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

In Senate Chamber  
Tuesday  
March 10, 2020

**READ** and **PASSED**, in concurrence.

Off Record Remarks

Senate called to order by President Pro Tem Rebecca J. Millett of Cumberland County.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

The Following Communication: S.C. 1027

Prayer by Pastor Tom Dubois of Western Mountain Baptist Church in New Portland.

**STATE OF MAINE  
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE  
COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND  
FORESTRY**

March 5, 2020

The Honorable Troy Dale Jackson  
President of the Senate of Maine  
129th Maine State Legislature  
State House  
Augusta, Maine 04333-0003  
Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Section 157, and with Joint Rule 505 of the Maine Legislature, the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry has had under consideration the nomination of Michael Wiers of St. Albans, for reappointment to the Maine Milk Commission.

After public hearing and discussion on this nomination, the Committee proceeded to vote on the motion to recommend to the Senate that this nomination be confirmed. The Committee Clerk called the roll with the following result:

YEAS	Senators	2	Dill, J. of Penobscot, Black, R. of Franklin
	Representatives	8	Hickman, C. of Winthrop, Hall, R. of Wilton, Kinney, M. of Knox, Kryzak, T. of Acton, Maxmin, C. of Nobleboro, McCrea, D. of Fort Fairfield, O'Neil, M. of Saco, Roberts, T. of South Berwick

NAYS		0	
ABSENT		3	Sen. Diamond, B. of Cumberland, Rep. Pluecker, B. of Warren, Rep. Skolfield, T. of Weld

Ten members of the Committee having voted in the affirmative and zero in the negative, it was the vote of the Committee that the nomination of Michael Wiers of St. Albans, for reappointment to the Maine Milk Commission be confirmed.

**PASTOR DUBOIS:** Let us pray. God in Heaven, as I consider the work this Body must conduct it may seem a bit overwhelming but we know with You all things are possible. As I consider the men and women here in this Chamber this morning I pray that this Body could work together for the common good of the citizens of each district represented here and for the citizens of this great state of Maine. Lord, I pray that You would bless each one here with Your strength of character and with Your wisdom. I pray that You would bless each one here with Your discernment and Your perseverance and I pray that You would bless each one here with Your compassion, grace, and mercy so that they would treat one another with kindness and gentleness and respect. May each Senator here demonstrate the selflessness that was demonstrated best by Jesus Christ, Your Son, who gave so fully and freely of himself, not for his own gain but for the benefit of all mankind, and it is the name of Christ Jesus I pray. Amen.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Senator Linda F. Sanborn of Cumberland County.

Reading of the Journal of Thursday, March 5, 2020.

Off Record Remarks

**PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE**

**Joint Orders**

The following Joint Order:

H.P. 1530

ORDERED, the Senate concurring, that the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology shall report out, to the House, legislation to continue the green standard offer for electricity.

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

Signed,

S/Jim Dill  
Senate Chair

S/Craig V. Hickman  
House Chair

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

March 9, 2020

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

The President Pro Tem laid before the Senate the following:  
"Shall the recommendation of the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** be overridden?"

The Honorable Troy Dale Jackson  
President of the Senate of Maine  
129th Maine State Legislature  
State House  
Augusta, Maine 04333-0003

Dear Mr. President:

The Chair noted the absence of the Senator from York, Senator **LAWRENCE**, the Senator from York, Senator **DESCHAMBAULT**, the Senator from York, Senator **WOODSOME**, the Senator from Somerset, Senator **FARRIN**, the Senator from Hancock, Senator **ROSEN**, the Senator from Aroostook, Senator **CARPENTER**, and the Senator from Oxford, Senator **HAMPER**, and further excused the same Senators from today's Roll Call votes.

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Section 157, and with Joint Rule 505 of the Maine Legislature, the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety has had under consideration the nomination of Peter J. Rogers of Yarmouth, for appointment as the Maine Emergency Management Agency Director.

After public hearing and discussion on this nomination, the Committee proceeded to vote on the motion to recommend to the Senate that this nomination be confirmed. The Committee Clerk called the roll with the following result:

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Chapter 6, Section 158, and with Joint Rule 506 of the 129<sup>th</sup> Legislature, the vote was taken by the Yeas and Nays.

YEAS	Senators	2	Deschambault, S. of York, Rosen, K. of Hancock
	Representatives	7	Warren, C. of Hallowell, Beebe-Center, P. of Rockland, Cooper, J. of Yarmouth, Corey, P. of Windham, Morales, V. of South Portland, Pickett, R. of Dixfield, Reckitt, L. of South Portland
NAYS		0	
ABSENT		4	Sen. Carpenter, M. of Aroostook, Rep. Costain, D. of Plymouth, Rep. Johansen, C. of Monticello, Rep. Sharpe, B. of Durham

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

**ROLL CALL (#413)**

YEAS: Senators: None

NAYS: Senators: BELLOWS, BLACK, BREEN, CARSON, CHENETTE, CHIPMAN, CLAXTON, CYRWAY, DAVIS, DIAMOND, DILL, DOW, FOLEY, GRATWICK, GUERIN, HERBIG, JACKSON, KEIM, LIBBY, LUCHINI, MIRAMANT, MOORE, POULIOT, SANBORN H, SANBORN L, TIMBERLAKE, VITELLI, PRESIDENT PRO TEM MILLETT

EXCUSED: Senators: CARPENTER, DESCHAMBAULT, FARRIN, HAMPER, LAWRENCE, ROSEN, WOODSOME

Nine members of the Committee having voted in the affirmative and zero in the negative, it was the vote of the Committee that the nomination of Peter J. Rogers of Yarmouth, for appointment as the Maine Emergency Management Agency Director be confirmed.

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 28 Senators having voted in the negative, with 7 Senators being excused, and none being less than two-thirds of the Membership present and voting, it was the vote of the Senate that the Committee's recommendation be **ACCEPTED** and the nomination of **Michael Wiers** of St. Albans for reappointment to the Maine Milk Commission was **CONFIRMED**.

Signed,

S/Susan Deschambault  
Senate Chair

S/Charlotte May Warren  
House Chair

The Secretary has so informed the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

The President Pro Tem laid before the Senate the following:  
"Shall the recommendation of the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** be overridden?"

The Following Communication: S.C. 1020

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

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Chapter 6, Section 158, and with Joint Rule 506 of the 129<sup>th</sup> Legislature, the vote was taken by the Yeas and Nays.

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

**ROLL CALL (#414)**

YEAS: Senators: None

NAYS: Senators: BELLOWS, BLACK, BREEN, CARSON, CHENETTE, CHIPMAN, CLAXTON, CYRWAY, DAVIS, DIAMOND, DILL, DOW, FOLEY, GRATWICK, GUERIN, HERBIG, JACKSON, KEIM, LIBBY, LUCHINI, MIRAMANT, MOORE, POULIOT, SANBORN H, SANBORN L, VITELLI, PRESIDENT PRO TEM MILLETT

EXCUSED: Senators: CARPENTER, DESCHAMBAULT, FARRIN, HAMPER, LAWRENCE, ROSEN, TIMBERLAKE, WOODSOME

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 27 Senators having voted in the negative, with 8 Senators being excused, and none being less than two-thirds of the Membership present and voting, it was the vote of the Senate that the Committee's recommendation be **ACCEPTED** and the nomination of **Peter J. Rogers** of Yarmouth for appointment as the Maine Emergency Management Agency Director was **CONFIRMED**.

The Secretary has so informed the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Off Record Remarks

The Following Communication: S.C. 1023

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

March 9, 2020

The Honorable Troy Dale Jackson  
President of the Senate of Maine  
129th Maine State Legislature  
State House  
Augusta, Maine 04333-0003

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Section 157, and with Joint Rule 505 of the Maine Legislature, the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs has had under consideration the nomination of Lucas St. Clair of Falmouth, for appointment to the Maine Public Broadcasting Corporation, Board of Trustees.

After public hearing and discussion on this nomination, the Committee proceeded to vote on the motion to recommend to the Senate that this nomination be confirmed. The Committee Clerk called the roll with the following result:

YEAS	Senators	3	Millett, R. of Cumberland, Carson, B. of Cumberland, Pouliot, M. of Kennebec
	Representatives	9	Kornfield, V. of Bangor, Brennan, M. of Portland, Dodge, J. of Belfast, Drinkwater, G. of Milford, Farnsworth, D. of Portland, Ingwersen, H. of Arundel, McCrea, D. of Fort Fairfield, Rudnicki, S. of Fairfield, Sampson, H. of Alfred

NAYS 0

ABSENT 1 Rep. Fecteau, J. of Augusta

Twelve members of the Committee having voted in the affirmative and zero in the negative, it was the vote of the Committee that the nomination of Lucas St. Clair of Falmouth, for appointment to the Maine Public Broadcasting Corporation, Board of Trustees be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Rebecca Millett  
Senate Chair

S/Victoria P. Kornfield  
House Chair

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

The President Pro Tem laid before the Senate the following: "Shall the recommendation of the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** be overridden?"

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Chapter 6, Section 158, and with Joint Rule 506 of the 129<sup>th</sup> Legislature, the vote was taken by the Yeas and Nays.

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

**ROLL CALL (#415)**

YEAS: Senators: None

NAYS: Senators: BELLOWS, BLACK, BREEN, CARSON, CHENETTE, CHIPMAN, CLAXTON, CYRWAY, DAVIS, DIAMOND, DILL, DOW, FOLEY, GRATWICK, GUERIN, HERBIG, JACKSON, KEIM, LIBBY, LUCHINI, MIRAMANT, MOORE, POULIOT, SANBORN H, SANBORN L, VITELLI, PRESIDENT PRO TEM MILLETT

Ingwersen, H. of Arundel, McCrea, D. of Fort Fairfield, Rudnicki, S. of Fairfield, Sampson, H. of Alfred

NAYS 0

ABSENT 1 Rep. Fecteau, J. of Augusta

EXCUSED: Senators: CARPENTER, DESCHAMBAULT, FARRIN, HAMPER, LAWRENCE, ROSEN, TIMBERLAKE, WOODSOME

Twelve members of the Committee having voted in the affirmative and zero in the negative, it was the vote of the Committee that the nomination of The Honorable Emily Ann Cain of Orono, for appointment to the University of Maine System, Board of Trustees be confirmed.

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 27 Senators having voted in the negative, with 8 Senators being excused, and none being less than two-thirds of the Membership present and voting, it was the vote of the Senate that the Committee's recommendation be **ACCEPTED** and the nomination of **Lucas St. Clair** of Falmouth for appointment to the Maine Public Broadcasting Corporation, Board of Trustees was **CONFIRMED**.

Signed,

S/Rebecca Millett  
Senate Chair

S/Victoria P. Kornfield  
House Chair

The Secretary has so informed the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

The President Pro Tem laid before the Senate the following: "Shall the recommendation of the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** be overridden?"

The Following Communication: S.C. 1021

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Chapter 6, Section 158, and with Joint Rule 506 of the 129<sup>th</sup> Legislature, the vote was taken by the Yeas and Nays.

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

March 9, 2020

The Honorable Troy Dale Jackson  
President of the Senate of Maine  
129th Maine State Legislature  
State House  
Augusta, Maine 04333-0003

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

**ROLL CALL (#416)**

YEAS: Senators: None

NAYS: Senators: BELLOWS, BLACK, BREEN, CARSON, CHENETTE, CHIPMAN, CLAXTON, CYRWAY, DAVIS, DIAMOND, DILL, DOW, FOLEY, GRATWICK, GUERIN, HERBIG, JACKSON, KEIM, LIBBY, LUCHINI, MIRAMANT, MOORE, POULIOT, SANBORN H, SANBORN L, VITELLI, PRESIDENT PRO TEM MILLETT

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Section 157, and with Joint Rule 505 of the Maine Legislature, the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs has had under consideration the nomination of The Honorable Emily Ann Cain of Orono, for appointment to the University of Maine System, Board of Trustees.

EXCUSED: Senators: CARPENTER, DESCHAMBAULT, FARRIN, HAMPER, LAWRENCE, ROSEN, TIMBERLAKE, WOODSOME

After public hearing and discussion on this nomination, the Committee proceeded to vote on the motion to recommend to the Senate that this nomination be confirmed. The Committee Clerk called the roll with the following result:

YEAS	Senators	3	Millett, R. of Cumberland, Carson, B. of Cumberland, Pouliot, M. of Kennebec
	Representatives	9	Kornfield, V. of Bangor, Brennan, M. of Portland, Dodge, J. of Belfast, Drinkwater, G. of Milford, Farnsworth, D. of Portland,

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 27 Senators having voted in the negative, with 8 Senators being excused, and none being less than two-thirds of the Membership present and voting, it was the vote of the Senate that the Committee's recommendation be **ACCEPTED** and the nomination of the Honorable **Emily Ann Cain** of Orono for appointment to the University of Maine System, Board of Trustees was **CONFIRMED**.

The Secretary has so informed the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

**THE PRESIDENT PRO TEM:** The Chair is pleased to recognize in the rear of the Chamber Ms. Emily Ann Cain of Orono. She is the guest of the entire Senate. Would Ms. Cain please rise and accept the greetings of the Maine Senate.

Signed,

S/Rebecca Millett  
Senate Chair

S/Victoria P. Kornfield  
House Chair

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

The President Pro Tem laid before the Senate the following: "Shall the recommendation of the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** be overridden?"

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Chapter 6, Section 158, and with Joint Rule 506 of the 129<sup>th</sup> Legislature, the vote was taken by the Yeas and Nays.

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

**ROLL CALL (#417)**

YEAS: Senators: None

NAYS: Senators: BELLOWS, BLACK, BREEN, CARSON, CHENETTE, CHIPMAN, CLAXTON, CYRWAY, DAVIS, DIAMOND, DILL, DOW, FOLEY, GRATWICK, GUERIN, HERBIG, JACKSON, KEIM, LIBBY, LUCHINI, MIRAMANT, MOORE, POULIOT, SANBORN H, SANBORN L, VITELLI, PRESIDENT PRO TEM MILLETT

EXCUSED: Senators: CARPENTER, DESCHAMBAULT, FARRIN, HAMPER, LAWRENCE, ROSEN, TIMBERLAKE, WOODSOME

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 27 Senators having voted in the negative, with 8 Senators being excused, and none being less than two-thirds of the Membership present and voting, it was the vote of the Senate that the Committee's recommendation be **ACCEPTED** and the nomination of **Lisa Marchese Eames** of Cumberland for reappointment to the University of Maine System, Board of Trustees was **CONFIRMED**.

The Secretary has so informed the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

The Following Communication: S.C. 1010

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

March 5, 2020

The Following Communication: S.C. 1022

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

March 9, 2020

The Honorable Troy Dale Jackson  
President of the Senate of Maine  
129th Maine State Legislature  
State House  
Augusta, Maine 04333-0003

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Section 157, and with Joint Rule 505 of the Maine Legislature, the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs has had under consideration the nomination of Lisa Marchese Eames of Cumberland, for reappointment to the University of Maine System, Board of Trustees.

After public hearing and discussion on this nomination, the Committee proceeded to vote on the motion to recommend to the Senate that this nomination be confirmed. The Committee Clerk called the roll with the following result:

YEAS	Senators	3	Millett, R. of Cumberland, Carson, B. of Cumberland, Pouliot, M. of Kennebec
	Representatives	9	Kornfield, V. of Bangor, Brennan, M. of Portland, Dodge, J. of Belfast, Drinkwater, G. of Milford, Farnsworth, D. of Portland, Ingwersen, H. of Arundel, McCrea, D. of Fort Fairfield, Rudnicki, S. of Fairfield, Sampson, H. of Alfred

NAYS 0

ABSENT 1 Rep. Fecteau, J. of Augusta

Twelve members of the Committee having voted in the affirmative and zero in the negative, it was the vote of the Committee that the nomination of Lisa Marchese Eames of Cumberland, for reappointment to the University of Maine System, Board of Trustees be confirmed.

The Honorable Troy Jackson, President of the Senate  
The Honorable Gideon, Speaker of the House of Representatives  
129th Legislature  
State House  
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Gideon:

Please accept this letter as the report of the findings of the Joint Standing Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services from its review and evaluation of the Board of Dental Practice under the State Government Evaluation Act, Title 3 Maine Revised Statutes, chapter 35.

The committee finds that the Board of Dental Practice is operating within its statutory authority.

As a result of our review, the committee has also voted to report out a bill pursuant to 3 MRSA §955, sub-§4 in order to consider legislation to authorize the board, in consultation with interested parties, to review its licensing laws and rules and to recommend changes to update those laws and rules no later than February 15, 2021. It is the committee's intent that this legislation be referred back to committee for additional consideration before being reported out to the full Legislature.

Sincerely,

S/Senator Heather B. Sanborn  
Senate Chair

S/Representative Denise A. Tepler  
House Chair

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

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The Following Communication: S.C. 1011

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

March 5, 2020

The Honorable Troy Jackson, President of the Senate  
The Honorable Gideon, Speaker of the House of Representatives  
129th Legislature  
State House  
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Gideon:

Please accept this letter as the report of the findings of the Joint Standing Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services from its review and evaluation of the Board of Licensure in Medicine under the State Government Evaluation Act, Title 3 Maine Revised Statutes, chapter 35.

The committee finds that the Board of Licensure in Medicine is operating within its statutory authority.

As a result of our review, the committee has also voted to report out a bill pursuant to 3 MRSA §955, sub-§4 in order to consider legislation to authorize the board, in consultation with interested parties, to review its licensing laws and rules and to recommend changes to update those laws and rules no later than February 15, 2021. It is the committee's intent that this legislation be referred back to committee for additional consideration before being reported out to the full Legislature.

Sincerely,

S/Senator Heather B. Sanborn  
Senate Chair

S/Representative Denise A. Tepler  
House Chair

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

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The Following Communication: S.C. 1012

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

March 5, 2020

The Honorable Troy Jackson, President of the Senate  
The Honorable Gideon, Speaker of the House of Representatives  
129th Legislature  
State House  
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Gideon:

Please accept this letter as the report of the findings of the Joint Standing Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services from its review and evaluation of the State Board of Nursing under the State Government Evaluation Act, Title 3 Maine Revised Statutes, chapter 35.

The committee finds that the State Board of Nursing is operating within its statutory authority.

As a result of our review, the committee has also voted to report out a bill pursuant to 3 MRSA §955, sub-§4 in order to consider legislation to authorize the board, in consultation with interested parties, to review its licensing laws and rules and to recommend changes to update those laws and rules no later than February 15, 2021. It is the committee's intent that this legislation be referred back to committee for additional consideration before being reported out to the full Legislature.



Sincerely,

S/Senator Heather B. Sanborn  
Senate Chair

S/Representative Denise A. Tepler  
House Chair

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

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The Following Communication: S.C. 1013

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

March 5, 2020

The Honorable Troy Jackson, President of the Senate  
The Honorable Gideon, Speaker of the House of Representatives  
129th Legislature  
State House  
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Gideon:

Please accept this letter as the report of the findings of the Joint Standing Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services from its review and evaluation of the Board of Osteopathic Licensure under the State Government Evaluation Act, Title 3 Maine Revised Statutes, chapter 35.

The committee finds that the Board of Osteopathic Licensure is operating within its statutory authority.

As a result of our review, the committee has also voted to report out a bill pursuant to 3 MRSA §955, sub-§4 in order to consider legislation to authorize the board, in consultation with interested parties, to review its licensing laws and rules and to recommend changes to update those laws and rules no later than February 15, 2021. It is the committee's intent that this legislation be referred back to committee for additional consideration before being reported out to the full Legislature.

Sincerely,

S/Senator Heather B. Sanborn  
Senate Chair

S/Representative Denise A. Tepler  
House Chair

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

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The Following Communication: S.C. 1014

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

March 5, 2020

The Honorable Troy Jackson, President of the Senate  
The Honorable Gideon, Speaker of the House of Representatives  
129th Legislature  
State House  
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Gideon:

Please accept this letter as the report of the findings of the Joint Standing Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services from its review and evaluation of the State Board of Optometry under the State Government Evaluation Act, Title 3 Maine Revised Statutes, chapter 35.

The committee finds that the State Board of Optometry is operating within its statutory authority.

As a result of our review, the committee has also voted to report out a bill pursuant to 3 MRSA §955, sub-§4 in order to consider legislation to authorize the board, in consultation with interested parties, to review its licensing laws and rules and to recommend changes to update those laws and rules no later than February 15, 2021. It is the committee's intent that this legislation be referred back to committee for additional consideration before being reported out to the full Legislature.

Sincerely,

S/Senator Heather B. Sanborn  
Senate Chair

S/Representative Denise A. Tepler  
House Chair

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

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The Following Communication: S.C. 1015

**STATE OF MAINE  
129<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATURE  
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT  
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

March 9, 2020

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

Dear Secretary Grant:

Pursuant to my authority under Senate Rule 201.3, please be advised that I appoint the Senator from Cumberland County, Senator Rebecca Millett, to serve as President Pro Tem to convene the Senate on Tuesday, March 10, 2020.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

S/Troy D. Jackson  
President of the Senate

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

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The Following Communication: S.C. 1017

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

March 3, 2020

The Honorable Troy Jackson, President of the Senate  
The Honorable Sara Gideon, Speaker of the House of  
Representatives  
State House  
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Gideon:

Please accept this letter as the report of the findings of the Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business pursuant to its review of the State Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers, as required by the State Government Evaluation Act, Title 3 Maine Revised Statutes, chapter 35.

The Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers presented its Government Evaluation Act Report to the Committee on January 21, 2020. The Committee reviewed the report with the Board that same day.

The Committee unanimously finds that the State Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers is operating within its statutory authority.

Sincerely,

S/Senator Erin Herbig  
Senate Chair

S/Representative Matthea Daughtry  
House Chair

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

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The Following Communication: S.C. 1018

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

February 27, 2020

The Honorable Troy Jackson, President of the Senate  
The Honorable Sara Gideon, Speaker of the House of  
Representatives  
State House  
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Gideon:

Please accept this letter as the report of the findings of the Joint Standing Committee on Taxation from its review and evaluation of the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Maine Revenue Services under the State Government Evaluation Act, Title 3 Maine Revised Statutes, chapter 35.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Act, the committee notified the agency by letter dated April 9, 2019 of its intent to conduct a review. The agency submitted its program evaluation report on October 23, 2019 and presented their report to the committee on January 14, 2020.

The committee has reviewed the report and finds that Maine Revenue Services is operating, within its statutory authority. The Taxation Committee continues to review the functions of Maine Revenue Services and may have future recommendations for changes.

Sincerely,

S/Senator Benjamin Chipman  
Senate Chair

S/Representative Ryan Tipping  
House Chair

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

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The Following Communication: S.C. 1019

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

February 27, 2020

The Honorable Troy Jackson, President of the Senate  
The Honorable Sara Gideon, Speaker of the House of  
Representatives  
State House  
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Gideon:

Please accept this letter as the report of the findings of the Joint Standing Committee on Taxation from its review and evaluation of the State Board of Property Tax Review under the State Government Evaluation Act, Title 3 Maine Revised Statutes, chapter 35.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Act, the committee notified the agency by letter dated April 9, 2019 of its intent to conduct a review. The agency submitted its program evaluation report on November 1, 2019 and presented its report to the committee on January 30, 2020.

The committee has reviewed the report and unanimously finds that the Board is operating within its statutory authority.

Sincerely,

S/Senator Benjamin Chipman  
Senate Chair

S/Representative Ryan Tipping  
House Chair

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

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The Following Communication: S.C. 1024

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

March 6, 2020

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

RE: Reappointment of Roger K. Berle of Falmouth to the Lands for Maine's Future Board

Dear President Jackson:

This is to inform you that I am today nominating Roger K. Berle of Falmouth for reappointment to the Land for Maine's Future Board.

Pursuant to Title 5 MRSA §6204, this reappointment 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.**

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The Following Communication: S.C. 1025

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

March 6, 2020

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

RE: Reappointment of Robert L. Meyers of Bath to the Lands for Maine's Future Board

Dear President Jackson:

This is to inform you that I am today nominating Robert L. Meyers of Bath for reappointment to the Land for Maine's Future Board.

Pursuant to Title 5 MRSA §6204, this reappointment 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.**

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The Following Communication: S.C. 1026

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

March 6, 2020

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

RE: Appointment of Catherine Robbins-Halsted of Searsmont to the Lands for Maine's Future Board

Dear President Jackson:

This is to inform you that I am today nominating Catherine Robbins-Halsted of Searsmont 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.**

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The Following Communication: S.C. 1028

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

March 6, 2020

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

RE: Appointment of Adria Horn of Pittston to the Maine State Workforce Board

Dear President Jackson:

This is to inform you that I am today nominating for appointment to the Maine State Workforce Board, Adria Horn of Pittston.

Pursuant to Title 26 MRSA §2006, this appointment is contingent on the Maine State Senate's confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Labor and Housing.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills  
Governor

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

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The Following Communication: S.C. 1029

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

March 6, 2020

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

RE: Appointment of Vaughan J. Woodruff of Pittsfield to the Maine State Workforce Board

Dear President Jackson:

This is to inform you that I am today nominating for appointment to the Maine State Workforce Board, Vaughan J. Woodruff of Pittsfield.

Pursuant to Title 26 MRSA §2006, this appointment is contingent on the Maine State Senate's confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Labor and Housing.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills  
Governor

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

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The Following Communication: S.C. 1016

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

March 04, 2020

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 Judiciary has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

- L.D. 1380 An Act To Transfer the Violations Bureau from the Courts to the Office of the Secretary of State
- L.D. 1670 An Act To Limit the Dissemination of Juvenile Records
- L.D. 1759 An Act Regarding the Electronic Data and Court Records Filed in the Electronic Case Management System of the Supreme Judicial Court
- L.D. 1897 An Act To Authorize the Expungement of Records of Nonviolent Crimes
- L.D. 1960 An Act To Protect Communications between Bargaining Agents and Bargaining Unit Members

L.D. 2041 An Act To Allow Access to and Ensure the Confidentiality of Records of Child Advocacy Centers

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Michael E. Carpenter  
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Donna Bailey  
House Chair

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

**SENATE PAPERS**

Bill "An Act To Protect the Lobster Industry by Providing to Consumers Information Regarding Live Lobsters Sold in the State"

S.P. 774 L.D. 2149

Presented by President JACKSON of Aroostook.  
Cosponsored by Senator: MIRAMANT of Knox.  
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Issuance of Wholesale Seafood Licenses with Lobster Permits"

S.P. 775 L.D. 2150

Presented by President JACKSON of Aroostook.  
Cosponsored by Senator: MIRAMANT of Knox.  
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

On motion by Senator LIBBY of Androscoggin, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **MARINE RESOURCES** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Help Veterans Access Jobs, Education, Health Care and Housing and Provide General Support to Veterans"

S.P. 772 L.D. 2145

Presented by Senator CARPENTER of Aroostook.  
Cosponsored by Representative MAXMIN of Nobleboro and Senators: BELLOWS of Kennebec, CLAXTON of Androscoggin, President JACKSON of Aroostook, LUCHINI of Hancock, VITELLI of Sagadahoc, Representative: Speaker GIDEON of Freeport.  
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

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.

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

Senator **JACKSON:** Thank you, Madame President. While I have a moment, I know that at least one, if not all, of the people were recognized but I definitely wanted to recognize Gear Up and TRIO. You know, they're an educational opportunity programs. The TRIO programs were initially established in 1965 through the Higher Education Act to help low income and first generation college bound students enter and find success in higher education and participate more fully in America's economic and social life. While student financial aid programs helped students overcome financial barriers to college, TRIO and Gear Up programs help students overcome class, social, and cultural barriers to higher education. The Gear Up program was established in 1998 through the Higher Education Act Reauthorization. Gear Up works to support efforts to increase the number of low income students who obtain a secondary school diploma and prepare for and succeed in post-secondary education. In Maine, TRIO programs are present in many Maine high schools through Upward Bound and Talent Search and are present at nearly all of Maine's post-secondary institutions through student support and Upward Bound and Veteran's Upward Bound. TRIO serves 7,500 students annually in Maine and Gear Up Maine works with 24 Maine school districts, serving close to 10,000 students. So I definitely want to thank them, once again, for all their work making sure people across the state get every opportunity to pursue their dreams. I really appreciate your efforts. Thank you.

**THE PRESIDENT PRO TEM:** The Chair would ask all members of TRIO, Gear Up, and Upward Bound please rise and accept the greetings of the Maine State Senate.

**ORDERS**

**Joint Resolution**

On motion by Senator **BELLOWS** of Kennebec (Cosponsored by Representative DOORE of Augusta and Senators: BLACK of Franklin, CYRWAY of Kennebec, DOW of Lincoln, FARRIN of Somerset, POULIOT of Kennebec, TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin, Representatives: ACKLEY of Monmouth, BRADSTREET of Vassalboro, FECTEAU of Augusta, HANLEY of Pittston, HARNETT of Gardiner, HICKMAN of Winthrop, KESCHL of Belgrade, MADIGAN of Waterville, MAXMIN of Nobleboro, NADEAU of Winslow, PERKINS of Oakland, STROM of Pittsfield, THERIAULT of China, WARREN of Hallowell, WHITE of Waterville), the following Joint Resolution:

S.P. 773

**JOINT RESOLUTION  
RECOGNIZING THE KENNEBEC HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

**WHEREAS**, the Kennebec Historical Society was founded in 1891, and its current location at the 1836 Henry Weld Fuller, Jr. House is in the county and city that host the seat of state government; and

**WHEREAS**, the society is a repository of tens of thousands of historical manuscripts, photographs, scrapbooks, maps, postcards and other ephemera about Kennebec County and elsewhere that are not available in other archives; and

**WHEREAS**, the society offers many community events for the public, including monthly lectures on topics touching on past events in every part of the State, with a focus in 2020 on Maine's Bicentennial; and

**WHEREAS**, the society also offers research and meeting facilities, including reading areas and access to a database cataloging approximately 19,000 items and collections; and

**WHEREAS**, the society's membership has increased steadily from a few dozen in 1990 to more than 540, and the scope of the society's focus has broadened to include many Kennebec County communities; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED:** That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Twenty-ninth Legislature now assembled in the Second Regular Session, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to recognize the work of the Kennebec Historical Society over the last 129 years and their mission to maintain archives of the past and to disseminate knowledge of the history of Kennebec County communities.

The Joint Resolution was **READ**.

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

Senator **BELLOWS:** Thank you, Madame President. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, I rise in support of this Resolution to reflect and honor the work of the Kennebec Historical Society. From its founding by a small group of committed members in 1891 to the active band of over 500 members today, I'm inspired by the contributions of the Kennebec Historical Society to our county, our capital, and our state for over a century and now, today, their leadership role in celebrating Maine's bicentennial. The Kennebec Historical Society provides opportunities for us to look back at our history. It's incredibly important and we know this in a 1948 speech to the House of Commons when Winston Churchill made famous the quote, 'Those who fail to learn from history are condemned to repeat it.' When we think of history and the work of the historical societies, we often think of this quote, that we can learn from mistakes and tragedies of the past in our efforts to bend the arc of history toward justice. That's an important role that history and historical societies have to play, to inform and guide us toward a more perfect society and a better future for all. There is another important role that the Kennebec Historical Society and others like it play as well; to give us perspective in times of trouble; to provide useful and informative lessons we can apply to the work before us; to remind us of people and events, great people, great events, that inspire us to rise to the challenges of our own time. The Kennebec Historical Society has done an amazing job in compiling an impressive array of papers and artifacts, more than 19,000 items in total, but what it's doing every day is more important than that. It's giving

us the tools today for the work we're doing to build a better future. So I encourage you to visit the Kennebec Historical Society's headquarters, the Henry Weld Fuller, Jr. House, to review their papers and archives and exhibits Wednesdays through Fridays from 9 to 3. All members of the Legislature and the Governor have been made honorary members of this society. But I also encourage you to check out their events because there's a broad array, whether you're interesting in historical trivia night at Cushnoc this Thursday night sponsored by the Historical Society or whether you want to learn about the Spool Mills of Western Maine, a now vanished industry, at a presentation they're hosting next week in Manchester at Hope Baptist Church. There really is something for everyone. So, you can check them out on Facebook and Instagram. We can turn our honorary membership in the Kennebec Historical Society into something more meaningful and we can certainly thank the leaders that are here today, the Honorable Patsy Crockett, Glenn Adams, and the many, many more volunteers who are working tirelessly to preserve our past and provide a roadmap for the future. Thank you.

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

Senator **POULIOT:** Thank you, Madame Chair. Founded in 1891, the Kennebec Historical Society, then called the Kennebec Natural History and Antiquarian Society, is now in its 130<sup>th</sup> year. Its holdings include important growing collections of historic importance about people and places in Kennebec County and around that are not available in any other archives. I actually think they have an original photo of Senator Davis over there actually in their collection. Any student or lover of history can visit the Society's home on Winthrop Street which, until recently, was just two doors up from my own home. My wife and I sold our home and moved a couple of blocks over but we're still in the neighborhood. Browse through postcard images and text; photos of Augusta homes and buildings from 1938; extensive newspaper clippings; photos of people, places, and events; school publications, including yearbooks; and surveys of thousands of Augusta historic buildings conducted during the early 1900's. With the recent resurgence and interest in genealogy, the Society now has a data base that holds more than 50,000 names and 88,000 listings about the families that have called our county home. Throughout the last several years the membership has increased steadily, as you heard, and now has more than 540 members, which include my wife and I who are lifetime members, but now I've discovered that we've all been made honorary members today and I'm wondering if I get a refund on that lifetime membership fee. I would encourage you all to take a look at the packets that were distributed on your desks. They're in an envelope from the Kennebec Historical Society with a bit more information and, if you're so inclined, I would encourage you to support this very important organization. It's not just important to the Kennebec County but also to the entire state as a whole. On our 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of becoming a state, I think there could be no more timely opportunity to observe this great work that's being done. So thank you all and thank you, Madame Chair, for the opportunity to speak.

The Joint Resolution was **ADOPTED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

**THE PRESIDENT PRO TEM:** The Chair is pleased to recognize in the rear of the Chamber Glenn Adams, Membership Co-Chair, and the Honorable Patsy Crockett, President of the Kennebec Historical Society. They are the guests of the Senators from Kennebec, Senator Bellows, Senator Pouliot, and Senator Cyrway. Will the guests please rise and accept the greetings of the Maine Senate.

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**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

**House**

**Ought to Pass As Amended**

The Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** on Bill "An Act To Preserve State Landfill Capacity and Promote Recycling"

H.P. 310 L.D. 401

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-712)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-712)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-712) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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

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The Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** on Bill "An Act To Protect Maine's Beaches and Shoreline"

H.P. 579 L.D. 774

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-711)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-711)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-711) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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

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The Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Bill "An Act To Change the Process by Which Designated Nonstate Mental Health Institutions Petition the District Court To Admit Certain Patients to a Progressive Treatment Program"

H.P. 195 L.D. 232

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-707)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-707)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-707) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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

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The Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Bill "An Act To Provide Timely Access to Behavioral Health Services for Maine Children and To Address Trauma and the Impacts of the Opioid Crisis"

H.P. 1381 L.D. 1937

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-708)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-708)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-708) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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

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The Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Bill "An Act Concerning MaineCare Coverage for Donor Breast Milk"

H.P. 1382 L.D. 1938

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-706)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-706)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-706) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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

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The Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** on Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 104: Maine State Services Manual, Section 8, Wholesale Prescription Drug Importation Program, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Health and Human Services (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 1481 L.D. 2080

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-715)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-715)**.

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

Resolve **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-715) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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

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The Committee on **TAXATION** on Bill "An Act To Update References Contained in the Maine Revised Statutes to the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 1431 L.D. 2010

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-718)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-718)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-718) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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

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**Divided Report**

The Majority of the Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** on Bill "An Act To Ensure Adequate Funding for the Maine Pollutant Discharge Elimination System and Waste Discharge Licensing Program"

H.P. 1303 L.D. 1832

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-709)**.

Signed:

Senators:

CARSON of Cumberland  
CHENETTE of York  
FOLEY of York

Representatives:

TUCKER of Brunswick  
BLUME of York  
CAMPBELL of Orrington  
FAY of Raymond  
GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach  
HOBBS of Wells  
SKOLFIELD of Weld  
ZEIGLER of Montville

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

Signed:

Representatives:

JOHANSEN of Monticello  
LYFORD of Eddington

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-709)**.

Reports **READ**.

On motion by Senator **CARSON** of Cumberland, the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-709) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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



**Divided Report**

The Majority of the Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** on Bill "An Act To Ensure Proper Closure of Oil Terminal Facilities"

H.P. 1443 L.D. 2033

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-710)**.

Signed:

Senators:

CARSON of Cumberland  
CHENETTE of York  
FOLEY of York

Representatives:

TUCKER of Brunswick  
BLUME of York  
CAMPBELL of Orrington  
FAY of Raymond  
GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach  
HOBBS of Wells  
LYFORD of Eddington  
SKOLFIELD of Weld  
ZEIGLER of Montville

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

Signed:

Representative:

JOHANSEN of Monticello

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-710)**.

Reports **READ**.

On motion by Senator **CARSON** of Cumberland, the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-710) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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

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The President Pro Tem requested the Sergeant-At-Arms escort the Senator from Aroostook, Senator **JACKSON**, to the rostrum where he resumed his duties as President.

The Sergeant-At-Arms escorted the Senator from Cumberland, Senator **MILLETT**, to her seat on the floor.

The Senate was called to order by the President.

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**THE PRESIDENT:** The Chair would like to thank the good Senator from Cumberland, Senator Millett, for her great job today as President Pro Tem. I really appreciate that even keel, getting everything done with no emotion, and making the Senate look really, really strong, better than most days that I run it. So I really appreciate it. I think we all deserve a round of applause for the Senator.

**Divided Report**

The Majority of the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 15: Death with Dignity Act Reporting Rule, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Health and Human Services, Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 1469 L.D. 2068

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

Signed:

Senators:

GRATWICK of Penobscot  
CLAXTON of Androscoggin  
MOORE of Washington

Representatives:

HYMANSON of York  
MADIGAN of Waterville  
MEYER of Eliot  
STOVER of Boothbay  
TALBOT ROSS of Portland

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

Signed:

Representatives:

CRAVEN of Lewiston  
GRIFFIN of Levant  
JAVNER of Chester  
O'CONNOR of Berwick  
PERRY of Calais

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" (H-719)**.

Reports **READ**.

Senator **GRATWICK** of Penobscot moved the Senate **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS** Report, in concurrence.

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

The Chair noted the absence of the Senator from Sagadahoc, Senator **VITELLI**, and the Senator from Waldo, Senator **HERBIG**, and further excused the same Senators from today's Roll Call votes.

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

**ROLL CALL (#418)**

YEAS: Senators: BELLOWS, BREEN, CARSON, CHENETTE, CHIPMAN, CLAXTON, DILL, GRATWICK, LIBBY, LUCHINI, MILLETT, MIRAMANT, MOORE, SANBORN H, SANBORN L, PRESIDENT JACKSON

NAYS: Senators: BLACK, CYRWAY, DAVIS, DIAMOND, DOW, FOLEY, GUERIN, HAMPER, KEIM, POULIOT

EXCUSED: Senators: CARPENTER, DESCHAMBAULT, FARRIN, HERBIG, LAWRENCE, ROSEN, TIMBERLAKE, VITELLI, WOODSOME

16 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 10 Senators having voted in the negative, with 9 Senators being excused, the motion by Senator **GRATWICK** of Penobscot to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS** Report, in concurrence, **PREVAILED**.

Resolve **READ ONCE**.

House Amendment "A" (H-719) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" (H-719)**, in concurrence.

**Senate**

**Ought to Pass As Amended**

Senator DILL for the Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** on Bill "An Act Regarding the Baiting of Deer" S.P. 610 L.D. 1804

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-417)**.

Report **READ**.

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

Senator CHIPMAN for the Committee on **TAXATION** on Bill "An Act To Eliminate the State Income Tax on Maine Public Employees Retirement System Pensions" S.P. 49 L.D. 162

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-418)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-418) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Senator DIAMOND for the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** on Bill "An Act To Amend Certain Motor Vehicle Laws" S.P. 651 L.D. 1899

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-419)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-419) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

**Divided Report**

The Majority of the Committee on **TAXATION** on Bill "An Act To Improve Maine's Tax Laws" S.P. 279 L.D. 989

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-416)**.

Signed:

Senators:  
CHIPMAN of Cumberland  
SANBORN, H. of Cumberland

Representatives:

TIPPING of Orono  
BICKFORD of Auburn  
CLOUTIER of Lewiston  
DENK of Kennebunk  
MATLACK of St. George  
STANLEY of Medway  
TERRY of Gorham

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

Signed:

Senator:

POULIOT of Kennebec

Representatives:

KRYZAK of Acton  
MAREAN of Hollis

Reports **READ**.

Senator **CHIPMAN** of Cumberland moved the Senate **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report.

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

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

Senator **POULIOT:** Thank you, Mr. President. I rise in opposition to the pending motion. In 2011, the State Legislature implemented the largest tax cut in our state's history. When we passed those tax cuts Maine ranked 50<sup>th</sup>, dead last, in wage growth. Just two years later Maine was in the midst of a three year period when we lead the nation in wage growth and, trying to be fair and equitable, voters raised the minimum wage by 60% in just three years. Today, we have a minimum wage of \$12 while neighboring New Hampshire is at the minimum wage of \$7.25. Immediately after this vote the growth of wages in Maine came to an abrupt halt and we experienced the first decline in worker's wages in years. Soon afterwards Maine dropped from the 1<sup>st</sup> in the nation to 38<sup>th</sup>. The growth of wages for Maine workers has yet to recover that best in the nation status.

**THE PRESIDENT:** The Chair recognizes the Senator from Androscoggin, Senator Libby. Would the Senator from Kennebec just defer for a minute.

Senator **LIBBY:** Thank you, Mr. President. Pose a question through the Chair? I understand we're debating a bill on a property tax exemption. I wondered if the Chair or a member may clarify that for us.

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

Senator **POULIOT:** For some reason, my mistake, Mr. President. This is for Item 10, unfinished 10 on the calendar. So I'm getting a little bit ahead of myself. I appreciate the good Senator from Androscoggin slapping some sense into me. I do rise, however, on the pending motion, to this bill as well. Thank you, Senator Libby, I owe you.

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Off Record Remarks

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

Senator **POULIOT:** I do rise in opposition to this pending motion. Now this particular bill would create a carve out of a property tax exemption for one particular facility in the Brewer location. I do not think that it's good tax policy for us to be picking one particular facility to single out for property tax exemption. I'm all in favor of looking at this more holistically and not skipping, you know, perhaps property tax exemptions to more organizations across the state, but to pick just one winner, in the midst of so many organizations across the state, I just don't think is a sensible way for us to be developing good sound property tax policy and, again, thank you to the Senator from Androscoggin. I'll be speaking later.

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

Senator **CHIPMAN:** Thank you, Mr. President. Just so folks understand what this bill does, currently in state law businesses pay property tax but the entity that represents the interest of business, the Chamber of Commerce with locations around the state who own property, are exempt. This simply adds the words 'and labor counsels' to the law so that the entity that represents labor around the state, several labor groups and labor counsels, would also be exempt from property taxes. It's an issue of fairness. Thank you.

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

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

**ROLL CALL (#419)**

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

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

EXCUSED: Senators: CARPENTER, DESCHAMBAULT,  
FARRIN, LAWRENCE, ROSEN, VITELLI,  
WOODSOME

17 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 11 Senators  
having voted in the negative, with 7 Senators being excused, the  
motion by Senator **CHIPMAN** of Cumberland to **ACCEPT** the  
Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **PREVAILED**.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-416) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

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

**ENACTORS**

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

**Emergency Measure**

An Act To Increase the Automatic Draft Authority for Licensed  
Insurance Producers

S.P. 638 L.D. 1866  
(C "A" S-399)

This being an Emergency Measure and having received the  
affirmative vote of 28 Members of the Senate, with no Senators  
having voted in the negative, and 28 being more than two-thirds  
of the entire elected Membership of the Senate, was **PASSED TO  
BE ENACTED** and, having been signed by the President, was  
presented by the Secretary to the Governor for approval.

**Emergency Measure**

An Act To Make Changes to the So-called Dig Safe Law  
H.P. 1358 L.D. 1892  
(C "A" H-685)

This being an Emergency Measure and having received the  
affirmative vote of 27 Members of the Senate, with no Senators  
having voted in the negative, and 27 being more than two-thirds  
of the entire elected Membership of the Senate, was **PASSED TO  
BE ENACTED** and, having been signed by the President, was  
presented by the Secretary to the Governor for approval.

**Emergency Measure**

An Act To Require Forest Rangers To Be Trained at the Maine  
Criminal Justice Academy

H.P. 1389 L.D. 1945

This being an Emergency Measure and having received the  
affirmative vote of 27 Members of the Senate, with no Senators  
having voted in the negative, and 27 being more than two-thirds  
of the entire elected Membership of the Senate, was **PASSED TO  
BE ENACTED** and, having been signed by the President, was  
presented by the Secretary to the Governor for approval.

**Emergency Resolve**

Resolve, To Save Lives by Establishing the Low Barrier Opioid  
Treatment Response Pilot Project within the Department of  
Health and Human Services

S.P. 539 L.D. 1662  
(C "A" S-398)

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

Off Record Remarks

**Emergency Resolve**

Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 27:  
Standards for Pesticide Applications and Public Notification in  
Schools, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of  
Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Board of Pesticides  
Control

H.P. 1470 L.D. 2069

This being an Emergency Measure and having received the  
affirmative vote of 26 Members of the Senate, with no Senators  
having voted in the negative, and 26 being more than two-thirds  
of the entire elected Membership of the Senate, was **FINALLY  
PASSED** and, having been signed by the President, was  
presented by the Secretary to the Governor for approval.

**Emergency Resolve**

Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 26:  
Standards for Indoor Pesticide Applications and Notification for All  
Occupied Buildings Except K-12 Schools, a Major Substantive  
Rule of the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry,  
Board of Pesticides Control

H.P. 1471 L.D. 2070

This being an Emergency Measure and having received the affirmative vote of 27 Members of the Senate, with no Senators having voted in the negative, and 27 being more than two-thirds of the entire elected Membership of the Senate, was **FINALLY PASSED** and, having been signed by the President, was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for approval.

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**Emergency Resolve**

Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 100: Enforcement Procedures, a Major Substantive Rule of the Maine Health Data Organization

H.P. 1479 L.D. 2078  
(C "A" H-689)

This being an Emergency Measure and having received the affirmative vote of 28 Members of the Senate, with no Senators having voted in the negative, and 28 being more than two-thirds of the entire elected Membership of the Senate, was **FINALLY PASSED** and, having been signed by the President, was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for approval.

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**Emergency Resolve**

Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 311: Portfolio Requirement, a Major Substantive Rule of the Public Utilities Commission

H.P. 1482 L.D. 2081

This being an Emergency Measure and having received the affirmative vote of 27 Members of the Senate, with no Senators having voted in the negative, and 27 being more than two-thirds of the entire elected Membership of the Senate, was **FINALLY PASSED** and, having been signed by the President, was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for approval.

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**Emergency Resolve**

Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 28: Notification Provisions for Outdoor Pesticide Applications, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Board of Pesticides Control

H.P. 1483 L.D. 2082

This being an Emergency Measure and having received the affirmative vote of 27 Members of the Senate, with no Senators having voted in the negative, and 27 being more than two-thirds of the entire elected Membership of the Senate, was **FINALLY PASSED** and, having been signed by the President, was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for approval.

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**Pursuant to Constitution**

**Public Land**

Resolve, Authorizing Certain Land Transactions by the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Parks and Lands

H.P. 1459 L.D. 2048

In accordance with the provisions of Article IX, Section 23 of the Constitution, passage requires the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the entire elected Membership of the Senate. 27 Senators having voted in the affirmative and no Senators having voted in the negative, and 27 being more than two-thirds of the entire elected Membership of the Senate, was **FINALLY PASSED** and, having been signed by the President, was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for approval.

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**Acts**

An Act To Amend the Greater Augusta Utility District Charter

H.P. 341 L.D. 432  
(C "A" H-684)

An Act Regarding Temporary Signs That Are Placed in the Public Right-of-way

S.P. 205 L.D. 689  
(C "A" S-393)

An Act To Prevent Insurance Discrimination in Life, Long-term Care and Disability Income Insurance

S.P. 596 L.D. 1764  
(C "A" S-403)

An Act To Increase Access to Justice and Maine's Rural Lawyer Workforce by Expanding Student Attorney Practice Opportunities

H.P. 1330 L.D. 1859  
(C "A" H-690)

An Act To Amend the Maine Uniform Probate Code

H.P. 1334 L.D. 1863

An Act To Improve the Reporting of Grassroots Lobbying

S.P. 640 L.D. 1868  
(C "A" S-397)

An Act To Prohibit, Except in Emergency Situations, the Performance without Consent of Certain Examinations on Unconscious or Anesthetized Patients

H.P. 1392 L.D. 1948  
(C "A" H-688)

An Act Regarding Driver's License Suspensions for Nondriving Violations

H.P. 1397 L.D. 1953

An Act To Expand Tax Increment Financing To Include Adult Care Facilities and Services and Certain Child Care Facilities

H.P. 1402 L.D. 1958  
(C "A" H-695)

An Act To Facilitate Dental Treatment for Children  
S.P. 677 L.D. 1975  
(C "A" S-401)

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

An Act Making Technical Changes to the Maine Tax Laws  
H.P. 1429 L.D. 2008  
(C "A" H-693)

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An Act To Create the Maine Lighthouse Trust Registration Plate  
S.P. 642 L.D. 1870  
(C "A" S-394)

An Act To Extend Arrearage Management Program Requirements for Transmission and Distribution Utilities for One Year  
H.P. 1434 L.D. 2013

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

An Act To Clarify the Authorization of Emergency Medical Services Personnel to Provide Medical Services in a Hospital  
S.P. 715 L.D. 2025  
(C "A" S-400)

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**Resolves**

An Act To Eliminate the Requirement That Municipalities Retain Paper Copies of Certain Vital Statistics Records  
H.P. 1451 L.D. 2040

Resolve, Directing the Department of Marine Resources To Evaluate the Limited-entry Lobster and Crab Fishing Licensing System

H.P. 29 L.D. 28  
(C "A" H-686)

An Act To Amend the Department of Public Safety, Gambling Control Board Laws Regarding Registered Equipment  
S.P. 732 L.D. 2062  
(C "A" S-390)

Resolve, To Authorize the Department of Health and Human Services To Amend Its Rules for Eligibility for Community Support Services

H.P. 580 L.D. 775  
(H "A" H-699 to C "A" H-403)

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

Resolve, To Name Bridge 3880 in the Town of Dresden the Veterans Memorial Bridge

H.P. 1342 L.D. 1876

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An Act To Improve the Laws Regarding Abandoned Roads  
H.P. 1028 L.D. 1415  
(C "A" H-691)

Resolve, Authorizing the State Tax Assessor To Convey the Interest of the State in Certain Real Estate in the Unorganized Territory

H.P. 1433 L.D. 2012  
(C "A" H-694)

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

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

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An Act To Eliminate Online Burn Permit Fees for All Areas of the State

S.P. 604 L.D. 1788  
(C "A" S-395)

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Resolve, To Establish a Pilot Project To Provide Support Services for Military Members Transitioning to Civilian Life in Maine

H.P. 1396 L.D. 1952  
(C "A" H-687)

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

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

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An Act To Provide Funding for Equipment Upgrades for Career and Technical Education Centers and Regions To Meet National Industry Standards

S.P. 712 L.D. 2022  
(C "A" S-396)

**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 (6/20/20) matter:

An Act Regarding the Definition of 'Serious Bodily Injury' in the Maine Criminal Code

S.P. 302 L.D. 1023  
(C "A" S-116)

Tabled - June 20, 2019 by Senator **LIBBY** of Androscoggin

Pending - **CONSIDERATION**

(**CARRIED OVER** to any Special or Regular Sessions, or both, of the 129<sup>th</sup> Legislature pursuant to Joint Order (H.P. 1322).)

(**RECALLED** From Governor's Desk pursuant to Joint Order (S.P. 629).)

(In House, **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**.)

(In Senate, June 19, 2019, **PASSED TO BE ENACTED** in concurrence.)

On motion by Senator **LIBBY** of Androscoggin, Bill and accompanying papers **INDEFINITELY POSTPONED**, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

Sent down for concurrence.

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The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later Assigned (2/27/20) matter:

HOUSE REPORTS - from the Committee on **TAXATION** on Resolve, Establishing the Commission To Study Fair, Equitable and Competitive Tax Policy for Maine's Working Families and Small Businesses (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 1373 L.D. 1929

Majority - **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-696)** (10 members)

Minority - **Ought Not to Pass** (3 members)

Tabled - February 27, 2020 by Senator **CHIPMAN** of Cumberland

Pending - motion by same Senator to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report in concurrence

(In House, the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-696)**.)

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

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

Senator **POULIOT:** Thank you, Mr. President. I know you've all been waiting anxiously for the rest of this speech. Sorry I got ahead of myself earlier. I just want to develop deep vein thrombosis in my leg, so I've got to get up and talk, I guess, more often in here. But we sit longer. So, as I was talking about earlier with wage growth and the depression of that wage growth, I was talking about this largest income tax cut in Maine's history. Since we passed that tax cut in 2011, Maine has had nine consecutive years of large surpluses. Cumulatively, these totals are almost \$1 billion. That's \$1 billion more to spend on, to quote as it did in the bill, 'aide to local services, education, infrastructure, and affordable health care.' So thanks to the State's current tax policy, State government is now operating under the largest budget in its history, after the largest budget increase in history, which we just did about nine months ago. We're spending now more than a billion dollars than we did in the previous budget. So according to the Revenue Forecasting Committee's latest report, nearly all of the surplus is a result of a larger than expected revenue from individual income tax and from sales and use tax. This means more Maine people are working and they're spending more money, which is great. I think it's what we all want. Tax rates were cut back in 2011 and the State is collecting more in income taxes than ever before. This can only mean one thing, more Mainers are working and they're making more money, which is great. Also Maine's unemployment rate has fallen to the lowest point in our history and stayed there for the longest period in our history. If ever there was a time in the 200 years since Maine became a state that we should count our blessings and avoid the urge to mettle in unprecedented economic prosperity that we are enjoying right now, the time is now. Let us leave well enough alone, enjoy our success, and be thankful. I really don't think that this bill is necessary at this time. We've got good tax structure in place, our economy is growing, we've got the revenue to support our needs, and I think that we should just vote ought not to pass on the pending motion. Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator **CHIPMAN:** Thank you, Mr. President. I rise just to point out to members that this bill simply sets up a commission to look at our state tax laws, to discuss them, and come up with policy ideas for changes to make them better, to improve them, and I don't know what is wrong with gathering information and coming up with policy ideas to improve our tax laws that we would then have to vote on and choose to adopt or not adopt at a later date. So I really don't understand the objection to this and I hope that you will join me in voting to do it.

The Chair noted the absence of the Senator from Hancock, Senator **LUCHINI**, and further excused the same Senator from today's Roll Call votes.

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**THE PRESIDENT:** The pending question before the Senate is Acceptance of the Majority Ought to Pass as Amended Report. If you are in favor of accepting that report you will be voting yes. If you are opposed you will be voting no. Is the Senate ready for the question?

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

**ROLL CALL (#420)**

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

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

EXCUSED: Senators: CARPENTER, DESCHAMBAULT, FARRIN, LAWRENCE, LUCHINI, ROSEN, WOODSOME

17 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 11 Senators having voted in the negative, with 7 Senators being excused, the motion by Senator **CHIPMAN** of Cumberland to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report, in concurrence, **PREVAILED**.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-696) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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

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

**PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE**

**House Papers**

Bill "An Act To Protect Maine Residents from Stalking and Unauthorized Surveillance by Use of an Unmanned Aerial Vehicle"

H.P. 1533 L.D. 2144

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

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

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Bill "An Act To Require Reporting of Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances, PFAS, in Products and of Discharges of Firefighting Foam Containing PFAS"

H.P. 1536 L.D. 2147

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.

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Bill "An Act Regarding Travel Insurance in the Maine Insurance Code"

H.P. 1532 L.D. 2143

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

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

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

**PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE**

**Joint Resolution**

The following Joint Resolution:

H.P. 1531

**JOINT RESOLUTION  
RECOGNIZING MARCH 2020 AS SOCIAL WORK MONTH**

WHEREAS, social workers have paved the way for change by enhancing the well-being of all people, especially the most vulnerable in society; and

WHEREAS, social workers have helped lead the nation's struggle for social justice and continue to advocate for positive social change and, more than the members of any other profession, social workers recognize that more must be done to address the persistent social problems that plague the State; and



WHEREAS, social workers support diverse families in every community and understand that individuals and communities together can bring about change; and

WHEREAS, social workers advocate for the rights of the disadvantaged and oppressed; and

WHEREAS, social workers advocate for children's rights to a safe environment and a good education; and

WHEREAS, social workers advocate for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer rights; and

WHEREAS, social workers work to ensure good care is provided to older adults; and

WHEREAS, social workers help provide community support for veterans and their families after their service; and

WHEREAS, social workers strive to improve access to mental health treatment and health care services in order to save lives; and

WHEREAS, social workers effect change and put the ideals of citizenship into action every day through legislative, regulatory and social policy efforts; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Twenty-ninth Legislature now assembled in the Second Regular Session, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to recognize March 2020 as Social Work Month; and be it further

RESOLVED: That suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the University of Maine, Orono, School of Social Work; the University of Maine, Presque Isle, College of Professional Programs and Education, Social Work; the University of Southern Maine, School of Social Work; the University of New England, School of Social Work; and St. Joseph's College, Social Work program.

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

**READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

**House**

**Pursuant to Public Law**

The Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** on Bill "An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Board of Dental Practice Related to the Definitions of 'Supervision' and 'Teledentistry'"

H.P. 1535 L.D. 2146

Reported that the same be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES**, pursuant to Public Law, chapter 388, section 11.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES**.

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

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

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

Off Record Remarks

On motion by Senator **LIBBY** of Androscoggin, **ADJOURNED** until Thursday, March 12, 2020, at 10:00 in the morning.