. 252) (L.D. 816)

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.

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

On motion of Representative ALLEY of Beals, the House adjourned at 10:46 a.m., until 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, February 19, 2019, pursuant to the Joint Order (S.P. 241) and in honor and lasting tribute to Peter F. Miesburger, of Caribou and Robert Arthur Brown, of Hanover.