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ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE
SECOND SPECIAL SESSION
1st Legislative Day
Wednesday, September 29, 2021

Pursuant to the Provision of Article IV, Part Third, Section 1 of the Constitution of Maine the members of the Legislature were polled. The majority of each political party having voted in the affirmative, the members of the House of Representatives assembled in their hall at 10:00 in the morning and were called to Order by the Speaker.

Prayer by Pastor Frank Gleason, Skowhegan.
National Anthem by Honorable Christopher J. Kessler, South Portland.
Pledge of Allegiance.

A roll call was taken. 125 out of 151 members answered to their names and accordingly the Chair declared a quorum present.

Those absent:

- Representative BAILEY of Gorham
- Representative BICKFORD of Auburn
- Representative BLUME of York
- Representative CEBRA of Naples
- Representative COLLINGS of Portland
- Representative COPELAND of Saco
- Representative COREY of Windham
- Representative DOORE of Augusta
- Representative EVANGELOS of Friendship
- Representative FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor
- Representative GRIGNON of Athens
- Representative HAGGAN of Hampden
- Representative HANLEY of Pittston
- Representative HARRINGTON of Sanford
- Representative JOHANSEN of Monticello
- Representative LEMELIN of Chelsea
- Representative MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth
- Representative O'NEIL of Saco
- Representative PARRY of Arundel
- Representative PRESCOTT of Waterboro
- Representative ROBERTS of South Berwick
- Representative SHARPE of Durham
- Representative STANLEY of Medway
- Representative TERRY of Gorham
- Representative THERIAULT of China
- 1 Vacancy

ORDERS

On motion of Representative DUNPHY of Old Town, the following House Order: (H.O. 12)

ORDERED, that a Committee of six be appointed to wait upon Her Excellency, Governor Janet T. Mills, and inform her that a quorum of the House of Representatives was assembled in the Hall of the House for the consideration of such business as may come before the House.

READ and PASSED.

The Speaker appointed the following Members to the Committee to wait upon the Governor and inform her that a quorum of the members of the House of Representatives have assembled in the Hall of the House for the consideration of such business as may come before the House:

- Representative DUNPHY of Old Town
- Representative PERRY of Calais
- Representative BRENNAN of Portland
- Representative KRYZAK of Acton
- Representative MORRIS of Turner

On motion of Representative TALBOT ROSS of Portland, the following House Order: (H.O. 13)
ORDERED, that a message be conveyed to the Senate that a quorum of the House of Representatives was present for the consideration of such business as may come before the House.
READ and PASSED.

The Speaker appointed Representative TALBOT ROSS of Portland to inform the Senate that a quorum of the members of the House of Representatives had assembled in the Hall of the House for the consideration of such business as may come before the House.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: (H.C. 212)

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

July 21, 2021

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

Dear Clerk Hunt:

Pursuant to my authority under House Rule 201.1 (l) (a), I am reappointing Representative Laurel Libby of Auburn to the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary, replacing Representative Barbara Cardone of Bangor, effective immediately. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions regarding this appointment.

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

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 213)

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

July 21, 2021

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

Dear Clerk Hunt:

Pursuant to my authority under House Rule 201.1 (l) (a), I am reappointing Representative Heidi Sampson of Alfred to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs, replacing Representative Allison Hepler of Woolwich, effective immediately. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions regarding this appointment.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions regarding this appointment.

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

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 214)
STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
SPEAKER'S OFFICE
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0002

July 21, 2021
The Honorable Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Clerk Hunt:
Pursuant to my authority under House Rule 201.1 (I) (a), I am reappointing Representative Michael Lemelin of Chelsea to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services, replacing Representative Gina Melaragno of Auburn, effective immediately.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions regarding this appointment.

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

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 215)
STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
SPEAKER'S OFFICE
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0002

July 21, 2021
The Honorable Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Clerk Hunt:
Pursuant to my authority under House Rule 201.1 (I) (a), I am reappointing Representative Christopher Johansen of Monticello to the Joint Standing Committee on Environment and Natural Resources, replacing Representative Jessica Fay of Raymond, effective immediately.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions regarding this appointment.

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

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 216)
STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
SPEAKER'S OFFICE
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0002

July 21, 2021
The Honorable Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Clerk Hunt:

Pursuant to my authority under House Rule 201.1 (I) (a), I am reappointing Representative John Andrews of Paris to the Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business, replacing Representative Genevieve McDonald of Stonington, effective immediately. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions regarding this appointment.

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

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 217)
STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
SPEAKER'S OFFICE
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0002

July 21, 2021
The Honorable Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Clerk Hunt:
Pursuant to my authority under House Rule 201.1 (I) (a), I am reappointing Representative Sherman Hutchins of Penobscot to the Joint Standing Committee on Marine Resources, replacing Representative Holly Stover of Boothbay, effective immediately. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions regarding this appointment.

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

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 218)
STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
SPEAKER'S OFFICE
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0002

July 21, 2021
The Honorable Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Clerk Hunt:
Pursuant to my authority under House Rule 201.1 (I) (a), I am reappointing Representative James Thorne of Carmel to the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary, replacing Representative Joyce McCreight of Harpswell, effective immediately.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions regarding this appointment.

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

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

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

The Following Communication: (H.C. 219)

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

July 21, 2021

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

Dear Clerk Hunt:

Pursuant to my authority under House Rule 201.1 (l) (a), I am reappointing Representative James Thorne of Carmel to the Joint Standing Committee on Marine Resources, replacing Representative Victoria Doudera of Camden, effective immediately.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions regarding this appointment.

Sincerely,

S/Ryan M. Fecteau
Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 220)

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

August 5, 2021

The Honorable Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333-0002

Dear Clerk Hunt,

Pursuant to my authority under SP 578, I have appointed the following members to the *Working Group to Review the Process for Ongoing Review of Tax Expenditures*, effective immediately:

Honorable Maureen Terry of Gorham as House Chair and as a House member of the Joint Standing Committee on Taxation

Honorable Holly Stover of Boothbay as a House member of the Government Oversight Committee

Honorable Sawin Millett, Jr. of Waterford as a House member of the Government Oversight Committee

Honorable Theodore Kryzak, Jr. of Acton as a House member of the Joint Standing Committee on Taxation

Should you have any question regarding these appointments, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

S/Ryan M. Fecteau
Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 221)

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

August 5, 2021

The Honorable Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333-0002

Dear Clerk Hunt,

Pursuant to my authority under Title 5, Part 17, Chapter 371-A §7030 of the Maine Revised Statutes, I have reappointed the following to the *Permanent Commission on the Status of Women*:

Dr. Ruth Kermish-Allen of Appleton, seat 15

Bonnie Porta of Cape Elizabeth, seat 16

Please contact my office if you have any questions regarding these appointments.

Sincerely,

S/Ryan M. Fecteau
Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 222)

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

August 26, 2021

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

Dear Clerk Hunt,

Pursuant to my authority under Resolves, Chapter 104, I have appointed Judge Jarrod Crockett of South Paris to the *Commission To Create a Plan To Incorporate the Probate Courts into the Judicial Branch* as a member of the Probate Judges Assembly, effective immediately.

Judge Crockett will replace Judge William Avantaggio of Damariscotta who has resigned from the Commission.

Should you have questions regarding this appointment, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,

S/Ryan M. Fecteau
Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 223)

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

August 5, 2021

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

Dear Clerk Hunt,

Pursuant to my authority under Resolves, Chapter 104, I have appointed the following to the *Commission To Create a Plan To*

Incorporate the Probate Courts into the Judicial Branch, effective immediately:

Honorable Barbara Cardone of Bangor, as House chair
Honorable Erin Sheehan of Biddeford, as a member of the House

Honorable David Haggan of Hampden, as a member of the House

Honorable William Avantaggio of Damariscotta, as a member of the Probate Judges Assembly

Ms. Tudor Goldsmith of Portland, as a member of the Maine State Bar Association

Mr. Leo Delicata of Augusta, as a member of the Maine State Bar Association and a member of a nonprofit organization providing statewide free legal services

Ms. Kathy Ayers of Augusta, as a Register of Probate
Should you have questions regarding these appointments, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 224)

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

August 6, 2021
Honorable Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Clerk Hunt,
Pursuant to my authority under Resolves, Chapter 116, I have appointed the following House members to the *Task Force To Study the Coordination of Services and Expansion of Educational Programs for Young Adults with Intellectual or Developmental Disabilities or Acquired Brain Injury*, effective immediately:

Honorable Rebecca Millett of Cape Elizabeth, as a member of the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs.
Honorable Samuel Zager of Portland, as a member of the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

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

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 225)

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

August 6, 2021
Honorable Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Clerk Hunt,
Pursuant to my authority under Resolves, Chapter 108, I have appointed the following to the Registration Plate Working Group, effective immediately.

Honorable Mark Bryant of Windham. Representative Bryant will serve on the working group as the member of the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation.

David Little of Bangor. Mr. Little will serve on the working group as the member who represents a municipality or other political subdivision of the State engaged in the registration of motor vehicles on behalf of the State.

Shane Blakley of Warren. Mr. Blakley will serve on the working group as an individual who is responsible for overseeing the manufacture of registration plates in the State Prison.

Should you have questions regarding these appointments, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

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

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 226)

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

August 18, 2021
The Honorable Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333-0002

Dear Clerk Hunt,
Pursuant to my authority under Title 5, Part 17, Chapter 371-A §7030 of the Maine Revised Statutes, I have reappointed Anne Gass of Gray to the *Permanent Commission on the Status of Women*, seat 17, effective immediately.

Please contact my office if you have any questions regarding this appointment.

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

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 227)

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

August 19, 2021
Honorable Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Clerk Hunt,
Pursuant to my authority under Resolves, Chapter 103, I have appointed the following to the Commission to Study College Affordability and College Completion, effective immediately:

Representative Edward Crockett of Portland to serve on the commission as a member of the Education and Cultural Affairs Committee. Also, as first-named House of Representatives member, Representative Crockett will serve on the commission as House Chair;

Representative Suzanne Salisbury of Westbrook to serve on the commission as a member of the Education and Cultural Affairs Committee;

Representative Timothy Roche of Wells to serve on the commission as a member of the Education and Cultural Affairs Committee;

Colleen Quint of Portland to serve on the commission as the member with expertise in higher education policy issues representing a nonprofit entity in the State that provides financial assistance to students or to high schools to assist students with college enrollment; and

Jason Judd of Portland to serve on the commission as the member with expertise in higher education policy issues representing a statewide education policy research institute.

Should you have any questions regarding these appointments, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,

S/Ryan M. Fecteau

Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 228)

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

August 10, 2021

The Honorable Rob Hunt

Clerk of the House

2 State House Station

Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Clerk Hunt:

Pursuant to my authority under House Rule 201.1 (I) (a), I have appointed Representative Melanie Sachs of Freeport to the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology, replacing Representative Barbara Wood of Portland, effective immediately.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

S/Ryan M. Fecteau

Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 229)

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
2 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0002**

June 23, 2021

Speaker Ryan Fecteau

State of Maine

2 State House Station

Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Mr Speaker,

It is with much sadness that I will be resigning from the Maine House of Representatives effective at the end of the day celebrating our Nation's Independence - July 4, 2021.

I left the classroom in order to serve our State and I have been offered a wonderful and unexpected opportunity to serve students once again. It pains me that I am unable to do both simultaneously, but this opportunity takes my family and I outside of my House District.

It was a difficult decision to make, but ensuring the well-being of my family is a promise I have made over-and-over to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

It has been my distinct honor to serve the People of west and north Augusta, especially during the COVID-19 health crisis when I was put in a position to help those who needed critical and immediate assistance. There are many fine public servants in our State who care deeply about all Maine People and it has been my pleasure to serve alongside them.

Sincerely,

S/Justin Fecteau

State Representative-HD86

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 230)

**SENATE OF MAINE
130TH LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT**

August 19, 2021

The Honorable Robert B. Hunt

Clerk of the House

2 State House Station

Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Clerk Hunt:

Pursuant to my authority under SP 578 passed in the 130th Maine Legislature, I am pleased to appoint the following Senators, as members of the Government Oversight Committee, to the Working Group To Review the Process for Ongoing Review of Tax Expenditures:

Senator Donna Bailey of York

Senator Rick Bennett of Oxford

These appointments are effective the date of this letter. Please let me know if you have any questions regarding either appointment.

Sincerely,

S/Troy D. Jackson

President of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 231)

**SENATE OF MAINE
130TH LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT**

August 19, 2021

The Honorable Robert B. Hunt

Clerk of the House

2 State House Station

Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Clerk Hunt:

Pursuant to my authority under SP 578 passed in the 130th Maine Legislature, I am pleased to appoint the following Senators, as members of the Joint Standing Committee on Taxation, to the Working Group To Review the Process for Ongoing Review of Tax Expenditures:

Senator Nate Libby of Androscoggin

Senator Matthew Pouliot of Kennebec

These appointments are effective the date of this letter. Please let me know if you have any questions regarding either appointment.

Sincerely,

S/Troy D. Jackson

President of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 232)

**SENATE OF MAINE
130TH LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT**

August 20, 2021
The Honorable Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Clerk Hunt:

Pursuant to my authority under Resolves, Chapter 116 passed in the 130th Legislature, I am pleased to appoint Senator Craig Hickman of Kennebec to the Task Force To Study the Coordination of Services and Expansion of Educational Programs and Vocational Opportunities for Young Adults with Intellectual or Developmental Disabilities or Acquired Brain Injury. With this appointment, he will be serving as a Senator on the Labor and Housing Committee, effective October 18, 2021. Please let me know if you have any questions regarding this appointment.

Sincerely,
S/Troy D. Jackson
President of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 233)

**SENATE OF MAINE
130TH LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT**

August 20, 2021
The Honorable Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Clerk Hunt:

Pursuant to my authority under Title 5, section 12004-I, subsection 52-C, I am pleased to appoint the following individuals to the Marijuana Advisory Commission:

Senator Brad Farrin of Somerset
Lenny Sharon of Auburn

I am also pleased to reappoint John Risler of Tenants Harbor to the Marijuana Advisory Commission. Please let me know if you have any questions regarding these appointments, which are effective the date of this letter.

Sincerely,
S/Troy D. Jackson
President of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 234)

**SENATE OF MAINE
130TH LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT**

August 27, 2021
The Honorable Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Clerk Hunt:

Pursuant to my authority under Resolves, Chapter 108 of the 130th Maine Legislature, I am pleased to appoint Christl Theriault to the Registration Plate Working Group, effective the

date of this letter. With this appointment, she will be serving as a member representing a state agency that is a recipient of funds generated by the sale of specialty license plates. Please let me know if you have any questions regarding this appointment.

Sincerely,
S/Troy D. Jackson
President of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 235)

**SENATE OF MAINE
130TH LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT**

August 27, 2021
The Honorable Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Clerk Hunt:

Pursuant to my authority under Resolves, Chapter 108 of the 130th Maine Legislature, I am pleased to appoint Senator Ben Chipman to the Registration Plate Working Group, effective the date of this letter. With this appointment, he will be serving as a Senator on the Committee on Transportation.

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

Sincerely,
S/Troy D. Jackson
President of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 236)

**SENATE OF MAINE
130TH LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT**

August 27, 2021
The Honorable Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Clerk Hunt:

Pursuant to my authority under Resolves, Chapter 104 passed in the 130th Legislature, I am pleased to appoint the following Senators to the Commission To Create a Plan To Incorporate the Probate Courts into the Judicial Branch:

Senator Anne Carney of Cumberland
Senator Lisa Keim of Oxford

They will be serving on the commission effective October 18, 2021. Please let me know if you have any questions regarding these appointments.

Sincerely,
S/Troy D. Jackson
President of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 238)

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

September 2, 2021

The Honorable Robert B. Hunt

Clerk of the House

2 State House Station

Augusta, ME 04333-0002

Dear Clerk Hunt,

Pursuant to my authority under Public Law Chapter 405, I have appointed the following to the Committee to Study the Feasibility of Creating Basic Income Security, effective immediately:

Honorable Colleen Madigan of Waterville as a House member of the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Humans Services. As first-named House member, Representative Madigan will also serve as House Chair of this study committee; Honorable Amy Roeder of Bangor as a House member of the Joint Standing Committee on Labor and Housing;

Honorable Susan Bernard of Caribou as a House member of the Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business;

Lori Moses of Sebago as a member of the public who represents business and industry; and

Professor Michael Howard of Orono as a member of the public who represents higher education.

Should you have any questions regarding these appointments, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,

S/Ryan M. Fecteau

Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 239)

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

September 2, 2021

The Honorable Robert B. Hunt

Clerk of the House

2 State House Station

Augusta, ME 04333-0002

Dear Clerk Hunt,

Pursuant to my authority under Resolves, Chapter 423, I have appointed the Honorable Kristi Mathieson of Kittery to serve as the House member on the *Maine Health Data Organization Health Information Advisory Committee*, effective immediately.

Should you have any questions regarding this appointment, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,

S/Ryan M. Fecteau

Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 240)

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

September 3, 2021

Honorable Robert B. Hunt

Clerk of the House

2 State House Station

Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Clerk Hunt,

Pursuant to my authority under Resolves, Chapter 122, I have appointed the following to the *Commission To Develop a Paid Family and Medical Leave Benefits Program*, effective immediately:

Honorable Kristen Cloutier of Lewiston to serve as a member of the House of Representatives and as the House Chair of the commission;

Honorable Paul Stearns of Guilford to serve as a member of the House of Representatives;

Ms. Sarah Brydon of Portland to serve as the member with expertise in issues related to family and medical leave benefits;

Ms. Emily Ingwersen of Arundel to serve as the member who is an employer with 50 or fewer employees; and

Mr. Charlie Mitchell of Gray to serve as the member who is an employer in the hospitality industry.

Should you have any questions regarding these appointments, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,

S/Ryan M. Fecteau

Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

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

The Following Communication: (H.C. 241)

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

September 8, 2021

Honorable Robert B. Hunt

Clerk of the House

2 State House Station

Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Clerk Hunt,

Pursuant to my authority under Resolves, Chapter 121, I have appointed the following to the Criminal Records Review Committee, effective immediately:

Assistant House Majority Leader Rachel Talbot Ross of Portland will serve as a member of the House of Representatives and as first-named House member, she will also serve as the House Chair;

Representative Richard Pickett of Dixfield will serve as a member of the House of Representatives;

Marissa Bodnar of Portland will serve as a representative of broadcasting interests;

Elizabeth Ward Saxl of Augusta will serve as a representative of a statewide nonprofit organization whose mission includes advocating for victims and survivors of sexual assault;

Barbara Taylor of Peaks Island will serve as a representative of an organization that provides free civil legal assistance to citizens of the State with low incomes;
Hannah Longley of Hallowell will serve as a representative of a mental health advocacy organization;
Michael Kebede of Portland will serve as a representative of a civil liberties organization whose primary mission is the protection of civil liberties;
Dee Clarke of Portland will serve as a representative of a nonprofit organization whose primary mission is to advocate for victims and survivors of sexual exploitation and sex trafficking;
Jill Ward of Portland will serve as a representative of an organization involved in advocating for juvenile justice reform; and
Judith Meyer of Lewiston will serve as a representative of a public records access advocacy organization.
Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.
Sincerely,
S/Ryan M. Fecteau
Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 242)
**SENATE OF MAINE
130TH LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT**

September 14, 2021
The Honorable Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Clerk Hunt:

Pursuant to my authority under Resolves, Chapter 122 passed in the 130th Legislature, I am pleased to appoint the following individuals to the Commission To Develop a Paid Family and Medical Leave Benefits Program:

Senator Matthea Daughtry of Cumberland
Senator Kim Rosen of Hancock
Drew Christopher Joy
Wendy Estabrook

These appointments are effective October 18, 2021. Please let me know if you have any questions regarding any of these appointments.

Sincerely,
S/Troy D. Jackson
President of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 243)
**SENATE OF MAINE
130TH LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT**

September 14, 2021
The Honorable Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Clerk Hunt:

Pursuant to my authority under Resolves, Chapter 121 passed in the 130th Legislature, I am pleased to appoint the following individuals to the Criminal Records Review Committee:

Senator Donna Bailey of York County

Senator Kim Rosen of Hancock County
Foster Bates
Barbara Taylor
Frank D'Allesandro
Andrea Mancuso
Courtney Allen
Peter Lehman
Samantha Hogan

These individuals will be serving on the committee effective October 18, 2021. Please let me know if you have any questions regarding these appointments.

Sincerely,
S/Troy D. Jackson
President of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 244)
**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
SPEAKER'S OFFICE
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0002**

September 29, 2021

Dear Members of the 130th Legislature,
Pursuant to the Maine Constitution, Article 4, Part Third, Section 1, a majority of each political party were in favor of reconvening for a special session. Therefore, the House and Senate will convene on Wednesday, September 29, 2021 for the Second Special Session of the 130th Legislature.

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

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 237)
**MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF PROGRAM EVALUATION
AND GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY**

TO: Senator Troy Jackson, President of the Senate
Representative Ryan Fecteau, Speaker of the House
Democratic and Republican Leaders

FROM: Lucia Nixon, Director

DATE: August 11, 2021

RE: Evaluation of the Maine Seed Capital Tax Credit
Enclosed please find the final report from the Office of Program Evaluation and Government Accountability on Evaluation of the Maine Seed Capital Tax Credit. The report is also available on our website at <http://legislature.maine.gov/opega/opega-reports/9149>. The public comment period on this report has been scheduled for Wednesday, September 8, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 220 Cross Building.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

READ and with accompanying papers ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 245)

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE
APPORTIONMENT COMMISSION**

September 27, 2021

The Honorable Robert Hunt
Clerk of the House

The Honorable Darek Grant
Secretary of the Senate
130th Maine State Legislature
2 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Clerk Hunt and Secretary Grant:

As constituted pursuant to Article IV, Pt. 3, § 1 of the Maine Constitution, the 2021 Apportionment Commission is pleased to submit to the Maine House of Representatives and the Maine Senate its apportionment proposal pursuant to Joint Order H.P. 4 of the 130th Legislature.

The plans for apportionment of the Maine House of Representatives, the Maine Senate, the Maine County Commissioner districts, and Maine's U.S. Congressional districts were each approved by the affirmative votes of all Commission members. The attached report includes detailed descriptions of each of these plans.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Commission members and the staff members and consultants of both party caucuses for their thorough and collegial work on these unified proposals.

Sincerely,
S/Donald G. Alexander
Chairman

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

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

PETITIONS, BILLS AND RESOLVES REQUIRING REFERENCE

**Pursuant to Constitution
Apportionment commission**

Representative DUNPHY for the **Apportionment commission** pursuant to the Constitution of Maine, Article IV, Part First, Section 3 asks leave to report out the accompanying Bill "An Act To Reapportion the Districts of the State House of Representatives"

(H.P. 1304) (L.D. 1738)

The Report was **READ** and **ACCEPTED.**

The Bill was **READ ONCE.**

Under suspension of the rules, the Bill was given its **SECOND READING** without **REFERENCE** to the Committee on Bills in the Second Reading.

Under further suspension of the rules, the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED** and sent for concurrence.

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

**Pursuant to Constitution
Apportionment commission**

Representative DUNPHY for the **Apportionment commission** pursuant to the Constitution of Maine, Article IX, Section 24 asks leave to report out the accompanying Bill "An Act To Reapportion Maine's Congressional Districts"

(H.P. 1305) (L.D. 1739)

The Report was **READ** and **ACCEPTED.**

The Bill was **READ ONCE.**

Under suspension of the rules, the Bill was given its **SECOND READING** without **REFERENCE** to the Committee on Bills in the Second Reading.

Under further suspension of the rules, the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED** and sent for concurrence.

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

**Pursuant to Constitution
Apportionment commission**

Representative DUNPHY for the **Apportionment commission** pursuant to the Constitution of Maine, Art. IX, Section 25 asks leave to report out the accompanying Bill "An Act To Reapportion the County Commissioner Districts"

(H.P. 1306) (L.D. 1740)

The Report was **READ** and **ACCEPTED.**

The Bill was **READ ONCE.**

Under suspension of the rules, the Bill was given its **SECOND READING** without **REFERENCE** to the Committee on Bills in the Second Reading.

Under further suspension of the rules, the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED** and sent for concurrence.

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

At this point, a message was received from the Senate, borne by Senator DAUGHTRY of Cumberland of that body, announcing a quorum present and that the Senate was ready to transact any business that might properly come before it.

ORDERS

On motion of Representative McDONALD of Stonington, the following Joint Resolution: (H.P. 1303) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 214)

JOINT RESOLUTION EXPRESSING REGRET OVER THE LINE-OF-DUTY DEATH OF HANCOCK COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPUTY LUKE GROSS

WHEREAS, Deputy Luke Gross served with the sheriff's office in Hancock County for 18 years and previously served in the police departments of Winthrop and Sabattus; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Gross was profoundly committed to law enforcement, believing in his job and in service, caring deeply for the people whom he served and contributing to his community both through his work and through participating in local charitable events; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his devotion to his professional duties, Deputy Gross had a passion for helping young people, serving as a camp leader at Camp POSTCARD and on the

Hancock County School Board, working in local schools as part of the D.A.R.E. program and helping with the Deer Isle-Stonington High School Every 15 Minutes program, which educates students about the dangers of intoxicated and distracted driving; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Gross was struck and killed by a motor vehicle while responding to a call in the early hours of September 23, 2021; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Thirtieth Legislature now assembled in the Second Special Session, on behalf of the people we represent, express regret over the line-of-duty death of Deputy Luke Gross and our admiration for his honorable work in law enforcement and the community, and we send our condolences to his family.

READ.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Stonington, Representative McDonald.

Representative **McDONALD**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Hancock County Sheriff Deputy Luke Gross was our patrol officer in Stonington and he was also much more than that. He was a member of our community who took an exceptional interest in our youth. He will be deeply missed and I offer my condolences to his family, his fellow officers and to those who were fortunate to know him. Funeral services will be held tomorrow at the Cross Insurance Center in Bangor. Members of the public who wish to attend are asked to arrive no later than 11:30 a.m. The Chief Executive has directed flags to be flown at half-mast to honor Deputy Gross's life and legacy the day of his service.

The SPEAKER: The Chair would offer this moment of silence in remembrance of Deputy Gross.

At this point, the Members of the House stood and joined in a moment of silence in honor of Hancock County Sheriff's Deputy Luke Gross.

Subsequently, the Joint Resolution was **ADOPTED** and sent for concurrence.

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

The following items were taken up out of order by unanimous consent:

**SENATE PAPERS
Pursuant to the Constitution
Apportionment commission**

Report of the **Apportionment commission** pursuant to the Constitution of Maine, Article IV, Part Second, Section 2 asks leave to report out the accompanying Bill "An Act To Reapportion the Districts of the State Senate"

(S.P. 595) (L.D. 1741)

Came from the Senate, Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**.

The Report was **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

The Bill was **READ ONCE**.

Under suspension of the rules, the Bill was given its **SECOND READING** without **REFERENCE** to the Committee on Bills in the Second Reading.

Under further suspension of the rules, the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED** in concurrence.

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

The following Joint Order: (S.P. 596)

ORDERED, the House concurring, that the Legislative Council shall take legal action on behalf of the Legislature to prohibit or limit the restrictions imposed on the northeast commercial lobster and Jonah crab trap/pot fisheries by the National Marine Fisheries Service pursuant to the biological opinion issued by the National Marine Fisheries Service pursuant to the federal Endangered Species Act, referred to in this order as "the 2021 opinion," or the final rule announced by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration on August 31, 2021 and published in the Federal Register on September 17, 2021 with an effective date of October 18, 2021, referred to in this order as "the final rule." The Legislative Council, on behalf of the Legislature, shall take such legal action as it determines appropriate and fiscally feasible, including, but not limited to, joining any pending legal action regarding the 2021 opinion or the final rule as an intervenor in opposition to the measures imposed pursuant to the 2021 opinion or the final rule, providing an amicus brief in any pending legal action or initiating new litigation, and may limit the scope of its opposition to a portion or portions of the 2021 opinion or final rule, including, without limitation, those imposing increased conservation measures, seasonal closures on lobstering zones, limitations on the number or type of buoy lines and restrictions on other lobster fishing gear.

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**.

Under suspension of the rules, members were allowed to remove their jackets.

**ENACTORS
Apportionment Plan**

An Act To Reapportion the Districts of the State House of Representatives

(H.P. 1304) (L.D. 1738)

Was reported by the Committee on **Engrossed Bills** as truly and strictly engrossed.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Ellsworth, Representative Grohoski.

Representative **GROHOSKI**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and good afternoon, now, House Colleagues. Today, I speak on behalf of the constituents I serve in the town of Trenton. Trenton is currently in a House district with the City of Ellsworth with which it shares major commercial, cultural and transportation interests, in addition to a land border. Due to the population growth in Ellsworth and Trenton, they can no longer be together in a district. In the pending legislation, Trenton has been grouped with the towns on the Blue Hill Peninsula. These are all mainland towns but they are not contiguous with Trenton by

land. In addition to lacking a land border, they do not share a commercial center, a school district, major employers or transportation routes. The only thing that connects Trenton to the Blue Hill Peninsula is the ocean and Trenton is a town with no harbor. The Maine Constitution's requirements about reapportionment State, quote, that each representative district shall be formed of contiguous and compact territory and shall cross political subdivision lines the least number of times necessary to establish as nearly as practicable equally-populated districts, end-quote. Additionally, redistricting is governed by Title 21-A, Section 1206-A, which states in part, quote, when reapportioning districts, where possible, the legislative apportionment commission shall attempt to form functionally contiguous and compact territories. For purposes of this section, a functionally contiguous and compact territory is one that facilitates representation by minimizing impediments to travel within the district. Impediments to travel include, but are not limited to, physical features such as mountains, rivers, oceans and discontinued roads or lack of roads. The commission shall recognize that all political subdivision boundaries are not of equal importance and give weight to the interest of the local communities when making district boundary decisions, end-quote.

I understand that redistricting can be challenging along the coast, especially for our island communities. However, for mainland towns, it would appear that being connected only by ocean would not be functionally contiguous if there were ways to draw boundaries that met with the other requirements of the Constitution and Statute. In the case of Trenton, there were and I submitted one such redistricting proposal to the apportionment commission to demonstrate that was the case. Trenton would be better placed in a district with towns of Mount Desert Island. They are in the same school district and many Trenton residents work on MDI. The new transit center for Acadia is in Trenton and so is the airport. The one way to get to MDI via a car is through Trenton. They are functionally contiguous and also share interests. And, fun fact, for anyone still listening, there is a small piece of Trenton on Mount Desert Island, so, they are actually contiguous even by land. A number of my Trenton constituents, including municipal leaders, submitted public comment to the commission and contacted me with their objections. I agree with them that the legislation in front of us is not right for Trenton. I do not believe that the requirements of compactness, functional contiguity and local community interests were given their due weight in this map of our region so, I will be voting against the pending motion. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Portland, Representative Collings.

Representative **COLLINGS**: Good afternoon, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I wanted to rise to speak my opposition to this motion. I had every intention to vote for this. Pending some changes to the district I now represent and some other districts in Portland which I think in the process, the changes were extreme to a point which I didn't think made sense for those communities or parts of the city. I did my best to work with the committee and use the process to make those changes. Some changes were made in some districts. Unfortunately, it didn't come together for the district I represent and just as a matter of conscience for my constituents, I don't think the way it was moved is in the best interests for

them. I lost about half of my district. Geographically, that's very important for the area. I can't justify any good answers to tell them and if that happens, all I can do is make assumptions and I don't want to make a decision based on assumptions. So, for those reasons, unfortunately, I just wanted to stand briefly on the record to say that I unfortunately can't stand here today and vote for this with you. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Bar Harbor, Representative Williams.

Representative **WILLIAMS**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I currently represent the towns of Bar Harbor, Mount Desert, Lamoine and now in the new redistricting the Cranberry Isles. I am responding to Representative Grohoski's comments and I'll be very brief. I have represented Lamoine along with the two island towns in this session. The town of Lamoine is not physically connected to MDI but it is by water. What we share, and I encourage us to keep Lamoine in my district, what we share, Bar Harbor and Lamoine, is we are the two towns on the west side of Frenchman Bay. The east side of Frenchman Bay is represented by Representative Faulkingham and I represent the east side. So, I think it would be extremely disruptive both to our relationship with Lamoine to remove them from my district and they inevitably then would be also transferred to the district on the other side of the bay. So, I encourage everyone to vote for this measure. Thank you.

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

Representative **DILLINGHAM**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I actually rise in support of the motion before us and would like to actually thank the members of the commission for the hard work that they put in. Something that traditionally has months to happen happened in mere weeks. And it's a lot of data and information to run through and for these folks to put the time in that they did and come out with a product that was unanimously voted out, I am very proud and thankful of the work that they did and I look forward to supporting this.

In accordance with the provisions of Article IV, Part First, Section 3, Paragraph 1 of the Constitution, a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting of the House being necessary, a total was taken. 119 voted in favor of the same and 10 against, and accordingly the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

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

Apportionment Plan

An Act To Reapportion Maine's Congressional Districts
(H.P. 1305) (L.D. 1739)

Reported by the Committee on **Engrossed Bills** as truly and strictly engrossed. In accordance with the provisions of Article IV, Part First, Section 3, Paragraph 1 of the Constitution, a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting of the House being necessary, a total was taken. 127 voted in favor of the same and 0 against, and accordingly the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

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

Apportionment Plan

An Act To Reapportion the County Commissioner Districts (H.P. 1306) (L.D. 1740)

Reported by the Committee on **Engrossed Bills** as truly and strictly engrossed. In accordance with the provisions of Article IV, Part First, Section 3, Paragraph 1 of the Constitution, a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting of the House being necessary, a total was taken. 129 voted in favor of the same and 0 against, and accordingly the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Apportionment Plan

An Act To Reapportion the Districts of the State Senate (S.P. 595) (L.D. 1741)

Reported by the Committee on **Engrossed Bills** as truly and strictly engrossed. In accordance with the provisions of Article IV, Part First, Section 3, Paragraph 1 of the Constitution, a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting of the House being necessary, a total was taken. 129 voted in favor of the same and 0 against, and accordingly the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

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

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

Representative **ANDREWS**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I had submitted a resolution for today's session. Unfortunately, it didn't make the cut for the calendar, so, on behalf of the people that support it, I'd like to read it into the record now. Joint resolution opposing the Biden administration's extralegal rule requiring private sector businesses to mandate vaccination for their employees. Whereas the Tenth Amendment of the Bill of Rights states that the powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people. Whereas the President and his administration do not have the authority to dictate vaccination policies to private businesses in the United States of America and whereas the line between public and private sectors must be recognized, respected and preserved in American society with the required checks and balances and Whereas the delegation of extralegal powers has been granted to unelected officials of the Biden administration and not fully debated by the coequal legislative branch and Whereas the lives of Maine citizens, local jobs, businesses and activities will be greatly, fundamentally and forever impacted, now, therefore be it resolved that we, the Members of the 130th Legislature now assembled in the apportionment special session, on behalf of the people we represent and pursuant to the authority granted in the Maine State Constitution strongly oppose the extralegal

overreach of President Biden and his administration to dictate vaccination policy to private businesses, impacting over 170,000 private employees in Maine and over 80 million private employees across the nation. And be it further resolved we the Members of the 130th Legislature recognize that government's legitimacy may only be derived from the consent of the government. And may it be further resolved we further recognize that as elected representatives it our responsibility and solemn oath to strive for the maximum absence of government coercion in all matters. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Representative **LIBBY**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to recognize and show appreciation for the healthcare workers that are present in the balcony and that were present in the rotunda earlier today that have worked so hard on behalf of Maine people for the duration of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Speaker appointed Representative DUNPHY of Old Town on the part of the House to inform the Senate that the House was ready to adjourn without day.

The Speaker appointed the following members on the part of the House to wait upon her Excellency, Governor JANET T. MILLS, and inform her that the House was ready to adjourn without day:

- Representative CAIAZZO of Scarborough
- Representative McCREIGHT of Harpswell
- Representative TUTTLE of Sanford
- Representative RIELLY of Westbrook
- Representative SUPICA of Bangor
- Representative WOOD of Portland
- Representative KINNEY of Knox
- Representative DOLLOFF of Milton Township

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

Subsequently, the Committee reported that they had delivered the message with which they were charged.

At this point, a message came from the Senate borne by Senator Vitelli of Sagadahoc of that Body, informing the House that the Senate was ready to adjourn without day.

On motion of Representative MARTIN of Eagle Lake, the House adjourned without day at 1:42 p.m. Wednesday, September 29, 2021, in honor and lasting tribute to the Honorable Peter Lincoln Rines of Wiscasset, the Honorable Robert James Tardy of Palmyra and Sheriff's Deputy Luke Gross of Hancock County.