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**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION
JOURNAL OF THE SENATE**

In Senate Chamber
Thursday
April 11, 2019

Senate called to order by President Pro Tem Nathan L. Libby of Androscoggin County.

Prayer by Pastor Bonnie Higgins, North Livermore Baptist Church.

PASTOR HIGGINS: Good morning. Let us pray. Dear Heavenly Father, we come to You this morning to ask You to bless each person here as they continue to do the work that has been laid before them. Dear Lord, we just ask You to unify the group here, Lord, as they work. Let them see each other's points of view and let them come to an understanding, Lord, that will be pleasing to You and to the state of Maine. Dear Heavenly Father, bless each one of them here as they continue the work that has been put forth for them. Dear Lord, we thank You and all this we pray in Your son's precious name with the help of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Senator Robert A. Foley of York County.

Reading of the Journal of Tuesday, April 9, 2019.

Doctor of the day, Gary Winn, D.O. of Arundel.

Off Record Remarks

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

ORDERS

Joint Order

Expression of Legislative Sentiment recognizing:

The Forest Hills Consolidated School Varsity Boys Basketball Team, of Jackman, which won the Class D State Championship after winning its fourth regional championship in eight years. Members of the team include Brandon Gilboe, Dalton Gregoire, Jakob Rivas, Hunter Cuddy, Jeremiah Hale, Parker Desjardins, Joey Poulin, Jackman Daigle, David Lessard and Mason

Desjardins; managers Mercedes Fernandez and Madisen Logston; assistant coaches Dana Plante, Sean Danforth and Jeff Desjardins; and head coach Anthony Amero. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 387

Sponsored by Senator FARRIN of Somerset.
Cosponsored by Representative: GRIGNON of Athens.

The Joint Order was **READ**.

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

Senator **FARRIN:** Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, it is an honor to rise today to recognize the players, student managers, and coaching staff of the Forest Hills Boys Basketball Team, this year's Class D State Champions. If you spend any time in the Jackman area you know that basketball is a big deal for this community. Students, teachers, and community members alike have every right to be proud of this team. This year the Tigers claimed their fourth regional title in eight years as the Class D South Champions and, if that wasn't enough, they also brought home their second gold ball since 2015 and the third since 2013. All this from a high school with an enrollment of 37. The team finished the season with a perfect 22-0 record, which I believe speaks volumes for this team's skills and ability to work together as a united front on the court. As their Coach put it, 'It's an unselfish as a group you could ever ask for.' If you watched the championship game you know that's true because a different player led the Tigers in scoring each quarter of the game. Having the kind of success we have seen out of this team, the Coach, the staff, and all those involved, doesn't just happen overnight. This team has worked so hard to get where they are now. Congratulations on your championship win. You make everyone in the Jackman community proud of you. Thank you, Mr. President.

The Joint Order was **PASSED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

THE PRESIDENT PRO TEM: The Chair is pleased to recognize in the rear of the Chamber the Forest Hills Consolidated School Varsity Boys Basketball Team. They are the Class D State Championship team. They are from Jackman. They are joined by their Coaches. Would they please rise and accept the greetings of the Senate.

Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, on motion by Senator **VITELLI** of Sagadahoc, the following Joint Order:
S.P. 479

Ordered, the House concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourn, they do so until Tuesday, April 16, 2019 at 10:00 in the Morning.

READ and PASSED.

Ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

House Papers

Bill "An Act To Amend the Marijuana Laws To Correct Inconsistencies in Recently Enacted Laws" (EMERGENCY)
H.P. 1097 L.D. 1505

Comes 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 Clarify Provisions of the Blueberry Tax"
H.P. 1084 L.D. 1482

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

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

Senator **CHIPMAN** of Cumberland moved to **REFER** to the Committee on **TAXATION**, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

Senate at Ease.

The Senate was called to order by President Pro Tem Libby.

Senator **CHIPMAN** of Cumberland requested and received leave of the Senate to withdraw his motion to **REFER** to the Committee on **TAXATION**, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine Regarding the Election of Senators
H.P. 1091 L.D. 1489

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

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT**.

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

ORDERS

Joint Order

Expression of Legislative Sentiment recognizing:

The Lawrence High School Boys Basketball Team, in Fairfield, which won the Class A North Championship. Members of the team include Jackson Dudley, Dylan Coombs, Dylan Martin-Hachey, Nick Robertson, Kobe Nadeau, Nik Pomerleau, Adam Duprey, Gavin Herrin, Mack Huard, Jake Patterson, Zack Nickerson and Seth Pellerin; freshman coach Elon Firmage; junior varsity coach Tim Robinson; and head coach Jason Pellerin. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;
SLS 388

Sponsored by Senator **CYRWAY** of Kennebec.
Cosponsored by Representative: **RUDNICKI** of Fairfield.

The Joint Order was **READ**.

THE PRESIDENT PRO TEM: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Kennebec, Senator **Cyrway**.

Senator **CYRWAY:** Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, I am pleased to stand before you this morning to recognize and congratulate the players, managers, and coaching staff of the Lawrence High School Boys Basketball Team who won the Class A North State Championship. Back in 1972 I was the Manager for the Lawrence Boys Basketball Team and to this day I still remember the feeling when we won our region title. It was a feeling of victory, knowing how hard everyone worked to get us there. Unfortunately, we lost the Eastern State Championship that year in a nail biting 81-80 triple overtime. But the feeling of victory from the 1972 Class A North win is still with me today. I know the team before you likely shared the same sense of victory when they won this year's Class A North title in a 47-40 win over Skowhegan. After back-to-back losing seasons, the team did exactly what they needed in order to come out on the top this year. They practiced. This win was the product of many months of hard work, starting during last year's summer basketball league. It was last summer that the team began practicing, forming habits, and really learning how to win. With seven seniors returning to the team, Lawrence not only had the experience to succeed but the players were familiar with one another's strengths and playing habits on the court. The practice was exactly what we needed when there was one minute and sixteen seconds remaining on the clock during this year's Class A North Championship. The team was able to make seven out of the eight free throws to win Lawrence's first Class A North title since 1999. Along with everyone in the towns of Albion, Benton, Clinton, and Fairfield, as well as Lawrence High School alumni across Maine, we are so proud of this team, their Coaches, and everyone involved for all they have accomplished this season. As I still remember the Class A North win in 1972, I know the players, managers, and Coaches will remember this win for many years to

come. They worked extremely hard to get where they are and it is my pleasure to congratulate them in front of this Body. Thank you, Mr. President.

The Joint Order was **PASSED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

THE PRESIDENT PRO TEM: The Chair is pleased to recognize in the rear of the Chamber the Lawrence High School Boys Basketball Team of Fairfield. They are the Class A North Champions. They are joined by their Coaches. Would they please rise and accept the greetings of the Senate.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: S.C. 250

**STATE OF MAINE
129TH LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

April 10, 2019

The Honorable Darek M. Grant
Secretary of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Secretary Grant:

Please be advised that pursuant to my authority under Senate Rule 201.3, I am appointing Senator Nate Libby of Androscoggin to serve as President Pro Tempore on Thursday, April 11, 2019.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

S/Troy D. Jackson
President of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 264

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

March 29, 2019

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

RE: Appointment of Barbara Trafton of Brunswick to the Lands for Maine's Future Board

Dear President Jackson:

This is to inform you that I am today nominating Barbara Trafton of Brunswick for appointment to the Land for Maine's Future Board.

Pursuant to Title 5, MRSA §6204, this appointment is contingent on the Maine Senate confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 265

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

March 29, 2019

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

RE: Appointment of Lisette Belanger of Portland to the School Board of the Maine Educational Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing and the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf

Dear Mr. President:

This is to inform you that I am today nominating Lisette Belanger of Portland to the School Board of the Maine Educational Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing and the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf.

Pursuant to Title 20-A §7406, this appointment is contingent on the Maine State Senate's confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 266

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

March 29, 2019

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

RE: Appointment of Michael Pulsifer of Cape Elizabeth to the School Board of the Maine Educational Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing and the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf

Dear Mr. President:

This is to inform you that I am today nominating Michael Pulsifer of Cape Elizabeth to the School Board of the Maine Educational Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing and the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf.

Pursuant to Title 20-A §7406, this appointment is contingent on the Maine State Senate's confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 268

**SOMERSET COUNTY
COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
SKOWHEGAN, MAINE**

April 4, 2019

Maine Legislature
Legislative Information Office
Office of the Executive Director
ATTN: Teen Ellen Griffin, Manager
100 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333-0100

Re: Gwendolyn Hilton Nomination to the LUPC Board

Dear Ms. Griffin:

On April 3, 2019 the Commissioners of the County of Somerset voted to appoint Gwendolyn Hilton of Starks, to the Maine Land Use Planning Commission. The County voted to appoint Ms. Hilton for the new upcoming 4 year term beginning on July 29, 2019. It is the County's understanding that she will fill Seat #7.

I understand she still needs the approval of the Legislature and this will require her to appear before the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry. Should she be approved at that level, we understand she will need to go on for Senate approval as well.

Please feel free to contact us if you have any additional questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

S/Dawn M. DiBlasi

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 257

**STATE OF MAINE
129TH LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

April 5, 2019

Darek M. Grant
Secretary of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Secretary Grant:

Pursuant to my authority under Title 5 MRSA, Chapter 371-A, §7030, I am pleased to appoint Kate Elmes of Woolwich to seat number 8 on the Permanent Commission on the Status of Women. She will be serving a two-year term.

Please let me know if you have any questions regarding this appointment.

Sincerely,

S/Troy D. Jackson
President of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 258

**STATE OF MAINE
129TH LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

April 5, 2019

Darek M. Grant
Secretary of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Secretary Grant:

Pursuant to my authority under Title 5 MRSA, Chapter 371-A, §7030, I am pleased to appoint Amy Fried of Bangor to seat number 9 on the Permanent Commission on the Status of Women. She will be serving a two-year term.

Please let me know if you have any questions regarding this appointment.

Sincerely,

S/Troy D. Jackson
President of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 259

**STATE OF MAINE
129TH LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

April 5, 2019

Darek M. Grant
Secretary of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Secretary Grant:

Pursuant to my authority under Title 5 MRSA, Chapter 371-A, §7030, I am pleased to appoint Muriel Mosher of Augusta to seat number 10 on the Permanent Commission on the Status of Women. She will be serving a two-year term.

Please let me know if you have any questions regarding this appointment.

Sincerely,

S/Troy D. Jackson
President of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 270

**STATE OF MAINE
129TH LEGISLATURE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
SPEAKER'S OFFICE**

April 9, 2019

Honorable Darek M. Grant
Secretary of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Secretary Grant,

Pursuant to my authority under Title 3, MRSA, Ch. 1, §2B, I am pleased to appoint the following people to the State Compensation Commission, effective immediately:

Kay Rand of Bar Harbor
Timothy Schneider of Falmouth

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,

S/Sara Gideon
Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 267

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

April 8, 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. Talbot Ross of Portland, to report the following bill Leave to Withdraw:

L.D. 760 An Act To Prohibit the University of Maine System, the Maine Community College System and the Maine Maritime Academy from Considering the Criminal Records of Applicants

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. 269

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY NINTH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND HOUSING**

April 3, 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. Pierce of Falmouth, to report the following bill Leave to Withdraw:

L.D. 462 An Act To Provide Paid Family Leave to Public School Employees

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Shenna Bellows
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Mike A. Sylvester
House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 248

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

March 28, 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. Higgins of Dover-Foxcroft, to report the following bill Leave to Withdraw:

L.D. 422 Resolve, Directing the Department of Transportation To Increase the Number of Signs on the Mt. Katahdin Trail

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Bill Diamond
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Andrew McLean
House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 249

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

March 28, 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. Pebworth of Blue Hill, to report the following bill Leave to Withdraw:

L.D. 1335 An Act To Require the Department of Transportation To Place Official Business Directional Signs at Certain Intersections

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Bill Diamond
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Andrew McLean
House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 260

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY**

April 3, 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 Criminal Justice and Public Safety has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

- L.D. 449 An Act To Impose a Mandatory Sentence for the Crime of Aggravated Unlawful Operation of a Methamphetamine Laboratory
- L.D. 974 An Act To Amend the Penalties for Engaging in Prostitution
- L.D. 1018 Resolve, To Review the Laws Governing the Enforcement of Protection from Abuse Orders

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Susan Deschambault Senate Chair
S/Rep. Charlotte May Warren House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 271

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

April 5, 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. 664 An Act To Organize Biannual County Meetings for Local School Boards
- L.D. 729 An Act Regarding the Probationary Period for Teachers
- L.D. 979 An Act To Provide Consistent Data Regarding Education Funding

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. 261

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

April 2, 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. 818 An Act To Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions (EMERGENCY)
- L.D. 975 Resolve, Directing the Department of Environmental Protection To Review and Update Its Report on Emissions from Marine Vessels

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. 251

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

March 28, 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. 884 An Act To Repeal the Board of Licensing of Dietetic Practice
- L.D. 943 An Act To Allow Laser Spine Surgery in the State
- L.D. 1082 An Act To Provide for Alternative Pain Treatment before Treatment with Opioids

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

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

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 272

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

April 4, 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. 66 An Act To Prohibit Hospitals from Discussing Alternative Payment Options with Hospitalized Patients

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

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

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 252

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE**

March 28, 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 Inland Fisheries and Wildlife has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

- L.D. 891 An Act To Preserve Maine's Heritage by Expanding Maine Youth Hunting
- L.D. 1179 An Act To Expand Coyote Hunting to Every Day of the Coyote Hunting Season and To Eliminate Fees

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Jim Dill S/Rep. Catherine M. Nadeau
Senate Chair House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 273

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND HOUSING**

April 5, 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 Labor and Housing has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

- L.D. 584 An Act To Convert Stipends to Base Pay for Child Protective Workers
- L.D. 670 An Act To Increase the Minimum Wage for Large Employers
- L.D. 1008 An Act To Include State Employee Stipends as Earnable Compensation
- L.D. 1107 An Act To Promote Workforce Development and Community Integration

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Shenna Bellows Senate Chair S/Rep. Mike A. Sylvester House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 262

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

April 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. 914 An Act To Enhance the Recruitment and Retention of Marine Patrol Sergeants

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. 274

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

April 5, 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. 1241 An Act To Improve Survival Rates of Salmon and Other Migratory Fish Transitioning from Freshwater to Saltwater Environments
- L.D. 1286 An Act To Allow the Deposition of Oyster Shell Culch To Ameliorate Ocean and Coastal Acidification

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. 253

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

March 29, 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. 144 An Act To Opt Out of Federal Daylight Saving Time and To Ask the United States Secretary of Transportation To Place the State in the Atlantic Time Zone
- L.D. 730 An Act To Create the Substance Use Disorders Cabinet
- L.D. 928 An Act To Create a Process To Preempt the Implementation of Powers Delegated by the Legislature

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. 263

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

April 3, 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 Taxation has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

- L.D. 6 An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Home Accessibility Tax Credit
- L.D. 118 An Act To Direct Vehicle Excise Tax Revenue for Local Transportation Infrastructure
- L.D. 119 An Act To Base the Motor Vehicle Excise Tax on the Sale Price
- L.D. 483 An Act To Improve the Maine Seed Capital Tax Credit Program
- L.D. 604 An Act To Create an Electric Vehicle Tax Credit
- L.D. 824 An Act To Allow a Municipality To Opt Out of Collecting Personal Property and Business Equipment Taxes
- L.D. 1031 An Act To Base the Vehicle and Mobile Home Excise Tax on Actual Value

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Ben Chipman Senate Chair S/Rep. Ryan Tipping House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 275

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

April 4, 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 Taxation has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

- L.D. 561 An Act To Exempt from Taxation Certain Out-of-state Pensions

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Ben Chipman
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Ryan Tipping
House Chair

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION**

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

April 1, 2019

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 254

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

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Gideon:

March 29, 2019

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

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

- L.D. 478 An Act To Allow All-terrain Vehicles To Be Used on a Public Way
- L.D. 707 An Act To Require the Clearing of Vegetation along Roads
- L.D. 826 An Act Regarding Motor Vehicle Registration Plate Numbers
- L.D. 850 Resolve, Directing the Department of Transportation To Erect Signs on Interstate 95 in Island Falls

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Gideon:

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

- L.D. 108 An Act To Protect Historic Places and Structures on the Federal Aid Highway System
- L.D. 436 Resolve, Directing the Secretary of State To Review Standards for Vision Tests
- L.D. 526 An Act To Require Horse-drawn Carriages and Wagons To Be Equipped with Reflectors
- L.D. 668 Resolve, Directing the Department of Transportation To Convene a Work Group To Study Improving Traffic Safety for Color-blind Drivers
- L.D. 783 Resolve, To Require an Independent Analysis of the Department of Transportation's I-395/Route 9 Connector Project (EMERGENCY)

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Bill Diamond
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Andrew McLean
House Chair

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

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Bill Diamond
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Andrew McLean
House Chair

March 29, 2019

Honorable Troy D. Jackson
President of the Senate

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

Honorable Sara Gideon
Speaker of the House of Representatives

The Following Communication: S.C. 255

The Honorable Janet T. Mills
Governor of Maine

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

I am pleased to submit the Single Audit of the State of Maine for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2018. The audit was conducted in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; the requirements of the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996; and Title 2 U.S. Code of *Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Our audit complies with 5 MRSA §243 and is also a prerequisite for the receipt of Federal financial assistance. During fiscal year 2018, \$3.1 billion in Federal financial assistance was received by the State of Maine.

This document contains the following reports and schedules:

- Independent Auditor's Report
- Basic Financial Statements, Management's Discussion and Analysis, Notes to Financial Statements, and Required Supplementary Information
- Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters based on an Audit of Financial Statements performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*
- Independent Auditor's Report on Compliance for Each Major Program and on Internal Control over Compliance Required by the Uniform Guidance
- Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards
- Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs
- Financial Statement Findings
- Indexes to Federal Program Findings
- Federal Findings and Questioned Costs
- Corrective Action Plan
- Summary Schedule of Prior Audit Findings

On behalf of the Office of the State Auditor, I thank employees throughout Maine Government who assisted us during the audit.

Please contact me if you have questions or comments about the 2018 Single Audit of the State of Maine.

Respectfully submitted,

S/Pola A. Buckley
State Auditor

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

SENATE PAPERS

Bill "An Act To Create a Victims' Compensation Fund for Victims of Property Crimes"

S.P. 487 L.D. 1550

Presented by Senator LIBBY of Androscoggin.

On motion by Senator **VITELLI** of Sagadahoc, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Expand Skill Development Opportunities for Maine Youth"

S.P. 470 L.D. 1521

Presented by Senator KEIM of Oxford.
Cosponsored by Representative KORNFIELD of Bangor and Senator: POULIOT of Kennebec.

Bill "An Act To Increase the Supplement for Certain National Board for Professional Teaching Standards Certified Teachers in Maine"

S.P. 486 L.D. 1549

Presented by Senator LIBBY of Androscoggin.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Use 10 Percent of E-9-1-1 Surcharges To Fund Public Safety Answering Point Staff and Projects"

S.P. 484 L.D. 1547

Presented by Senator LIBBY of Androscoggin.

On motion by Senator **VITELLI** of Sagadahoc, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Ensure the Quality of and Increase Access to Recovery Residences"

S.P. 472 L.D. 1523

Presented by Senator BELLOWS of Kennebec.
Cosponsored by Representative MADIGAN of Waterville and Senators: GRATWICK of Penobscot, MOORE of Washington, SANBORN, L. of Cumberland, Representatives: CRAVEN of Lewiston, HYMANSON of York, SYLVESTER of Portland.

Bill "An Act To Increase the Availability of Foster Homes"
S.P. 475 L.D. 1526

Presented by Senator KEIM of Oxford.
Cosponsored by Senators: CHENETTE of York, DAVIS of Piscataquis, LIBBY of Androscoggin, TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin.
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

Resolve, To Promote Quality and Transparency in the Provision of Services by Assisted Housing Programs That Provide Memory Care

S.P. 485 L.D. 1548

Presented by Senator LIBBY of Androscoggin.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act Directing That the Towns Constituting Hospital Administrative District No. 4 Hold a Vote on the Proposed Merger with Northern Light Health" (EMERGENCY)

S.P. 488 L.D. 1553

Presented by Senator DAVIS of Piscataquis.
Cosponsored by Representative HIGGINS of Dover-Foxcroft and Representatives: FOSTER of Dexter, LOCKMAN of Bradley, STEARNS of Guilford.
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

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

On motion by Senator **GRATWICK** of Penobscot, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Require Insurance on Motorized Watercraft"

S.P. 474 L.D. 1525

Presented by Senator LAWRENCE of York.

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 Create and Sustain Jobs through Development of Cooperatives and Employee-owned Businesses"

S.P. 469 L.D. 1520

Presented by Senator LIBBY of Androscoggin.
Cosponsored by Representative DAUGHTRY of Brunswick and Senators: DOW of Lincoln, HERBIG of Waldo, MOORE of Washington, POULIOT of Kennebec, Representatives: BICKFORD of Auburn, HICKMAN of Winthrop, PERRY of Calais, TUELL of East Machias.

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

On motion by Senator **HERBIG** of Waldo, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending **REFERENCE**.

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Regarding Orders of Abandonment for Residential Properties in Foreclosure"

S.P. 471 L.D. 1522

Presented by Senator FOLEY of York.
Cosponsored by Representative CAMPBELL of Orrington and Senators: FARRIN of Somerset, GUERIN of Penobscot, Representatives: LYFORD of Eddington, SKOLFIELD of Weld.

Bill "An Act To Enact the Maine Revised Unclaimed Property Act"

S.P. 481 L.D. 1544

Presented by Senator KEIM of Oxford.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act Concerning the Establishment of Benefit Corporations"

S.P. 468 L.D. 1519

Presented by Senator HERBIG of Waldo.
Cosponsored by Representative FECTEAU of Biddeford and Senators: BREEN of Cumberland, FARRIN of Somerset, Representatives: AUSTIN of Gray, COLLINGS of Portland, GATTINE of Westbrook, McLEAN of Gorham, PIERCE of Falmouth, SYLVESTER of Portland.

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

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Prevent Wage Theft and Promote Employer Accountability"

S.P. 473 L.D. 1524

Presented by President JACKSON of Aroostook.

Bill "An Act To Protect State Employees When Their Contracts Have Expired"

S.P. 483 L.D. 1546

Presented by Senator LAWRENCE of York.

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 Amend the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code"

S.P. 480 L.D. 1543

Presented by Senator CHIPMAN of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Senators: LAWRENCE of York, MIRAMANT of Knox, Representatives: BERRY of Bowdoinham, SYLVESTER of Portland, WARREN of Hallowell.

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

On motion by Senator **BELLOWS** of Kennebec, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending **REFERENCE**.

Bill "An Act To Require That Certain Motor Vehicles Be Clear of Snow and Ice When Operated on Public Ways"

S.P. 477 L.D. 1527

Presented by Senator WOODSOME of York. (BY REQUEST)
Cosponsored by Representative MASTRACCIO of Sanford and Senators: CYRWAY of Kennebec, DAVIS of Piscataquis, FARRIN of Somerset, FOLEY of York.
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Regarding Motor Vehicle Fees"
S.P. 478 L.D. 1528

Presented by Senator DIAMOND of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Senator: CHIPMAN of Cumberland.
Submitted by the Secretary of State pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act Regarding the Testing of Adult Use Marijuana and Marijuana Products"

S.P. 482 L.D. 1545

Presented by Senator MIRAMANT of Knox.
Cosponsored by Representative HICKMAN of Winthrop and Senator: VITELLI of Sagadahoc, Representatives: BABINE of Scarborough, BEEBE-CENTER of Rockland, BLUME of York, DUNPHY of Old Town, HEPLER of Woolwich, McCREIGHT of Harpswell, PLUECKER of Warren.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

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

ORDERS

On motion by Senator **MILLETT** of Cumberland (Cosponsored by Representative McCREIGHT of Harpswell and Senators: BREEN of Cumberland, CARPENTER of Aroostook, CARSON of Cumberland, DIAMOND of Cumberland, VITELLI of Sagadahoc, Representatives: FARNSWORTH of Portland, KORNFIELD of Bangor, McCREA of Fort Fairfield), the following Joint Resolution:
S.P. 467

JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING APRIL 8-12, 2019 AS THE WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD

WHEREAS, high-quality early childhood programs provide important benefits to children and families and our state and national economies; and
WHEREAS, participation in these programs saves taxpayer dollars, makes working families more economically secure and prepares children to succeed in school, earn higher wages and live healthier lives; and
WHEREAS, working families need an affordable, mixed-delivery early childhood education system that allows them to choose between many high-quality options when selecting the setting that best meets their needs; and
WHEREAS, young children need skilled, educated, competent, consistent and well-compensated early childhood educators and developmentally appropriate and accessible early care and education settings; and
WHEREAS, high-quality early childhood education depends on high-quality early childhood educators who ensure that children, supported by families, have the early experiences they need for a strong foundation to their lives; and
WHEREAS, early childhood educators need opportunities to acquire critical skills, knowledge and competencies through pathways to credentials and higher education degrees, without incurring college debt, and the ability to earn a worthy wage that is commensurate with the required education and the skills they bring to the complex and valuable work they do; 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 April 8-12, 2019 as the Week of the Young Child and to recognize that high-quality early childhood education, provided in a mixed-delivery system, is a public good and should be financed as such.

The Joint Resolution was **READ**.

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

Senator **MILLETT:** Thank you, Mr. President Pro Tem. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, as the Senate Co-Chair of the Children's Caucus I know I speak to you a lot about the importance of our investment in early childhood education and in our children, our youngest especially. Having this opportunity to recognize the Week of the Young Child is part of that. I really urge you to read this Resolution yourselves. I would like to just spotlight that today's theme is Artsy Thursday and I think we really need to recognize what our children gain through the arts where they develop creativity, social skills, and fine motor skills with open ended art projects where they can make choices, use their imaginations, and create with their hands and their ears. Tomorrow is Family Friday. This is the heart of supporting our youngest and I hope we all will find ways to recognize family members and their role as children's first and most important teachers. Thank you, Mr. President Pro Tem.

The Joint Resolution was **ADOPTED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Legislative Memorial Scholarship Awards Ceremony

THE PRESIDENT PRO TEM: At this time, the Chair will pause the work before us in our Senate calendar to recognize the recipients of the 2019 legislative memorial scholarship awards.

Every year, the Maine legislature recognizes one student from each Maine county who is currently pursuing or planning to pursue education at a two or four year Maine college or technical school. Awards are given to a Maine resident high school senior or full or part time postsecondary student accepted to or enrolled in an accredited Maine college for graduate or undergraduate degrees.

The Chair calls members attention to the blue handout on your desk. First, I'd like to recognize the 7 recipients who are unable to be here today. The recipient from Hancock County is Samantha Bagley of Sullivan. Samantha majors in Mass Communications at Husson University. The recipient from Lincoln County is Basel White of Jefferson. Basel majors in Biomedical Engineering at the University of Maine, Orono. The recipient from Oxford County is Jarrod Taylor of South Paris. Jarrod majors in Physical Therapy at Husson University. The recipient from Penobscot County is Cole Lapointe of Hampden. Cole majors in Criminal Justice at Eastern Maine Community College. The recipient from Sagadahoc County is Ethan Gagnon of Bath. Ethan is enrolled in the Medical Biology Pre-medical Program at the University of New England. The recipient from Waldo County is Kristen Raven of Thorndike. Kristen is enrolled in the Liberal Arts and Sciences Program at the University of Maine, Orono, and the recipient from Washington County is Gena Maloney of Calais. Gena is enrolled in the Masters of Education Program at the University of New England.

The Senate will now recognize the recipients here with us today. The Chair would ask that the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Diamond, come to the well of the Chamber to present the awards. As each recipient is called, the Sergeant-At-Arms will escort the student with their guests and their senator to the well of the Chamber. I'd just remind folks as you're making your way to the well of the Chamber here to watch your step. So we will start off with the recipient from Androscoggin County.

The recipient from Androscoggin County is Angela Daigle of Turner. Angela majors in Communications and Audio Engineering at Husson University. She is here today with her parents, Tina and Phil Daigle. Will the Sergeant-At-Arms please escort Angela and her guests. It looks like Senator Timberlake is not here today. Will they please join us in the front of the Chamber?

The recipient from Aroostook County is Isabelle Wright of Blaine. Isabelle majors in Chemistry at Colby College. She is here today with her parents, Edward and Tracy Wright. Will the Sergeant-At-Arms please escort Isabelle and her guests, along with the Senator from Aroostook, Senator Carpenter, to the front of the Chamber?

The recipient from Cumberland County is Mulki Hagi of Portland. Mulki majors in Government and Legal Studies and Sociology at Bowdoin College. She is here today with her parent, Mandi Abubakar. Will the Sergeant-At-Arms please escort Mulki and her guest, along with the Senators from Cumberland County, Senator Chipman and Senator Sanborn, to the front of the Chamber?

The recipient from Franklin County is Mason Shink of Jay. Mason majors in Exercise Science and is in the Doctor of Physical Therapy Program at Husson University. He is here today with his parents, James and Colleen Shink. Will the Sergeant-At-Arms please escort Mason and his guests, along with the Senator from Franklin, Senator Black, to the front of the Chamber?

The recipient from Kennebec County is Hajna Nagy of Hallowell. Hajna is in the Bachelor of Arts Degree Program at Bowdoin College. She is here today with her mother, Kelly Crotteau. Will the Sergeant-At-Arms please escort Hajna and her guest, along with the Senator from Kennebec, Senator Bellows, to the front of the Chamber?

The recipient from Knox County is Sawyer King of Appleton. Sawyer majors in Marine Engineering Technology at Maine Maritime Academy. He is here today with his parents, Barry King and Jennifer Martin, and his sister, Courtney King. Will the Sergeant-At-Arms please escort Sawyer and his guests, along with the Senator from Knox, Senator Miramant, to the front of the Chamber?

The recipient from Piscataquis County is Connor Diangelo of Greenville Junction. Connor majors in Business Finance at the University of Maine at Orono. He was not able to be here today but his parents, Bette and Joe Diangelo, are here to accept the scholarship on his behalf. Will the Sergeant-At-Arms please escort Connor's parents, along with the Senator from Piscataquis, Senator Davis, to the front of the Chamber?

The recipient from Somerset County is Lauren Hay of Athens. Lauren majors in Elementary Education at Thomas College. She is here today with her parents, April and Gene Hay, and her sister, Molly Hay. Will the Sergeant-At-Arms please escort Lauren and her guests, along with the Senator from Piscataquis, Senator Davis, and the Senator from Somerset, Senator Farrin, to the front of the Chamber?

The recipient from York County is Brady Lamontagne of Kennebunk. Brady majors in Medical Biology Medical Science and is in the Medical Biology Pre-medical Program at the University of New England. He is here today with his mother, Stacy Lamontagne. Will the Sergeant-At-Arms please escort Brady and his guest, along with the Senator from York, Senator Foley, to the front of the Chamber?

The Chair would like to congratulate to each of the students who worked very hard in their academic careers to get to where they are today. The Chair would also like to thank the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Diamond; the members of the Legislature; legislative staff; and everyone else who volunteered, who donated items, who worked at the auction to help raise a pretty substantial sum to help these folks make college a bit more affordable. This concludes the Scholarship Ceremony and we just want to extend our congratulations to all the recipients.

ORDERS

Joint Resolutions in Memoriam:

WHEREAS, the Legislature has learned with deep regret of the death of:

Rebecca Webber, of Turner. Ms. Webber was a prominent employment attorney with and partner at Skelton Taintor and Abbott in Auburn. She had a 30-year career in employment law and civil litigation and was one of the State's most respected attorneys. She also volunteered at the Maine Women's Network in Androscoggin County, the Auburn-Lewiston YMCA, the Androscoggin County Chamber of Commerce, the Maine State and Androscoggin County bar associations, the Maine Trial Lawyers' Association, the National Employment Lawyers Association, the Society of Human Resource Management and Central Maine Human Resources Association, where she recently served 2 years as president. Known for her dedication to athletics, she in recent years organized the Leavitt Father's Day 5K to support student athletes, and she served as coach of the Tripp Middle School cross country team and worked as a booster for both the cross country and Nordic ski teams. Ms. Webber will be long remembered and sadly missed by her family and friends and all those whose lives she touched;

SLS 339

Sponsored by Senator TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin. Cosponsored by Representative: MORRIS of Turner.

The Joint Resolution was **READ**.

THE PRESIDENT PRO TEM: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Androscoggin, Senator Claxton.

Senator **CLAXTON:** Thank you, Mr. President. I want to speak briefly, ladies and gentlemen of the Chamber, about Becky Webber. She was a friend. Her parents are friends. This was a remarkable woman whose infectious smile is in-captured in the memoriam and whose fierce competitiveness also is in-captured. She competed hardest against herself when she was a runner, but she also helped kids in the cross country and the cross country ski and the Nordic ski teams compete against themselves, all in the service of being their best person. I felt those things should be recognized. She was the kind of person that, when you ran into her, made your day better. She's the kind of person that we need more of in this world and I thought she should be recognized beyond what's in the memoriam. Thank you.

The Joint Resolution was **ADOPTED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Off Record Remarks

WHEREAS, the Legislature has learned with deep regret of the death of:

Benjamin Campbell, of Millinocket, a detective with the Maine State Police, who died in the line of duty while assisting a stopped motorist on Interstate 95. Detective Campbell served for over 6 years with the department. Originally assigned to Penobscot County, he was promoted to detective in 2017 and joined the department's polygraph unit. Detective Campbell will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family, friends and fellow state troopers and by all those whose lives he touched;

SLS 342

Sponsored by Senator DILL of Penobscot. Cosponsored by Senators: BELLOWS of Kennebec, BLACK of Franklin, BREEN of Cumberland, CARPENTER of Aroostook, CARSON of Cumberland, CHENETTE of York, CHIPMAN of Cumberland, CLAXTON of Androscoggin, CYRWAY of Kennebec, DAVIS of Piscataquis, DESCHAMBAULT of York, DIAMOND of Cumberland, DOW of Lincoln, FARRIN of Somerset, FOLEY of York, GRATWICK of Penobscot, GUERIN of Penobscot, HAMPER of Oxford, HERBIG of Waldo, President JACKSON of Aroostook, KEIM of Oxford, LAWRENCE of York, LIBBY of Androscoggin, LUCHINI of Hancock, MILLETT of Cumberland, MIRAMANT of Knox, MOORE of Washington, POULIOT of Kennebec, ROSEN of Hancock, SANBORN, H. of Cumberland, SANBORN, L. of Cumberland, TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin, VITELLI of Sagadahoc, WOODSOME of York, Representatives: ACKLEY of Monmouth, ALLEY of Beals, ANDREWS of Paris, ARATA of New Gloucester, AUSTIN of Skowhegan, AUSTIN of Gray, BABBIDGE of Kennebunk, BABINE of Scarborough, BAILEY of Saco, BEEBE-CENTER of Rockland, BERRY of Bowdoinham, BICKFORD of Auburn, BLIER of Buxton, BLUME of York, BRADSTREET of Vassalboro, BRENNAN of Portland, BROOKS of Lewiston, BRYANT of Windham, CAIAZZO of Scarborough, CAMPBELL of Orrington,

CARDONE of Bangor, CARNEY of Cape Elizabeth, CEBRA of Naples, CLOUTIER of Lewiston, COLLINGS of Portland, COOPER of Yarmouth, COREY of Windham, COSTAIN of Plymouth, CRAVEN of Lewiston, CROCKETT of Portland, CUDDY of Winterport, CURTIS of Madison, DAUGHTRY of Brunswick, DeCHANT of Bath, DENK of Kennebunk, DENNO of Cumberland, DeVEAU of Caribou, DEVIN of Newcastle, DILLINGHAM of Oxford, DODGE of Belfast, DOLLOFF of Rumford, DOORE of Augusta, DOUDERA of Camden, DRINKWATER of Milford, DUNPHY of Old Town, EVANGELOS of Friendship, FARNSWORTH of Portland, FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor, FAY of Raymond, FECTEAU of Augusta, FECTEAU of Biddeford, FOLEY of Biddeford, FOSTER of Dexter, GATTINE of Westbrook, Speaker GIDEON of Freeport, GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach, GRIFFIN of Levant, GRIGNON of Athens, GROHOSKI of Ellsworth, HAGGAN of Hampden, HALL of Wilton, HANDY of Lewiston, HANINGTON of Lincoln, HANLEY of Pittston, HARNETT of Gardiner, HARRINGTON of Sanford, HEAD of Bethel, HEPLER of Woolwich, HICKMAN of Winthrop, HIGGINS of Dover-Foxcroft, HOBBS of Wells, HUBBELL of Bar Harbor, HUTCHINS of Penobscot, HYMANSON of York, INGWERSEN of Arundel, JAVNER of Chester, JOHANSEN of Monticello, JORGENSEN of Portland, KESCHL of Belgrade, KESSLER of South Portland, KINNEY of Knox, KORNFELD of Bangor, KRYZAK of Acton, LANDRY of Farmington, LOCKMAN of Bradley, LYFORD of Eddington, MADIGAN of Waterville, MAREAN of Hollis, MARTIN of Eagle Lake, MARTIN of Sinclair, MARTIN of Greene, MASON of Lisbon, MASTRACCIO of Sanford, MATLACK of St. George, MAXMIN of Nobleboro, 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, MORRIS of Turner, NADEAU of Winslow, NEWELL of the Passamaquoddy Tribe, O'CONNOR of Berwick, O'NEIL of Saco, ORDWAY of Standish, PAULHUS of Bath, PEBWORTH of Blue Hill, PEOPLES of Westbrook, PERKINS of Oakland, PERRY of Calais, PERRY of Bangor, PICKETT of Dixfield, PIERCE of Falmouth, PLUECKER of Warren, PRESCOTT of Waterboro, RECKITT of South Portland, REED of Carmel, RILEY of Jay, RISEMAN of Harrison, ROBERTS-LOVELL of South Berwick, RUDNICKI of Fairfield, RYKERSON of Kittery, SAMPSON of Alfred, SCHNECK of Bangor, SHARPE of Durham, SHEATS of Auburn, SKOLFIELD of Weld, STANLEY of Medway, STEARNS of Guilford, STETKIS of Canaan, STEWART of Presque Isle, STOVER of Boothbay, STROM of Pittsfield, SWALLOW of Houlton, SYLVESTER of Portland, TALBOT ROSS of Portland, TEPLER of Topsham, TERRY of Gorham, THERIAULT of China, TIPPING of Orono, TUCKER of Brunswick, TUELL of East Machias, VEROW of Brewer, WADSWORTH of Hiram, WARREN of Hallowell, WHITE of Waterville, WHITE of Washburn, ZEIGLER of Montville.

THE PRESIDENT PRO TEM: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Penobscot, Senator Dill.

Senator **DILL:** Thank you, Mr. President Pro Tem. First could I ask that the Secretary read the sentiment.

The Joint Resolution was **READ.**

THE PRESIDENT PRO TEM: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Penobscot, Senator Dill.

Senator **DILL:** Thank you, Mr. President Pro Tem. It's with heartfelt sorrow that I stand before you today. I did not really know Detective Campbell, even though he was in my district. But, as we all know, it was a very bizarre accident that claimed his life and I just want to express my sympathy to the family and his fellow officers. Thank you, Mr. President.

THE PRESIDENT PRO TEM: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Piscataquis, Senator Davis.

Senator **DAVIS:** Thank you, Mr. President. I spoke the other day on this. There were a number of us that attended the service: Senator Diamond, Senator Deschambault, Senator Cyrway, myself, and perhaps others. I think that we would all agree it was a very sad service and there were tears in many of our eyes. There were 2,500 police officers there. A huge crowd. Thanks to my good friend, Senator Dill, in a few days myself and the young Trooper that he patrolled with and knew well will be taking the sentiment to his widow in Millinocket. Thank you very much, Mr. President.

THE PRESIDENT PRO TEM: The Chair was at the funeral the other day and was quite touched by the service and our thoughts especially go out to Detective Campbell's wife and six month old son.

The Joint Resolution was **ADOPTED.**

Sent down for concurrence.

WHEREAS, the Legislature has learned with deep regret of the death of:

Donald B. Williams, of Augusta. Mr. Williams served as pastor of Fellowship Baptist Church in Augusta for many years. He worked at the District Court in Augusta and later the Kennebec County Sheriff's Office. Before he retired from the sheriff's office, he had risen to the rank of lieutenant. He also served with the Maine State Police, including on the dive and tactical teams, and taught an ethics class at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy. Mr. Williams will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family and friends and all those whose lives he touched;

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Sponsored by Senator POULIOT of Kennebec.
Cosponsored by Senator: CYRWAY of Kennebec,
Representatives: BRADSTREET of Vassalboro, DOORE of Augusta, FECTEAU of Augusta.

THE PRESIDENT PRO TEM: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Kennebec, Senator Cyrway.

Senator **CYRWAY:** Thank you, Mr. President. Could we have the memoriam read and I could speak on this?

The Joint Resolution was **READ.**

THE PRESIDENT PRO TEM: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Kennebec, Senator Cyrway.

Senator **CYRWAY:** Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, Chaplain Don Williams was a close friend of mine. I started at the jail in 1987, Kennebec County Jail, and we had Father Gilbert back then come to the jail and help out the prisoners and help officers when they need the time to go over situations that they felt very passionate about. Sometimes we had serious events happen and it's good to have a shoulder to talk to and a person to listen. Don Williams, Chaplain Don Williams, was one of those persons. He came in 1990 and he kind of took the place and he would sit with us and take us around and talk to us. Would just go out to breakfast or whatever. But he also started at the jail, and then eventually he got part-time, and he went working for the courts. He then went on and he rode with the officers and went to events where situations happened, where deaths occurred, and he consoled with the victims or the families, and then there was counseling that had to be done to some issues where somebody had a traumatic experience with an accident or whatever. It grew. What happened is eventually they actually gave him a cruiser so that he would come to the accidents, at the scenes, or at the calls, the serious calls, where there were suicides, homicides, and then it got to the point where the State Police actually took him onboard and he actually went all over the state doing this, and then Augusta P.D. took him on, and so it really grew to be a needed service. So it got to the point where he actually did classes for the Chaplains and they went to the Academy and they did classes for this so that they could ride in their counties. So I feel like he actually brought forward a new era of the counseling from the Chaplains all of the state. So I really want to thank him for all he's done and he was a good man. Thank you.

The Joint Resolution was **ADOPTED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

House

Ought to Pass

The Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** on Bill "An Act To Prohibit the Sale of Motor Fuel Containing More than 10% Ethanol"
H.P. 596 L.D. 822

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.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ TWICE** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**, in concurrence.

Ought to Pass As Amended

The Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act To Promote the Forest Products Industry in School Construction and Renovation Involving Heating Systems"
H.P. 284 L.D. 375

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-60)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-60)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-60) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED**, in concurrence.

The Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act To Count Study Abroad toward Secondary School Credit"
H.P. 483 L.D. 662

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-54)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-54)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-54) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED**, in concurrence.

The Committee on **TAXATION** on Bill "An Act To Establish a Sales Tax Exemption and an Income Tax Deduction for the Purchase of Firearm Safety Devices"
H.P. 71 L.D. 85

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-59)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-59)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-59) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED**, in concurrence.

The Committee on **TAXATION** on Bill "An Act To Provide a Sales Tax Exemption for Feminine Hygiene Products"

H.P. 210 L.D. 286

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-58)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-58)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-58) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED**, in concurrence.

The Committee on **TAXATION** on Bill "An Act To Provide a Sales Tax Exemption for Baling Twine, Net and Wrapping for Hay"

H.P. 333 L.D. 424

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-57)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-57)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-57) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED**, in concurrence.

The Committee on **TAXATION** on Bill "An Act To Make Sales to Area Agencies on Aging Tax-exempt"

H.P. 531 L.D. 726

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-56)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-56)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-56) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED**, in concurrence.

The Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act To Aid Certain Veterans' Organizations"

H.P. 180 L.D. 217

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-39)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-39) AND HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" (H-61)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-39) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

House Amendment "A" (H-61) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-39) AND HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" (H-61)**, in concurrence.

Off Record Remarks

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** on Bill "An Act To Prohibit the Use of Certain Disposable Food Service Containers"

H.P. 213 L.D. 289

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-49)**.

Signed:

Senator:
CARSON of Cumberland

Representatives:
TUCKER of Brunswick
FAY of Raymond
GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach
HOBBS of Wells
ZEIGLER of Montville

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "B" (H-50)**.

Signed:

Senator:
FOLEY of York

Representatives:
CAMPBELL of Orrington
JOHANSEN of Monticello
LYFORD of Eddington
SKOLFIELD of Weld

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-49)** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-49) AS AMENDED BY HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" (H-55)** thereto.

Reports **READ**.

Senator **CARSON** of Cumberland moved the Senate **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-49)** Report, in concurrence.

On further motion by same Senator, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending the motion by same Senator to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-49)** Report, in concurrence.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act To Make Clean Election Filing Deadlines Consistent for All Candidates"

H.P. 652 L.D. 878

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

Signed:

Senators:
LUCHINI of Hancock
CYRWAY of Kennebec
HERBIG of Waldo

Representatives:
SCHNECK of Bangor
ANDREWS of Paris
COOPER of Yarmouth
DOLLOFF of Rumford
HANINGTON of Lincoln
HICKMAN of Winthrop
HUBBELL of Bar Harbor
McCREIGHT of Harpswell
STROM of Pittsfield

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-53)**.

Signed:

Representative:
ACKLEY of Monmouth

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 As Amended

Senator MILLETT for the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act To Improve Attendance at Public Elementary Schools"

S.P. 37 L.D. 150

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-35)**.

Report **READ**.

On motion by Senator **MILLETT** of Cumberland, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, **ACCEPTANCE OF THE REPORT**.

Senator LAWRENCE for the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** on Bill "An Act Regarding the Duties of the Public Advocate"

S.P. 243 L.D. 807

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-38)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-38) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Senator CARSON for the Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** on Bill "An Act To Advance the Restoration of the Penobscot River"

S.P. 253 L.D. 817

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-34)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-34) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Senator GRATWICK for the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Bill "An Act To Prohibit the Possession and Use of Electronic Smoking Devices on School Grounds"

S.P. 39 L.D. 152

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-32)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-32) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Senator GRATWICK for the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Resolve, To Ensure the Health and Wellness of Older Residents of the State

S.P. 138 L.D. 474

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-36)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-36) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Senator GRATWICK for the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Bill "An Act To Reduce the Incidence of Obesity and Chronic Disease in the State"

S.P. 219 L.D. 706

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-33)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-33) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Senator BELLOWS for the Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** on Bill "An Act To Clarify the Disqualification from Unemployment Benefits of a Person Who Is Terminated from Employment for Being Under the Influence of Marijuana"

S.P. 292 L.D. 1013

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-39)**.

Report **READ**.

On motion by Senator **BELLOWS** of Kennebec, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending **ACCEPTANCE OF THE REPORT**.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** on Bill "An Act To Encourage Conservation in Determining Natural Gas Rates"

S.P. 308 L.D. 1048

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

Signed:

Senators:

LAWRENCE of York
MIRAMANT of Knox
WOODSOME of York

Representatives:

BERRY of Bowdoinham
CAIAZZO of Scarborough
DOUDERA of Camden
FOSTER of Dexter
GROHOSKI of Ellsworth
HANLEY of Pittston
KESSLER of South Portland
RILEY of Jay
RYKERSON of Kittery

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass**.

Signed:

Representative:

GRIGNON of Athens

Reports **READ**.

On motion by Senator **JACKSON** of Aroostook, the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **ACCEPTED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Bill "An Act To Amend the Law Governing MaineCare Coverage of Chiropractic Treatment"

S.P. 41 L.D. 154

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-37)**.

Signed:

Senators:

CLAXTON of Androscoggin
MOORE of Washington

Representatives:

CRAVEN of Lewiston
GRIFFIN of Levant
JAVNER of Chester
MADIGAN of Waterville
O'CONNOR of Berwick
PERRY of Calais
TALBOT ROSS of Portland

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

Signed:

Senator:

GRATWICK of Penobscot

Representatives:

HYMANSON of York
MEYER of Eliot
STOVER of Boothbay

Reports **READ**.

Senator **GRATWICK** of Penobscot moved the Senate **ACCEPT** the Minority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report.

On further motion by same Senator, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending the motion by same Senator to **ACCEPT** the Minority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** on Bill "An Act To Create a Youth Wage"

S.P. 244 L.D. 808

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

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 To Pass**.

Signed:

Senator:

GUERIN of Penobscot

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 NOT TO PASS** Report.

On further motion by same Senator, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending the motion by same Senator to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** on Bill "An Act To Help Small Employers by Making the Minimum Wage Increase More Gradual in Nonurban Areas"
S.P. 330 L.D. 1098

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

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 To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-40)**.

Signed:

Senator:

GUERIN of Penobscot

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 NOT TO PASS** Report.

On further motion by same Senator, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending the motion by same Senator to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report.

SECOND READERS

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

House

Bill "An Act To Change the Name of Columbus Day to Indigenous Peoples Day"

H.P. 142 L.D. 179

READ A SECOND TIME and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**, in concurrence.

House As Amended

Resolve, To Expedite the Processing of Applications for Certification under the Federal Work Opportunity Tax Credit
H.P. 539 L.D. 734
(C "A" H-51)

READ A SECOND TIME and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED**, in 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 Amend the Law Governing the Membership of the Town of York Planning Board and the Town of York Appeals Board

H.P. 76 L.D. 90
(C "A" H-36)

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

This being an Emergency Measure and having received the affirmative vote of 32 Members of the Senate, with no Senator having voted in the negative, and 32 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 Pro Tem, was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for approval.

Emergency Measure

An Act To Extend Internet Availability in Rural Maine
H.P. 129 L.D. 147
(C "A" H-43)

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 Pro Tem, was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for approval.

Off Record Remarks

Emergency Resolve

Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 132: Learning Results: Parameters for Essential Instruction, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Education
H.P. 207 L.D. 283

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 Pro Tem, was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for approval.

Acts

An Act To Enhance the Senior Volunteer Benefit Program
H.P. 59 L.D. 62

An Act To Protect Water Quality by Standardizing the Law Concerning Septic Inspection in the Shoreland Zone
H.P. 179 L.D. 216

An Act To Increase the Safety of Home Buyers Concerning Chimney Inspections
H.P. 192 L.D. 229
(C "A" H-44)

An Act To Help Older Adults Age in Place through Comprehensive Planning
H.P. 225 L.D. 301
(C "A" H-31)

An Act Regarding the Providing of Human Food Waste to Swine Producers
S.P. 162 L.D. 497
(C "A" S-17)

An Act To Provide Architects, Engineers and Certain Other Professionals Immunity from Civil Liability When Volunteering for Evaluating Damage from Disasters
H.P. 363 L.D. 506
(C "A" H-34)

An Act To Improve Shoreland Zoning Rules and Enforcement To Support Municipalities
H.P. 406 L.D. 562
(C "A" H-38)

An Act To Change the Harassment Prevention Training Required for Legislators, Legislative Staff and Lobbyists
H.P. 599 L.D. 825
(C "A" H-30)

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

An Act To Enhance Participation on the State Board of Education
H.P. 139 L.D. 176
(C "A" H-29)

On motion by Senator **BREEN** of Cumberland, placed on the **SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS TABLE** pending **ENACTMENT**, in concurrence.

An Act To Increase Funding for the St. Croix International Waterway Commission
S.P. 128 L.D. 450
(C "A" S-19)

On motion by Senator **BREEN** of Cumberland, placed on the **SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS TABLE** pending **ENACTMENT**, in concurrence.

An Act To Phase Out the Insurance Premium Tax on Annuities
H.P. 453 L.D. 625
(C "A" H-32)

On motion by Senator **BREEN** of Cumberland, placed on the **SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS TABLE** pending **ENACTMENT**, in concurrence.

Resolves

Resolve, To Facilitate the Protection of Public Health through Increased Subsurface Wastewater Inspections
H.P. 400 L.D. 543
(C "A" H-37)

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

Resolve, To Establish a Background Check Consolidation Commission

H.P. 436 L.D. 592
(C "A" H-35)

On motion by Senator **VITELLI** of Sagadahoc, placed on the **SPECIAL STUDY TABLE** pending **FINAL PASSAGE**, in concurrence.

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 (4/4/19) matter:

HOUSE REPORT - from the Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** on Bill "An Act To Restore Regular Mapping of Eelgrass Beds in the State"

H.P. 403 L.D. 559

Report - **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-48)**

Tabled - April 4, 2019 by Senator **LIBBY** of Androscoggin

Pending - **ACCEPTANCE OF REPORT**

(In House, Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-48)**.)

The **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-48) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED**, in concurrence.

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later Assigned (4/4/19) matter:

Bill "An Act To Create a System Using the Permit for Disposition of Human Remains To Track the Burial of Cremated Remains in a Public Cemetery"

H.P. 1086 L.D. 1484

Tabled - April 4, 2019 by Senator **GRATWICK** of Penobscot

Pending - **REFERENCE**

(In 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.

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

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

House Papers

Bill "An Act To Establish a Fund for Portions of the Operations and Outreach Activities of the University of Maine Cooperative Extension Diagnostic and Research Laboratory and To Increase Statewide Enforcement of Pesticide Use"

H.P. 1111 L.D. 1518

Bill "An Act To Establish the Maine Food System Investment Program To Create Quality Jobs and Support Farms, Fisheries and Food-related Businesses"

H.P. 1114 L.D. 1531

Bill "An Act Concerning Timber Harvesting on Public Lands and in State Parks, Historic Sites and the Restricted Zone of the Allagash Wilderness Waterway"

H.P. 1123 L.D. 1540

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 Amend Maine Fireworks Laws To Include Flame Effects"

H.P. 1117 L.D. 1534

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

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

Bill "An Act Regarding Compensation Equity for Positions in the Maine Community College System"

H.P. 1121 L.D. 1538

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 Allow a Municipality To Choose Its Power Provider"

H.P. 1125 L.D. 1542

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

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

Bill "An Act To Eliminate Single-use Plastic Carry-out Bags"

H.P. 1115 L.D. 1532

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 Regarding Persons Who Are Found Not Criminally Responsible and Are Sent out of State for Treatment"

H.P. 1105 L.D. 1512

Bill "An Act To Provide Maine Children Access to Affordable Health Care"

H.P. 1122 L.D. 1539

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 Clarify Fishing Laws between the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and the Department of Marine Resources as They Relate to Striped Bass in Inland Waters"

H.P. 1126 L.D. 1551

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 Improve Efficiency in Communication in the Court System" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 1109 L.D. 1516

Comes 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 Concerning Nondisclosure Agreements in Employment"

H.P. 1112 L.D. 1529

Bill "An Act To Increase the Portion of Retirement Benefits to Which the Cost-of-living Adjustment Applies"

H.P. 1120 L.D. 1537

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 Enforcement in the Elver Fishery"

H.P. 1107 L.D. 1514

Bill "An Act To Make Technical Changes to Maine's Marine Resources Laws"

H.P. 1127 L.D. 1552

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 Facilitate the Deployment of Small Wireless Facilities in Maine"

H.P. 1110 L.D. 1517

Bill "An Act To Require Municipalities To Maintain Access on Public Rights-of-way"

H.P. 1119 L.D. 1536

Bill "An Act To Establish 'Ballad of the 20th Maine' as the Official State Ballad"

H.P. 1124 L.D. 1541

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 Amend the Date by Which an Applicant for Funds under the Local Road Assistance Program Must Provide Certification to the Department of Transportation"

H.P. 1106 L.D. 1513

Bill "An Act To Eliminate Registration Plate Decals"

H.P. 1116 L.D. 1533

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 Allow Sports Wagering in Maine"

H.P. 1108 L.D. 1515

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.

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

Pursuant to Joint Order

The Committee on **JUDICIARY** on Bill "An Act To Correct Errors and Inconsistencies Related to the Maine Uniform Probate Code and To Make Other Substantive Changes" (EMERGENCY)
H.P. 1118 L.D. 1535

Reported that the same be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY**, pursuant to Public Law 2017, chapter 402, Part G, section 2.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY**.

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

Bill and accompanying papers **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY**, in concurrence.

THE PRESIDENT PRO TEM: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Aroostook, Senator Jackson.

Senator **JACKSON:** Thank you, Mr. President. I would just like to say what a great job I think you did today and, off the record, I'd like to say you didn't have to do such a great job. But seriously, I think the whole Chamber definitely should join me in a round of applause for an excellent job on short notice. So thank you very much.

Off Record Remarks

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

On motion by Senator **VITELLI** of Sagadahoc, **ADJOURNED**, pursuant to the Joint Order, until Tuesday, April 16, 2019 at 10:00 in the morning in memory of and lasting tribute to Detective Benjamin Campbell of Millinocket and Donald B. Williams of Augusta.