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Pursuant to Article IV, Part 3, Section 1 of the Constitution of the State of Maine, the Representatives-Elect to the One Hundred and Thirtieth Legislature assembled in the House Auditorium at the Augusta Civic Center and were called to Order by ROBERT B. HUNT of Yarmouth, Clerk of the House of the One Hundred and Twenty-Ninth Legislature.

Prayer by Honorable Margaret Craven, Lewiston.
National Anthem
Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMUNICATION

The Following Communication: (H.C. 1)

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE**

November 24, 2020

To Robert B. Hunt, Clerk of the House in the One Hundred and Twenty-ninth Legislature:

I, Matthew Dunlap, Secretary of State, pursuant to the provisions of Title 3 MRSA, Section 1, hereby certify that the following are the names and residences of the Representatives-elect to the One Hundred and Thirtieth Legislature, in accordance with the tabulation submitted to the Governor on November 23, 2020:

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| District 1 | Mathieson, Kristi Michele, Kittery |
| District 2 | Meyer, Michele, Eliot |
| District 3 | Blume, Lydia, York |
| District 4 | Hymanson, Patricia, York |
| District 5 | O'Connor, Beth A., Berwick |
| District 6 | Roberts, Tiffany Danielle, South Berwick |
| District 7 | Roche, Timothy M., Wells |
| District 8 | Babbidge, Christopher W., Kennebunk |
| District 9 | Gere, Traci, Kennebunkport |
| District 10 | Parry, Wayne R., Arundel |
| District 11 | Fecteau, Ryan M., Biddeford |
| District 12 | Sheehan, Erin R., Biddeford |
| District 13 | Gramlich, Lori Kathryn, Old Orchard Beach |
| District 14 | Copeland, Lynn H., Saco |
| District 15 | O'Neil, Margaret M., Saco |
| District 16 | Carlow, Nathan Michael, Buxton |
| District 17 | Prescott, Dwayne W., Waterboro |
| District 18 | Tuttle, John L. Jr., Sanford |
| District 19 | Harrington, Matthew Allen, Sanford |
| District 20 | Kryzak, Theodore J. Jr., Acton |
| District 21 | Sampson, Heidi H., Alfred |
| District 22 | Blier, Mark John, Buxton |
| District 23 | Ordway, Lester S., Standish |
| District 24 | Bryant, Mark E., Windham |
| District 25 | Corey, Patrick W., Windham |
| District 26 | Terry, Maureen F., Gorham |
| District 27 | Bailey, Kyle R., Gorham |
| District 28 | Caiazza, Christopher J., Scarborough |
| District 29 | Warren, Sophia B., Scarborough |
| District 30 | Millett, Rebecca J., Cape Elizabeth |
| District 31 | Reckitt, Lois Galgay, South Portland |
| District 32 | Kessler, Christopher J., South Portland |
| District 33 | Morales, Victoria, South Portland |
| District 34 | Rielly, Morgan J., Westbrook |

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| District 35 | Salisbury, Suzanne M., Westbrook |
| District 36 | Brennan, Michael F., Portland |
| District 37 | Lookner, Grayson B., Portland |
| District 38 | Wood, Barbara A., Portland |
| District 39 | Sylvester, Michael, Portland |
| District 40 | Ross, Rachel Talbot, Portland |
| District 41 | Zager, Samuel Lewis, Portland |
| District 42 | Collings, Benjamin T., Portland |
| District 43 | Crockett, W. Edward, Portland |
| District 44 | Pierce, Teresa S., Falmouth |
| District 45 | Moriarty, Stephen W., Cumberland |
| District 46 | Sharpe, Braden K., Durham |
| District 47 | Bell, Arthur L., Yarmouth |
| District 48 | Sachs, Melanie F., Freeport |
| District 49 | Arford, Poppy, Brunswick |
| District 50 | Tucker, Ralph L., Brunswick |
| District 51 | McCreight, Joyce, Harpswell |
| District 52 | Paulhus, Sean C., Bath |
| District 53 | Hepler, Allison L., Woolwich |
| District 54 | Tepler, Denise A., Topsham |
| District 55 | Berry, Seth A., Bowdoinham |
| District 56 | Mason, Richard G., Lisbon |
| District 57 | Martin, Thomas H. Jr., Greene |
| District 58 | Connor, Jonathan M., Lewiston |
| District 59 | Craven, Margaret M., Lewiston |
| District 60 | Cloutier, Kristen Sarah, Lewiston |
| District 61 | Brooks, Heidi Eileen, Lewiston |
| District 62 | Melaragno, Gina M., Auburn |
| District 63 | Bickford, Bruce A., Auburn |
| District 64 | Libby, Laurel D., Auburn |
| District 65 | Arata, Amy B., New Gloucester |
| District 66 | Fay, Jessica L., Raymond |
| District 67 | Austin, Susan M., Gray |
| District 68 | Cebra, Richard M., Naples |
| District 69 | Riseman, Walter N., Harrison |
| District 70 | Wadsworth, Nathan J., Hiram |
| District 71 | Millett, H. Sawin Jr., Waterford |
| District 72 | Dillingham, Kathleen Rose Jackson, Oxford |
| District 73 | Andrews, John E., Paris |
| District 74 | Lyman, Sheila A., Livermore Falls |
| District 75 | Morris, Joshua K., Turner |
| District 76 | Newman, Daniel J., Belgrade |
| District 77 | Perkins, Michael Dana, Oakland |
| District 78 | Nadeau, Cathy R., Winslow |
| District 79 | Theriault, Timothy S., China |
| District 80 | Bradstreet, Richard T., Vassalboro |
| District 81 | Hasenfus, Tavis Rock, Readfield |
| District 82 | Greenwood, Randall Adam, Wales |
| District 83 | Harnett, Thomas A., Gardiner |
| District 84 | Warren, Charlotte M., Hallowell |
| District 85 | Doore, Donna R., Augusta |
| District 86 | Fecteau, Justin Jacob, Augusta |
| District 87 | Hanley, Jeffrey P., Pittston |
| District 88 | Lemelin, Michael H., Chelsea |
| District 89 | Stover, Holly B., Boothbay |
| District 90 | Crafts, Lydia V., Newcastle |
| District 91 | Evangelos, Jeffrey, Friendship |
| District 92 | Matlack, Ann, Saint George |
| District 93 | Geiger, Valli D., Rockland |
| District 94 | Doudera, Victoria W., Camden |
| District 95 | Pluecker, William D., Warren |
| District 96 | Zeigler, Stanley Paige Jr., Montville |
| District 97 | Dodge, Janice S., Belfast |
| District 98 | Cuddy, Scott William, Winterport |
| District 99 | Kinney, MaryAnne, Knox |

District 100 Costain, Danny E., Plymouth
District 101 Haggan, David, Hampden
District 102 Griffin, Abigail W., Levant
District 103 Thorne, James E., Carmel
District 104 Foster, Steven D., Dexter
District 105 Stetkis, Joel R., Canaan
District 106 Collamore, Amanda Noelle, Pittsfield
District 107 Poirier, Jennifer L., Skowhegan
District 108 Rudnicki, Shelley J., Fairfield
District 109 White, Bruce A., Waterville
District 110 Madigan, Colleen M., Waterville
District 111 Ducharme, John E. III, Madison
District 112 Skolfield, Thomas H., Weld
District 113 Landry, H. Scott Jr., Farmington
District 114 Hall, Randall C., Wilton
District 115 Dolloff, Josanne, Milton Township
District 116 Pickett, Richard A., Dixfield
District 117 Head, Frances M., Bethel
District 118 Grignon, Chad Wayne, Athens
District 119 Stearns, Paul A., Guilford
District 120 Evans, Richard A., Dover-Foxcroft
District 121 Drinkwater, Gary A., Milford
District 122 Dunphy, Michelle A., Old Town
District 123 Osher, Laurie, Orono
District 124 Perry, Joseph C. Sr., Bangor
District 125 Roeder, Amy J., Bangor
District 126 Supica, Laura D., Bangor
District 127 Cardone, Barbara A., Bangor
District 128 O'Connell, Kevin J.M., Brewer
District 129 Lyford, Peter A., Eddington
District 130 Downes, Kathy L., Bucksport
District 131 Hutchins, Sherman, Penobscot
District 132 Grohoski, Nicole C., Ellsworth
District 133 Pebworth, Sarah A., Blue Hill
District 134 McDonald, Genevieve L., Stonington
District 135 Williams, Lynne A., Bar Harbor
District 136 Faulkingham, William Robert, Winter Harbor
District 137 Carmichael, Meldon H., Greenbush
District 138 Alley, Robert W. Sr., Beals
District 139 Tuell, William R., East Machias
District 140 Perry, Anne C., Calais
District 141 Javner, Kathy, Chester
District 142 Gifford, Jeffery A., Lincoln
District 143 Stanley, Peggy Jo, Medway
District 144 Quint, Tracy L., Hodgdon
District 145 Johansen, Chris A., Monticello
District 146 White, Dustin M., Mars Hill
District 147 Underwood, Joseph F., Presque Isle
District 148 McCrea, David Harold, Fort Fairfield
District 149 Bernard, Susan, Caribou
District 150 Martin, Roland Daniel, Sinclair
District 151 Martin, John L., Eagle Lake

In Testimony Whereof, I have caused the Great Seal of the State to be affixed, given under my hand at Augusta this twenty-fourth day of November in the year Two Thousand and Twenty.

S/Matthew Dunlap
Secretary of State

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

For the purpose of ascertaining the presence of a quorum, a certified roll of the Representatives-Elect was called by the Clerk of the House of the One Hundred and Twenty-ninth Legislature.

A roll was taken. 149 out of 151 members answered to their names and accordingly the Chair declared a quorum present:

Those absent were:
Representative Elect Geiger of Rockland
Representative Elect Haggan of Hampden

Motion by Representative-Elect PIERCE of Falmouth, that Representative-Elect EVANS of Dover-Foxcroft, Representative-Elect MEYER of Eliot, Representative-Elect RISEMAN of Harrison, Representative-Elect FECTEAU of Augusta, Representative-Elect STEARNS of Guilford and Representative-Elect DILLINGHAM of Oxford be appointed a Committee to wait upon the Honorable Andrew M. Mead, Acting Chief Justice of the Maine Supreme Judicial Court and inform him that a quorum of the members of the House of Representatives-Elect have assembled in the Hall of the House of Representatives and request his attendance to administer to them the oaths required by the Constitution to qualify them to enter upon the discharge of their official duties.

Subsequently, Representative DUNPHY of Old Town reported that the Committee had attempted to deliver the message with which it was charged.

The Acting Chief Justice, the Honorable Andrew M. Mead, entered and administered to the members-elect and they subscribed the oaths required by the Constitution to qualify them to discharge their official duties.

Acting Chief Justice **MEAD**: Good morning distinguished members of the House of Representatives. It is great to see you, it is great to be here live and in person. If your life has been at all like mine, we've been meeting on little tiny windows and it's just something refreshing about being present with the folks we are meeting with. So, it is great to be here. I know many of you, but those of you I don't know, my name is Andrew Mead and I'm the Senior Associate Justice of the Maine Supreme Court and as of early April, I became the Acting Chief Justice and have held that position during these interesting last eight and a half months, but it is a great pleasure and honor to be here. We are gathered here at this moment on the opening day of the 130th Legislature. For the purpose of administering the oath of office as prescribed by the Constitution of the State of Maine, Article 9, Section I. I always feel that taking the oath is really quite a moment and is a time to reflect on the magnitude and the enormous responsibility that comes with taking the oath of office. It is quite a moment. As you know, the Constitution requires the Legislature to swear to uphold the Constitution and discharge the duties according to the laws of the State. If you are a person who is conscientiously scrupulous of taking and subscribing an oath, you may substitute affirm for swear in the office. So, let's get down to business. At this time, I will ask you to stand if you are able and raise your right hand and please repeat after me.

I, (members stated their names) do swear, that I will support the Constitution of the United States and of this state, so long as I shall continue a citizen thereof. So help me God.

I, (members stated their names) do swear, that I will faithfully discharge to the best of my abilities, the duties incumbent upon me as a member of the Maine House of Representatives, according to the Constitution and the laws of the State of Maine. So help me God.

You may be seated. Now that it's all official, please let me be the first one to thank you for your commitment to public service and to wish you well as you undertake the important work for the good people of Maine. Best wishes. Warm regards and stay well. Thank you very much. Gods Speed.

The Acting Chief Justice retired.

The Honorable Janet T. Mills, Governor of the State of Maine, addressed the Representatives by video.

Governor **MILLS**: I would like to thank Acting Chief Justice Andrew Mead for swearing you in in my stead. As I've said before, the COVID-19 virus is everywhere and no one is immune from exposure to the virus, from exposure to someone with the virus, or to the infection itself, or to the impacts it has on our daily lives. I'm no exception. As of yesterday, I am in quarantine after a member of my security staff was considered to be a probable case. I am feeling well and I am not experiencing any symptoms. But I hope this serves as another reminder to all of us, as we've said all along, that no one's immune from the spread or the impact of this virus. Please stay safe. That's the most immediate challenge before us; stemming the tide of this virus, protecting the health of Maine people, and charting a path for Maine's economic recovery.

Many people of Maine have shouldered enormous burden these last nine months. With rising case numbers, increasing hospitalizations and positivity rates in our State and across the country, the burden is only getting heavier right now. The people of Maine deserve our united effort in putting a lid on this virus so they can go to school, keep their businesses open and survive the holiday season while we wait for an effective vaccine.

We may come from different parties, you and I, and have different beliefs, but we're united in single goal of protecting this State that we love and the people who call it home. Whatever other issues arise during this legislative session, let's remember that common purpose. And, as you've heard me say before in my administration, you will always find an open door, an open mind and an open heart. The door looks a little more like a Zoom link right now, but it is still open to you. In the meantime, let us all wear our masks, watch our distance, and wash our hands to stay safe and keep our colleagues, friends and family members safe.

Thank you for your commitment to public service, especially during these challenging times. It is my honor to serve alongside you as Chief Executive of the greatest state in the Nation. Thank you.

Motion by Representative **CLOUTIER** of Lewiston, that Representative **FAY** of Raymond, Representative **EVANGELOS** of Friendship, Representative **WARREN** of Scarborough, Representative **AUSTIN** of Gray and Representative **GIFFORD** of Lincoln be appointed a Committee to receive, sort and count votes for the Speaker.

The CLERK: The Clerk recognizes the Representative from Raymond, Representative **Fay**.

Representative **FAY**: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. It is my great honor and privilege to rise to nominate Ryan Fecteau of Biddeford as the next Speaker of the Maine House of Representatives.

Growing up in a working-class family in the City of Biddeford, Ryan learned very early on the value and necessity of hard work. Throughout his legislative career,

Representative Fecteau has proven he has the work ethic, ability, and knowledge necessary to be an effective and responsive leader. The ability to inspire trust may be the most important characteristic of good leadership and foundational to the success of any institution. Without trust, the legislative process can fall apart pretty quickly. Trust not only means that a leader will keep their word, it also means he will value and encourage open and honest communication and provide a safe place for that to occur. As Speaker, I believe Representative Fecteau will do that.

Our Speaker must be organized and ready to roll with the events of the day, remaining calm while guiding this House to do our best. Ryan Fecteau has shown us he has the skills to do this. He is trustworthy, inclusive, empowering to those around him and an inspiration to the next generation of leaders. I urge you to join me in voting for Representative Ryan Fecteau to be the next Speaker of the Maine House of Representatives. Thank you, Mr. Clerk.

Representative **FAY** of Raymond moved that the name of **RYAN M. FECTEAU** of Biddeford be placed in nomination for the Speaker of the House.

The CLERK: The Clerk recognizes the Representative from Lewiston, Representative **Cloutier**.

Representative **CLOUTIER**: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Mr. Clerk and Women and Men of the House, I rise to second the nomination of Representative Fecteau of Biddeford for the position of Speaker of the House.

During his time as Assistant Majority Leader, Representative Fecteau has proven himself to be qualified, smart, strategic, dedicated, compassionate and reliable. He has provided guidance, assistance, encouragement and support.

Representative Fecteau does not shy away from responsibility. In fact, he runs toward it. He pays close attention to the details related to issues and policies, he is committed to understanding all sides of an argument and to hearing the voices and stories of those most impacted by policy-related decisions. He has sound judgement and thinks critically about the information presented to him. For these reasons, and many others, I am honored today to second the nomination of Representative Ryan Fecteau to serve as Speaker of the House and to lead us in the 130th Legislature.

The CLERK: The Clerk recognizes the Representative from Lewiston, Representative **Cloutier**.

Representative **CLOUTIER** of Lewiston seconded the motion.

The CLERK: The Clerk recognizes the Representative from Knox, Representative **Kinney**.

Representative **KINNEY**: Mr. Clerk, I move that the name of **Lester S. Ordway** of Standish be placed in nomination as Speaker of the House.

The CLERK: The Representative from Knox, Representative **Kinney**, has placed the name of **LESTER S. ORDWAY** of Standish in nomination for Speaker of the House. The Representative may proceed.

Representative **KINNEY**: Thank you. I rise today to nominate Representative **Ordway** from Standish to the post of Speaker of the House. This Representative has served with honor and distinction for the past five years, both as a member of the State and Local Government Committee and the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Committee during his time in the House.

Representative **Ordway** is a principled, hardworking man who goes to bat for his constituents every day, just as he went to bat for generations of students as he taught at Central

Maine Community College and serves on five advisory boards all over the State of Maine for vocational education.

The Representative from Standish speaks plainly yet passionately. He is a strong supporter of Mainers' gun rights, sporting traditions and the traditional Maine way of life so many of us on both sides of the aisle cherish.

Representative Ordway epitomizes the blue-collar values that our State is known for; values that cross party lines and resonate with old-school Democrats, Independents and Republicans alike. He is a colleague and life-long friend who would serve the Body fairly and impartially as its Speaker while advancing an agenda of all our constituents, not only respect, but would be proud to see.

Perhaps, Mr. Clerk, this is why the Representative from Standish has won reelection to this Body and has not faced a major party candidate in the last two election cycles, winning both times decisively.

Mr. Clerk, it's an honor, a privilege, and my duty as a member of the Loyal Opposition, to put the Representative's name forward for consideration. Thank you.

Representative KINNEY of Knox moved that the name of LESTER S. ORDWAY of Standish be placed in nomination for the Speaker of the House.

The CLERK: The Clerk recognizes the Representative from Presque Isle, Representative Underwood.

Representative **UNDERWOOD**: Good morning. I'm Joseph Underwood from Presque Isle and this county Representative seconds the nomination of Lester S. Ordway. Thank you.

Representative UNDERWOOD of Presque Isle seconded the motion.

Representative PIERCE of Falmouth moved that nominations cease.

Subsequently, the Committee reported that it had attended to its duties and that the Representative from Biddeford, Ryan M. Fecteau, having received a majority of the votes cast, the Sergeant-at-Arms escorted Speaker-elect Fecteau to his chair.

The Honorable ROBERT B. HUNT, Clerk of the House of the 129th Maine Legislature, administered the necessary oath of office to qualify the Speaker of the House to enter upon the discharge of his official duties.

The House was called to order by Speaker Ryan M. Fecteau of Biddeford.

At this point, pursuant to House Rule 201, the Chair addressed the House.

Speaker **FECTEAU**: Thank you. Thank you. Welcome and congratulations to each Member of the 130th Maine House of Representatives. Whether you are new or returning, it takes a lot of effort and commitment from you and your families and your friends to be elected. It takes even more amidst the reality we find ourselves in during this unprecedented year. So, let's take a moment and give each other a round of applause.

Today, much like the rest of 2020, is unlike anything we have ever experienced. We sit here in the Augusta Civic Center, distanced, masked, health screened and hand sanitized. Our friends and family are watching from home.

The halls of the civic center are not packed with well-wishers. We do not get to see your kids and grandkids joyfully or impatiently sitting on your laps, whose photos with you on this day later serve as a measure of your time spent here. We do this because each and every one of us knows that now, more than ever, our work to keep Mainers safe and healthy is paramount.

As of today, close to 12,000 Mainers have been diagnosed with COVID-19 and we have lost 214 lives. And I want to be clear; these are more than just numbers. They are our families, our friends, our neighbors, our loved ones. We know around this state and this country last week, there were empty chairs at countless Thanksgiving tables and my heart goes out to each and every person grieving those losses.

As we embark upon this session, we have a tremendous responsibility to both the State of Maine and to each other. The oath we just swore carries a weight like no other in a time like no other. I think we all recognize this. So, I want to thank you and tell you how honored I am to begin my service to you and to our State as Speaker of the Maine House.

For many of you in this Chamber, and most everyone outside of it, I should probably introduce myself. My name is Ryan Fecteau. Like every single one of you, I am a proud Mainer. My Meme, my Pepe, and my dad moved from a rural farmhouse in Packington, Quebec in 1964 to work in the textile mills in Biddeford. They spoke very little English, they had very few means, but they had the determination to build a better, more prosperous life for their family. By no means was it easy. My parents divorced when I was young, my dad finished night school and went to work in the dye house at the textile mills in Biddeford. My mom, who dropped out of high school before tenth grade, raised me and my sister in low-income housing, driving a beat-up, unreliable car, and depending on food stamps to put food on the table, and sometimes it was not enough. She was then and is now a low-wage health care worker. She managed to make the most of her career despite not having a high school diploma, but she always worried about our futures.

When you're living on the edge, like my family was, it seemed like every financial crisis that could happen, did happen. While things were tough, there was some stability amongst the chaos. We had a safe place to live, though sometimes sparse and not always nutritious, we at least had food on the table. These are my memories, but for too many Mainers, too many Maine families, this is reality. And during this pandemic, countless families are facing hardships they never could've imagined a year ago. This is a part of what shapes me and who I am, how I'll serve as your Speaker, and why I'll spend the next two years doing everything in my power to make life better for every family in this State.

And I believe that every single one of you who is here and serving in this role to make life better for the people in this State, and I think each of you have incredibly important experiences and backgrounds that will impact your work and I pledge to listen and learn from your stories, just as you have mine. The one constant in my childhood was public education. Until fourth grade, I would leave the classroom and join a special education teacher for a few hours each day. I was unable to read. The public education system did not let me down. I'll never forget the day that the special education instructor walked me back to the full class and announced that I had graduated from my specialized program. The entire class erupted into applause.

Public educators instilled confidence in me and at every turn I knew they believed in me and my ability to succeed. As a result, I became the first person in my family to graduate from college. It was during that time in college that I came out as gay to my friends and family. It was another pivotal moment in my life that required bravery. It was one of the hardest things I've ever done and, ultimately, one of the most meaningful. Easily, my story could've ended far differently. Without the right combination of my family and access to essential public services, I might not have ever graduated high school, let alone from my alma mater, the Catholic University of America.

This ability to persevere, to find a new pathway towards success, reminds me of my hometown and the city I so proudly represent; Biddeford. Not that long ago, Biddeford was widely regarded as a blue-collar mill town that trucked in trash to burn in a downtown incinerator. The downtown was filled with empty storefronts and those textile mills that my dad worked at were vacant. Like so many towns here in Maine, when the mills left our community fractured, it wasn't clear how or if we would recover. Today, Biddeford is now the youngest city in Maine. The median age of all residents is 35 years old and just 29 years old in the city's downtown area. There's a confluence of new housing, of unique small businesses, a walkable downtown, a booming real estate market. Biddeford is now one of the most desirable places to live and there's an excitement about the future of my city. None of this was by happenstance. It took hard work, it took public and private partnerships, it took dedication and quality leadership. It took heart, not just the feeling but the nonprofit heart of Biddeford that accelerated this revitalization. It took businesses willing to take a chance and organizations willing to make an investment. It took people, not political parties, coming together to work toward a common goal. It took partnership in every sense of the word.

Much may be made of my relative youthfulness, and I'm going to embrace that. Because Mainers know we must attract and retain young people to fuel our economy, to rebuild our workforce, and to ignite a bright future for our State. We need stories like the one of Biddeford and communities across this great state. You can always count on me to champion a message that asks young people to live, work and raise a family right here in the great State of Maine. As I think about this recovery, this reinvention, I think about the enormous potential we have here in our State. What if, as we recover from this crippling pandemic, we take this as an opportunity? What if we make promise to each other and to the people of this state to truly do the hard work necessary to capitalize on all of our strengths in the State while making sure we don't leave any of those who've fallen on hard times behind? At the end of the day, we all want better health care, education, jobs and opportunities for our communities. We all have infrastructure that needs attention. We all care about clean water, clean air and preserving Maine's natural beauty for future generations. We all want every Maine family to succeed and every town to have great schools and successful businesses. The next two years will be a turning point in Maine's history. As we celebrate our bicentennial, we commit to working as partners with our colleagues in the Senate and with Chief Executive Mills, and we can take what we've learned in 2020 about what's really important and set ourselves in the right direction for the next 200 years.

Now, there is no economic health without public health, so our first priority will be working as partners with the federal government to address COVID-19 and encourage immediate

relief for working families, small businesses and our communities. We need to communicate to our constituents how and when to receive a vaccine. We need to help provide certainty in an uncertain time. But if we want to provide our children and grandchildren the quality education they deserve and if we want to make Maine more energy independent and address climate change, if we want to provide the broadband that is integral to everything in our lives, if we want to fix our crumbling roads and bridges, improve access to health care, childcare, and eldercare to those in need, build more and better housing stock, we have to pledge to each other to see every person at every desk in this auditorium as a partner, not a partisan. None of this is going to be easy. We're facing unheard of challenges on all fronts. We have to both recover and rebuild and reinvest all at the same time. But we will do this and we will do this by working together. It is the only way great things are possible.

I will always work in partnership with each of you, my colleagues in the other Body, and with Chief Executive. I will always stay at the table and negotiate in good faith. I will treat the office of the Speaker and the institution I serve with the respect it deserves. I will always see what is possible and will believe that things will get better because we will make them better.

Thank you for giving me the privilege of standing here with you today. Thank you for this tremendous honor. Thank you for doing the hard work of showing up and believing that government can and must work for all Maine people. I look forward to serving with all of you and working with you to improve the lives of everyone in our great State. Thank you.

Motion by Representative BELL of Yarmouth, that Representative DUNPHY of Old Town, Representative PLUECKER of Warren, Representative NADEAU of Winslow and Representative HEAD of Bethel be appointed a Committee to receive, sort and count votes for the Clerk of the House.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Old Town, Representative Dunphy.

Representative **DUNPHY**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move that the name of Robert B. Hunt of Yarmouth be placed in nomination for Clerk of the House.

The SPEAKER: The Representative may proceed.

Representative **DUNPHY**: Women and Men of the House, thank you for the opportunity to address you today. I rise to nominate Robert Hunt of Yarmouth for the position of Clerk of the House.

The Clerk assists the Speaker in the conduct of the proceedings of the House of Representatives, which, at the very least, commands having a thorough knowledge of the rules, standing orders and documents. In real-time, the Clerk advises the Speaker and Members regarding the proper conduct of floor procedure, assuring that the core work of the House, finding agreement on our course of action, can happen in an orderly and civil manner.

The Clerk oversees the critical staff that works to support all the House Members, assists with tours, sentiments, phone messages, mail, other constituent services and sees to it that we have the best chamber staff in the nation.

You may not be aware that Maine, specifically Greater Portland, has a sister city in Archangel, Russia. Legislators from there have visited many times and have been so impressed by our procedures and chamber business that they have completely revamped the procedures of the local duma to

emulate what we do. That's a testament to the good work of the Clerk and the people that the Clerk works with.

The Clerk is an absolutely essential part of everything we do on a day-to-day basis in the Maine Legislature. I sometimes refer to the Clerk as the conductor of our legislative orchestra. To that end, Rob is an essential part of the House of Representatives team. He is the person that keeps us all moving and moving in the right direction. Rob has a steady and consistent presence and a quiet demeanor that serves us all well. And, in a year of profound uncertainty, it is essential we have a person like Rob as our Clerk. Please join me in reelecting Robert Hunt for Clerk of the House.

Representative DUNPHY of Old Town moved that the name of ROBERT B. HUNT of Yarmouth be placed in nomination for the Clerk of the House.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Warren, Representative Pluecker.

Representative **PLUECKER**: Mr. Speaker, I second the motion, and I would like to speak to that motion.

The SPEAKER: The Member may proceed.

Representative **PLUECKER**: The rules and procedures we follow in this chamber ensure that each of us has an equal opportunity to use our voice for the good of our constituents and Rob Hunt, without fail or prejudice, has worked to ensure that we understand how to use those rules in order to give the fullest voice to our communities' needs.

As a freshman legislator, there were several instances when I found myself in a conundrum as to how and when to speak up in session. Rob always found the time to sit down with me, pulling out his bookmarked and dog eared copy of Mason's Rules to go over the procedures with me. Ever the competent and patient statesman, he answered my questions and backed up his answers with the text.

The job of the Clerk is about more than just keeping the House Calendar and helping with committee referrals, it's also about making sure that each of us has the tools to get our job done, representing our communities to the fullest of our ability. With Rob Hunt in the Clerk's office, we can rest assured that he is there to aid us in these efforts. He will be there to guide us in our understanding of procedure and embody the ideal of equal access so that each of us is able to be an effective voice to our districts in this chamber. Under his proud leadership, the Clerk's office has been efficiently led with fairness and equality as their guiding principles.

Join me today in voting to return him to his office to continue his good work on behalf of everyone in this chamber.

Representative **PLUECKER** of Warren seconded the motion.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Canaan, Representative Stetkis.

Representative **STETKIS**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move that the name of Shawn Roderick of Readfield be placed in nomination for Clerk of the House.

The SPEAKER: The Member may proceed.

Representative **STETKIS**: I rise to nominate Shawn Roderick to serve as Clerk of the House. Shawn has served as the Deputy Clerk of the House and would once again serve all of us in this chamber with distinction.

The job of the Clerk is a nonpartisan one, and during his tenure as Deputy Clerk, Shawn demonstrated a strong commitment to serve both caucuses equally. While it's certainly true that the Clerk is elected by this Body that does not mean the position should cater to the majority over the

minority. It should not mean that one party is offered opportunities of ceremonial events while the other is not. It should not be a position that advances the arguments of the majority to members of the minority or frame questions before the members of this House in a way to meet the desired outcome of the presiding officer.

Shawn is a person who has served the House with distinction previously and I know he will do so again if given the opportunity. I ask you to join me in supporting Shawn Roderick for Clerk of the House.

Representative **STETKIS** of Canaan moved that the name of SHAWN RODERICK of Readfield be placed in nomination for the Clerk of the House.

Representative **PARRY** of Arundel seconded the motion.

Representative **PIERCE** of Falmouth moved that nominations cease.

At this point, a message came from the Senate, borne by Senator LIBBY of Androscoggin of that body, proposing a Convention of both branches of the Legislature to be held at 3:00 o'clock in the Hall of the House for the purpose of electing an Attorney General, a Secretary of State, a State Treasurer and a State Auditor.

At this point, a message was received from the Senate, borne by Senator VITELLI of Sagadahoc of that body, that the Senate had been duly organized by the election of the Honorable TROY D. JACKSON of Aroostook as President, DAREK M. GRANT as Secretary and MARCIA J. HOMSTEAD as Assistant Secretary, and the Senate was ready to transact such business as might come before it.

Thereupon the House voted to concur in the proposal for a Joint Convention to be held at 3:00 o'clock and the Speaker appointed Representative DUNPHY of Old Town to convey this message to the Senate.

Subsequently, the committee reported that it had attended to its duties and that the Honorable Robert B. Hunt of Yarmouth, having received a majority of the votes cast, was declared Clerk of the House.

The Speaker of the House administered the necessary oath of office to qualify the Clerk of the House of the 130th Maine Legislature to enter upon the discharge of his official duties.

Motion by Representative TALBOT ROSS of Portland, that Representative RISEMAN of Harrison, Representative THERIAULT of China and Representative BABBIDGE of Kennebunk be appointed a Committee to receive, sort and count votes for Assistant Clerk of the House.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Boothbay, Representative Stover.

Representative **STOVER**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move that the name of Jennifer E. McGowan of Hallowell be placed in nomination for the Assistant Clerk of the House.

The SPEAKER: The Representative may proceed.

Representative **STOVER**: Mr. Speaker, and to the Men and Women of the House, I rise today to nominate Jennifer E. McGowan as Assistant Clerk of the House.

As the Assistant Clerk of the House, Jennifer is a source of guidance and wisdom for this Body and has been consistently doing so for more than two decades. Her depth of knowledge and understanding of the governance and operations of this Body is a tremendous resource to all of us. Jennifer is the calm presence that greets us in the morning and she is present through the days that we are in session, no matter how long or how challenging.

A duck glides across the water, making it seem effortless and very easy. As we all know, the water conceals the duck's webbed feet below the surface, but we also know that under the water, the duck is kicking madly to stay afloat in order to get where it must go. Jennifer does much the same. She is gliding gracefully and in a dignified manner through each day, yet we all know there are days when she must be working madly beneath the surface to ensure that we have everything that we need to have a successful day and successful session.

Mr. Rogers said that his mom told him look for the helpers, you will always find people who are helping. We are so fortunate that Jennifer is that helper and a person we can go to who equitable and fairly, without partisan, helps us to do our jobs well.

Representative **STOVER** of Boothbay moved that the name of JENNIFER E. MCGOWAN of Hallowell be placed in nomination for Assistant Clerk of the House.

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Waterville, Representative Madigan.

Representative **MADIGAN**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to second the motion to nominate Jennifer McGowan of Hallowell for the Assistant Clerk of the House and request to speak to my motion.

The **SPEAKER**: The Member may proceed.

Representative **MADIGAN**: Colleagues, I am here to nominate Jennifer McGowan for Assistant Clerk of the House. I want to agree with everything Representative Stover said, but I also want to add for those of you that are knitters, she's an amazing knitter and she also will supply knitting patterns if you ask her about these things. This is important stuff here. Thank you very much.

Representative **MADIGAN** of Waterville seconded the motion.

Representative **PIERCE** of Falmouth moved that nominations cease.

Motion by Representative **MARTIN** of Eagle Lake that the Committee cast one vote for the House for JENNIFER E. MCGOWAN.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: (H.C. 3)

**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
SPEAKER'S OFFICE
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0002**

December 2, 2020
Wayne Fred Hatch
2 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333
Dear Wayne:

Pursuant to House Rule 201.1 (l) (b), I am pleased to appoint you as the Sergeant-at-Arms for the 130th Legislature. On behalf of the entire House membership, I would like to welcome you and wish you well as you carry out your duties and responsibilities.

Sincerely,
S/Ryan M. Fecteau
Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: (H.C. 4)

**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
SPEAKER'S OFFICE
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0002**

December 2, 2020
Lisa A. Baker
2 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Lisa:
Pursuant to House Rule 201.1 (l) (b), I am pleased to appoint you as Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms for the 130th Legislature. On behalf of the entire House membership, I would like to wish you well as you carry out your duties and responsibilities.

Sincerely,
S/Ryan M. Fecteau
Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Speaker of the House administered the necessary oaths of office to qualify the Assistant Clerk of the House, the Sergeant-at-Arms and the Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms to enter upon the discharge of their official duties.

Motion by Representative **CARDONE** of Bangor, that Representative **CUDDY** of Winterport, Representative **SHEEHAN** of Biddeford, Representative **EVANGELOS** of Friendship, Representative **JAVNER** of Chester, Representative **MARTIN** of Greene and Representative **STETKIS** of Canaan be appointed a Committee to notify the Governor of the organization of the House.

ORDER

On motion of Representative **DUNPHY** of Old Town, the following House Order: (H.O. 1)

ORDERED, that the House Rules of the 129th Maine House of Representatives are the House Rules of the 130th Maine House of Representatives.

READ and PASSED.

Subsequently, Representative **CUDDY** of Winterport reported that the Committee had attempted to deliver the message with which it was charged.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: (H.C. 2)

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE**

November 24, 2020

To the Speaker of the House in the One Hundred and Thirtieth Legislature:

I, Matthew Dunlap, Secretary of State, in accordance with the Constitution and laws of the State of Maine, having tabulated the returns of the votes cast for State Representatives at the General Election held on the third day of November in the year Two Thousand and Twenty;

REPORT AS FOLLOWS; that the following named persons having received a plurality of the votes cast, appear to have been elected:

District 1

Mathieson, Kristi Michele, Kittery 4,380

District 2

Ammons, Dan L., Eliot 2,312

Meyer, Michele, Eliot 3,921

District 3

Blume, Lydia, York 5,064

District 4

Hymanson, Patricia, York 3,659

Leifheit, John J. II, York 2,638

District 5

Galemmo, Charles, North Berwick 1,954

O'Connor, Beth A., Berwick 3,269

District 6

Bailey, Burnell W., South Berwick 2,468

Roberts, Tiffany Danielle, South Berwick 3,137

District 7

Hobbs, Daniel J., Wells 3,519

Roche, Timothy M., Wells 3,725

District 8

Babbidge, Christopher W., Kennebunk 4,310

DiFede, Todd V., Kennebunk 2,364

District 9

Gere, Traci, Kennebunkport 3,432

Seavey, H. Stedman, Kennebunkport 2,479

District 10

Ingwersen, Henry L., Arundel 2,966

Parry, Wayne R., Arundel 3,222

District 11

Fecteau, Ryan M., Biddeford 4,113

District 12

Keenan, Timothy S., Biddeford 1,264

Sheehan, Erin R., Biddeford 2,676

District 13

Gramlich, Lori Kathryn, Old Orchard Beach 3,383

MacDonald, Sharri K., Old Orchard Beach 2,721

District 14

Copeland, Lynn H., Saco 3,880

Sirois, Theodore L., Saco 2,234

District 15

Chappell, Marc, Saco 2,490

O'Neil, Margaret M., Saco 3,447

District 16

Carlow, Nathan Michael, Buxton 3,173

Durrell, David P., Hollis 2,954

District 17

Prescott, Dwayne W., Waterboro 3,146

Sanders, Chelsea Ellary, Waterboro 2,020

District 18

Buck, Pamela D., Sanford 1,912

Tuttle, John L. Jr., Sanford 2,184

District 19

Harrington, Matthew Allen, Sanford 2,626

Kidder, Patricia E., Sanford 1,962

District 20

Kryzak, Theodore J. Jr., Acton 3,412

Lauzon, Daniel J., Lebanon 2,062

District 21

Krolick, Clifford T., Parsonsfield 2,046

Sampson, Heidi H., Alfred 3,625

District 22

Barden, Michael Thomas III, Limington 937

Blier, Mark John, Buxton 3,076

Fitzgerald, Richard Jude, Buxton 1,619

District 23

Goodwin, Timothy H., Standish 2,315

Ordway, Lester S., Standish 3,076

District 24

Bryant, Mark E., Windham 4,652

District 25

Corey, Patrick W., Windham 4,351

District 26

Terry, Maureen F., Gorham 2,928

Vercelli, George L., Gorham 2,168

District 27

Bailey, Kyle R., Gorham 3,734

Densmore, Roger E. III, Gorham 2,642

District 28

Caiazzo, Christopher J., Scarborough 5,336

District 29

Babine, Shawn A., Scarborough 2,331

Rosenblatt, Annalee Z., Scarborough 1,852

Warren, Sophia B., Scarborough 2,561

District 30

Millett, Rebecca J., Cape Elizabeth 4,580

Thompson, Timothy Lee, Cape Elizabeth 1,965

District 31

Reckitt, Lois Galgay, South Portland 4,921

District 32

Kessler, Christopher J., South Portland 4,097

Walter, Tammy B., Cape Elizabeth 1,555

District 33

Elizabeth

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|-----------------------------------|-------|-----------------------------------|-------|
| <u>District 33</u> | | <u>District 56</u> | |
| Morales, Victoria, South Portland | 3,813 | Gaiason, Scott N., Lisbon | 1,981 |
| <u>District 34</u> | | Mason, Richard G., Lisbon | 3,183 |
| Rielly, Morgan J., Westbrook | 4,371 | <u>District 57</u> | |
| <u>District 35</u> | | Fogg, Patricia A., Greene | 1,883 |
| Salisbury, Suzanne M., | 4,470 | Martin, Thomas H. Jr., Greene | 3,400 |
| Westbrook | | <u>District 58</u> | |
| <u>District 36</u> | | Connor, Jonathan M., Lewiston | 2,589 |
| Brennan, Michael F., Portland | 3,633 | Handy, James R., Lewiston | 2,516 |
| <u>District 37</u> | | <u>District 59</u> | |
| Lookner, Grayson B., Portland | 3,686 | Craven, Margaret M., Lewiston | 2,997 |
| <u>District 38</u> | | Reeder, John D., Lewiston | 2,218 |
| Wood, Barbara A., Portland | 5,217 | <u>District 60</u> | |
| <u>District 39</u> | | Cloutier, Kristen Sarah, Lewiston | 2,498 |
| Sylvester, Michael, Portland | 5,259 | Morrison, John H., Lewiston | 997 |
| <u>District 40</u> | | <u>District 61</u> | |
| Ross, Rachel Talbot, Portland | 3,885 | Brooks, Heidi Eileen, Lewiston | 2,444 |
| <u>District 41</u> | | <u>District 62</u> | |
| Zager, Samuel Lewis, Portland | 4,940 | Melaragno, Gina M., Auburn | 1,604 |
| <u>District 42</u> | | Michael, John M., Auburn | 1,519 |
| Abercrombie, Susan M., Portland | 1,088 | <u>District 63</u> | |
| Collings, Benjamin T., Portland | 3,489 | Bickford, Bruce A., Auburn | 4,005 |
| Silvius, Carolyn Anne, Portland | 567 | <u>District 64</u> | |
| <u>District 43</u> | | Libby, Laurel D., Auburn | 2,949 |
| Crockett, W. Edward, Portland | 5,133 | Sheats, Bettyann Watson, Auburn | 2,471 |
| <u>District 44</u> | | <u>District 65</u> | |
| Pierce, Teresa S., Falmouth | 5,431 | Arata, Amy B., New Gloucester | 3,210 |
| <u>District 45</u> | | Coolidge, Misty L., New | 2,213 |
| Moriarty, Stephen W., | 4,185 | Gloucester | |
| Cumberland | | <u>District 66</u> | |
| Timmons, Michael J., | 2,560 | Fay, Jessica L., Raymond | 2,895 |
| Cumberland | | Foster, Gregory E., Raymond | 2,752 |
| <u>District 46</u> | | <u>District 67</u> | |
| Morse, Erika, Durham | 2,975 | Accardi, Susan Ann, Raymond | 1,689 |
| Sharpe, Braden K., Durham | 3,353 | Austin, Susan M., Gray | 3,096 |
| <u>District 47</u> | | Grover, Mark D., Gray | 921 |
| Bell, Arthur L., Yarmouth | 4,831 | <u>District 68</u> | |
| Fleming, Anne Chalmers, | 2,025 | Cebra, Richard M., Naples | 3,057 |
| Yarmouth | | Scully, Patrick J., Naples | 2,726 |
| <u>District 48</u> | | <u>District 69</u> | |
| Finegan, James J. Jr., Freeport | 2,151 | Davis, Michael J., Bridgton | 2,432 |
| Sachs, Melanie F., Freeport | 4,246 | Riseman, Walter N., Harrison | 3,063 |
| <u>District 49</u> | | <u>District 70</u> | |
| Arford, Poppy, Brunswick | 3,321 | Burnett, Nathan Robert Leigh, | 2,141 |
| Horch, K. Frederick, Brunswick | 3,073 | Hiram | |
| <u>District 50</u> | | Wadsworth, Nathan J., Hiram | 3,142 |
| Lawler, Michael J., Brunswick | 1,519 | <u>District 71</u> | |
| Tucker, Ralph L., Brunswick | 4,240 | Millett, H. Sawin Jr., Waterford | 2,747 |
| <u>District 51</u> | | Morse, Kenneth, Norway | 2,305 |
| Davis, Stephen Warner, | 2,663 | <u>District 72</u> | |
| Harpswell | | Blastow, Jennifer Rebecca, | 1,842 |
| McCreight, Joyce, Harpswell | 3,705 | Otisfield | |
| <u>District 52</u> | | Dillingham, Kathleen Rose | 3,234 |
| Hughes, Christina, Bath | 1,658 | Jackson, Oxford | |
| Paulhus, Sean C., Bath | 3,390 | <u>District 73</u> | |
| <u>District 53</u> | | Andrews, John E., Paris | 2,896 |
| Hepler, Allison L., Woolwich | 3,180 | Woodburn, Joshua Charles, | 1,640 |
| Pierce, Jeffrey K., Dresden | 2,976 | Paris | |
| <u>District 54</u> | | <u>District 74</u> | |
| Bashinsky, Toni Jo, Topsham | 2,393 | Lyman, Sheila A., Livermore | 2,693 |
| Tepler, Denise A., Topsham | 4,017 | Falls | |
| <u>District 55</u> | | Riley, Christina, Jay | 2,078 |
| Berry, Seth A., Bowdoinham | 3,266 | | |
| Lewis, Peter A., Bowdoinham | 2,649 | | |

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District 75

Morris, Joshua K., Turner 2,947
Nutting, John M., Leeds 2,386

District 76

Emery, Deborah Foss, Wayne 2,909
Newman, Daniel J., Belgrade 3,165

District 77

Menair, Marion Suzanne, Sidney 1,727
Perkins, Michael Dana, Oakland 3,657

District 78

Caron, Raymond R., Winslow 2,200
Nadeau, Cathy R., Winslow 2,782

District 79

Harwath, Lindsey Danielle, China 1,647
Therault, Timothy S., China 3,269

District 80

Bradstreet, Richard T., 3,330
Vassalboro

Hallee, Gregory Richard, 1,713
Vassalboro

District 81

Hasenfus, Tavis Rock, Readfield 3,220
Pietroski, Joseph J., Winthrop 2,474

District 82

Ackley, Kent F., Monmouth 2,658
Greenwood, Randall Adam, 2,707
Wales

District 83

Dilts, Christopher K., Gardiner 2,016
Harnett, Thomas A., Gardiner 2,874

District 84

Taylor, Scott B., West Gardiner 2,671
Warren, Charlotte M., Hallowell 3,090

District 85

Clardy, William L., Augusta 1,788
Doore, Donna R., Augusta 2,705

District 86

Fecteau, Justin Jacob, Augusta 2,389
Turner, Adam F., Augusta 1,816

District 87

Hanley, Jeffrey P., Pittston 3,123
Marks, Timothy I., Pittston 2,456

District 88

Hamilton, Christopher C., 2,466
Whitefield

Lemelin, Michael H., Chelsea 2,850

District 89

Hawke, Stephanie, Boothbay 2,821
Harbor

Stover, Holly B., Boothbay 3,326

District 90

Crafts, Lydia V., Newcastle 4,024
Parise, Merle James Jr., 2,176
Newcastle

District 91

Evangelos, Jeffrey, Friendship 2,792
Wallace, Lowell B., Waldoboro 2,405

District 92

Matlack, Ann, Saint George 3,943

District 93

Geiger, Valli D., Rockland 2,711
Mullins, Michael J., Rockland 2,197

District 94

Doudera, Victoria W., Camden 5,605

District 95

Luce, Molly P., Hope 2,400
Pluecker, William D., Warren 2,794

District 96

Smith, Katrina J., Palermo 2,902
Zeigler, Stanley Paige Jr., 2,975
Montville

District 97

Dodge, Janice S., Belfast 3,836
Elliott, William C. Jr., Belfast 1,875

District 98

Connor, Jessica T., Searsport 2,597
Cuddy, Scott William, Winterport 2,710

District 99

Kinney, MaryAnne, Knox 2,686
Turner, April D., Freedom 2,266

District 100

Costain, Danny E., Plymouth 3,513
Payne, Carroll E., Plymouth 1,345

District 101

Haggan, David, Hampden 3,707
Lippincott, William J., Hampden 2,090

District 102

Griffin, Abigail W., Levant 4,167

District 103

Russel, Robin S., Hermon 2,133
Thorne, James E., Carmel 3,616

District 104

Foster, Steven D., Dexter 3,716

District 105

Stetkis, Joel R., Canaan 4,059

District 106

Brownell, Ethan S., Pittsfield 1,546
Collamore, Amanda Noelle, 2,557
Pittsfield

District 107

Austin, Betty A., Skowhegan 1,975
Poirier, Jennifer L., Skowhegan 2,143

District 108

Rudnicki, Shelley J., Fairfield 2,406
White, Nathaniel J., Fairfield 1,972

District 109

Foss, Richard Andrew Jr., 1,424
Waterville

White, Bruce A., Waterville 2,992

District 110

Andre, Mark R., Oakland 1,654
Madigan, Colleen M., Waterville 2,597

District 111

Ducharme, John E. III, Madison 3,941

District 112

Bourgelais, Peter M., Phillips 1,792
Skolfield, Thomas H., Weld 3,287

District 113

Bunker, Stephan M., Farmington 2,012
Landry, H. Scott Jr., Farmington 2,816

District 114

Hall, Randall C., Wilton 3,158
Kimber, Gregory M., Temple 1,699

District 115

Dolloff, Josanne, Milton 2,567
Township

Patrick, John L., Rumford 1,927

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| <u>District 116</u> | | <u>District 135</u> | |
| Berrymont, Christopher S., Dixfield | 1,431 | Meiklejohn, Benjamin J., Mount Desert | 822 |
| Pickett, Richard A., Dixfield | 3,237 | Oh, Timothy, Mount Desert | 1,952 |
| <u>District 117</u> | | Williams, Lynne A., Bar Harbor | 3,425 |
| Head, Frances M., Bethel | 3,320 | <u>District 136</u> | |
| Sessions, Savannah Leah, Bethel | 2,744 | Blasi, Antonio, Hancock | 1,835 |
| <u>District 118</u> | | Faulkingham, William Robert, Winter Harbor | 3,198 |
| Grignon, Chad Wayne, Athens | 3,584 | <u>District 137</u> | |
| <u>District 119</u> | | Carmichael, Meldon H., | 3,044 |
| Contreni, Margarita L., Greenville | 1,468 | Greenbush | |
| Stearns, Paul A., Guilford | 3,509 | Coolidge, Maxwell G., Franklin | 1,558 |
| <u>District 120</u> | | <u>District 138</u> | |
| Evans, Richard A., Dover- Foxcroft | 1,653 | Alley, Robert W. Sr., Beals | 2,760 |
| Higgins, Norman E., Dover- Foxcroft | 1,424 | Robinson, Kimberley Florence, Harrington | 2,067 |
| Perkins, Chad Richard, Dover- Foxcroft | 1,528 | <u>District 139</u> | |
| <u>District 121</u> | | Godin, Patricia A., Trescott Township | 1,326 |
| Drinkwater, Gary A., Milford | 2,989 | Tuell, William R., East Machias | 3,423 |
| Smith, Megan L., Milford | 1,370 | <u>District 140</u> | |
| <u>District 122</u> | | Lawson, Michael Dean, Charlotte | 1,618 |
| Dunphy, Michelle A., Old Town | 2,720 | Perry, Anne C., Calais | 2,597 |
| Paradis, Edward L., Old Town | 1,586 | <u>District 141</u> | |
| <u>District 123</u> | | Green, Donald M., Berry Township | 968 |
| Bowie, Cameron S., Orono | 1,154 | Javner, Kathy, Chester | 3,400 |
| Osher, Laurie, Orono | 3,008 | <u>District 142</u> | |
| <u>District 124</u> | | DiPentino, Natalie D., Enfield | 1,179 |
| LaPointe, Daniel R., Orono | 1,759 | Gifford, Jeffery A., Lincoln | 3,097 |
| Perry, Joseph C. Sr., Bangor | 3,032 | <u>District 143</u> | |
| <u>District 125</u> | | Pray, Charles Patrick, Millinocket | 2,281 |
| Roeder, Amy J., Bangor | 3,167 | Stanley, Peggy Jo, Medway | 2,417 |
| <u>District 126</u> | | <u>District 144</u> | |
| Hiatt, Joshua Timothy, Bangor | 1,549 | Harnish, Kathryn Burke, Houlton | 1,325 |
| Supica, Laura D., Bangor | 1,788 | Quint, Tracy L., Hodgdon | 2,853 |
| <u>District 127</u> | | <u>District 145</u> | |
| Cardone, Barbara A., Bangor | 2,557 | Johansen, Chris A., Monticello | 3,484 |
| Hall, Noah James, Bangor | 1,415 | Zabierek, Robert Alvah, Sherman | 1,058 |
| <u>District 128</u> | | <u>District 146</u> | |
| Craig, Garrel R., Brewer | 2,135 | White, Dustin M., Mars Hill | 4,004 |
| O'Connell, Kevin J.M., Brewer | 2,598 | <u>District 147</u> | |
| <u>District 129</u> | | Lavado, Lillie N., Presque Isle | 1,751 |
| Lyford, Peter A., Eddington | 4,367 | Underwood, Joseph F., Presque Isle | 2,084 |
| <u>District 130</u> | | <u>District 148</u> | |
| Delli Paoli, Nicolas, Bucksport | 1,910 | McCrea, David Harold, Fort Fairfield | 2,335 |
| Downes, Kathy L., Bucksport | 3,344 | Redmond, Brian J., Fort Fairfield | 1,779 |
| <u>District 131</u> | | <u>District 149</u> | |
| Hutchins, Sherman, Penobscot | 3,276 | Bernard, Susan, Caribou | 3,672 |
| Magnan, Veronica Garvey, Stockton Springs | 2,317 | <u>District 150</u> | |
| <u>District 132</u> | | Cyr, Aaron, Madawaska | 1,848 |
| Grohoski, Nicole C., Ellsworth | 3,099 | Martin, Roland Daniel, Sinclair | 2,784 |
| Kaplan, Michelle Renee, Ellsworth | 2,505 | <u>District 151</u> | |
| <u>District 133</u> | | Bushey, Kevin A., Ashland | 2,137 |
| Pebworth, Sarah A., Blue Hill | 4,497 | Martin, John L., Eagle Lake | 2,763 |
| <u>District 134</u> | | | |
| McDonald, Genevieve L., Stonington | 4,445 | | |

I, Matthew Dunlap, Secretary of State, hereby certify that the foregoing report is a true tabulation of the votes cast for State Representatives at the General Election, as reported to me on the returns from the cities, towns, and plantations of the State.

S/Matthew Dunlap

Secretary of State

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

ORDERS

On motion of Representative DUNPHY of Old Town, the following Joint Order: (H.P. 1)

ORDERED, the Senate concurring, that the Speaker of the House is authorized, at the Speaker's discretion, to permit radio or television in the Hall of the House of Representatives during joint conventions.

READ and PASSED.

Sent for concurrence.

On motion of Representative DILLINGHAM of Oxford, the following Joint Order: (H.P. 2)

ORDERED, the Senate concurring, that there be prepared by the Legislative Information Office, under the direction of the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House, after adjournment of the present session, a compilation of all the Bills and Resolves considered by both branches of the Legislature, showing the history and final disposition of each Bill and Resolve.

READ and PASSED.

Sent for concurrence.

On motion of Representative DUNPHY of Old Town, the following Joint Order: (H.P. 3)

ORDERED, the Senate concurring, that in accordance with the Constitution of Maine, Article IV, Part Third, Section 1-A, the Apportionment Commission is established to develop in accordance with the requirements of the Constitution a plan for apportioning the House of Representatives, the Senate or both.

READ and PASSED.

Sent for concurrence.

On motion of Representative DILLINGHAM of Oxford, the following House Order: (H.O. 2)

ORDERED, that each adjournment of the House be until 10 o'clock of the following morning unless otherwise ordered.

READ and PASSED.

On motion of Representative DUNPHY of Old Town, the following House Order: (H.O. 3)

ORDERED, that the Clerk of the House is authorized and directed to furnish each member of the House with a copy of the Advance Journal and Calendar of the House, said copy to be on the desk of each member or electronically distributed at the opening of each daily session.

READ and PASSED.

On motion of Representative DILLINGHAM of Oxford, the following House Order: (H.O. 4)

ORDERED, that the remaining subordinate officers of the House be appointed to serve for the present biennium as follows: by the Clerk of the House, a Chief Calendar Clerk, 2 Advance Journal and Calendar Clerks, an Administrative Assistant, a Journal Copy Clerk, a House Reporter, a Senior Systems Support Coordinator, a Telephone Receptionist and a Chamber Activities Coordinator; and be it further

ORDERED, that the Clerk of the House is hereby authorized to accept resignations and fill any vacancies of said subordinate officers during the biennium.

READ and PASSED.

On motion of Representative DILLINGHAM of Oxford, the following House Order: (H.O. 5)

ORDERED, that the Clerk of the House is authorized to invite the clergy of Augusta, Hallowell and Gardiner to officiate as Chaplains of the House or to invite clergy from other areas of the State as requested by any member of the House; and be it further

ORDERED, that all clergy acting as Chaplains of the House shall receive \$30 for each officiation, to be paid on payrolls to be approved by the Clerk of the House.

READ and PASSED.

On motion of Representative DUNPHY of Old Town, the following House Order: (H.O. 6)

ORDERED, that the Speaker of the House is authorized, at the Speaker's discretion, to permit radio or television in the Hall of the House of Representatives while the House is in session.

READ and PASSED.

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The following Joint Order: (S.P. 1)

ORDERED, the House concurring, that the Joint Rules of the 129th Legislature are the Joint Rules of the 130th Legislature, except for the following changes.

Joint Rule 202 is amended by striking out all of the first paragraph and inserting in its place the following:

All requests for bills and resolves submitted by Legislators for a first regular session must be submitted in complete form, as provided in Joint Rule 208, to the Revisor of Statutes by 4:00 p.m. on the 3rd Friday in December.

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

READ and PASSED in concurrence.

The following Joint Order: (S.P. 2)

ORDERED, the House concurring, that the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House respectively, purchase such services, supplies and equipment as may be needed to carry on the business of the Senate and House, respectively.

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

READ and PASSED in concurrence.

The following Joint Order: (S.P. 3)

ORDERED, the House concurring, that all printing and binding authorized by the Legislature shall be under the direction of the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House.

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

The following Joint Order: (S.P. 4)

ORDERED, the House concurring, that a sufficient number of the Legislative Record for the 130th Legislature be printed, one copy for each of the members of the Senate and the House of Representatives who so desires, the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House. The remainder to be deposited with the State Law Librarian for exchange and library use; and be it further Ordered, that a suitable index be prepared for such Legislative Record, under the direction of the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House.

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

The following Joint Order: (S.P. 5)

ORDERED, the House concurring, that there be paid to the members of the Senate and the House of Representatives as advances on account of compensation established by statute, 12 payments on a biweekly basis commencing January 6, 2021, according to lists certified to the State Controller by the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House, respectively.

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

The following Joint Order: (S.P. 6)

ORDERED, the House concurring, that the Executive Director of the Legislative Council, with the approval of the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House, be authorized and directed to prepare weekly, from expense accounts to be submitted to the Executive Director by the members of the Senate and House, expense rosters showing the entitlement of each member for meals allowance and lodging reimbursement and transmit the same to the State Controller for processing and payment, in accordance with the recommendations of the Joint Interim Committee of the 101st Legislature created to study and report on a method of implementing the administration of the provision of law relating to the mileage and expenses for members of the Legislature; and be it further

ORDERED, that the Executive Director of the Legislative Council be authorized and directed to provide the forms necessary for such purpose and provide suitable space in the Executive Director's office for the filing and safekeeping of all such expense accounts and other papers and records pertaining thereto.

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

The following Joint Order: (S.P. 7)

Ordered, the House concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourn, they do so until the call of the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House, respectively.

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

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

On motion of Representative DUNPHY of Old Town, the following Joint Order: (H.P. 4)

ORDERED, the Senate concurring, that, in accordance with the Constitution of Maine, Article IV, Part Third, Section 1-A, the Apportionment Commission is established to develop in accordance with the requirements of the Constitution of Maine a plan for apportioning the House of Representatives, the Senate or both. In accordance with the Constitution of Maine, Article IX, Section 24, the Apportionment Commission shall review the existing congressional districts and, as necessary, develop a plan to reapportion the State into congressional districts. In accordance with the Constitution of Maine, Article IX, Section 25, the Apportionment Commission shall review the existing county commissioner districts and, as necessary, develop a plan to reapportion those districts in each county.

READ and **PASSED**.
Sent for concurrence.

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

On motion of Representative DUNPHY of Old Town, the following House Order: (H.O. 7)

ORDERED, that Representative Ryan M. Fecteau of Biddeford be declared Speaker of the House of Representatives for a term to expire on December 7, 2022; and be it further

ORDERED, that Robert B. Hunt of Yarmouth be declared Clerk of the House of Representatives for a term to expire on December 7, 2022; and be it further

ORDERED, that Jennifer E. McGowan of Hallowell be declared Assistant Clerk of the House of Representatives for a term to expire on December 7, 2022.

READ and **PASSED**.

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The following Joint Order: (S.P. 9)

WHEREAS, the spread of the highly contagious disease referred to as "COVID-19" has created significant challenges throughout the State and country; and

WHEREAS, in response to this widespread disease, the World Health Organization has declared a pandemic, the President of the United States has declared a national emergency and the Governor of Maine and other governors around the country have declared civil states of emergency; and

WHEREAS, federal and state guidance on curtailing the spread of the pandemic and maintaining the health and safety

of individuals emphasizes minimizing congregating in groups and ensuring physical distancing of individuals; and

WHEREAS, during the legislative session, operation of the Legislature traditionally involves the gathering together of Legislators, members of the public, representatives from other branches of government, experts and constituents; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature has a constitutional duty and responsibility to do the people's work, and it is imperative that the Legislature and its committees continue to meet, take testimony, debate, deliberate and vote, to appropriately address the needs of the State; and

WHEREAS, technology exists that would enable the Legislature to conduct its business in a manner that is consistent with public access to, and transparency of, its proceedings as demanded by the Constitution of Maine; and

WHEREAS, in order to ensure that the Legislature is able to meet the urgent needs of the people of the State while confronting rapidly changing circumstances and public health concerns, it is necessary to implement temporary procedures for that portion of the First Regular Session of the 130th Legislature during which the COVID-19 pandemic necessitates special procedures to allow the Legislature to operate in a safe, accountable and transparent manner; now, therefore, be it

ORDERED, the House concurring, that for the First Regular Session of the 130th Legislature and any special legislative session that occurs during the time period for a first regular session specified in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 3, section 2:

1. Notwithstanding any Joint Rule to the contrary, for purposes of the Constitution of Maine, a legislative meeting or proceeding held via electronic means is considered to have occurred at the seat of government and all actions taken during the meeting or proceeding have the same legal effect as if the members were physically present at the seat of government. Nothing in this Order may be construed to modify the administration of provisions regarding the payment of legislative per diem and reimbursement for travel and expenses;

2. Notwithstanding any Joint Rule to the contrary, upon reference of a bill to a committee, if a majority of the chairs and leads of the committee agree, in advance of scheduling the bill for public hearing, that the reference to that committee is inappropriate, that bill must be reported back to the floor with a recommendation of "change of committee reference." Notwithstanding any Joint Rule to the contrary, upon reference of a bill to a committee, if a majority of the chairs and leads of the committee agree, in advance of scheduling the bill for public hearing, that the reference to that committee is appropriate, that bill remains in that committee. If there is not a majority agreement among the chairs and leads regarding reference of that bill, the bill is designated for discussion by the committee for a possible change of committee reference. If the committee recommends that the bill be referred to a different committee, the committee shall report the bill back to the floor with a recommendation of "change of committee reference." Any bill that undergoes a reference determination pursuant to this section that is retained by the committee must be scheduled for a public hearing;

3. Notwithstanding any Joint Rule to the contrary, a member who is in attendance at any meeting or proceeding through approved electronic means is considered present for the purposes of the Joint Rules, including but not limited to for the purposes of a quorum;

4. Notwithstanding any Joint Rule to the contrary, a meeting or proceeding may be conducted through electronic means as long as:

A. Notice of the meeting or proceeding is provided in accordance with applicable rules, including but not limited to Joint Rule 305, and the notice includes the method by which the public may attend;

B. The identity of each participating member is verifiable, and the actions of each participating member can be authenticated, in a manner satisfactory to the chair;

C. Each member who is participating in the meeting or proceeding has the opportunity to hear and speak to other members during the meeting or proceeding; and

D. Members of the public attending the meeting or proceeding at the location identified in the notice given pursuant to paragraph A have the opportunity to hear and participate in, as appropriate, the meeting or proceeding.

Nothing in this Order may be construed to affect the ability of the chairs to suspend a committee meeting in the event of widespread power outages or natural disasters or when otherwise determined appropriate.

5. Notwithstanding any Joint Rule to the contrary, a member who is participating in a meeting or proceeding conducted through electronic means may cast a vote through electronic means as long as the chair is able to both see and hear the member casting the vote, or, if the chair cannot both see and hear the member, as long as the member registers that member's vote with the member's presiding officer by noon of the 2nd business day following the vote;

6. A technical failure on the part of an individual member or a group of members that interrupts that member's or group's electronic connection to the meeting or proceeding does not invalidate any action taken by the majority of those in attendance in the meeting or proceeding; and

7. Notwithstanding Joint Rule 208, the Revisor of Statutes shall prepare in concept form: a bill submitted by the Governor that proposes to make supplemental appropriations and allocations for the expenditures of State Government; or a bill that proposes to adopt a uniform law, a model law or an interstate compact; and be it further

ORDERED, the House concurring, that, notwithstanding Joint Rule 103, this order may be suspended with the consent of a majority of members of each chamber voting.

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

READ and **PASSED** in concurrence.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Oxford, Representative Dillingham, who wishes to address the House on the record.

Representative **DILLINGHAM**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask the Chair for some clarification on the way that some parts of this supplement and joint order are written that it does not imply that this Body would be able to meet and operate remotely and it is specifically speaking to the remote operation of committees.

The SPEAKER: The Chair would answer in the affirmative.

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

At this point the Speaker appointed Representative TALBOT ROSS of Portland to inform the Senate that the House was duly organized for business.

Subsequently, Representative TALBOT ROSS of Portland reported that she had delivered the message with which she was charged.

Subsequently, Representative DUNPHY of Old Town reported that she had delivered the message with which she was charged.

At this point, the Senate came and a Joint Convention was formed.

In Convention

The President of the Senate, the Honorable Troy D., Jackson, in the Chair.

The Convention was called to order by the Chair.

The CHAIR: The Chair recognizes the Representative from South Portland, Representative Morales.

Representative **MORALES**: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, I nominate Shenna Bellows of Manchester of the office of Secretary of State for the political years 2021 and 2022 and wish to speak to my motion.

The CHAIR: The Representative from Portland, Representative Morales, nominates Shenna Bellows of Manchester for the office of Secretary of State for the political years 2021 and 2022. The Member may proceed.

Representative **MORALES**: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Friends and Colleagues, I proudly nominate Shenna Bellows for Secretary of State because she is a leader who fundamentally understands the magnitude of the job before her and will fight for voting rights, privacy and justice. In fact, her entire professional experience has led to this very day.

As executive director at the ACLU, she spent countless hours testifying in committees on these very issues. She continued this advocacy as a state senator and now currently runs an organization dedicated to eradicating human and civil rights violations. Voting rights, privacy, justice; these are not issues Shenna will have to get up to speed on. She knows them intimately and, more importantly, she understands how they negatively impact vulnerable people.

Beyond her professional and political career, what I really admire about Shenna is how she has chosen to live, act and serve her community outside of politics. Whether it's her service as a Peace Corps volunteer or in AmeriCorps or at the ACLU or at the Holocaust and Human Rights Center, Shenna has dedicated her life to making a difference for people, for her community, not for person gain, but for the betterment of our State. Therefore, friends and colleagues, I ask that you join me in voting for Shenna Bellows for Secretary of State. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

On the motion of Representative MORALES of South Portland the Honorable Shenna Bellows of Manchester was placed in nomination for the office of Secretary of State for the political years 2021 and 2022.

The CHAIR: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Androscoggin, Senator Claxton.

Senator **CLAXTON**: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I second the nomination of Shenna Bellows of Manchester and wish to speak to my motion.

The CHAIR: The Member may proceed.

Senator **CLAXTON**: Thank you. Good afternoon. I'm Senator Ned Claxton. Welcome women and men of the Joint Caucus, the Joint Convention.

I rise today to second the nomination of Shenna Bellows for Maine Secretary of State and welcome the opportunity to express my support for Shenna.

I have known her for 10 years, participating first in a one-year program on collaborative inclusive leadership. She quickly was identified as a dynamic leader. She focused her passion and her personal experience on helping others. I saw her quickly as an impressive leader in a group of 30 other leaders. I followed her career since and celebrated her leadership successes. Whether she was at the ACLU, fighting to protect personal privacy and to make Real ID optional or when she stepped up to help lead the broad effort for marriage equality or to broaden the rights for the LGBTQ community. She went from there to LearningWorks, where as an interim director of this educational and mental health organization of over 100 staff members, she inherited an organization that was out of order and whose facilities were in bad shape, she helped them renovate the facilities, she got through the sale of two buildings, and she redid the budget structure so that they ended up on much stronger financial footing. From there, she helped them transition to a new permanent director. Then she ran for Senate in 2014, she started a consulting business, and while she was doing that, she ran for and won a Maine Senate seat in 2016, before becoming the director of the Holocaust and Human Rights Center.

When I started to think about running, she was the first legislator I turned to for insight and counsel. She found time, even while serving in the Senate and running her consulting business, for a long breakfast and two long phone calls. She tolerated all of my questions and answered them carefully and thoughtfully. She conveyed a passion about constituent services and making sure that Mainers felt heard. She helped me understand and appreciate some of the power of Maine's open legislative process. Her career path and her willingness to find time to talk with me encapsulate her qualifications. She unflinchingly listens to learn, to hear and to understand. She's respectful. She can be candid and direct without being harsh. She is clear-thinking, articulate, and embodies the quote; it's amazing what you can accomplish if it doesn't matter who gets the credit. Her awesome work ethic was demonstrated in the fact of knocking on 10,000 doors and walking a huge chunk of Maine. Willing to take on big challenges, whether it was running for the U.S. Senate or working for marriage equality. She's humble both in presence and background and she brings her best self to her work every day, whether it's Peace Corps or AmeriCorps or the Maine Senate. Her track record makes it clear where her heart is and where she directs her passion and energy. She will be an admirable, capable, and respected Secretary of State, committed to truly serving the State's residents and protecting their rights.

For these reasons, I'm proud to second the nomination of Senator Shenna Bellows for Secretary of State.

Senator CLAXTON of Androscoggin seconded the motion.

The CHAIR: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Augusta, Representative Fecteau.

Representative **FECTEAU**: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I nominate Eric Brakey of Auburn for the office of Secretary of State for the political years 2021 and 2022 and wish to speak to my motion.

The CHAIR: The Representative from Augusta, Representative Fecteau, nominates Eric Brakey of Auburn for the office of Secretary of State for the political years 2021 and 2022. The Member may proceed.

Representative **FECTEAU**: Thank you. Ladies and Gentlemen of the Joint Convention, it is my honor to nominate the Honorable Eric Brakey for the position of Secretary of State.

I know with certainty and the number of candidates alone show us that each of us takes the choosing of this important position seriously. Eric Brakey served two terms in the Maine Senate from Androscoggin County and consistently had one of the most independent and bipartisan voting records in that body. He built bipartisan coalitions in times of divided government to restore gun rights, enact welfare reform and expand health care freedoms. As Senate Chairman for the Health and Human Services Committee for four years, he consistently put principle over party.

As we know, the Secretary of State is one of the positions in government that interacts with the public quite often. From corporations to commissions, there are lots of reasons why the Secretary of State must be on top of everything, the most important of which, I believe, is the overseeing of our elections and ballot initiatives.

It is clear the Maine people have had lots of input in how our State government should run more effectively. Our high-profile ballot initiatives lead me to this conclusion. Eric Brakey is exactly the type of person who has traveled to every corner of our State, respects the process and voices of our citizens and has seen the highs and lows of our important ballot initiative process. When it comes to our elections as a whole, nothing is more important to our republic than our right to vote in secure and accurate elections. We are lucky to live in the greatest state in our union and not have to deal with the type of election issues in other states that have dominated political discourse, not in these last weeks, but years. In order to maintain the sanctity of our elections here in Maine, I fully believe that Eric Brakey is the only person who will comb through every detail and work with anyone to maintain this important standard, just like his record in the State Senate or on the campaign trail.

Even when he wasn't in the Legislature, Eric stood tall against the national popular vote that would've promised the wholesaling of Maine's voices to places like New York, Chicago, San Francisco and every other metropolitan center that isn't in Maine. Maine's choosing of electoral votes is the gold standard and Eric realized that. That's why he built strong multi-partisan coalitions of people from around the State and encouraged them to join the process and let their legislators know how they felt about the Electoral College.

The Secretary of State is supposed to be a servant of the Maine people and while it's certainly my privilege to nominate my friend, Eric, for the position, I hope it's the last time the Legislature chooses the person for the job. It's my opinion that in order to ensure the nonpartisan nature of the Secretary of State, an office that is accountable to the people first and foremost, then the position should be voted on by the Maine people in a general election. Until that time, I hope you join me

in supporting the Honorable Eric Brakey. Maine people deserve a Secretary of State who will put the interests of Maine people first and protect our elections. Thank you.

On motion of Representative **FECTEAU** of Augusta, the Honorable Eric Brakey of Auburn was placed in nomination for the office of Secretary of State for the political years 2021 and 2022.

The CHAIR: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Winter Harbor, Representative Faulkingham.

Representative **FAULKINGHAM**: Mr. Chairman, I second the nomination of Eric Brakey of Auburn and wish to speak to my motion.

The CHAIR: The Member may proceed.

Representative **FAULKINGHAM**: Mr. Chairman, the Secretary of State should be a nonpartisan member that works for all of Maine people. It should be a person willing to defend election integrity and these positions should be voted on by the Maine people, not a partisan legislature. But this is the process we are working within right now. I ask the Members of the Legislature to consider voting for a member who will work for the Maine people and support my friend, Eric Brakey.

Representative **FAULKINGHAM** of Winter Harbor seconded the motion.

Representative **DUNPHY** of Old Town moved that nominations cease.

The CHAIR: The nominees for the office of Secretary of State for the political years of 2021 and 2022 are Shenna Bellows of Manchester and Eric Brakey of Auburn. The Chair will appoint a committee to receive, sort and count votes for the office of Secretary of State for the political years of 2021 and 2022.

Subsequently the Chair appointed: the Representative from South Portland, Rep. **MORALES**, the Senator from Androscoggin, Senator **CLAXTON**, the Representative from Augusta, Rep. **FECTEAU** and the Representative from Winter Harbor, Rep. **FAULKINGHAM**.

The Chair announced the result. 186 votes have been cast, 94 necessary for choice; having received a majority of all votes cast, the Chair declared the Honorable Shenna Bellows of Manchester duly elected Secretary of State for the political years 2021 and 2022.

The CHAIR: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Waterville, Representative Madigan.

Representative **MADIGAN**: Mr. Chair, I nominate Henry Beck of Biddeford for the office of State Treasurer for the political years 2021 and 2022 and wish to speak to my motion.

The CHAIR: The Representative from Waterville, Representative Madigan, nominates Henry Beck of Biddeford for the office of State Treasurer for the political years 2021 and 2022. The Member may proceed.

Representative **MADIGAN**: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Colleagues of the Maine Legislature, I have known our current State Treasurer for many years. He used to live around the corner from me and we both shared the same love of a local ice cream shop in Waterville. I am honored today to nominate Henry Beck to continue to be our State Treasurer.

Henry is a native of Waterville and has served us well. He has worked with legislators to provide support and assistance with bills that help the people of Maine and has led to them becoming law. One of these laws is near and dear to my heart; it was a bill called the ABLE legislation. This clarified tax and benefit treatments for savings accounts for Mainers with disabilities. This allowed family members and Mainers with disabilities to afford monthly adaptive equipment by allowing them to save money and put them in savings accounts and not pay any penalties.

Henry Beck has also done a lot to make the office of the State Treasurer better serve the people of Maine. He has improved customer service, he has spoken around the State to various community groups about the work of the office of the State Treasurer, the Legislature, and to share accurate information about topics such as the rainy-day fund, bonds and our state debt profile.

Henry Beck's previous experience as a legislator has led him to lead the office of the State Treasurer to break records in unclaimed property payouts. He has worked with legislators on this. He instituted a successful public relations campaign so that what rightfully belongs to Maine residents is returned to them.

Henry Beck has also successfully negotiated bond sales for our State. In all the time I have known Henry Beck, he has always been steady, focused, he's always pushed for the inclusion of all, for the betterment of all. He has been a guy working to make things more fair for all of us while also being fiscally responsible, listening to others and coming up with solutions that work for us all.

I'm so proud to nominate my friend, Henry Beck, to be our State Treasurer today. He is the same as he has always been; true to his values, true to our values.

On motion of Representative MADIGAN of Waterville, the Honorable Henry Beck of Waterville was placed in nomination for the office of State Treasurer for the political years 2021 and 2022.

The CHAIR: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Westbrook, Representative Rielly.

Representative **RIELLY**: Mr. Chair, I second the nomination of Henry Beck of Biddeford and wish to speak to my motion.

The CHAIR: The Member may proceed.

Representative **RIELLY**: I've gotten to know Henry over the past year as a candidate. He was one of the first people to reach out to me when I filed to be on the ballot to represent my hometown. His guidance and assistance have been invaluable. Henry is a dedicated public servant, having served on the Waterville City Council when he was in college and then as a State Representative for eight years before becoming Treasurer. He went to college, law school and practiced as an attorney in Maine. His list of accomplishments and proven track record show that he is the right person at the right time to continue to guide our State's finances.

As the youngest member in the Democratic caucus, I recognize that the decisions we make and do not make during the 130th Legislature will have consequences that Mainers will feel in future decades. I vote knowing that I will be alive well after 2045, when we are set to be carbon neutral, and then we'll see at the end of this century if what we did was enough. We must take bold actions to address the climate crisis during this session and Henry is the Treasurer we need to see this through. Henry, in a recent op-ed in the Lewiston Sun Journal wrote that we need to position ourselves for enhanced and

more centralized strategies to finance renewable energy and its high-paying jobs, provide opportunities for consumers to save money and energy, and fund all other climate mitigation efforts. We need these high-paying jobs in Maine. Not only will these jobs help address the climate crisis, they will also ensure that Maine is competitive in the 2020s. Henry will get us there as Treasurer.

In the past two years, he has led the office with the highest payout of unclaimed property to Mainers ever. He negotiated the lowest interest costs in a bond sale, saving the State millions in debt service and Maine's credit rating was maintained during the pandemic despite seven other states being downgraded.

Henry joined the Northeast Investors Diversity Initiative, which is committed to increasing gender, racial, and ethnic diversity in corporate boards and he has authored and cosigned numerous communications in support of Maine workers in labor disputes with investment and business partners.

As we begin this session, Henry is the right person to lead the office of the Treasurer and support our work for Maine people. Thank you all for your time.

Representative **RIELLY** of Westbrook seconded the nomination.

The CHAIR: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Waterford, Representative Millett.

Representative **MILLETT**: Thank you, Mr. Chair. It is my privilege and pleasure to nominate the Honorable Dennis Keschel of Belgrade for the office of State Treasurer for the political years 2021 and 2022 and I respectfully request an opportunity to speak to my motion.

The CHAIR: The Representative from Waterford, Representative Millett, nominates Denny Keschel of Belgrade for the office of State Treasurer for the political years 2021 and 2022. The Member may proceed.

Representative **MILLETT**: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Denny Keschel has a long and distinguished career in the both the military, state government and as a town manager out in his hometown of Belgrade. I've had occasion to watch his career in state government, first at the executive branch level, where at the program and department level he had the responsibility of building budgets, allocating resources to various program people and assuming oversight of their expenditures. He also served two terms on the Appropriations Committee, once while I was commissioner of DAFS and during the early stages of the LePage administration and, most recently, in the 129th Committee on Appropriations.

His long career as the Town Manager in Belgrade has similarly involved not only defending the need for resources from the local property tax but retaining the confidence of the people in the wise use of those resources.

My experience with Denny is that he knows money, he knows budgets and he knows fiscal accountability. I know of no one who is better prepared and qualified coming in to such a position than Denny Keschel and I respectfully ask for your support.

On motion of Representative **MILLETT** of Waterford, the Honorable Dennis Keschel of Belgrade was placed in nomination for the office of Secretary of State for the political years 2021 and 2022.

The CHAIR: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Oxford, Representative Dillingham.

Representative **DILLINGHAM**: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Mr. Chair, I second the nomination of Dennis Keschel of Belgrade and wish to speak to my motion.

The CHAIR: The Member may proceed.

Representative **DILLINGHAM**: I've had the opportunity to work with Denny for several years and I can attest that with his life experience he would serve in this position with distinction. I wish you to support Dennis Keschel for the office of State Treasurer. Thank you.

Representative **DILLINGHAM** of Oxford seconded the nomination.

Representative **DUNPHY** of Old Town moved that nominations cease.

The CHAIR: The nominees for the office of State Treasurer for the political years of 2021 and 2022 are Henry Beck of Biddeford and Dennis Keschel of Belgrade. The Chair will appoint a committee to receive, sort and count votes for the office of the State Treasurer for the State of Maine for the political years 2021 and 2022.

Subsequently the Chair appointed:

The Representative from Waterville, Rep. MADIGAN

The Representative from Westbrook, Rep. REILLY

The Representative from Waterford, Rep. MILLET

The Representative from Oxford, Rep. DILLINGHAM

The Chair announced the result. 186 votes have been cast, 94 necessary for choice; having received a majority of all votes cast, the Chair declared the Honorable Henry Beck of Biddeford duly elected State Treasurer for the political years 2021 and 2022.

The CHAIR: The Chair recognizes the Senator from York, Senator Bailey.

Senator **BAILEY**: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I nominate Aaron Frey of Bangor for the office of the Attorney General for the political year 2021 and 2022 and wish to speak to my motion.

The CHAIR: The Senator from York, Senator Bailey, nominates Aaron Frey of Bangor for the office of Attorney General for the political years 2021 and 2022. The Member may proceed.

Senator **BAILEY**: Mr. Chair, Members of the House and Senate, I am pleased to nominate Aaron M. Frey of Bangor for a second term as Maine's Attorney General.

As the House Chair of the Judiciary Committee in the 129th, I had the opportunity to work closely with Attorney General Frey on a number of important issues. I was particularly impressed with the way he worked constructively with our committee on issues of tribal sovereignty. Attorney General Frey also worked closely with the Judiciary Committee on many other issues including the development of the Deadly Force Review Panel and in work to explore options to root out and address racial bias in policing. I also appreciate Attorney General Frey's willingness to defend laws that we as the Legislature have voted to pass when challenged by opponents in court. Two examples that come to mind are the bill to recognize and protect domestic violence victims from economic abuse and the A La Carte Cable Bill. He also is attentive to questions from Members regardless of party on all

issues ranging from legislative questions to important constituent service matters. Under his leadership, his office is a resource for all of us who work hard every day to be responsive to our constituents. It is for these reasons that I nominate Aaron M. Frey for a second term as Maine's Attorney General and I ask that you join me in supporting him.

On motion of Senator **BAILEY** of York, the Honorable Aaron M. Frey of Bangor was placed in nomination for the office of Attorney General for the political years 2021 and 2022.

The CHAIR: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Falmouth, Representative Pierce.

Representative **PIERCE**: Mr. Chair, I second the nomination of Aaron Frey of Bangor and wish to speak to my motion.

The CHAIR: The Member may proceed.

Representative **PIERCE**: Thank you. I am honored to be nominating Aaron Frey for his second term as Attorney General. I served with him on the Appropriations and Financial Affairs Committee. His understanding of our entire system is robust and adds to what he does as an Attorney General. He took all of his time as his six years as a House Member and translated that into being an Attorney General. He used that knowledge and then applied it to what he does in that job. He does it with ease and with integrity and with humility and occasionally a great sense of humor. I hope that you will join me in voting Mr. Frey in for a second term as our Attorney General. Thank you.

Representative **PIERCE** of Falmouth seconded the nomination.

The CHAIR: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Washburn, Representative White.

Representative **WHITE**: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Mr. Chair, I nominate Alex Willette of Augusta for the office of Attorney General for the political years 2021 and 2022 and wish to speak to my motion.

The CHAIR: The Representative from Washburn, Representative White, nominates Alex Willette of Augusta for the office of Attorney General for political years 2021 and 2022. The Member may proceed.

Representative **WHITE**: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I rise today to nominate Alex Willette to be Maine's next Attorney General.

Alex is a proud native of Aroostook County. He's served two terms in the House of Representatives, serving as the Republican Assistant Leader in the 126th Legislature. Upon leaving the Legislature, he worked in the LePage administration as the Communications and Legislative Affairs Director for the Department of Administrative and Financial Service. In 2015, he left the administration and served as the Assistant District Attorney in Sagadahoc County for three and a half years, prosecuting all cases from civil to Class A felonies. He serves as a captain in the Maine Army National Guard currently as well. In 2019, he joined the Trump administration as the Deputy White House Political Director, fighting for Maine's interests at the White House, including support for Maine's lobster industry.

Alex is an experienced prosecutor and a public servant and I urge you to vote for him to Maine's next Attorney General. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

On motion of Representative **WHITE** of Washburn, the Honorable Alex Willette of Augusta was placed in nomination for the office of Attorney General for the political years 2021 and 2022.

Representative **PARRY** of Arundel seconded the motion.

Representative **DUNPHY** of Old Town moved that nominations cease.

The CHAIR: The nominees for the office of Attorney General for the political years of 2021 and 2022 are Aaron Frey of Bangor and Alex Willette of Augusta. The Chair will appoint a committee to receive, sort and count votes for the office of the Attorney General for the State of Maine for the political years 2021 and 2022.

Subsequently the Chair appointed:

The Senator from York, Senator **BAILEY**

The Representative from Falmouth, Rep. **PIERCE**

The Representative from Washburn, Rep. **WHITE**

The Representative from Arundel, Rep. **PARRY**

The Chair announced the result. 186 votes have been cast, 94 necessary for choice; having received a majority of all votes cast, I now declare the Honorable Aaron Frey of Bangor duly elected Attorney General for the political years 2021 and 2022.

The CHAIR: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Hancock, Senator Luchini.

Senator **LUCHINI**: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Mr. Chair, I nominate Matthew Dunlap of Old Town for the office of State Auditor for the political years 2021 through 2024 and wish to speak to my motion.

The CHAIR: The Senator from Hancock, Senator Luchini, nominates Matthew Dunlap of Old Town for the office of State Auditor for the political years 2021 through 2024. The Member may proceed.

Senator **LUCHINI**: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Mr. Chair, Mr. Speaker, Members of the Joint Convention, I'm honored to stand before you today to nominate the Honorable Matthew Dunlap of Old Town to the position of State Auditor.

I think many of us in this arena have worked with Matt and know him from outgoing role as Maine's Secretary of State, but for those who aren't familiar with Matt, I'll quickly outline some of his background, some of the experiences and qualifications that in my view will make him an excellent choice to be Maine's next auditor.

Matt is a life-long Mainer, born in the great city of Ellsworth and grew up on MDI. He graduated from the University of Maine and has taken senior executive programs at the Kennedy School at Harvard. He's served here in the Legislature, chairing the IF&W committee, and was the executive director of the Sportsman's Alliance of Maine.

Most recently, as we're all likely aware, Matt's wrapping up his distinguished service as Maine's Secretary of State and during his tenure as Secretary, he emphasized implementing efficiency measures, modernizing the technical services at the Bureau of Motor Vehicles including rapid renewal and online driver's license renewals. At elections, he implemented the central voter registration system under the federal Help America Vote Act. And Matt placed a major focus on implementing the Military and Overseas Voter Empowerment Act, making us the best in the nation to ensure our servicemen and women are able to receive and cast their ballots in Maine's elections, regardless of where they're located across the globe.

Most recently, as we're all aware, he's worked with the over 500 municipalities here in the State of Maine, overseeing the safe and secure administration of two statewide elections against the backdrop of a global pandemic.

Throughout his tenure as Secretary, Matt has been widely praised for his nonpartisan work, his commitment to transparency and for being incredibly accessible at nearly all hours of the day. Those skills, transparency, accountability, efficiency and nonpartisanship, translate well to leading Maine's office of the State Auditor and the very important functions that exist therein, ensuring Maine's government is accountable to the people of Maine, that it's operating efficiently, that funds are spent properly and legally and that data and systems are secure.

I think anyone who knows Matt understands he's a committed public servant. He reveres this institution, he's unwaveringly passionate about Maine, and cares deeply about its people. So, for all of these reasons, I'm proud to nominate Matt for State Auditor and I encourage your support. Thank you.

On motion of Senator **LUCHINI** of Hancock, the Honorable Matthew Dunlap of old Town was placed in nomination for the office of State Auditor for the political years 2021 and 2024.

The CHAIR: The Chair recognizes the Representative from York, Representative Hymanson.

Representative **HYMANSON**: Thank you. Colleagues, I wished to speak to my motion, but Matthew Dunlap told me the day would be late and you would be tired. That's true. So, I told him I had a half-hour speech in my head talking about his spectacular public service to Maine, including the Maine Sportsman Alliance, the Legislature, and as longstanding Secretary of State and how, as State Auditor, he would ensure our appropriations would fund what we had intended them to.

So, I acquiesced and I will simply second the nomination of Matthew Dunlap for the office of State Auditor.

Representative **HYMANSON** of York seconded the nomination.

The CHAIR: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Androscoggin, Senator Timberlake.

Senator **TIMBERLAKE**: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I nominate Benjamin Lombard of Yarmouth for the office of State Auditor for the political years 2021 through 2024 and wish to speak to my motion.

The CHAIR: The Senator from Androscoggin, Senator Timberlake, nominates Ben Lombard of the Town of Yarmouth to the office of State Auditor for the political years 2021 through 2024. The Member may proceed.

Senator **TIMBERLAKE**: I rise to nominate Ben Lombard for the office of State Auditor. The requirements for this position of State Auditor under Title V of the Maine Revised Statute reads that the State Auditor must be a certified public accountant or a college graduate with not less than six years experience as a professional accounting auditor. Ben is the only candidate for this position that is a CPA, a certification he has held for more than 20 years. He can do the job on day one. He is a man of integrity, experience that will serve the people of Maine well in performing the duties of State Auditor. His years of experience as a CPA means he knows how to review accounts, audit state agencies to ensure the hard-earned tax dollars of Maine people are not wasted. I ask you to join me in supporting Ben for State Auditor. Thank you.

On motion of Senator **TIMBERLAKE** of Androscoggin, the Honorable Ben Lombard of Yarmouth was placed in

nomination for the office of State Auditor for the political years 2021 and 2024.

The CHAIR: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Knox, Representative Kinney.

Representative **KINNEY**: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Mr. Chair, I second the nomination of Benjamin Lombard of Yarmouth and I do not wish to speak to my motion, as the Representative from Arundel did the same earlier.

Representative **KINNEY** of Knox seconded the motion.

Representative **DUNPHY** of Old Town moved that nominations cease.

The CHAIR: The nominees for the office of State Auditor for the political years of 2021 and 2024 are Matthew Dunlap of Old Town and Benjamin Lombard of Yarmouth. The Chair will appoint a committee to receive, sort and count votes for the office of the State Auditor for the State of Maine for the political years 2021 and 2024.

Subsequently the Chair appointed:

The Senator from Hancock, Senator LUCHINI

The Representative from York, Rep. HYMANSON

The Senator from Androscoggin, Senator TIMBERLAKE

The Representative from Knox, Rep. KINNEY

The Chair announced the result. 186 votes have been cast, 94 necessary for choice; having received a majority of all votes cast, I now declare the Honorable Matthew Dunlap of Old Town duly elected State Auditor for the political years 2021 and 2024.

On motion by Senator LIBBY of Androscoggin, the Secretary of the Senate was directed to notify the Governor of the election of Constitutional Officers.

The purpose for which the Convention was assembled having been accomplished, the Chair declared the same dissolved.

The Senate then retired to its chamber.

(After the Joint Convention)

The House was called to order by the Speaker.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Canaan, Representative Stetkis.

Representative **STETKIS** of Canaan requests to speak on the record.

The SPEAKER: The Representative has requested unanimous consent to address the House on the record. Hearing no objection, the Representative may proceed on the record.

Representative **STETKIS**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, the House Republican caucus is ready and prepared to get to work for the people of Maine in these difficult times.

I'd like to respectfully request that we get back to work immediately now that it is within the power of the presiding officers that were elected in the two bodies of this Legislature today. All of our constituents cannot wait another day as their lives and their livelihoods are in peril and are looking to us to serve them as they've elected us to do. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER: The Representative has requested unanimous consent to address the House on the record. Hearing no objection, the Representative may proceed on the record.

Representative **FAULKINGHAM**: Thank you. This Legislature has advocated its responsibility to represent the people of Maine for eight months now. It is now well beyond the point that we as Representatives of our districts participate in the governing of the people we were elected by. As we come into this new session of the 130th Maine Legislature, we've had nearly a year to adapt to the challenges of COVID virus. Therefore, the time where it was necessary for the Governor to carry out decisions unilaterally, without the consent of the Legislature, has passed.

That is why I am imploring the leadership and the Members of the Democratic caucus to go to work immediately. We are here, we are set up in this building, let's go to work tomorrow.

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

On motion of Representative Dunphy of Old Town, the House adjourned at 6:29 pm until the call of the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House, respectively, pursuant to the Joint Order (S.P. 7).