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**STATE OF MAINE
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JOURNAL OF THE SENATE**

In Senate Chamber
Tuesday
March 19, 2019

Senate called to order by President Troy D. Jackson of Aroostook County.

Prayer by Pastor Peter Sheff, Abundant Grace Ministries in Searsmont.

PASTOR SHEFF: Thank you, President Jackson, and thank you, Senator Herbig, for inviting me to come. It's an honor. The scripture I've chosen this morning for our prayer is Psalm 75, Verse 7, but God is the judge. He puts down one and exalts another. Let us pray.

May we all recognize today, Father, Your hand in who is here and who is not here. These Senators here today are here not only because they won the votes of those who voted for them but even more so because You chose to place them here for a time such as this. Help them to sit where not only those who supported them sit but where those who did not vote for them sit. Help them to have compassion for the least among us and at the same time wisdom to deal with the complex issues that are before them. Help them, Father, to see Your hand in their personal lives and may that hand help to guide them in the decisions they make today and every day. Lord, help us, and help them, to reveal kindness and respect when we do not agree with each other. Help us to listen with open minds to one another and may Your will be done today and every day. Remind us of Your promise that if we would seek You with all of our heart we will find You. In Christ Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Senator Ned Claxton of Androscoggin County.

Reading of the Journal of Thursday, March 14, 2019.

Doctor of the day, Linda Keniston, M.D. of Oakland.

Off Record Remarks

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

Non-Concurrent Matter

HOUSE REPORTS - from the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act To Appropriate Funds To Provide Sea Protection and Public Access to the Historic Whaleback Lighthouse in Kittery"

H.P. 117 L.D. 135

Majority - **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-4)** (8 members)

Minority - **Ought Not to Pass** (5 members)

In Senate, March 12, 2019, the Minority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

Comes from the House, that Body having **INSISTED** on its former action whereby the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report was **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-4)**.

On motion by Senator **BREEN** of Cumberland, the Senate **INSISTED**.

Non-Concurrent Matter

SENATE REPORTS - from the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** on Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Practice of Pharmacy" S.P. 79 L.D. 267

Majority - **Ought Not to Pass** (8 members)

Minority - **Ought to Pass** (4 members)

In Senate, March 12, 2019, the Minority **OUGHT TO PASS** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**.

Comes from the House, the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

On motion by Senator **BREEN** of Cumberland, the Senate **INSISTED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

House Papers

Bill "An Act To Update the Civil Animal Welfare Laws" H.P. 891 L.D. 1230

Bill "An Act To Protect the Health and Safety of Maine State Park Visitors and Staff"

H.P. 907 L.D. 1246

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

On motion by Senator **DILL** of Penobscot, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Authorize General Fund Bond Issues To Address Changes in Sea Level, Geospatial Data Acquisition by Communities and the Increase in Ocean Acidity"
H.P. 885 L.D. 1224

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

On motion by Senator **BREEN** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Prohibit the Abuse and Isolation of Older and Dependent Adults"
H.P. 910 L.D. 1249

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

On motion by Senator **DESCHAMBAULT** of York, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Allow Parents To Apply to the Commissioner of Education To Enroll Their Children in a Receiving School Administrative Unit and To Remove Limitations on Which Students May Be So Enrolled"
H.P. 888 L.D. 1227

Resolve, To Advance College Affordability by Convening a Task Force To Recommend a Sustainable Funding Model for Maintaining Maine's Public Higher Education Infrastructure (EMERGENCY)
H.P. 925 L.D. 1283

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

On motion by Senator **MILLETT** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Resolve, To Direct the ConnectME Authority To Report on the Progress of the Detailed 2019-2021 Strategic Plan for Broadband Service in Maine
H.P. 909 L.D. 1248

Bill "An Act To Establish a Green New Deal for Maine"
H.P. 924 L.D. 1282

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

On motion by Senator **BREEN** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Protect the Penobscot River and Penobscot Bay from Mercury Contamination"
H.P. 929 L.D. 1287

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

On motion by Senator **CARSON** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Increase Funding for Home Visiting Programs"
H.P. 886 L.D. 1225

Resolve, Requiring the Department of Health and Human Services To Create a Limited Benefit MaineCare Card for Individuals Eligible for the Medicare Savings Program
H.P. 889 L.D. 1228

Bill "An Act To Increase Safety in Health Care Facilities"
H.P. 896 L.D. 1235

Resolve, To Change the Work Requirement Rules under the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program
H.P. 908 L.D. 1247

Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services To Adopt Rules To Streamline and Remove Barriers for Reimbursement for Providers of Dental Care Services
H.P. 920 L.D. 1259

Bill "An Act To Establish a MaineCare Reimbursement Rate Review Process and the MaineCare Independent Rate Commission"
H.P. 930 L.D. 1288

Resolve, To Reduce the Incidence of Infants Exposed to Illegal Substances
H.P. 931 L.D. 1289

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

On motion by Senator **GRATWICK** of Penobscot, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Assist Small Businesses in Providing Health Care for Their Employees"

H.P. 904 L.D. 1243

Bill "An Act Regarding Short-term, Limited-duration Health Plans"

H.P. 921 L.D. 1260

Bill "An Act To Authorize Certain Health Care Professionals To Perform Abortions"

H.P. 922 L.D. 1261

Resolve, To Create a Committee To Explore Regional Cooperation for Affordable Health Insurance

H.P. 923 L.D. 1281

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

On motion by Senator **H. SANBORN** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Clarify the Laws Governing the Licensing of Paramedics"

H.P. 897 L.D. 1236

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

On motion by Senator **H. SANBORN** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY**, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act Regarding Snowmobile Registration Fees"

H.P. 913 L.D. 1252

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

On motion by Senator **DILL** of Penobscot, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Fund Energy Efficiency Programs through a Fee on the Sale of Unregulated Heating Fuels"

H.P. 892 L.D. 1231

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

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY**.

On motion by Senator **HERBIG** of Waldo, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Provide Career and Technical Training Options for Electricians"

H.P. 901 L.D. 1240

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

On motion by Senator **HERBIG** of Waldo, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Resolve, To Establish the Committee To Study and Develop Recommendations To Address Guardianship Challenges That Delay Patient Discharges from Hospitals

H.P. 890 L.D. 1229

Bill "An Act Regarding Offers of Settlement"

H.P. 894 L.D. 1233

Bill "An Act To Protect Victims of Domestic and Sexual Violence in Certain Provisions under the Maine Human Rights Act"

H.P. 906 L.D. 1245

Come from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator **CARPENTER** of Aroostook, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Ensure the Right To Work without Payment of Dues or Fees to a Labor Union as a Condition of Employment"

H.P. 893 L.D. 1232

Bill "An Act To Simplify Municipal Collective Bargaining by Removing the 120-Day Notice Required Prior to Certain Negotiations"

H.P. 898 L.D. 1237

Bill "An Act To Mandate Paid Maternity and Parental Leave"

H.P. 900 L.D. 1239

Bill "An Act To Prohibit Sexual Harassment as a Subject Matter of Mandatory Arbitration in Employment Contracts"
H.P. 911 L.D. 1250

Bill "An Act To Make Agricultural Workers and Other Workers Employees under the Wage and Hour Laws"
H.P. 912 L.D. 1251

Bill "An Act To Fairly Compensate for Fatal Accidents under the Maine Workers' Compensation Act of 1992"
H.P. 914 L.D. 1253

Come from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator **BELLOWS** of Kennebec, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Improve Survival Rates of Salmon and Other Migratory Fish Transitioning from Freshwater to Saltwater Environments"
H.P. 902 L.D. 1241

Bill "An Act To Establish Criteria for a Permit To Conduct Research in the Intertidal Zone"
H.P. 927 L.D. 1285

Bill "An Act To Allow the Deposition of Oyster Shell Cultch To Ameliorate Ocean and Coastal Acidification"
H.P. 928 L.D. 1286

Come from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **MARINE RESOURCES** and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator **MIRAMANT** of Knox, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **MARINE RESOURCES** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Expand the Value of the Homestead Exemption to \$25,000 and State Reimbursement to 100 Percent of Lost Property Tax Revenue"
H.P. 895 L.D. 1234

Bill "An Act To Exempt Certain Print Publications from Sales Tax"
H.P. 899 L.D. 1238

Bill "An Act To Reinstigate the State Property Tax Deferral Program for Seniors"
H.P. 903 L.D. 1242

Bill "An Act To Authorize a Local Option Sales Tax on Meals and Lodging and Provide Funding To Treat Opioid Use Disorder"
H.P. 915 L.D. 1254

Bill "An Act To Provide a Health Care Preceptor Tax Credit"
H.P. 917 L.D. 1256

Come from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TAXATION** and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator **CHIPMAN** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TAXATION** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Amend the Traffic Movement Permit Process To Incorporate a Multimodal Approach to Infrastructure Planning"
H.P. 884 L.D. 1223

Bill "An Act To Prepare Maine for a Low-carbon Transportation Future"
H.P. 918 L.D. 1257

Bill "An Act To Increase Access to Transportation for Workforce and Other Essential Transportation Needs"
H.P. 919 L.D. 1258

Come from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator **DIAMOND** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Make Criteria for State Veterans' Benefits Consistent within the Maine Revised Statutes"
H.P. 887 L.D. 1226

Bill "An Act To Authorize the Gambling Control Board To Accept an Application from the Passamaquoddy Tribe To Operate 50 Slot Machines in the Tribe's High-stakes Beano Facility"
H.P. 905 L.D. 1244

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Require Referenda To Receive 60 Percent of the Vote To Become Law

H.P. 916 L.D. 1255

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

On motion by Senator **LUCHINI** of Hancock, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Off Record Remarks

Joint Orders

The following Joint Order:

H.P. 883

ORDERED, the Senate concurring, that the Joint Standing Committee on Environment and Natural Resources may report out, to the House, legislation implementing the recommendations contained in the annual product stewardship report by the Department of Environmental Protection.

Comes from the House, **READ** and **PASSED**.

READ and **PASSED**, in concurrence.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: S.C. 197

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

March 13, 2019

The Honorable Troy D. Jackson
President of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

RE: Appointment of Mary O. Shea of Brownfield as Student Trustee to the Board of Trustees Maine Maritime Academy

Dear Mr. President:

This is to inform you that I am today nominating Mary O. Shea of Brownfield for appointment as Student Trustee to the Board of Trustees Maine Maritime Academy.

Pursuant to Title 5 §12004-C and Public Law 1941, c. 37, §1, as amended by P&SL 1993, c 27, §1, this appointment is contingent on the Maine State Senate's confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

READ and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**.

The Following Communication: S.C. 198

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

March 13, 2019

The Honorable Troy D. Jackson
President of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

RE: Reappointment of Jason A. Oney of Falmouth to the Board of Trustees Maine Maritime Academy

Dear Mr. President:

This is to inform you that I am today nominating Jason A. Oney of Falmouth for reappointment to the Board of Trustees Maine Maritime Academy.

Pursuant to Title 5 §12004-C and Public Law 1941, c. 37, §1, as amended by P&SL 1993, c 27, §1, this appointment is contingent on the Maine State Senate's confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

READ and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**.

The Following Communication: S.C. 199

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

March 13, 2019

The Honorable Troy D. Jackson
President of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

RE: Reappointment of Morten Arntzen of Norwalk, CT to the Board of Trustees Maine Maritime Academy

Dear Mr. President:

This is to inform you that I am today nominating Morten Arntzen of Norwalk, CT for reappointment to the Board of Trustees Maine Maritime Academy.

Pursuant to Title 5 §12004-C and Public Law 1941, c. 37, §1, as amended by P&SL 1993, c 27, §1, this appointment is contingent on the Maine State Senate's confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

READ and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**.

The Following Communication: S.C. 200

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

March 13, 2019

The Honorable Troy D. Jackson
President of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

RE: Reappointment of Arthur K. Watson, Jr. of New Canaan,
CT to the Board of Trustees Maine Maritime Academy

Dear Mr. President:

This is to inform you that I am today nominating Arthur K. Watson,
Jr. of New Canaan, CT for reappointment to the Board of
Trustees Maine Maritime Academy.

Pursuant to Title 5 §12004-C and Public Law 1941, c. 37, §1, as
amended by P&SL 1993, c 27, §1, this appointment is contingent
on the Maine State Senate's confirmation after review by the Joint
Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 189

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY NINTH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON MARINE RESOURCES**

March 13, 2019

Honorable Troy Dale Jackson, Senate President
Honorable Sara Gideon, Speaker of the House
129th Maine State Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Gideon,

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that we
have approved the request by the bill sponsor Rep. McCreight of
Harpwell, to report the following bill Leave to Withdraw:

L.D. 962 An Act To Protect Shellfish in the Intertidal
Zone by Including within the Definition of "Fish"
the Taking of Spat and Seed

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Dave Miramant
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Jay McCreight
House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 190

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS**

March 11, 2019

Honorable Troy Dale Jackson, President of the Senate
Honorable Sara Gideon, Speaker of the House
129th Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Gideon:

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that the
Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs has
voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to
Pass":

L.D. 654 An Act Regarding Instruction in Civics in
Secondary Schools

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Rebecca Millett
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Victoria P. Kornfield
House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 193

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL
RESOURCES**

March 8, 2019

Honorable Troy Dale Jackson, President of the Senate
Honorable Sara Gideon, Speaker of the House
129th Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Gideon:

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that the Joint Standing Committee on Environment and Natural Resources has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

- L.D. 87 An Act To Increase the Bottle Redemption Deposit
- L.D. 93 An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Bottle Redemption To Counterbalance for Redemption Centers the Increase in Minimum Wage
- L.D. 319 An Act To Standardize the Laws Concerning Property Transfers and To Protect Water Quality
- L.D. 360 An Act To Increase the Reimbursement to Bottle Redemption Centers (EMERGENCY)
- L.D. 377 An Act To Protect Small Redemption Centers (EMERGENCY)
- L.D. 378 An Act To Amend Maine's Bottle Deposit Law
- L.D. 426 An Act To Increase the Beverage Container Redemption Reimbursement To Offset Minimum Wage Increases
- L.D. 505 An Act To Require the Use of Reusable Food Ware at Eating Establishments
- L.D. 575 An Act To Increase the Bottle Redemption Deposit and the Amount Retained by Bottle Redemption Centers
- L.D. 579 An Act To Update Beverage Container Deposits and Redemption Values

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Brownie Carson Senate Chair S/Rep. Ralph L. Tucker House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 194

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON HEALTH COVERAGE,
INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES**

March 13, 2019

Honorable Troy Dale Jackson, President of the Senate
Honorable Sara Gideon, Speaker of the House
129th Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Gideon:

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that the Joint Standing Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

- L.D. 842 An Act Relating to Insurance Companies and Totaled Motor Vehicles
- L.D. 899 An Act To Increase Access to Health Care by Attracting Qualified Physicians to Maine

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Heather B. Sanborn Senate Chair S/Rep. Denise A. Tepler House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 191

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT,
ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS**

March 11, 2019

Honorable Troy Dale Jackson, President of the Senate
Honorable Sara Gideon, Speaker of the House
129th Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Gideon:

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that the Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

- L.D. 88 An Act To Require the Truthful Display of Gasoline Prices

L.D. 130 An Act To Provide Funding To Continue the Strategic Economic and Sustainable Development of Northern Aroostook County

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Erin Herbig
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Matthea Elisabeth Larsen-Daughtry
House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 195

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON MARINE RESOURCES**

March 1, 2019

Honorable Troy Dale Jackson, President of the Senate
Honorable Sara Gideon, Speaker of the House
129th Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Gideon:

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that the Joint Standing Committee on Marine Resources has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 4 An Act To Encourage Applied Shellfish Research

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Dave Miramant
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Jay McCreight
House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 192

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

March 11, 2019

Honorable Troy Dale Jackson, President of the Senate
Honorable Sara Gideon, Speaker of the House
129th Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Gideon:

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 554 An Act To Clarify the Authority To Recall Municipal Officials

L.D. 572 An Act Regarding the State Bird

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Ned Claxton
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Danny Martin
House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 196

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS**

March 13, 2019

Honorable Troy Dale Jackson, President of the Senate
Honorable Sara Gideon, Speaker of the House
129th Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Gideon:

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 272 An Act To Allow Voting by Mail

L.D. 667 RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Require That the Governor Be Elected by a Majority Vote

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Louis J. Luchini
Senate Chair

S/Rep. John C. Schneck
House Chair

Bill "An Act To Index MaineCare Reimbursement to Nursing Homes and Other Adult Care Facilities to Increases in the Minimum Wage"

S.P. 405 L.D. 1309

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

Presented by Senator **TIMBERLAKE** of Androscoggin. Cosponsored by Representative **MORRIS** of Turner and Senators: **BLACK** of Franklin, **DOW** of Lincoln, **KEIM** of Oxford, Representatives: **DILLINGHAM** of Oxford, **STEWART** of Presque Isle.

SENATE PAPERS

Bill "An Act Regarding the Sale of Dogs and Cats at Pet Shops"
S.P. 407 L.D. 1311

On motion by Senator **GRATWICK** of Penobscot, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** and ordered printed.

Presented by Senator **CHIPMAN** of Cumberland. Cosponsored by Senator: **CARPENTER** of Aroostook, Representatives: **BAILEY** of Saco, **CAMPBELL** of Orrington, **McCREA** of Fort Fairfield, **O'NEIL** of Saco.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Revise the Laws Regarding the Public Trust in Intertidal Lands"

S.P. 411 L.D. 1323

Bill "An Act To Require Residential Mortgage Loan Servicers To Act in Good Faith in Dealings with Homeowners"
S.P. 415 L.D. 1327

Presented by Senator **DOW** of Lincoln. Cosponsored by Representative **EVANGELOS** of Friendship.

Presented by Senator **CLAXTON** of Androscoggin. Cosponsored by Senators: **DESCHAMBAULT** of York, **MOORE** of Washington.

On motion by Senator **DILL** of Penobscot, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** and ordered printed.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Senator **H. SANBORN** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Promote Safe Schools through the Creation of the Safe School Climate Council"

S.P. 402 L.D. 1306

Bill "An Act To Promote Snowmobiling in Maine"
S.P. 403 L.D. 1307

Presented by Senator **CHENETTE** of York. Cosponsored by Representative **GRAMLICH** of Old Orchard Beach and Representatives: **BAILEY** of Saco, **O'NEIL** of Saco.

Presented by Senator **TIMBERLAKE** of Androscoggin. Cosponsored by Representative **NADEAU** of Winslow and Senators: **BLACK** of Franklin, **DAVIS** of Piscataquis, **DILL** of Penobscot, Representatives: **LANDRY** of Farmington, **MASON** of Lisbon, **ORDWAY** of Standish.

On motion by Senator **MILLETT** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Senator **DILL** of Penobscot, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Better Fund Nursing Homes in the State To Better Help the Elderly and Disabled"

S.P. 404 L.D. 1308

Presented by Senator **TIMBERLAKE** of Androscoggin. Cosponsored by Representative **MORRIS** of Turner and Senator: **BLACK** of Franklin.

Bill "An Act Regarding Access to Firearms by Extremely Dangerous and Suicidal Individuals"
S.P. 408 L.D. 1312

Presented by Senator MILLETT of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative CARDONE of Bangor, Speaker GIDEON of Freeport and Senators: CARSON of Cumberland, GRATWICK of Penobscot, MIRAMANT of Knox, Representatives: BAILEY of Saco, HARNETT of Gardiner, HYMANSON of York, McCREIGHT of Harpswell, RECKITT of South Portland.

On motion by Senator **CARPENTER** of Aroostook, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Resolve, To Establish the Committee To Study the Feasibility of Creating Basic Income Security
S.P. 412 L.D. 1324

Presented by Senator VITELLI of Sagadahoc.
Cosponsored by Representative McCREIGHT of Harpswell and Senators: BELLOWS of Kennebec, MIRAMANT of Knox, Representatives: BEEBE-CENTER of Rockland, BRENNAN of Portland, HEPLER of Woolwich, PERRY of Calais.

Bill "An Act To Allow Workplace Substance Use Testing for Fentanyl, Hydromorphone, Hydrocodone, Oxycodone and Oxymorphone Use at the Employer's Discretion"
S.P. 413 L.D. 1325

Presented by Senator KEIM of Oxford.
Cosponsored by Senators: GUERIN of Penobscot, MOORE of Washington, Representatives: JAVNER of Chester, O'CONNOR of Berwick, PERRY of Calais.

On motion by Senator **BELLOWS** of Kennebec, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Increase the Salaries of the Governor and Legislators"
S.P. 416 L.D. 1328

Presented by Senator CARPENTER of Aroostook.
Cosponsored by Senators: DAVIS of Piscataquis, President JACKSON of Aroostook.

On motion by Senator **CLAXTON** of Androscoggin, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Encourage Savings through Contributions to Family Development Accounts"
S.P. 401 L.D. 1305

Presented by Senator VITELLI of Sagadahoc.
Cosponsored by Representative BROOKS of Lewiston and Senators: CHIPMAN of Cumberland, LIBBY of Androscoggin, Representatives: ALLEY of Beals, BLUME of York, HEPLER of Woolwich.

Bill "An Act To Expand Eligibility for the Veterans' Property Tax Exemption"
S.P. 414 L.D. 1326

Presented by Senator KEIM of Oxford.
Cosponsored by Senator: POULIOT of Kennebec, Representative: SHEATS of Auburn.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Address the Shortage of Department of Transportation Snowplow Drivers and Other Transportation Workers"
S.P. 406 L.D. 1310

Presented by Senator MIRAMANT of Knox.
Cosponsored by Representative BRYANT of Windham and Senators: BELLOWS of Kennebec, CARSON of Cumberland, CHIPMAN of Cumberland, President JACKSON of Aroostook, Representatives: TALBOT ROSS of Portland, TIPPING of Orono.

Bill "An Act To Allow Temporary Roadside Memorials for Deceased Victims of Traffic Accidents"
S.P. 417 L.D. 1329

Presented by Senator FOLEY of York. (BY REQUEST)

On motion by Senator **DIAMOND** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

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

ORDERS

Joint Orders

Expressions of Legislative Sentiment recognizing:

Kathryn Hopkins, of Norridgewock, who is being inducted into the Maple Hall of Fame at the International Maple Museum Centre by the North American Maple Syrup Council. Ms. Hopkins is only the second person from Maine to be so inducted. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 136

Sponsored by Senator FARRIN of Somerset.
Cosponsored by Senators: BLACK of Franklin, TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin, Representatives: CURTIS of Madison, HALL of Wilton, KINNEY of Knox.

The Joint Order was **READ**.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Somerset, Senator Farrin.

Senator **FARRIN:** Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, it's my honor today to stand and recognize Kathryn Hopkins of Norridgewock. For those that don't know about the Maple Syrup Hall of Fame, it is how appropriate that it's coming up on this week, that it's happening. Since 1977 the North American Maple Syrup Council Hall of Fame has recognized exceptional individuals in the maple syrup industry in the United States and Canada. Since that date, 91 individuals from 13 states and Canada have been inducted. Mrs. Hopkins is only the second Mainer to receive this prestigious honor and joined the ranks of another Somerset County resident. She's been involved in this process for over 20 years, and a lot of people think when, you know, you join the Hall of Fame it's time to retire. She has made it very clear that she has lots more work to do in educating Mainers and promoting the maple syrup industry and just very proud to have her husband here today and being recognized by the Senate and the House. Thank you, Mr. President.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Franklin, Senator Black.

Senator **BLACK:** Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, it is my privilege and honor to stand up and say a few words about Kathy. I've known Kathy for I don't know how many years, a long time. She is maple syrup in the state of Maine. She is the expert. She has taught many classes on judging and quality of syrup, schools. She is our tech person that we go to. She sets our conferences. She sets up our trade shows. If you want to know if it's good maple syrup you ask Kathy Hopkins. She'll tell you whether it's good or not. I would like to thank her for her years of dedication and hard work to the maple syrup industry. The maple syrup industry in the state of Maine would not be what it is today if it hadn't been for Kathy Hopkins. I have even driven in a car for six hours to Northern Quebec to meet with Canadian producers to convince them that Maine maple syrup is better than theirs. Wasn't that what we went for? Yup. But it's an honor to stand up and she is so deserving of this award. The only reason that Senator Farrin can stand up is, because it's Somerset County and the other one was from Somerset County, Somerset County is the largest maple producing county in the world.

The Joint Order was **PASSED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair is pleased to recognize in the rear of the Chamber Kathryn and Bob Hopkins. They are from the Town of Norridgewock and they are guests today of the Senator from Somerset, Senator Farrin. Would they please rise and accept the greetings of the Maine State Senate.

Alicia Lawrence, of Cape Elizabeth, a senior at Cape Elizabeth High School, who has been named a Distinguished Finalist for 2019 by The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards, a nationwide program honoring young people for outstanding acts of volunteerism. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 137

Sponsored by Senator MILLETT of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representatives: CARNEY of Cape Elizabeth, KESSLER of South Portland.

The Joint Order was **READ**.

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

Senator **MILLETT:** Thank you, Mr. President. Mr. President, ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, I am so pleased to be rising this morning to introduce to you a phenomenal young woman, Alicia Lawrence of Cape Elizabeth, a senior at the Cape Elizabeth High School who has been named the Distinguished Finalist for 2019 by The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards. The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards represents the United States' largest youth recognition program based solely on volunteer service. All public and private middle level and high schools in the country, as well as all Girl Scouts Councils, county 4-H organizations, American Red Cross Chapters, YMCAs, and affiliates of Points of Light Hands-on Network are able to select a student or member for this award. These local honorees are reviewed by an independent judging panel, which then selects the State honorees and distinguished finalists. Alicia is, as I said, a senior at Cape Elizabeth High School. She has used her background in competitive skiing to teach people of all ages and disabilities how to ski. She's made strong connections with these young people and I know that they are sad to lose her as she will be attending Cornell University next year. She's inspired to give back at the facility that hosted her swim practices. She also volunteers with the local Boys and Girls Club and instructs a robotics class once a week during the school year. I might add, in addition, she is the state record holder in the 200 meter relay, the 200 free relay, the 400 free relay, and has been one of the top freestylers in the state since her freshman year. Yes, Alicia is a slacker. It is an incredible honor to recognize Alicia's great work and, most importantly, her generous nature and shine a spotlight on her service to inspire others to consider how they might make a difference. Thank you, Mr. President.

The Joint Order was **PASSED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair would like to recognize in the rear of the Chamber Alicia and Lisa Lawrence. They are the guests today of the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Millett. They are actually from the Town of Cape Elizabeth. Would they please rise and accept the greetings of the Maine State Senate.

On motion by Senator **BELLOWS** of Kennebec (Cosponsored by Representative SYLVESTER of Portland and Senator: GUERIN of Penobscot, Representatives: BRADSTREET of Vassalboro, CARNEY of Cape Elizabeth, CUDDY of Winterport, DOORE of Augusta, PEOPLES of Westbrook, RYKERSON of Kittery), the following Joint Resolution:

S.P. 410

Joint Resolutions

**JOINT RESOLUTION
RECOGNIZING THE MAINE STATE HOUSING AUTHORITY
ON ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY**

On motion by Senator **L. SANBORN** of Cumberland (Cosponsored by Representative GATTINE of Westbrook and Senators: CLAXTON of Androscoggin, GRATWICK of Penobscot, Representatives: CRAVEN of Lewiston, PERRY of Calais), the following Joint Resolution:

S.P. 409

**JOINT RESOLUTION
RECOGNIZING MARCH 2019 AS
BLEEDING DISORDERS AWARENESS MONTH**

WHEREAS, the Maine State Housing Authority, also known as MaineHousing, was established as a quasi-public housing agency charged with expanding affordable housing opportunities for the State's low-income and moderate-income families and individuals; and

WHEREAS, MaineHousing has been helping Maine people own, rent, repair and heat their homes since 1969; and

WHEREAS, MaineHousing has financed 54,851 first-time homebuyer mortgages and 323 affordable apartment projects with a total of 10,697 units; and

WHEREAS, MaineHousing has helped 23,038 low-income families and seniors afford their rents, weatherized 15,292 homes, served an average of over 42,000 households a year with fuel assistance benefits, helped shelter the homeless and provided needed repairs to many thousands of homes, addressing problems of radon, arsenic, accessibility, lead paint and general disrepair; and

WHEREAS, through prudent investment, MaineHousing has grown to become a \$1.8 billion public purpose financial institution with its bonds rated AA+, thanks to the support of a wide network of partners including Maine's financial institutions, real estate agents, community action agencies, local homeless shelters, developers, apartment owners and managers, landlords and federal and state political leaders; 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 commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Maine State Housing Authority and its record of success in service to the people of Maine; and be it further

RESOLVED: That suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the Maine State Housing Authority.

The Joint Resolution was **READ**.

On further motion by same Senator, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending the motion by Senator **BELLOWS** of Kennebec to **ADOPT**.

WHEREAS, bleeding disorders, which are distinguished by the inability to form a proper blood clot, are characterized by extended bleeding after injury, surgery, trauma or menstruation and can lead to significant morbidity and can be fatal if not treated effectively; and

WHEREAS, many individuals with hemophilia became infected with HIV and hepatitis C in the 1980s due to the contamination of the blood supply and blood products; and

WHEREAS, Bleeding Disorders Awareness Month will generate greater awareness and understanding of not only hemophilia but all inheritable bleeding disorders, including von Willebrand disease, which alone affects an estimated one percent of the U.S. population, or more than 3.2 million individuals; and

WHEREAS, Bleeding Disorders Awareness Month will foster a greater sense of community and shared purpose among all individuals with inheritable bleeding disorders; and

WHEREAS, Bleeding Disorders Awareness Month will elevate awareness of and engagement in the inheritable bleeding disorders journey for the general public, enabling the prevention of illness, unnecessary procedures and disability; 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 March 2019 as Bleeding Disorders Awareness Month.

The Joint Resolution was **READ**.

On further motion by same Senator, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending the motion by Senator **L. SANBORN** of Cumberland to **ADOPT**.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

House

Ought to Pass

The Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** on Bill "An Act To Prohibit Questions Regarding Criminal History on Certain State Employment Applications"

H.P. 133 L.D. 170

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

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

Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

Ought to Pass As Amended

The Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** on Bill "An Act To Provide Occupants of Motor Vehicles with Gold Star Family Registration Plates Free Entry to State Parks, Camping Areas and Beaches"

H.P. 132 L.D. 169

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-13)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-13)**.

Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-13) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

Off Record Remarks

The Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** on Bill "An Act To Clarify That Food and Food Products Containing Hemp-derived Cannabidiol Produced and Sold within the State Are Not Adulterated and To Match the State's Definition of 'Hemp' to the Definition in Federal Law" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 459 L.D. 630

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-10)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-10)**.

Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-10) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

The Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Bill "An Act To Provide Meals to Homebound Individuals"

H.P. 357 L.D. 472

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-12)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-12)**.

Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-12) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair is very pleased to recognize in the rear of the Chamber the Bonny Eagle High School girls State Champion Cross Country team and boys basketball AA Southern Region Champions. The Chair would recognize the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Diamond.

Senator **DIAMOND:** Thank you, Mr. President. Yes, we are very proud of these two teams and I speak not for, but I suspect in addition to, Senator Chenette and Senator Sanborn to express our pride for these two teams. The Lady Scots, the cross country team, is just an unbelievable team. They're the 2018 Champions and they were the 2012 Champions, the 2013 Champions, the 2015 Champions, and the 2016 Champions. So out of the last seven years they've won the State Championship and, of course, their Coach, Mike Burlison, and Assistant Coach, T.J. Hesler. We're very, very proud of that team and of those young ladies and so glad that they could be here with us. The other team, Mr. President, are the Bonny Eagle boys basketball team. They won, as you mentioned, the AA Southern Regional title. It's only the third time in history that that's happened with the Bonny Eagle High School boys basketball team. Their first year Coach is Coach Trull and their record was 15-3 this year, and was their season record. Their Assistant Coach is a coach you may

recognize, Kevin Cooper, who was also the football coach. I would just say that having briefly met these young people this morning, it's really a pleasure to see them here and all they represent and they are the future for all of us and I would simply say thank you to them for all they've done and making us all so proud. Thank you, Mr. President.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair would like to definitely congratulate both of the teams and, they're already standing, would they please accept the greetings and congratulations of the Maine State Senate.

The Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** on Bill "An Act To Establish a Recall Process for Elected Officials in Plantations" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 56 L.D. 59

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-8)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-8)**.

Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-8) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act To Fund the School Revolving Renovation Fund"

H.P. 313 L.D. 404

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-9)**.

Signed:

Senators:

MILLETT of Cumberland
CARSON of Cumberland

Representatives:

KORNFIELD of Bangor
BRENNAN of Portland
DODGE of Belfast
FARNSWORTH of Portland
INGWERSEN of Arundel
McCREA of Fort Fairfield

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

Signed:

Senator:

POULIOT of Kennebec

Representatives:

DRINKWATER of Milford
FECTEAU of Augusta
RUDNICKI of Fairfield
SAMPSON of Alfred

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-9)**.

Reports **READ**.

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

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

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Kennebec, Senator Pouliot.

Senator **POULIOT:** Thank you, Mr. President. Men and women of the Senate, the opposition of this bill is really quite simple. We have a budget proposal that spends 99.95% of the revenues in one-time money that the State has projected to have. We simply do not have the \$25 million to fund this initiative. I ask that you follow my light. Thank you.

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

Senator **MILLETT:** Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and gentlemen, I respectfully disagree with my colleague. This bill is absolutely essential to get our schools back on track. Originally, in 1998 the goal of this fund was to supply \$200 million to meet state-wide needs for our infrastructure for schools and over that time only roughly \$100 million was appropriated. Most recently the most recent appropriation to this fund was a whopping \$1.5 million. This fund now stands depleted to the point where the Department is no longer accepting applications. The list of schools needing renovation and assistance is long and disturbing. Our schools are exhibiting serious structural issues and I'm afraid to say that there are even some that do not have basic fire safety infrastructure. I propose to you that we support this legislation, send it down to the Appropriations and Financial Affairs Committee, and allow them to make the decision as to whether or not there's room to support this very important fund for our schools. Thank you, Mr. President.

The Chair noted the absence of the Senator from Androscoggin, Senator **LIBBY**, and the Senator from York, Senator **LAWRENCE**, and further excused the same Senators from today's Roll Call votes.

THE PRESIDENT: The pending question before the Senate is Acceptance of the Majority Ought to Pass as Amended Report, in concurrence. Is the Senate ready for the question?

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#24)

YEAS: Senators: BELLOWS, BREEN, CARPENTER, CARSON, CHENETTE, CHIPMAN, CLAXTON, DESCHAMBAULT, DIAMOND, DILL, GRATWICK, HERBIG, LUCHINI, MILLETT, MIRAMANT, MOORE, ROSEN, SANBORN H, SANBORN L, VITELLI, PRESIDENT JACKSON

NAYS: Senators: BLACK, CYRWAY, DAVIS, DOW, FARRIN, FOLEY, GUERIN, HAMPER, KEIM, POULIOT, TIMBERLAKE, WOODSOME

EXCUSED: Senators: LAWRENCE, LIBBY

21 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 12 Senators having voted in the negative, with 2 Senators being excused, the motion by Senator **MILLETT** of Cumberland to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report, in concurrence, **PREVAILED**.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-9) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act To Increase the Required Number of Qualifying Contributions Gubernatorial Candidates Must Obtain To Qualify as Maine Clean Election Act Candidates"
H.P. 165 L.D. 202

Reported that the same **Ought Not to Pass**.

Signed:

Senators:
LUCHINI of Hancock
CYRWAY of Kennebec
HERBIG of Waldo

Representatives:
SCHNECK of Bangor
ACKLEY of Monmouth
COOPER of Yarmouth
HANINGTON of Lincoln
HICKMAN of Winthrop
HUBBELL of Bar Harbor
McCREIGHT of Harpswell

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-15)**.

Signed:

Representatives:
ANDREWS of Paris
DOLLOFF of Rumford
STROM of Pittsfield

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

Reports **READ**.

On motion by Senator **LUCHINI** of Hancock, the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

Senate

Ought to Pass

Senator LAWRENCE for the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** on Bill "An Act To Amend the Charter of the Town of Madison's Department of Electric Works"
S.P. 207 L.D. 694

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

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

Ought to Pass As Amended

Senator MILLETT for the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act To Reduce Childhood Exposure to Harmful Ultraviolet Radiation by Allowing Students To Use Sunscreen in Schools"
S.P. 119 L.D. 441

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-14)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-14) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

Senator LAWRENCE for the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** on Bill "An Act To Improve the Record Keeping of the Public Utilities Commission"
S.P. 21 L.D. 68

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-12)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-12) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

Senator CLAXTON for the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** on Bill "An Act To Strengthen the Qualifications for County Sheriffs"
S.P. 134 L.D. 456

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-13)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-13) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

Senator CHIPMAN for the Committee on **TAXATION** on Bill "An Act To Support the Trades through a Tax Credit for Apprenticeship Programs"
S.P. 23 L.D. 70

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-10)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-10) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** on Bill "An Act To Protect Earned Pay"
S.P. 28 L.D. 75

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-11)**.

Signed:

Senators:
BELLOWS of Kennebec
LAWRENCE of York

Representatives:
SYLVESTER of Portland
CARNEY of Cape Elizabeth
CUDDY of Winterport
DOORE of Augusta
PEOPLES of Westbrook
RYKERSON of Kittery

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

Signed:

Representatives:
AUSTIN of Gray
BRADSTREET of Vassalboro
LOCKMAN of Bradley
MORRIS of Turner

Reports **READ**.

Senator **BELLOWS** of Kennebec moved the Senate **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report.

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

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

Senator **TIMBERLAKE:** Senate President and members of the Senate, I ask you to consider for a second there's a lot of bills that are coming before us this year that have to do with businesses. Businesses are paying their bills. This is for people that, if you're a business owner, you've issued them their vacation pay, and for some reason or another, that either you ran out of work or whatever, but you have given them their vacation pay. Now remember, business owners have to pay a penalty for anybody that goes on unemployment. What this bill does now is punishing a business. If you have three or four weeks of vacation at the

end, the business is going to pay you, you're not going to go for three weeks without being paid. You're going to get your paycheck and then after you've received your last paycheck you will now qualify for unemployment. So at no time is this taking away from the employee, but it's protecting some of the employers who are doing, in good faith, paying their vacation pay and now you're double charging them because now this is going to go on their record and it will raise the rates that they have to pay in unemployment insurance. So I hope you support me in voting against this bill and supporting the Ought Not to Pass Report, and I thank you very much.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Kennebec, Senator Bellows.

Senator **BELLOWS:** Thank you, Mr. President. I rise in support of the pending motion and I ask you to imagine for a minute that you are laid-off from your place of employment outside of the Legislature and that perhaps you have banked your vacation time. You have worked through vacation during the summer hours, during the holidays, because of your extraordinary commitment to your employer and you have not used your vacation time. In meantime a colleague who works right next to you, perhaps at the same rate of pay and the same job, has exhausted their entire vacation time and has never saved that vacation time. You're both laid-off. Under current law you're colleague, who's exhausted all of their vacation time, would immediately start to collect unemployment benefits. The current law would punish you for having accrued and saved your earned vacation time. Your unemployment benefits would be delayed. That is simply unfair and we should not be punishing workers for saving their vacation time and working hard for their employer. This bill does not cause double-dipping because it is wages that the person has earned prior to being paid off. The fiscal note, as you will note, attached to this bill is marginal because the cost to the Unemployment Trust Fund for this bill is low. This is simply a matter of rectifying an existing unfairness in the law. Thank you and I urge you to vote Ought to Pass.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Waldo, Senator Herbig.

Senator **HERBIG:** Thank you, Mr. President. Women and men of the Senate, I agree with my good colleague, the Senator from Androscoggin. A lay-off is something that is both very difficult for an employer and an employee. Lay-offs cause such an incredible amount of instability to the person that they happen to and over the years in our state that's happened to a lot of really good women and men across our state. It causes instability for the most stable, responsible, hardworking employees and their families. Imagine not having a weekly paycheck or health insurance for your family that you've relied on for years perhaps. So imagine you're loyal to your employer and you don't take any vacations, right. Most Maine parents teach us that, don't they? My parents certainly did. Meanwhile your co-worker takes every vacation day available to him. Then you both get laid-off. Your co-worker gets to receive his unemployment check immediately. You, however, are told that the vacation time you've earned and rolled-over for years is being taken away from you in exchange for an unemployment check. This problem is far more common than you think. A constituent once told me he saved over 400 additional hours of vacation time to prepare for a potential lay-off,

should that happen to he and his family, to provide for a little bit more stability. This is directly from him, and I really want to share this story with you because I think it's important that we remember all of the women across the state that are impacted by these decisions we make in this Chamber. My constituent told me: 'Several years ago my employer, due to unstable levels of State and federal funding, gave me my two-week notice three times over a two year period. I would get no fancy severance package. Ultimately, my employment was continued but I remained cautious ever since that day. As a responsible person, I took a step at what I could do to protect my financial status for both me and my family. My employer allowed me to save my vacation time. I already had over 100 hours saved. Over the next several years I accumulated over 400 additional hours. I called this my own personal earned severance package for when I would inevitably get laid-off. Imagine to my surprise to learn that a law was changed in 2011 so now that if I get laid-off the rules have changed. Now I will not be able to collect unemployment until my earned vacation time is moved up. The money that would have been given to me now may very well be going to one of my co-workers who didn't save his vacation time while I was saving mine. He was vacationing while I was working.' It is not vacation time, it is earned time. It puts people who have been most loyal to their employers at a disadvantage in an already very difficult time. It kicks people while they are down. L.D. 75 is a smart fix to make sure Maine's workers earned pay is protected. What's fair is fair, Mr. President. Thank you.

THE PRESIDENT: The pending question before the Senate is Acceptance of the Majority Ought to Pass as Amended Report. Is the Senate ready for the question?

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#25)

YEAS: Senators: BELLOWS, BREEN, CARPENTER, CARSON, CHENETTE, CHIPMAN, CLAXTON, DESCHAMBAULT, DIAMOND, DILL, GRATWICK, HERBIG, LUCHINI, MILLETT, MIRAMANT, SANBORN H, SANBORN L, VITELLI, WOODSOME, PRESIDENT JACKSON

NAYS: Senators: BLACK, CYRWAY, DAVIS, DOW, FARRIN, FOLEY, GUERIN, HAMPER, KEIM, MOORE, POULIOT, ROSEN, TIMBERLAKE

EXCUSED: Senators: LAWRENCE, LIBBY

20 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 13 Senators having voted in the negative, with 2 Senators being excused, the motion by Senator **BELLOWS** of Kennebec to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **PREVAILED**.

Bill READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-11) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

SECOND READERS

The Committee on **Bills in the Second Reading** reported the following:

Senate As Amended

Bill "An Act To Permit Disability Insurance To Be Offered through the Surplus Lines Market"

S.P. 72 L.D. 260
(C "A" S-7)

Bill "An Act To Provide for the 2019 and 2020 Allocations of the State Ceiling on Private Activity Bonds" (EMERGENCY)

S.P. 113 L.D. 435
(C "A" S-8)

Bill "An Act To Give the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife the Authority To Change the Opening Dates of Trapping Seasons Based on Weather Conditions"

S.P. 155 L.D. 490
(C "A" S-9)

READ A SECOND TIME and PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED.

Sent down for concurrence.

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

ENACTORS

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

Emergency Measure

An Act To Provide That Persons Who Produce Maple Syrup and Honey Commercially Are Eligible for the Sales Tax Refund and Exemption for Commercial Agricultural Production

H.P. 72 L.D. 86

This being an Emergency Measure and having received the affirmative vote of 33 Members of the Senate, with no Senator having voted in the negative, and 33 being more than two-thirds of the entire elected Membership of the Senate, was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED** and, having been signed by the President, was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for approval.

Emergency Resolve

Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 122: Grant Application and Award Procedure: Fund for the Efficient Delivery of Educational Services, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Education

H.P. 84 L.D. 98
(C "A" H-3)

This being an Emergency Measure and having received the affirmative vote of 33 Members of the Senate, with no Senator having voted in the negative, and 33 being more than two-thirds of the entire elected Membership of the Senate, was **FINALLY PASSED** and, having been signed by the President, was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for approval.

Emergency Resolve

Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 270: Uniform Reporting System for Quality Data Sets, a Major Substantive Rule of the Maine Health Data Organization

H.P. 86 L.D. 100

This being an Emergency Measure and having received the affirmative vote of 33 Members of the Senate, with no Senator having voted in the negative, and 33 being more than two-thirds of the entire elected Membership of the Senate, was **FINALLY PASSED** and, having been signed by the President, was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for approval.

Acts

An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Government Oversight Committee Regarding Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations Reporting Requirements

H.P. 26 L.D. 25
(C "A" H-2)

An Act To Clarify Maine Law Regarding the Tips of Service Employees

H.P. 67 L.D. 81

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

Resolve

Resolve, To Rename the Stillwater Bridges in Old Town the Llewellyn Estes Bridge

H.P. 170 L.D. 207

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

Senate at Ease.

The Senate was called to order by the President.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Unfinished Business

The following matters in the consideration of which the Senate 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 Senate Rule 516.

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later Assigned (2/28/19) matter:

JOINT RESOLUTION - Honoring the Maine State Housing Authority On Its 50th Anniversary

H.P. 754

Tabled - February 28, 2019 by Senator **LIBBY** of Androscoggin

Pending - **ADOPTION**

(In House, **READ** and **ADOPTED**.)

On motion by Senator **BELLOWS** of Kennebec, the Joint Resolution was **INDEFINITELY POSTPONED**, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later Assigned (2/28/19) matter:

Bill "An Act To Create the Maine Family First Employer Program"
S.P. 311 L.D. 1051

Tabled - February 28, 2019 by Senator **BELLOWS** of Kennebec

Pending - **REFERENCE**

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

On motion by Senator **BELLOWS** of Kennebec, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS**.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later Assigned (3/12/19) matter:

Bill "An Act To Prevent Sexual and Domestic Violence and To Support Survivors"

S.P. 357 L.D. 1171

Tabled - March 12, 2019 by Senator **BREEN** of Cumberland

Pending - **REFERENCE**

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

On motion by Senator **BREEN** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, the Senate considered the following:

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

House Papers

Bill "An Act To Make It Explicit That Maine Holds Title to Its Intertidal Lands"

H.P. 951 L.D. 1316

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

On motion by Senator **DILL** of Penobscot, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Improve Investigative Efficiencies at the State Fire Marshal's Office"

H.P. 936 L.D. 1293

Bill "An Act To Determine the Need To Increase the Number of Forensic Emergency and Crisis Beds"

H.P. 938 L.D. 1295

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Funding Limitation on County Jails"

H.P. 956 L.D. 1321

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

On motion by Senator **DESCHAMBAULT** of York, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Amend the Student Information Privacy Act"
H.P. 959 L.D. 1331

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

On motion by Senator **MILLETT** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Incentivize Municipalities, State Agencies, Colleges and Universities To Use Electric Vehicles"
H.P. 942 L.D. 1299

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

On motion by Senator **BREEN** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Require the Department of Environmental Protection To Provide Natural Resources Protection Act Permits to Affected Municipalities"
H.P. 955 L.D. 1320

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

On motion by Senator **CARSON** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Reduce Youth Cancer Risk"
H.P. 940 L.D. 1297

Bill "An Act To Enact the Maine Death with Dignity Act"
H.P. 948 L.D. 1313

Bill "An Act To Support Medically Monitored Crisis Support and Intervention"
H.P. 950 L.D. 1315

Bill "An Act To Restore Services To Help Certain Noncitizens Meet Their Basic Needs"
H.P. 952 L.D. 1317

Resolve, To Increase Access to Housing-related Support Services
H.P. 953 L.D. 1318

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

On motion by Senator **GRATWICK** of Penobscot, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Establish the State Board of Dental Hygiene"
H.P. 946 L.D. 1303

Bill "An Act To Extend Protections for Genetic Information"
H.P. 949 L.D. 1314

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

On motion by Senator **H. SANBORN** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Enhance Fish and Wildlife Laws" (EMERGENCY)
H.P. 941 L.D. 1298

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

On motion by Senator **DILL** of Penobscot, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Increase Transparency with Regard to Pawnshops"
H.P. 933 L.D. 1290

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

On motion by Senator **HERBIG** of Waldo, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Update the Maine Parentage Act"
H.P. 934 L.D. 1291

Resolve, Directing the Maine Human Rights Commission To Implement a Pilot Program To Investigate and Report on Incidents of Harassment Due to Housing Status, Lack of Employment and Other Issues
H.P. 937 L.D. 1294

Bill "An Act To Ease Financial Burdens for Juveniles Involved in the Justice System"
H.P. 947 L.D. 1304

Come from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator **BREEN** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Prohibit Employer Disciplinary Action against Firefighters and Emergency Medical Services Persons Responding to an Emergency"

H.P. 954 L.D. 1319

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator **BELLOWS** of Kennebec, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Resolve, To Transfer the Guilford Butler School Property to the Town of South Thomaston (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 943 L.D. 1300

Bill "An Act To Remove Vacancy Provisions for Certain Positions in County Government"

H.P. 945 L.D. 1302

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

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

Bill "An Act To Lower Maine's Individual Income Tax"

H.P. 935 L.D. 1292

Bill "An Act To Provide Equitable Tax Treatment to State-licensed Marijuana Businesses"

H.P. 957 L.D. 1322

Come from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TAXATION** and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator **BREEN** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TAXATION** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Ensure Pedestrian Safety in Roundabouts"

H.P. 958 L.D. 1330

Come from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator **DIAMOND** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Require State and Congressional Elections To Be Decided by a Plurality of Votes Cast

H.P. 960 L.D. 1332

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

On motion by Senator **LUCHINI** of Hancock, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

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

Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, the Senate considered the following:

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

House

Change of Committee

The Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** on Bill "An Act To Establish a Comprehensive Wildlife Biology Internship Program"

H.P. 295 L.D. 386

Reported that the same be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS**.

Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

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

The Committee on **JUDICIARY** on Bill "An Act Concerning Disclosure Requirements for Transfers of Properties Accessed by Means Other Than a Public Way"

H.P. 622 L.D. 848

Reported that the same be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **REFERRED** to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT**.

Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

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

The Committee on **JUDICIARY** on Bill "An Act To Ensure Consistency in Commercial Real Estate Law by Restoring Due Diligence Responsibility to the Buyer"

H.P. 840 L.D. 1151

Reported that the same be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **REFERRED** to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT**.

Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

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

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

Off Record Remarks

On motion by Senator **LIBBY** of Androscoggin, **ADJOURNED** until Thursday, March 21, 2019 at 10:00 in the morning.