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

Prayer by Senator Linda F. Sanborn of Cumberland County.

Senator **L. SANBORN**: Good morning, ladies and gentlemen of the Senate. During these turbulent and unquestionably unsettling times, I thought perhaps what was needed this morning were some comforting lines from a poem by Wendell Berry. Shared recently in a post by the Honorable Joan Welsh of Rockland, I found this poem soothing and it helped to put life in perspective by taking a cue from nature. The Peace of the Wild Thing by Wendell Berry.

When despair for the world grows in me and I wake in the night at the least sound in fear of what my life and my children's lives may be, I go and lie down where the wood drake rests in his beauty on the water and the great heron feeds. I come into the peace of wild things who do not tax their lives with forethought of grief. I come into the presence of still water and I feel above me the day-blind stars waiting for their light. For a time I rest in the grace of the world and I am free.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Senator Susan A. Deschambault of York County.

Reading of the Journal of Thursday, March 12, 2020.

Off Record Remarks

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair would very quickly like to announce, I certainly want to thank all the Members of the Senate for coming today. I know it's a very concerning time for all of us, all our families, and all the people in the state of Maine. I certainly appreciate the extraordinary service that you're providing today. I also want to thank all of the people that work in this building, you know, the great staff that we have here in this Chamber, in the Secretary's Office, and all the partisan offices, all the work they've done, certainly the Appropriations members over the weekend, leadership, everything that was put in, and certainly OFPR, OPLA, and the Revisor's Office. I mean, they worked so hard to get all these things done. The House members and the Governor's Office. I just want to, you know, once again thank you all, thank all of them for their incredibly hard work in this very

concerning time. So with that, jump back into the calendar but I certainly wanted to make sure of that.

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

House

Ought to Pass

The Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** on Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 4: Water-based Fire Protection Systems, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Public Safety, Office of the State Fire Marshal (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 1474 L.D. 2073

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

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **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 **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** on Resolve, To Allow the Department of Public Safety To Transfer Certain Property to the LifeFlight Foundation

H.P. 1453 L.D. 2042

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-729)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-729)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-729) **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 Establish a Process for the Consideration and Implementation of Changes to School Curricula"

H.P. 1331 L.D. 1860

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-740).**

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-740).**

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

Bill **READ ONCE.**

Committee Amendment "A" (H-740) **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 Amend the Laws Governing the Maine State Grant Program" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 1435 L.D. 2014

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-737).**

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-737).**

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

Bill **READ ONCE.**

Committee Amendment "A" (H-737) **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 Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 125: Basic Approval Standards: Public Schools and School Administrative Units, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Education (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 1472 L.D. 2071

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-738).**

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-738).**

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

Resolve **READ ONCE.**

Committee Amendment "A" (H-738) **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 **TRANSPORTATION** on Resolve, Directing the Department of Transportation To Initiate a Service Development Plan for Commuter and Passenger Train Service between Portland and the Lewiston and Auburn Area

H.P. 415 L.D. 571

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-736).**

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-736).**

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

Resolve **READ ONCE.**

Committee Amendment "A" (H-736) **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 **TRANSPORTATION** on Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Regarding Parking for Vehicles with Disability Placards and Plates"

H.P. 1410 L.D. 1966

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-735).**

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-735).**

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

Bill **READ ONCE.**

Committee Amendment "A" (H-735) **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 **TRANSPORTATION** on Bill "An Act To Authorize the Maine Pilotage Commission To Establish Alternative Initial License Criteria for Existing Pilots Seeking Endorsements for Low Traffic Volume Routes"
H.P. 1468 L.D. 2066

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-734)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-734)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-734) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

Under suspension of the Rules, **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.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** on Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 132: Learning Results: Parameters for Essential Instruction, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Education (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 1473 L.D. 2072

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-714)**.

Signed:

Senators:

MILLETT of Cumberland
CARSON of Cumberland
POULIOT of Kennebec

Representatives:

KORNFELD of Bangor
BRENNAN of Portland
DODGE of Belfast
DRINKWATER of Milford
FARNSWORTH of Portland
INGWERSEN of Arundel
McCREA of Fort Fairfield
SAMPSON of Alfred

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

Signed:

Representatives:

FECTEAU of Augusta
RUDNICKI of Fairfield

Comes from the House with 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-714) AS AMENDED BY HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" (H-745)** thereto.

Reports **READ**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-714) **READ**.

House Amendment "A" (H-745) to Committee Amendment "A" (H-714) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-714) as Amended by House Amendment "A" (H-745) thereto, **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-714) AS AMENDED BY HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" (H-745)** thereto, in concurrence.

Senate

Pursuant to Public Law

Senator GRATWICK for the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Bill "An Act Regarding Reimbursements to Municipalities for General Assistance"

S.P. 783 L.D. 2157

Reported that the same be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**, pursuant to Public Law, chapter 515, section 4.

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

Bill and accompanying papers **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Pursuant to Resolve

Senator GRATWICK for the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Bill "An Act To Establish the Help Me Grow Program"

S.P. 785 L.D. 2159

Reported that the same be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**, pursuant to Resolve, chapter 66, section 1.

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

Bill and accompanying papers **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Ought to Pass Pursuant to Resolve

Senator DILL for the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** on Bill "An Act To Appropriate Funds to the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry To End Hunger in Maine by 2030"

S.P. 784 L.D. 2158

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass**, pursuant to Resolve 2019, chapter 32, section 3.

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

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Senator MILLETT for the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** on Resolve, Requiring the Department of Education To Report on Issues Relating to Bullying in Schools

S.P. 782 L.D. 2156

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass**, pursuant to Resolve 2019, chapter 44.

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

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Ought to Pass

Senator GRATWICK for the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Maternal, Fetal and Infant Mortality Review Panel"

S.P. 758 L.D. 2119

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

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

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Senator H. SANBORN for the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** on Bill "An Act Regarding Health Insurance Options for Town Academies" (EMERGENCY)

S.P. 754 L.D. 2108

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

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

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Senator DILL for the Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** on Bill "An Act Regarding Permits To Possess Wildlife in Captivity"

S.P. 705 L.D. 2003

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

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

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Senator HERBIG for the Committee on **INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS** on Bill "An Act To Amend the Real Estate Appraisal Management Company Laws"

S.P. 666 L.D. 1924

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

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

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Senator HERBIG for the Committee on **INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS** on Bill "An Act Regarding the Experience Requirement for Auditors Working in the Office of the State Auditor Who Are Seeking Licensure as Certified Public Accountants"

S.P. 713 L.D. 2023

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

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

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Ought to Pass As Amended

Senator MILLETT for the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act To Strengthen Maritime Education by Amending the Laws Governing the Maine School for Marine Science, Technology, Transportation and Engineering"

S.P. 710 L.D. 2020

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-439)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-439) **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 Promote Telehealth"

S.P. 676 L.D. 1974

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-433)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-433) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Senator CHIPMAN for the Committee on **TAXATION** on Bill "An Act To Clarify the Law Relating to Corporate Income Tax Nexus and the Shipment of Spirits into the State" (EMERGENCY)
S.P. 695 L.D. 1993

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-437)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-437) **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 Provide Equity for Commercial Vehicles on Roads and Bridges in Maine"

S.P. 460 L.D. 1498

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-428)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-428) **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 Regarding the Regulation of Tiny Houses"

S.P. 683 L.D. 1981

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-429)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-429) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Senator LUCHINI for the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act Regarding Sales of Alcohol in Municipalities and Unincorporated Places" (EMERGENCY)
S.P. 759 L.D. 2120

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-436)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-436) **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 **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act To Amend the Maine Education Savings Program"

S.P. 701 L.D. 1999

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-430)**.

Signed:

Senators:

MILLETT of Cumberland
CARSON of Cumberland
POULIOT of Kennebec

Representatives:

KORNFELD of Bangor
BRENNAN of Portland
DODGE of Belfast
DRINKWATER of Milford
FARNSWORTH of Portland
FECTEAU of Augusta
INGWERSEN of Arundel
McCREA of Fort Fairfield

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "B" (S-431)**.

Signed:

Representatives:

RUDNICKI of Fairfield
SAMPSON of Alfred

Reports **READ**.

On motion by Senator **MILLETT** of Cumberland, the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-430)** Report **ACCEPTED**.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-430) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-430)**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** on Bill "An Act To Prohibit Health Insurance Carriers from Retroactively Reducing Payment on Clean Claims Submitted by Pharmacies"
S.P. 670 L.D. 1928

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-434)**.

Signed:

Senators:

SANBORN, H. of Cumberland
GRATWICK of Penobscot

Representatives:

TEPLER of Topsham
BRENNAN of Portland
BROOKS of Lewiston
MASTRACCIO of Sanford
MELARAGNO of Auburn

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "B" (S-435)**.

Signed:

Senator:

FOLEY of York

Representatives:

BLIER of Buxton
MORRIS of Turner
PRESCOTT of Waterboro
SWALLOW of Houlton

Reports **READ**.

On motion by Senator **H. SANBORN** of Cumberland, the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-434)** Report **ACCEPTED**.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-434) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-434)**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act Regarding the Testing of Adult Use Marijuana and Marijuana Products"

S.P. 482 L.D. 1545

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-440)**.

Signed:

Senators:

LUCHINI of Hancock
CYRWAY of Kennebec
HERBIG of Waldo

Representatives:

SCHNECK of Bangor
ACKLEY of Monmouth
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 Not To Pass**.

Signed:

Representative:

ANDREWS of Paris

Reports **READ**.

On motion by Senator **LUCHINI** of Hancock, the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **ACCEPTED**.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-440) **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.

Senate at Ease.

The Senate was called to order by the President.

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Senate

Ought to Pass Pursuant to Resolve

Senator DIAMOND for the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** on Resolve, Designating Portions of Route 139 and Route 201A in Somerset County the Corporal Eugene Cole Way

S.P. 761 L.D. 2122

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

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

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Ought to Pass As Amended

Senator H. SANBORN for the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** on Bill "An Act To Improve Access to Physician Assistant Care"

S.P. 537 L.D. 1660

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-432)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-432) **READ**.

On motion by Senator **L. SANBORN** of Cumberland, Senate Amendment "A" (S-444) to Committee Amendment "A" (S-432) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-432) as Amended by Senate Amendment "A" (S-444) thereto, **ADOPTED**.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-432) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-444)** thereto.

Sent down for 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:

ORDERS OF THE DAY

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later Assigned (3/10/20) matter:

SENATE REPORT - from the Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** on Bill "An Act Regarding the Baiting of Deer"
S.P. 610 L.D. 1804

Report - **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-417)**

Tabled - March 10, 2020 by Senator **DILL** of Penobscot

Pending - **ACCEPTANCE OF REPORT**

Report **ACCEPTED**.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-417) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later Assigned (3/12/20) matter:

An Act To Increase the State Share of the Cost of Health Insurance for Retired Teachers

H.P. 141 L.D. 178
(C "A" H-701)

Tabled - March 12, 2020 by Senator **BREEN** of Cumberland

Pending - **ENACTMENT** in concurrence

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

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

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

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

Non-Concurrent Matter

An Act To Create the Cabinet on Aging
H.P. 1235 L.D. 1733
(C "A" H-682)

In Senate, February 27, 2020, **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-682)** in concurrence.

Comes from the House, Bill **COMMITTED** to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

On motion by Senator **LIBBY** of Androscoggin, the Senate **RECEDED** and **CONCURRED**.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: S.C. 1060

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

Members of the Legislature:

In coordination with all caucus leaders, as Presiding Officers we have decided to suspend our legislative session upon the completion of our work today in an effort to mitigate the spread of COVID-19. The Legislature will consider bills directly related to coronavirus response, health care, and other critical pieces of legislation deemed necessary, then adjourn sine die. Other unfinished matters will be carried over until the Legislature reconvenes. We will evaluate on a bi-weekly basis when it is safe and responsible for the legislature to return.

We appreciate your patience and understanding as we continue to respond to this rapidly changing public health crisis. Hundreds of lawmakers, advocates and legislative staffers come from all across the state gather at the State House each day. Public participation is a hallmark of our work and until large gatherings are deemed safe, suspending the legislative session is the responsible thing to do.

We have made this decision with the ultimate goal of protecting the health and well-being of all Mainers and limiting the strain on our first responders, health care professionals and hospitals. All of us have a role to play to slow and prevent the spread of COVID-19 and that includes those in the Legislature.

Thank you for doing your part. Together, we will face this challenge.

S/Troy Jackson
President of the Senate

S/Sara Gideon
Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 1059

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

Dear Honorable Members of the 129th Legislature:

First, I extend my gratitude for your service to your communities, particularly during this unprecedented moment in time, and for your work with my Administration to prepare for and respond to the 2019 novel coronavirus, also known as COVID-19.

I understand that it is your intention, upon the completion of certain critical legislative business today, to adjourn sine die and to continue legislative work as part of a Special Session of the 129th Legislature at a time when it is deemed safe and prudent to reconvene.

I agree with the wisdom of the decision to adjourn and believe it will protect the health and safety not only of members of the Legislature and the staff, but the members of the public with whom we interact.

It is my intention to call the Legislature back for a Special Session when it is safe and prudent. It is my strong preference that a Special Session deal with only the most pressing matters.

Thank you for your work to protect the health, economic security, and well-being of our state and people.

Sincerely,

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 1056

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

**Proclamation of State of Civil Emergency
to Further Protect Public Health**

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is a highly infectious agent that poses an imminent threat of substantial harm to our citizens;

WHEREAS, to date the State has taken numerous actions to respond and protect against this threat; and

WHEREAS, this Proclamation is necessary to authorize the use of emergency powers in order to expand and expedite that response;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Janet T. Mills, Governor of the State of Maine, pursuant to *Me. Const. Art. V, Pt. 1, §§ 1 and 12*, do hereby find and declare by this Proclamation that these conditions constitute a state of emergency within the meaning of *37-B M.R.S. §703(2), §742(1)(A) and 37-B M.R.S. Ch. 13, subch. II and 22 M.R.S. §801(4-A) and §802(2-A)*. This Proclamation activates any and all authority delegated to me by any and all emergency management, public health and other pertinent laws to issue any and all oral and written directives that I, upon the advice of public health and other expert officials, reasonably deem necessary to respond to and protect against the spread and impacts of COVID-19 in Maine. This Proclamation also authorizes the Maine Department of Health and Human Services to exercise emergency powers pursuant to *22 M.R.S. §820*. Officials and other persons lawfully subject to any and all directives pursuant to this Proclamation shall faithfully and timely execute the same. This Proclamation shall, pursuant to *37-B M.R.S. §743*, expire thirty (30) days from the date of its signature unless earlier renewed or terminated by me, or terminated by legislative joint resolution.

In testimony whereof, I have caused the Great Seal of the State to be hereunto affixed GIVEN under my hand at Augusta this fifteenth day of March Two Thousand Twenty

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

S/Matthew Dunlap
Secretary of State
TRUE ATTESTED COPY

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 1057

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

Proclamation of Insurance Emergency

WHEREAS, *24-A M.R.S. § 472 et seq.* grants to the Superintendent of the Bureau of Insurance of the Maine Department of Professional & Financial Regulation (Superintendent) the authority to make, amend, or rescind certain rules and regulations governing the business of insurers when the Governor determines pursuant to *24-A M.R.S. § 471* that an insurance emergency exists; and

WHEREAS, the Maine Department of Health and Human Services and the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention continue to assess and advise regarding the anticipated impact of COVID-19 in Maine; and **WHEREAS**, based upon that assessment and advice, I find that the welfare of the State and the welfare and security of insureds, beneficiaries and the public require a proclamation that an insurance emergency exists pursuant to 24-A M.R.S. § 471; **NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Janet T. Mills, Governor of the State of Maine, pursuant to *Me. Const. Art. V, Pt. 1, §§ 1 and 12*, hereby proclaim an insurance emergency within the meaning of 24-A M.R.S. § 471. I authorize and direct the Superintendent during this period of insurance emergency to exercise the power conferred by 24-A M.R.S. §§ 471-79 to make, amend, or rescind such rules and regulations governing the business of health insurance carriers as the Superintendent deems expedient in order to adopt and maintain sound methods of protecting the interests of such insurers, insureds, beneficiaries and the public. This Proclamation of insurance emergency shall pursuant to 24-A M.R.S. § 477 be effective until I proclaim that such insurance emergency has ceased to exist.
Dated this 12th day of March 2020.

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 1043

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

March 11, 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 Labor and Housing has had under consideration the nomination of Laura A. Buxbaum of Waldoboro, for appointment as a Commissioner of the Maine State Housing Authority.

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	Bellows, S. of Kennebec, Guerin, S. of Penobscot
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Representatives	8	Sylvester, M. of Portland, Austin, S. of Gray, Bradstreet, D. of Vassalboro, Carney, A. of Cape Elizabeth, Cuddy, S. of Winterport, Doore, D. of Augusta, Lockman, L. of Bradley, Rykerson, D. of Kittery
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NAYS	0
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ABSENT	3	Sen. Lawrence, M. of York, Rep. Morris, J. of Turner, Rep. Tucker, R. of Brunswick
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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 Laura A. Buxbaum of Waldoboro, for appointment as a Commissioner of the Maine State Housing Authority be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Shenna Bellows
Senate Chair

S/Mike A. Sylvester
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall the recommendation of the Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** be overridden?"

The Chair noted the absence of the Senator from Waldo, Senator **HERBIG**, the Senator from York, Senator **WOODSOME**, and the Senator from Cumberland, Senator **CARSON**, and further excused the same Senators 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 129th Legislature, the vote was taken by the Yeas and Nays.

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#425)

YEAS: Senators: None

NAYS: Senators: BELLOWS, BLACK, BREEN, CARPENTER, CHENETTE, CHIPMAN, CLAXTON, CYRWAY, DAVIS, DESCHAMBAULT, DIAMOND, DILL, DOW, FARRIN, FOLEY, GRATWICK, GUERIN, HAMPER, KEIM, LAWRENCE, LIBBY, LUCHINI, MILLETT, MIRAMANT, MOORE, POULIOT, ROSEN, SANBORN H, SANBORN L, TIMBERLAKE, VITELLI, PRESIDENT JACKSON

EXCUSED: Senators: CARSON, HERBIG, WOODSOME

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 32 Senators having voted in the negative, with 3 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 **Laura A. Buxbaum** of Waldoboro for appointment as a Commissioner of the Maine State Housing Authority was **CONFIRMED**.

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 1044

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

March 12, 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 Labor and Housing has had under consideration the nomination of Patrick E. Clancy of Kennebunkport, for appointment as a Commissioner of the Maine State Housing Authority.

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	Bellows, S. of Kennebec, Guerin, S. of Penobscot
	Representatives	6	Austin, S. of Gray, Bradstreet, D. of Vassalboro, Carney, A. of Cape Elizabeth, Cuddy, S. of Winterport, Doore, D. of Augusta, Lockman, L. of Bradley
NAYS		0	
ABSENT		5	Sen. Lawrence, M. of York, Rep. Sylvester, M. of Portland, Rep. Morris, J. of Turner, Rep. Rykerson, D. of Kittery, Rep. Tucker, R. of Brunswick

Eight 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 Patrick E. Clancy of Kennebunkport, for appointment as a Commissioner of the Maine State Housing Authority be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Shenna Bellows
Senate Chair

S/Mike A. Sylvester
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall the recommendation of the Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** be overridden?"

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

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#426)

YEAS: Senators: None

NAYS: Senators: BELLOWS, BLACK, BREEN,
CARPENTER, CHENETTE, CHIPMAN, CLAXTON,
CYRWAY, DAVIS, DESCHAMBAULT, DIAMOND,
DILL, DOW, FARRIN, FOLEY, GRATWICK,
GUERIN, HAMPER, KEIM, LAWRENCE, LIBBY,
LUCHINI, MILLETT, MIRAMANT, MOORE,
POULIOT, ROSEN, SANBORN H, SANBORN L,
TIMBERLAKE, VITELLI, PRESIDENT JACKSON

EXCUSED: Senators: CARSON, HERBIG, WOODSOME

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 32 Senators having voted in the negative, with 3 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 **Patrick E. Clancy** of Kennebunkport, for appointment as a Commissioner of the Maine State Housing Authority was **CONFIRMED**.

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 1042

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

March 11, 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 Labor and Housing has had under consideration the nomination of Shirrin Blaisdell of Manchester, for reappointment to the Maine Public Employees Retirement 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	2	Bellows, S. of Kennebec, Guerin, S. of Penobscot
	Representatives	8	Sylvester, M. of Portland, Austin, S. of Gray, Bradstreet, D. of Vassalboro, Carney, A. of Cape Elizabeth, Cuddy, S. of Winterport, Doore, D. of Augusta, Lockman, L. of Bradley, Rykerson, D. of Kittery
NAYS		0	
ABSENT		3	Sen. Lawrence, M. of York, Rep. Morris, J. of Turner, Rep. Tucker, R. of Brunswick

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 Shirrin Blaisdell of Manchester, for reappointment to the Maine Public Employees Retirement System Board of Trustees be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Shenna Bellows Senate Chair	S/Mike A. Sylvester House Chair
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READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall the recommendation of the Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** be overridden?"

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

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#427)

YEAS: Senators: None

NAYS: Senators: BELLOWS, BLACK, BREEN, CARPENTER, CHENETTE, CHIPMAN, CLAXTON, CYRWAY, DAVIS, DESCHAMBAULT, DIAMOND, DILL, DOW, FARRIN, FOLEY, GRATWICK, GUERIN, HAMPER, KEIM, LAWRENCE, LIBBY, LUCHINI, MILLETT, MIRAMANT, MOORE, POULIOT, ROSEN, SANBORN H, SANBORN L, TIMBERLAKE, VITELLI, PRESIDENT JACKSON

EXCUSED: Senators: CARSON, HERBIG, WOODSOME

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 32 Senators having voted in the negative, with 3 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 **Shirrin Blaisdell** of Manchester for reappointment to the Maine Public Employees Retirement System Board of Trustees was **CONFIRMED**.

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 1045

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

March 11, 2020

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 163, §2003, I am pleased to reappoint Patrick Cunningham to seat number six on the Maine Library of Geographic Information Board, effective the date of this letter. With this reappointment, he will be a member of the board representing a statewide association of municipalities.

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. 1046

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

March 11, 2020

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, §227, I am pleased to reappoint Vincent Frallicciardi to seat number 6 on the Maine-Canadian Legislative Advisory Commission. With this reappointment, he will continue to serve on the commission as a citizen of this state who is fluent in the French language, effective the date of this letter.

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. 1047

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

March 11, 2020

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

RE: Appointment of Meryl Fogg of Falmouth to the Maine State Workforce Board

Dear President Jackson:

This is to inform you that I am nominating Meryl Fogg of Falmouth for appointment to the Maine State Workforce Board.

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.

The Following Communication: S.C. 1048

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

March 11, 2020

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

RE: Appointment of The Honorable David R. Hastings of Fryeburg to the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices

Dear President Jackson:

This is to inform you that I am today nominating The Honorable David R. Hastings of Fryeburg for Appointment to the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices.

Pursuant to Title 1 MRSA §1002, this Appointment is contingent on the Maine State Senate's confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 1054

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

March 12, 2020

The Honorable Troy Jackson
President of the Senate

The Honorable Sara 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 Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry from its review and evaluation of the Board of Pesticides Control under the State Government Evaluation Act, Title 3 Maine Revised Statutes, chapter 35.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Act, the committee notified the Board by letter dated May 1, 2019 of its intent to conduct a review. The Board submitted its program evaluation report on November 1, 2019 and presented its report to the committee on February 6, 2020.

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

Sincerely,

S/James F. Dill
Senate Chair

S/Craig V. Hickman
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 1055

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY**

March 06, 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 Energy, Utilities and Technology has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 1877 An Act To Amend the Kittery Water District Charter

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Mark W. Lawrence
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Seth A. Berry
House Chair

READ and with accompanying papers ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 1050

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

March 10, 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 Health and Human Services has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 1180 Resolve, To Establish the Task Force To Better Coordinate the Protection of Vulnerable Populations (EMERGENCY)

L.D. 2052 An Act To Enact Restrictions on Electronic Smoking Devices and New Tobacco Products

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Geoff Gratwick
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Patty Hymanson
House Chair

READ and with accompanying papers ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 1049

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

March 11, 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 Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

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| L.D. 1591 | An Act To Provide Access to Health Care for Maine Citizens |
| L.D. 1617 | An Act To Create a Single-payer Health Care Program in Maine |
| L.D. 2095 | An Act To Require Appropriate Coverage of and Cost-sharing for Generic Drugs and Biosimilars |

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Heather B. Sanborn Senate Chair	S/Rep. Denise A. Tepler House Chair
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READ and with accompanying papers **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

The Following Communication: S.C. 1051

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

March 11, 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 Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

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| L.D. 1481 | An Act To Establish the Big Moose Mountain Regional Development Authority (EMERGENCY) |
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L.D. 1690	An Act To Certify and Promote Products That Are Made in Maine
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L.D. 1821	Resolve, To Address the Population Shortage in Rural Maine
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This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Erin Herbig
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Matthea Elisabeth Larsen Daughtry
House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 1052

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

March 05, 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 Taxation has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

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| L.D. 1898 | An Act Regarding Property Taxes on Certain Energy Generation Projects |
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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. 1053

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

March 06, 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 Transportation has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 2100 An Act To Require Third-party Certification for
Persons Undertaking Corrosion Prevention and
Mitigation Projects for Public Water Supply and
Wastewater Infrastructure and Bridges

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.**

The Following Communication: S.C. 1058

**STATE OF MAINE
129TH LEGISLATURE
SECRETARY OF STATE**

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

Dear Secretary Grant:

Enclosed please find a certified copy of my official certification to the 129th Legislature of the citizen initiative petition entitled "Resolve, To Reject the New England Clean Energy Connect Transmission Project".

Sincerely,

S/Matthew Dunlap
Secretary of State

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

ORDERS

Joint Orders

On motion by Senator **BELLOWS** of Kennebec, the following Joint Order:

S.P. 787

ORDERED, the House concurring, that the Joint Standing Committee on Labor and Housing may report out, to the Senate, a bill to amend Resolve 2019, chapter 82.

READ and **PASSED.**

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Senator **LIBBY** of Androscoggin, the following Joint Order:

S.P. 788

ORDERED, the House concurring, that all matters not finally disposed of upon the adjournment sine die of the Second Regular Session of the 129th Legislature be carried over, in the same posture, to any special session of the 129th Legislature.

READ and **PASSED.**

Sent down for concurrence.

Joint Resolution

On motion by Senator **VITELLI** of Sagadahoc, the following Joint Resolution:

S.P. 786

**JOINT RESOLUTION
RECOGNIZING MAY 9, 2020
AS LETTER CARRIERS' STAMP OUT HUNGER
FOOD DRIVE DAY**

WHEREAS, hunger affects millions of people nationwide, including children, seniors and military veterans, and thousands of households in Maine struggle to provide food for their families; and

WHEREAS, when school nutrition programs end in the summer, families with school-age children that use these programs must find alternate sources of food; and

WHEREAS, in 2019, the Letter Carriers' Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive collected 76.1 million pounds of food, which was distributed locally in the communities in which it was collected, and in Maine, letter carriers collected 290,000 pounds of food; and

WHEREAS, the members of the National Association of Letter Carriers and the National Rural Letter Carriers' Association work to end the challenges of hunger in Maine and across the country through the annual Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive; and

WHEREAS, on May 9, 2020, the 2nd Saturday in May, a time of the year when donations are much needed, letter carriers will collect food donations left at mailboxes to be distributed to food banks and pantries; 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 Saturday, May 9, 2020 as Letter Carriers' Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive Day in Maine and urge all citizens of the State to join in support of this special observance.

READ and ADOPTED.

Sent down for 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

Senate

Ought to Pass As Amended

Senator H. SANBORN for the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** on Bill "An Act To Lower Health Care Costs"
S.P. 755 L.D. 2110

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-441).**

Report **READ and ACCEPTED.**

Bill **READ ONCE.**

Committee Amendment "A" (S-441) **READ and ADOPTED.**

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Senator H. SANBORN for the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** on Bill "An Act To Establish Patient Protections in Billing for Health Care"
S.P. 756 L.D. 2111

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-442).**

Report **READ and ACCEPTED.**

Bill **READ ONCE.**

Committee Amendment "A" (S-442) **READ and ADOPTED.**

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

Sent down for concurrence.

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

House

Ought to Pass As Amended

The Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** on Bill "An Act To Save Lives by Capping the Out-of-pocket Cost of Certain Medications"
H.P. 1493 L.D. 2096

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-772).**

Comes from the House with the Report **READ and ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-772) AS AMENDED BY HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" (H-778)** thereto.

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

Bill **READ ONCE.**

Committee Amendment "A" (H-772) **READ.**

House Amendment "A" (H-778) to Committee Amendment "A" (H-772) **READ and ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-772) as Amended by House Amendment "A" (H-778) thereto, **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ A SECOND TIME and PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-772) AS AMENDED BY HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" (H-778)** thereto, in concurrence.

The Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** on Bill "An Act To Protect Consumers from Surprise Emergency Medical Bills"
H.P. 1501 L.D. 2105

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-773).**

Comes from the House with the Report **READ and ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-773) AS AMENDED BY HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" (H-777)** thereto.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-773) **READ**.

House Amendment "A" (H-777) to Committee Amendment "A" (H-773) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-773) as Amended by House Amendment "A" (H-777) thereto, **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-773) AS AMENDED BY HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" (H-777)** thereto, in concurrence.

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

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

House Paper

Bill "An Act To Address Funding Needs Related to COVID-19" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 1547 L.D. 2163

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

Comes from the House, under suspension of the Rules, **READ TWICE** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**, without reference to a Committee.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ TWICE** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**, without reference to a Committee, in concurrence.

Ordered sent forthwith to the Engrossing Division.

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

Senate at Ease.

The Senate was called to order by the President.

Senator **ROSEN** of Hancock requested and received leave of the Senate that members and staff be allowed to remove their jackets for the remainder of this Legislative Day.

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

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

House Papers

Bill "An Act To Prevent Accidental Overdoses by Establishing a Protocol for Prescription Drug Recovery"

H.P. 1543 L.D. 2155

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

On motion by Senator **LIBBY** of Androscoggin, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act Relating to the Statute of Limitations for Injuries or Harm Resulting from Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances"

H.P. 1544 L.D. 2160

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

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

Bill "An Act To Establish Municipal Cost Components for Unorganized Territory Services To Be Rendered in Fiscal Year 2020-21" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 1545 L.D. 2161

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

Comes from the House, under suspension of the Rules, **READ TWICE** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**, without reference to a Committee.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ TWICE** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**, without reference to a Committee, in concurrence.

Ordered sent forthwith to the Engrossing Division.

Bill "An Act To Restore Honor to Certain Service Members" H.P. 1546 L.D. 2162

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

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

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

House

Ought to Pass

The Committee on **JUDICIARY** on Bill "An Act To Amend the Law Governing Name Changes"

H.P. 1258 L.D. 1771

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.

The Committee on **JUDICIARY** on Bill "An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Right To Know Advisory Committee Regarding Public Records Exceptions"

H.P. 1498 L.D. 2103

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 **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** on Bill "An Act To Increase Consumption of Maine Foods in State Institutions"

H.P. 850 L.D. 1167

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-761)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-761)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-761) **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 **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** on Bill "An Act To Increase the Death Benefit for Firefighters, Law Enforcement Officers and Emergency Medical Services Personnel"

H.P. 1455 L.D. 2044

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-762)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-762)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-762) **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 Establish a Special Education Circuit Breaker Reimbursement Program"

H.P. 118 L.D. 136

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-743)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-743)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-743) **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 **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** on Bill "An Act To Create Extended Producer Responsibility for Post-consumer Waste Generated from the Use of Tobacco Products"

H.P. 401 L.D. 544

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-756).**

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-756).**

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

Bill **READ ONCE.**

Committee Amendment "A" (H-756) **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 **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** on Bill "An Act To Protect Water Quality by Prohibiting Consumer Fireworks in the Shoreland Zone"

H.P. 1386 L.D. 1942

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-755).**

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-755).**

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

Bill **READ ONCE.**

Committee Amendment "A" (H-755) **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 **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Bill "An Act Regarding Prior Authorization for Medication-assisted Treatment for Opioid Use Disorder under the MaineCare Program"

H.P. 1378 L.D. 1934

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-751).**

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-751).**

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

Bill **READ ONCE.**

Committee Amendment "A" (H-751) **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 **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Bill "An Act To Promote Cost-effectiveness in the MaineCare Program and Improve the Oral Health of Maine Adults and Children"

H.P. 1399 L.D. 1955

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-744).**

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-744).**

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

Bill **READ ONCE.**

Committee Amendment "A" (H-744) **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 **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** on Bill "An Act To Enact the Made for Maine Health Coverage Act and Improve Health Choices in Maine"

H.P. 1425 L.D. 2007

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-765).**

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-765).**

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

Bill **READ ONCE.**

Committee Amendment "A" (H-765) **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 **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** on Bill "An Act To Clarify Crossbow-related Hunting Laws" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 1359 L.D. 1905

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-746)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-746)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-746) **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 **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** on Bill "An Act To Address Decibel Level Limits for Airboats"

H.P. 1467 L.D. 2065

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-752)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-752)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-752) **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 **JUDICIARY** on Bill "An Act To Preserve the Value of Abandoned Properties by Allowing Entry by Mortgagees"

H.P. 1407 L.D. 1963

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-759)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-759)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-759) **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 Exempt Disabled Veterans from Property Taxes in Accordance with Their Disability Ratings"

H.P. 772 L.D. 1042

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-748)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-748)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-748) **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 Amend the State Tax Laws"

H.P. 1458 L.D. 2047

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-766)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-766)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-766) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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

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

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: S.C. 1063

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS AND
FINANCIAL SERVICES**

March 12, 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 Appropriations and Financial Affairs has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 1692 An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond
Issue To Fund Training for Mill Workers and
Loggers

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Cathy Breen
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Drew M. Gattine
House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 1062

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

March 13, 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 Education and Cultural Affairs has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 2016 An Act Regarding School Discipline for Maine's
Youngest Students

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**.

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

House

Ought to Pass

The Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** on Resolve, To Rename the Sibley Pond Bridge the William Harris Memorial Bridge (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 1352 L.D. 1886

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

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

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

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ TWICE** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**, 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 Resolve

The Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Bill "An Act Regarding Asset Tests for Social Services Programs"
H.P. 1542 L.D. 2154

Reported that the same be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**, pursuant to Resolve, chapter 41, section 1.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**.

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

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

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

House

Ought to Pass As Amended

The Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act Making Supplemental Appropriations and Allocations for the Expenditures of State Government, General Fund and Other Funds and Changing Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2020 and June 30, 2021" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 1516 L.D. 2126

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-775)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-775)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-775) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

Under suspension of the Rules, **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.

Off Record Remarks

RECESSED until the sound of the bell.

After Recess the Senate was called to order by the President.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

House

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** on Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 180: Performance Evaluation and Professional Growth Systems, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Education (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 1478 L.D. 2077

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-739)**.

Signed:

Senators:

MILLETT of Cumberland
CARSON of Cumberland
POULIOT of Kennebec

Representatives:

KORNFELD of Bangor
BRENNAN of Portland
DODGE of Belfast
DRINKWATER of Milford
FARNSWORTH of Portland
INGWERSEN of Arundel
McCREA of Fort Fairfield
SAMPSON of Alfred

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

Signed:

Representatives:

FECTEAU of Augusta
RUDNICKI of Fairfield

Comes from the House with 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-739)**.

Reports **READ**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-739) **READ**.

On motion by Senator **MILLETT** of Cumberland, Senate Amendment "A" (S-448) to Committee Amendment "A" (H-739) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-739) as Amended by Senate Amendment "A" (S-448) thereto, **ADOPTED**.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-739) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-448)** thereto, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

Sent down for concurrence.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later Assigned (3/12/20) matter:

An Act To Encourage the Development of Broadband Coverage in Rural Maine

S.P. 498 L.D. 1563
(C "A" S-405)

Tabled - March 12, 2020 by Senator **LIBBY** of Androscoggin

Pending - **ENACTMENT** in concurrence

(In Senate, March 3, 2020, **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-405).**)

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

On motion by Senator **BELLOWS** of Kennebec, the Senate **SUSPENDED THE RULES.**

On further motion by same Senator, the Senate **RECONSIDERED** whereby the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-405).**

On further motion by same Senator, the Senate **SUSPENDED THE RULES.**

On further motion by same Senator, the Senate **RECONSIDERED** whereby it **ADOPTED** Committee Amendment "A" (S-405).

On further motion by same Senator, Senate Amendment "A" (S-443) to Committee Amendment "A" (S-405) **READ** and **ADOPTED.**

Committee Amendment "A" (S-405) as Amended by Senate Amendment "A" (S-443) thereto, **ADOPTED**, in **NON-CONCURRENCE.**

PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-405) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-443) thereto, in **NON-CONCURRENCE.**

Ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

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

ENACTORS

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

Emergency Measure

An Act To Require Background Investigations for Certain Individuals To Receive Federal Tax Information in Accordance with Federal Standards

H.P. 1375 L.D. 1931

This being an Emergency Measure and having received the affirmative vote of 32 Members of the Senate, with no Senators 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, was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for approval.

Emergency Measure

An Act To Update References Contained in the Maine Revised Statutes to the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986

H.P. 1431 L.D. 2010
(C "A" H-718)

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

Emergency Resolve

Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services To Review the Progressive Treatment Program and Processes by Which a Person May Be Involuntarily Admitted to a Psychiatric Hospital or Receive Court-ordered Community Treatment

H.P. 195 L.D. 232
(C "A" H-707)

This being an Emergency Measure and having received the affirmative vote of 32 Members of the Senate, with no Senators having voted in the negative, and 32 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, Establishing the Commission To Study Fair, Equitable and Competitive Tax Policy for Maine's Working Families and Small Businesses

H.P. 1373 L.D. 1929
(C "A" H-696)

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

Emergency Resolve

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
H.P. 1481 L.D. 2080
(C "A" H-715)

This being an Emergency Measure and having received the affirmative vote of 31 Members of the Senate, with no Senators having voted in the negative, and 31 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.

**Pursuant to Constitution
Public Land**

Resolve, Authorizing the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry To Convey Certain Land in the Little Moose Unit of Moosehead Junction Township
H.P. 1280 L.D. 1799
(C "A" H-728)

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

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. 31 Senators having voted in the affirmative and no Senators having voted in the negative, and 31 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.

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:

ENACTORS

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

Acts

An Act To Preserve State Landfill Capacity and Promote Recycling

H.P. 310 L.D. 401
(C "A" H-712)

An Act To Reduce the Duration of Execution Liens
H.P. 776 L.D. 1053
(C "A" H-716)

An Act To Amend the Laws Relating to Harness Racing
H.P. 1149 L.D. 1590
(C "A" H-727)

An Act To Ensure Adequate Funding for the Maine Pollutant Discharge Elimination System and Waste Discharge Licensing Program

H.P. 1303 L.D. 1832
(C "A" H-709)

An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Subminimum Wage
H.P. 1340 L.D. 1874
(C "A" H-724)

An Act To Protect the Products of Maine Farmers
H.P. 1355 L.D. 1889
(C "A" H-726)

An Act To Amend Certain Motor Vehicle Laws
S.P. 651 L.D. 1899
(C "A" S-419)

An Act To Define the Term "Caucus Political Action Committee"
S.P. 654 L.D. 1902
(C "A" S-391)

An Act To Amend Maine's Fish and Wildlife Licensing and Registration Laws
H.P. 1368 L.D. 1920

An Act To Clarify and Enhance Maine's Fish and Wildlife Laws
H.P. 1369 L.D. 1921
(C "A" H-721)

An Act To Create a Commercial Menhaden Fishing License
H.P. 1370 L.D. 1922
(C "A" H-723)

An Act To Amend Certain Record-keeping and Reporting Requirements Imposed on State and Local Law Enforcement Agencies and the Department of Public Safety
S.P. 685 L.D. 1983

An Act To Require a Cable System Operator To Provide a Pro Rata Credit When Service Is Cancelled by a Subscriber
H.P. 1441 L.D. 2031
(C "A" H-717)

An Act To Ensure Proper Closure of Oil Terminal Facilities
H.P. 1443 L.D. 2033
(C "A" H-710)

An Act To Remove the Application of the Maine Background
Check Center Act to Facilities That Provide Services to Children
S.P. 726 L.D. 2053

An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Department of
Environmental Protection Regarding the State's Plastic Bag
Reduction Law

H.P. 1538 L.D. 2148

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

An Act To Provide Equity in the State Income Tax Deduction for
Certain Public Employees Retirement System Pensions
S.P. 49 L.D. 162
(C "A" S-418)

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

An Act To Strengthen Maine's Landowner Relations Program
H.P. 471 L.D. 650
(C "A" H-722)

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

An Act To Improve Maine's Tax Laws by Providing a Property Tax
Exemption for Central Labor Councils
S.P. 279 L.D. 989
(C "A" S-416)

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

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
(C "A" H-708)

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

An Act Concerning MaineCare Coverage for Donor Breast Milk
H.P. 1382 L.D. 1938
(C "A" H-706)

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

An Act To Create Jobs and Slow Climate Change by Promoting
the Production of Natural Resources Bioproducts
H.P. 1213 L.D. 1698
(H "A" H-731 to C "A" H-552)

On motion by Senator **DILL** of Penobscot, **TABLED** until Later in
Today's Session, pending **ENACTMENT**, in concurrence.

Resolves

Resolve, To Protect Maine's Beaches and Shoreline
H.P. 579 L.D. 774
(C "A" H-711)

Resolve, Directing the Department of Environmental Protection
To Evaluate Emissions from Aboveground Petroleum Storage
Tanks

S.P. 662 L.D. 1915
(C "A" S-415)

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

H.P. 1469 L.D. 2068
(H "A" H-719)

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

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

Divided Report

Eight members of the Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for Infrastructure To Improve Transportation and Internet Connections"

H.P. 1524 L.D. 2134

Reported in Report "A" that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-769)**.

Signed:

Senators:

BREEN of Cumberland
SANBORN, L. of Cumberland

Representatives:

GATTINE of Westbrook
DUNPHY of Old Town
HUBBELL of Bar Harbor
JORGENSEN of Portland
MARTIN of Eagle Lake
PIERCE of Falmouth

Four members of the same Committee on the same subject reported in Report "B" that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "B" (H-770)**.

Signed:

Senator:

HAMPER of Oxford

Representatives:

KESCHL of Belgrade
MILLETT of Waterford
WADSWORTH of Hiram

One member of the same Committee on the same subject reported in Report "C" that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "C" (H-771)**.

Signed:

Representative:

ARATA of New Gloucester

Comes from the House with Report "A", **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-769)**, **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-769)**.

Reports **READ**.

On motion by Senator **BREEN** of Cumberland, Report "A", **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-769)**, **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-769) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ A SECOND TIME**.

On motion by Senator **BREEN** of Cumberland, Senate Amendment "A" (S-449) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-769) and **SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-449)**, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

Ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

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

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: H.P. 1548

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE
SECRETARY OF STATE
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0148**

March 16, 2020

Honorable Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Clerk Hunt:

Enclosed please find my official certification to the 129th Legislature of the citizen initiative petition entitled "Resolve, To Reject the New England Clean Energy Connect Transmission Project".

Sincerely,

S/Matthew Dunlap
Secretary of State

**STATE OF MAINE
SECRETARY OF STATE**

I, Matthew Dunlap, Secretary of State, hereby certify that written petitions bearing valid signatures of 69,714 electors of this State were addressed to the Legislature of the State of Maine and were filed in the office of the Secretary of State on February 3, 2020, requesting that the Legislature consider a resolve entitled, "Resolve, To Reject the New England Clean Energy Connect Transmission Project".

I further certify that the number of signatures submitted is in excess of ten percent of the total votes cast in the last gubernatorial election preceding the filing of such petitions, as required by Article IV, Part Third, Section 18 of the Constitution of Maine, that number being 63,067.

I further certify this initiative petition to be valid and attach herewith the text of the legislation circulated on the petition's behalf.

I further certify that on March 13, 2020, a petition for review of final agency action was filed in Kennebec County Superior Court requesting that the Court reverse the decision by the Secretary of State that the direct petition for initiated legislation is valid.

In testimony whereof, I have caused the Great Seal of the State of Maine to be hereunto affixed. Given under my hand at Augusta on the sixteenth day of March in the year two thousand and twenty.

S/Matthew Dunlap
Secretary of State

Comes from the House, **READ** and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**.

READ and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**, in concurrence.

Senate at Ease.

The Senate was called to order by the President.

The accompanying Bill:

Resolve, To Reject the New England Clean Energy Connect Transmission Project

I.B. 1 L.D. 2164

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

On motion by Senator **LIBBY** of Androscoggin, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending **CONSIDERATION**.

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

House

Ought to Pass As Amended

The Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** on Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 115: Part II Requirements for Specific Certificates and Endorsements, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Education (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 1476 L.D. 2075

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-774)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-774)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-774) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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

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

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

Non-Concurrent Matter

An Act To Amend Certain Laws Governing Elections
S.P. 656 L.D. 1904
(C "A" S-408)

In Senate, March 3, 2020, on motion by Senator **LUCHINI** of Hancock, the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-408)**.

Comes from the House, the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-408) AND HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" (H-776) in NON-CONCURRENCE**.

On motion by Senator **LIBBY** of Androscoggin, the Senate **RECEDED** and **CONCURRED**.

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

House

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** on Bill "An Act To Define as a Hazardous Substance under Maine Law Any Substance Defined under Federal Law as a Hazardous Substance, Pollutant or Contaminant"

H.P. 1371 L.D. 1923

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-753)**.

Signed:

Senators:

CARSON of Cumberland
CHENETTE of York

Representatives:

TUCKER of Brunswick
BLUME of York
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-754)**.

Signed:

Senator:

FOLEY of York

Representatives:

CAMPBELL of Orrington
JOHANSEN of Monticello
SKOLFIELD of Weld

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-753)** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-753)**.

Reports **READ**.

On motion by Senator **LIBBY** of Androscoggin, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending **ACCEPTANCE OF EITHER REPORT**.

Divided Report

Ten members of the Committee on **JUDICIARY** on Bill "An Act Regarding the Penobscot Nation's and Passamaquoddy Tribe's Authority To Exercise Jurisdiction under the Federal Tribal Law and Order Act of 2010 and the Federal Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013"

H.P. 571 L.D. 766

Reported in Report "A" that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "C" (H-763)**.

Signed:

Senators:

CARPENTER of Aroostook
BELLOWS of Kennebec

Representatives:

BAILEY of Saco
BABBIDGE of Kennebunk
CARDONE of Bangor
DeVEAU of Caribou
EVANGELOS of Friendship
HARNETT of Gardiner
RECKITT of South Portland
TALBOT ROSS of Portland

Two members of the same Committee on the same subject reported in Report "B" that the same **Ought Not to Pass**.

Signed:

Representatives:

CURTIS of Madison
HAGGAN of Hampden

One member of the same Committee on the same subject reported in Report "C" that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "D" (H-764)**.

Signed:

Senator:

KEIM of Oxford

Comes from the House with Report "A", **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "C" (H-763)**, **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "C" (H-763)**.

Reports **READ**.

On motion by Senator **CARPENTER** of Aroostook, Report "A", **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "C" (H-763)**, **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "C" (H-763) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "C" (H-763)**, in concurrence.

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

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: S.C. 1064

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

March 12, 2020

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 Sen. Herbig of Waldo, to report the following bill Leave to Withdraw:

L.D. 814 An Act To Strengthen Maine's Economy
 through Research and Innovation led by the
 University of Maine System

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Erin Herbig
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Matthea Elisabeth Larsen Daughtry
House Chair

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

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

House

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **JUDICIARY** on Bill "An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Family Law Advisory Commission Concerning Adoption and Minor Guardianship"
H.P. 1480 L.D. 2079

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by
Committee Amendment "A" (H-758).**

Signed:

Senators:
CARPENTER of Aroostook
BELLOWS of Kennebec
KEIM of Oxford

Representatives:

BAILEY of Saco
BABBIDGE of Kennebunk
CARDONE of Bangor
CURTIS of Madison
EVANGELOS of Friendship
HAGGAN of Hampden
HARNETT of Gardiner
RECKITT of South Portland
TALBOT ROSS of Portland

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

Signed:

Representative:
DeVEAU of Caribou

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-758).**

Reports **READ.**

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

Bill **READ ONCE.**

Committee Amendment "A" (H-758) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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

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

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: S.C. 1065

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

March 13, 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 Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 2128 Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 348: On Farm Raising, Slaughter and Processing of Less Than 1,000 Ready-to-Cook Whole Poultry Carcasses, a Late-filed Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry (EMERGENCY)

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Jim Dill
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Craig V. Hickman
House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 1066

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

March 13, 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 Criminal Justice and Public Safety has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 1727 An Act To Correct Various Statutes Related to the Department of Corrections

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. 1067

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

March 16, 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 Criminal Justice and Public Safety has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 1096 An Act To Require That Comprehensive Substance Use Disorder Treatment Be Made Available to Maine's Incarcerated Population

L.D. 1108 Resolve, Establishing the Task Force on Alternatives to Incarceration for Maine Youth (EMERGENCY)

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. 1068

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY**

March 16, 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 Energy, Utilities and Technology has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 1741 Resolve, Directing the Public Utilities
Commission To Examine Performance-based
Rates for Electric Utilities

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

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Mark W. Lawrence
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Seth A. Berry
House Chair

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

Senate at Ease.

The Senate was called to order by the President.

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

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

Non-Concurrent Matter

An Act To Establish Patient Protections in Billing for Health Care
S.P. 756 L.D. 2111
(C "A" S-442)

In Senate, March 17, 2020, **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS
AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-442).**

Comes from the House, **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS
AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-442) AS
AMENDED BY HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" (H-781)** thereto in
NON-CONCURRENCE.

On motion by Senator **LIBBY** of Androscoggin, the Senate
RECEDED and **CONCURRED.**

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

Off Record Remarks

RECESSED until the sound of the bell.

After Recess the Senate was called to order by the President.

SENATE PAPERS

Bill "An Act To Implement Provisions Necessary to the Health,
Welfare and Safety of the Citizens of Maine in Response to the
COVID-19 Public Health Emergency" (EMERGENCY)
S.P. 789 L.D. 2167

Presented by President JACKSON of Aroostook. (GOVERNOR'S
BILL)

Cosponsored by Speaker GIDEON of Freeport and Senator:
DOW of Lincoln, Representative: DILLINGHAM of Oxford.

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

Under suspension of the rules, **READ TWICE** and **PASSED TO
BE ENGROSSED**, without reference to a Committee.

Ordered sent down forthwith for 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:

ENACTORS

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

Acts

An Act Regarding Smoking in Vehicles When a Minor Is Present
S.P. 313 L.D. 1081
(C "A" S-425)

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

S.P. 667 L.D. 1925
(C "A" S-420)

An Act To Clarify the Laws Governing Financial Relationships
between Entities within the Three-tier System for Distribution of
Alcohol

S.P. 737 L.D. 2088
(C "A" S-426)

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

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

ENACTORS

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

Emergency Measure

An Act To Clarify Crossbow-related Hunting Laws
H.P. 1359 L.D. 1905
(C "A" H-746)

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

This being an Emergency Measure and having received the affirmative vote of 30 Members of the Senate, with no Senators having voted in the negative, and 30 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 Increase the Death Benefit for Firefighters, Law Enforcement Officers, Emergency Medical Services Personnel and Corrections Officers

H.P. 1455 L.D. 2044
(C "A" H-762)

This being an Emergency Measure and having received the affirmative vote of 30 Members of the Senate, with no Senators having voted in the negative, and 30 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.

Acts

An Act Regarding Tobacco Product Waste
H.P. 401 L.D. 544
(C "A" H-756)

An Act To Increase Consumption of Maine Foods in State Institutions
H.P. 850 L.D. 1167
(C "A" H-761)

An Act To Amend the Law Governing Name Changes
H.P. 1258 L.D. 1771

An Act Regarding Prior Authorization for Treatment for Opioid Use Disorder under the MaineCare Program
H.P. 1378 L.D. 1934
(C "A" H-751)

An Act To Protect Water Quality by Requiring Additional Disclosures to Purchasers of Consumer Fireworks Regarding Safe and Proper Use
H.P. 1386 L.D. 1942
(C "A" H-755)

An Act To Preserve the Value of Abandoned Properties by Allowing Entry by Mortgagees
H.P. 1407 L.D. 1963
(C "A" H-759)

An Act To Enact the Made for Maine Health Coverage Act and Improve Health Choices in Maine
H.P. 1425 L.D. 2007
(C "A" H-765)

An Act To Amend the State Tax Laws
H.P. 1458 L.D. 2047
(C "A" H-766)

An Act To Address Decibel Level Limits for Airboats
H.P. 1467 L.D. 2065
(C "A" H-752)

An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Right To Know Advisory Committee Regarding Public Records Exceptions
H.P. 1498 L.D. 2103

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

An Act To Exempt Disabled Veterans from Property Taxes in Accordance with Their Disability Ratings
H.P. 772 L.D. 1042
(C "A" H-748)

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

An Act To Promote Cost-effectiveness in the MaineCare Program and Improve the Oral Health of Maine Adults and Children
H.P. 1399 L.D. 1955
(C "A" H-744)

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

Resolve

Resolve, To Require the Department of Education To Study and Report on the Special Education Funding Component of the School Funding Formula

H.P. 118 L.D. 136
(C "A" H-743)

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

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:

ENACTORS

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

Emergency Measure

An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Maine State Grant Program

H.P. 1435 L.D. 2014
(C "A" H-737)

This being an Emergency Measure and having received the affirmative vote of 30 Members of the Senate, with no Senators having voted in the negative, and 30 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 Save Lives by Capping the Out-of-pocket Cost of Certain Medications

H.P. 1493 L.D. 2096
(H "A" H-778 to C "A" H-772)

This being an Emergency Measure and having received the affirmative vote of 30 Members of the Senate, with no Senators having voted in the negative, and 30 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 Protect Consumers from Surprise Emergency Medical Bills

H.P. 1501 L.D. 2105
(H "A" H-777 to C "A" H-773)

This being an Emergency Measure and having received the affirmative vote of 30 Members of the Senate, with no Senators having voted in the negative, and 30 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 Making Supplemental Appropriations and Allocations for the Expenditures of State Government, General Fund and Other Funds and Changing Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2020 and June 30, 2021

H.P. 1516 L.D. 2126
(C "A" H-775)

This being an Emergency Measure and having received the affirmative vote of 30 Members of the Senate, with no Senators having voted in the negative, and 30 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 Establish Municipal Cost Components for Unorganized Territory Services To Be Rendered in Fiscal Year 2020-21

H.P. 1545 L.D. 2161

This being an Emergency Measure and having received the affirmative vote of 30 Members of the Senate, with no Senators having voted in the negative, and 30 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 Address Funding Needs Related to COVID-19

H.P. 1547 L.D. 2163

This being an Emergency Measure and having received the affirmative vote of 30 Members of the Senate, with no Senators having voted in the negative, and 30 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 Rename the Sibley Pond Bridge the William Harris Memorial Bridge

H.P. 1352 L.D. 1886

This being an Emergency Measure and having received the affirmative vote of 30 Members of the Senate, with no Senators having voted in the negative, and 30 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 Chapter 125: Basic Approval Standards: Public Schools and School Administrative Units, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Education and the State Board of Education

H.P. 1472 L.D. 2071
(C "A" H-738)

This being an Emergency Measure and having received the affirmative vote of 30 Members of the Senate, with no Senators having voted in the negative, and 30 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 4: Water-based Fire Protection Systems, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Public Safety, Office of the State Fire Marshal

H.P. 1474 L.D. 2073

This being an Emergency Measure and having received the affirmative vote of 30 Members of the Senate, with no Senators having voted in the negative, and 30 being more than two-thirds of the entire elected Membership of the Senate, was **FINALLY PASSED** and, having been signed by the President, was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for approval.

Acts

An Act To Establish a Process for the Consideration and Implementation of Changes to Mandated Instruction or Training for Students

H.P. 1331 L.D. 1860
(C "A" H-740)

An Act To Amend the Laws Regarding Parking for Vehicles with Disability Placards and Plates

H.P. 1410 L.D. 1966
(C "A" H-735)

An Act To Authorize the Maine Pilotage Commission To Establish Alternative Initial License Criteria for Existing Pilots Seeking Endorsements for Low Traffic Volume Routes

H.P. 1468 L.D. 2066
(C "A" H-734)

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

Resolves

Resolve, Directing the Department of Transportation To Conduct an Economic Feasibility Study for Commuter and Passenger Train Service between Portland and the Lewiston and Auburn Area

H.P. 415 L.D. 571
(C "A" H-736)

Resolve, To Allow the Department of Public Safety To Transfer Certain Property to the LifeFlight Foundation

H.P. 1453 L.D. 2042
(C "A" H-729)

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. 1473 L.D. 2072
(H "A" H-745 to C "A" H-714)

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

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

ENACTORS

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

Resolve

Resolve, Directing the Department of Transportation To Erect and Maintain Markers To Commemorate and Recognize the Lafayette Trail

S.P. 669 L.D. 1927
(C "A" S-427)

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

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

Off Record Remarks

RECESSED until the sound of the bell.

After Recess the Senate was called to order by the President.

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

House

Ought to Pass As Amended

The Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Bill "An Act To Strengthen Protections for Incapacitated and Dependent Adults from Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation"
H.P. 1462 L.D. 2058

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-780)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-780)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-780) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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

Ordered sent forthwith to the Engrossing Division.

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

ENACTORS

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

Emergency Measure

An Act Regarding the Collection of Samples for Testing of Adult Use Marijuana and Adult Use Marijuana Products
S.P. 482 L.D. 1545
(C "A" S-440)

This being an Emergency Measure and having received the affirmative vote of 30 Members of the Senate, with no Senators having voted in the negative, and 30 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 Improve Access to Physician Assistant Care
S.P. 537 L.D. 1660
(S "A" S-444 to C "A" S-432)

This being an Emergency Measure and having received the affirmative vote of 30 Members of the Senate, with no Senators having voted in the negative, and 30 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 Promote Telehealth
S.P. 676 L.D. 1974
(C "A" S-433)

This being an Emergency Measure and having received the affirmative vote of 30 Members of the Senate, with no Senators having voted in the negative, and 30 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 Regarding the Regulation of Tiny Homes
S.P. 683 L.D. 1981
(C "A" S-429)

This being an Emergency Measure and having received the affirmative vote of 30 Members of the Senate, with no Senators having voted in the negative, and 30 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 Regarding Health Insurance Options for Town Academies
S.P. 754 L.D. 2108

This being an Emergency Measure and having received the affirmative vote of 30 Members of the Senate, with no Senators having voted in the negative, and 30 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 Regarding Sales of Alcohol in Municipalities and Unincorporated Places
S.P. 759 L.D. 2120
(C "A" S-436)

This being an Emergency Measure and having received the affirmative vote of 30 Members of the Senate, with no Senators having voted in the negative, and 30 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.

Acts

An Act To Provide Equity for Commercial Vehicles on Roads and Bridges in Maine
S.P. 460 L.D. 1498
(C "A" S-428)

An Act Regarding the Baiting of Deer
S.P. 610 L.D. 1804
(C "A" S-417)

An Act To Amend the Real Estate Appraisal Management Company Laws
S.P. 666 L.D. 1924

An Act To Prohibit Health Insurance Carriers from Retroactively Reducing Payment on Clean Claims Submitted by Pharmacies
S.P. 670 L.D. 1928
(C "A" S-434)

An Act Regarding Permits To Possess Wildlife in Captivity
S.P. 705 L.D. 2003

An Act To Strengthen Maritime Education by Amending the Laws Governing the Maine School for Marine Science, Technology, Transportation and Engineering

S.P. 710 L.D. 2020
(C "A" S-439)

An Act Regarding the Experience Requirement for Auditors Working in the Office of the State Auditor Who Are Seeking Licensure as Certified Public Accountants
S.P. 713 L.D. 2023

An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Maternal, Fetal and Infant Mortality Review Panel
S.P. 758 L.D. 2119

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

An Act To Clarify the Law Relating to Corporate Income Tax Nexus and the Shipment of Spirits into the State
S.P. 695 L.D. 1993
(C "A" S-437)

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

An Act To Lower Health Care Costs
S.P. 755 L.D. 2110
(C "A" S-441)

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

An Act To Appropriate Funds to the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry To End Hunger in Maine by 2030
S.P. 784 L.D. 2158

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

Resolve

Resolve, Designating Portions of Route 139 and Route 201A in Somerset County the Corporal Eugene Cole Way
S.P. 761 L.D. 2122

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

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

ENACTORS

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

Emergency Measure

An Act To Establish Patient Protections in Billing for Health Care
S.P. 756 L.D. 2111
(H "A" H-781 to C "A" S-442)

This being an Emergency Measure and having received the affirmative vote of 30 Members of the Senate, with no Senators having voted in the negative, and 30 being more than two-thirds of the entire elected Membership of the Senate, was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED** and, having been signed by the President, was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for approval.

Emergency Resolve

Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 115: Part II Requirements for Specific Certificates and Endorsements, a Major Substantive Rule of the State Board of Education

H.P. 1476 L.D. 2075
(C "A" H-774)

This being an Emergency Measure and having received the affirmative vote of 30 Members of the Senate, with no Senators having voted in the negative, and 30 being more than two-thirds of the entire elected Membership of the Senate, was **FINALLY PASSED** and, having been signed by the President, was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for approval.

Acts

An Act Regarding the Penobscot Nation's and Passamaquoddy Tribe's Authority To Exercise Jurisdiction under the Federal Tribal Law and Order Act of 2010 and the Federal Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013

H.P. 571 L.D. 766
(C "C" H-763)

An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Family Law Advisory Commission Concerning Adoption and Minor Guardianship

H.P. 1480 L.D. 2079
(C "A" H-758)

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

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

ENACTORS

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

Act

An Act To Amend Certain Laws Governing Elections
S.P. 656 L.D. 1904
(C "A" S-408; H "A" H-776)

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

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

ENACTORS

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

Emergency Measure

An Act To Implement Provisions Necessary to the Health, Welfare and Safety of the Citizens of Maine in Response to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency

S.P. 789 L.D. 2167

This being an Emergency Measure and having received the affirmative vote of 30 Members of the Senate, with no Senators having voted in the negative, and 30 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.

Bond Issue

An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for Infrastructure To Improve Transportation and Internet Connections

H.P. 1524 L.D. 2134
(C "A" H-769; S "A" S-449)

This being a Bond Authorization Act, in accordance with the provisions of Section 14 of Article IX of the Constitution, having received the affirmative vote of 30 Members of the Senate, with no Senators having voted in the negative, and 30 being more than two-thirds of the Members present and voting, was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED** and, having been signed by the President, was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for approval.

Act

An Act To Encourage the Development of Broadband Coverage in Rural Maine

S.P. 498 L.D. 1563
(S "A" S-443 to C "A" S-405)

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

Resolve

Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 180: Performance Evaluation and Professional Growth Systems, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Education

H.P. 1478 L.D. 2077
(S "A" S-448 to C "A" H-739)

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

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

ORDERS OF THE DAY

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later Today Assigned matter:

An Act To Create Jobs and Slow Climate Change by Promoting the Production of Natural Resources Bioproducts
H.P. 1213 L.D. 1698
(H "A" H-731 to C "A" H-552)

Tabled - March 17, 2020 by Senator **DILL** of Penobscot

Pending - **ENACTMENT** in concurrence

(In Senate, March 12, 2020, **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-552) AS AMENDED BY HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" (H-731)** thereto, in concurrence.)

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

Senator **DILL** of Penobscot moved the Senate **RECONSIDER** whereby the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-552) AS AMENDED BY HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" (H-731)** thereto, in concurrence.

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

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#428)

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

NAYS: Senators: **BELLOWS, BREEN, CARPENTER, CHENETTE, CLAXTON, DESCHAMBAULT, DIAMOND, GRATWICK, LIBBY, LUCHINI, MILLETT, MIRAMANT, SANBORN H, SANBORN L, VITELLI, PRESIDENT JACKSON**

EXCUSED: Senators: **CARSON, CHIPMAN, HERBIG, LAWRENCE, WOODSOME**

14 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 16 Senators having voted in the negative, with 5 Senators being excused, the motion by Senator **DILL** of Penobscot to **RECONSIDER** whereby the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-552) AS AMENDED BY HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" (H-731)** thereto, in concurrence, **FAILED**.

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

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

Off Record Remarks

At this point a message was received from the House of Representatives, borne by Representative **MOONEN** of Portland, informing the Senate that the House had transacted all business before it and was ready to Adjourn Without Day.

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

ENACTORS

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

Act

An Act To Strengthen Protections for Incapacitated and Dependent Adults from Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation
H.P. 1462 L.D. 2058
(C "A" H-780)

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

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

ORDERS

Senate Order

On motion by Senator **LIBBY** of Androscoggin, the following Senate Order:

S.O. 27

Ordered, that a message be sent to Governor Janet T. Mills informing her that the Senate is ready to Adjourn Without Day, and invite her to attend and make such communications as pleases her.

READ and PASSED.

The Chair appointed the Senator from Androscoggin, Senator **LIBBY**, to deliver the message to the Governor. The Senator was escorted to the Governor's Office.

Subsequently, the Senator from Androscoggin, Senator **LIBBY**, reported that he had delivered the message with which he was charged.

On motion by Senator **VITELLI** of Sagadahoc, the following Senate Order:

S.O. 28

Ordered, that a message be sent to the House of Representatives informing that Body that the Senate is ready to Adjourn Without Day.

READ and PASSED.

The Chair appointed the Senator from Sagadahoc, Senator **VITELLI**, to deliver the message to the House of Representatives. The Senator was escorted to the House of Representatives.

Subsequently, the Senator from Sagadahoc, Senator **VITELLI**, reported that she had delivered the message with which she was charged.

THE PRESIDENT: Before we adjourn, before the Chief Executive comes in, I want to take a moment and say that I want to recognize every single one of you in this Chamber who showed up to do what's right by Mainers. A week ago we were absolutely looking at something completely different, at a different timeline to the end of session. The fact that we were able to get the essentials done today, and leading up to today, is an incredible feat. I'd like to recognize our colleague, Senator Cathy Breen, Senator Linda Sanborn, and Senator Jim Hamper, for their extraordinary work on the Appropriations Committee to get us a strong, bi-partisan supplemental budget in very, you know, short terms and something that I don't think any of us ever expected over this weekend. I'd also like to thank and recognize all the non-partisan staffers who worked at an unbelievable pace again over this weekend to make things happen today. Our non-partisan staff are truly the unsung heroes of this building. From the moment that we walked through the State House doors this morning, our number one priority was to make sure that Mainers were taken care of during this public health crisis. Most of us have heard really heartbreaking stories from hardworking families worried about how they'll make ends meet while their employers are temporarily closed. We've heard from small business owners who are worried that their businesses will shutter for good if the crowds continue to stay home. Mainers all across the state are counting on us, were counting on us, and today I believe that we definitely showed them that we are trying to have their backs. We passed a \$73 million supplemental budget that takes care of Maine people during this public health crisis. We created a Covid-19 fund so that Governor Mills can act decisively to mitigate the spread of the disease, promote public health, and protect both Maine families and small businesses while we're away. We passed a comprehensive bill that expands unemployment benefits for workers, to make sure that hungry kids can get their school lunch even when they're not at school, and protects Mainers from getting their utilities shut off. With the Covid-19 package, we are making sure that resources will be available when Mainers need them most. Yesterday, I said that in times of uncertainty we must put partisanship aside and put Maine people first and I am very proud that I really believe that we all did that this day and through this weekend. There's no question in my mind that this is what every single lawmaker, Democrat, Republican, Unenrolled, did today. I am truly, truly awful proud of the work that we do in this Body together, especially when you look at the chaos and dysfunction that we see in D.C., regardless of who's in control. But looking out at all of you tonight, I'm especially proud to be your Senate President and serve alongside you, with you. I didn't get the chance to say that when we adjourned last session but it truly is how I feel. Truth be told, we don't know what the couple of weeks and months will look like and, if you look across this country and the world, we may have to hunker down for a while and you're all invited to hunker down with me in Allagash. But I do know that many of you are hearing from constituents, I've heard it today and I know I am too, and folks that are scared. I would say that I'm probably one of them. So I don't blame them. But over the last couple of days Maine people, organizations, and state agencies have stepped up to support one another. Taking care of our neighbors and looking out for one another is how we're going to get through this crisis. That is the good news and that's what

Off Record Remarks

Mainers do best and why I'm proud to be one and why I'm proud to serve with you all in this Chamber. So thank you for your efforts today. Hopefully we will be back in a very short time and that means that this crisis will have gone by the wayside. I really do appreciate every one of you and, again, thank you for your service.

Off Record Remarks

The Honorable Janet T. Mills, Governor of the State of Maine, entered and addressed the Senate.

GOVERNOR MILLS: Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, thank you for attending to the urgent business of the hour today. You know, years from now people will be looking back on us, on this day, on this time. I wonder what they will say. What will they write about us? Charles Dickens wrote: 'It was the best of times, it was the worst of times. It was the season of light, it was the season of darkness. It was the spring of hope, it was the winter of despair.' Spring arrives Thursday. It's often said we cannot control everything that happens to us but what we can control, and what we must control, is how we react and respond to those things that happen to us. In a real sense today our future is in our hands. When anxiety and concern for the unknown fill the air, when your child or grandchild tells you they're scared, tell them it's okay to be scared. Anxiety is normal. The future is uncertain but we have each other. Tell them, in the words of the great philosopher Winnie the Pooh, 'You are braver than you believe, stronger than you seem, and smarter than you think.' Add that we will get through this together for we are all family and we have been here before in one way or another. We have fought wars together. We survived blizzards, ice storms, terrorist attacks on our nation. Today I remember Walt Wheeler, who sat in the back of the House Chamber with me when we served together, and Ann Peoples, whom I served with in the House. I believe those two would say, 'Tell them that hard times make strong people, that we are a small but sturdy state and a strong and sturdy nation. That although the things we've gotten used to will change, and although our lifestyles may adapt, every generation has it within themselves to create happiness and hope, that their true security is in their brain and in their heart and in the soul.' They would say too that it's good to take a nice walk outside sometimes and put aside the static and the noise, the TV and the internet, the clatter and the chatter, that it's good to see the signs of spring coming and hear the robin, find the crocuses, think about the future and know the goodness of this land and our people. Ann Peoples was someone for whom the glass was never half full. 'It's always full,' she'd say, 'it's just that sometimes the glass is half filled with air, but it is full.' She's telling us all that today. We will rise to the challenge as we deal with capacity problems; as we address the logistics of feeding children, of distributing groceries and supplies; of caring for seniors; of paying bills; of keeping businesses and people alive and well; of supporting healthcare workers and supporting those who live alone and others in need. Fred Rogers, Mr. Rogers, said: 'When I was a boy and I would see scary things on the news my mother would say 'look for the helpers, you'll always find people who are helping.' The helpers

are everywhere today and they are here. They are cooking meals for children. They are preparing to plant a garden. They are providing shelter for the homeless and caring for those in need. And they are here in this building. Those of you who put pen to paper today to create the remedies for those who will be hardest hit. You are the helpers. They are those who rise above fear to rely on fact and science, ignoring noise and myth and suspicion. Those who put their trust in one another. Those who think outside the box. Those who focus on what we can do, not on what we cannot. Those who act now with compassion, caution, and courage. Those who keep their distance from us today in order to preserve our space, our place, and our people tomorrow. Staying apart now in order that we will stay safe in the future. Keeping those distances to bring us together again. What will they say about us years from now? I believe they will say Maine sacrificed but Maine stood strong. Maine people were tough. Maine people hung together. Maine provided the helpers. Maine people survived and Maine rose stronger than ever. God bless you and keep you and yours and God bless the great state of Maine. Please accept my virtual handshake to each of you and a virtual but heartfelt hug to all the people of Maine. Thank you.

The Governor withdrew from the Senate Chamber.

On motion by Senator **GRATWICK** of Penobscot, the Honorable **TROY D. JACKSON**, President of the Senate, declared the Second Regular Session of the 129th Legislature, **ADJOURNED SINE DIE** at 9:57 in the evening in memory of and lasting tribute to the Honorable Michael D. Pearson of Old Town.