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ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE  
SECOND REGULAR SESSION  
1st Legislative Day  
Wednesday, January 5, 2022

Pursuant to Article IV, Part 3, Section 1 of the Constitution and Laws of the State of Maine, the Representatives to the One Hundred and Thirtieth Legislature assembled in the Hall of the House and were called to order by RYAN M. FECTEAU of Biddeford, Speaker of the House.

Prayer by Honorable Margaret Craven, Lewiston.

National Anthem by Honorable John "Jack" Ducharme, Madison.

Pledge of Allegiance.

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A roll call was taken. 124 out of 151 members answered to their names and accordingly the Chair declared a quorum present.

Those absent were:

Representative BLUME of York  
Representative CARLOW of Buxton  
Representative CEBRA of Naples  
Representative CUDDY of Winterport  
Representative DILLINGHAM of Oxford  
Representative DOLLOFF of Milton Township  
Representative DOORE of Augusta  
Representative EVANGELOS of Friendship  
Representative FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor  
Representative GREENWOOD of Wales  
Representative HAGGAN of Hampden  
Representative HARRINGTON of Sanford  
Representative HEAD of Bethel  
Representative HYMANSON of York  
Representative KRYZAK of Acton  
Representative LaROCHELLE of Augusta  
Representative McDONALD of Stonington  
Representative MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth  
Representative PERRY of Bangor  
Representative ROBERTS of South Berwick  
Representative SHARPE of Durham  
Representative SHEEHAN of Biddeford  
Representative SYLVESTER of Portland  
Representative TEPLER of Topsham  
Representative TUTTLE of Sanford  
2 Vacancies

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

Speaker **FECTEAU**: The Chair would like to welcome all of you back to these renowned hallways and this chamber that has been the place of debate and deliberations for nearly 200 years. The last time I welcomed all of you for the opening of a new legislative session, it was offsite at the Augusta Civic Center, a first since this house was opened this week 190 years ago in January of 1832. I'm thankful to this Body for your unwavering generosity and patience as we met new challenges seemingly every week and adapted in order to continue our work in service of Maine people and the communities we all call home. I would also like to thank in advance of today's session

and the many that will follow the staff for all their hard work that they have done to prepare for our return. Their work makes it possible for the Maine Legislature to innovate, meet as safely as possible and consider the proposals we've introduced on behalf of our constituents.

As you know, decorum is most fundamental to maintaining order in our Body. As the Body considers hundreds of bills, many involving complex issues that require consensus and creative solutions, the Chair reminds the Body of the rules of decorum on the floor of the House during debate. There may be items in front of us in the coming months with a significant amount of debate and that is welcome, but I remind the Body of some important standards; refraining from impugning the character of another Member or questioning the motives of another Member and directing comments through the Chair rather than towards your fellow Members. Safety and public health remain paramount as lawmakers, the public and the staff work together during the course of this session. The health precautions we take are similar to the respect we show one another when we wait to be recognized before speaking, not walking in between fellow members when they are addressing the Body and taking conversations outside of the House chamber. I implore Members and those who come to the State House to take precautions that prevent the spread of COVID-19. Doing so is a means of respecting each other in this space that we share with those who have varying vulnerabilities themselves to COVID or have loved ones at home who are at higher risk of hospitalization or worse. I want to be clear; I will enforce the protocols adopted by Legislative Council. This means face coverings remain properly in place. I encourage members to wear the N95 masks that were provided to you on your desks as they are the most effective protection for a gathering of this size. Members will receive an additional mask on January 26th when we meet. With that said, it is the distinct honor of the Chair to preside over the Second Regular Session of the 130th Legislature. In my eighth year, my final year in my service in the House, I've always appreciated the goodwill and dedication members of this House has exercised. Today, in 2022, the people of this State face obstacles that are unsettling and setbacks that have felt frustrating. At the same time, Mainers are hopeful and optimistic, especially as they gathered once again with loved ones to celebrate the holidays. Perhaps we have a deeper sense of what it means to be together after so much time apart. Whatever we are called to do, to tackle during the course of this session, I am confident that this Body will deliver for the people of the State of Maine, we will look back upon the work of the 130th Legislature and know the contributions we made were for the betterment of Mainers, our neighbors, our constituents across our great State. So, with that, I say Happy New Year to all of you, welcome back and let's get to work.

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**ORDERS**

On motion of Representative DUNPHY of Old Town, the following House Order: (H.O. 14)

ORDERED, that a Committee of ten 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.**

Secretary of State  
**READ** and with accompanying papers **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

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 had assembled in the Hall of the House for the consideration of such business as may come before the House:  
Representative PIERCE of Falmouth  
Representative MARTIN of Eagle Lake  
Representative HYMANSON of York  
Representative FAY of Raymond  
Representative CARDONE of Bangor  
Representative CLOUTIER of Lewiston  
Representative MILLETT of Waterford  
Representative ARATA of New Gloucester  
Representative COREY of Windham  
Representative DUCHARME of Madison

The Following Communication: (H.C. 256)  
**STATE OF MAINE**  
**DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE**  
I, the Secretary of State of Maine, certify that according to the provisions of the Constitution and Laws of the State of Maine, the Department of the Secretary of State is the legal custodian of the Great Seal of the State of Maine which is hereunto affixed and that the document to which this is attached is a true copy from the records of this Department.  
In Testimony Whereof, I have caused the Great Seal of the State of Maine to be hereunto affixed. Given under my hand at Augusta, Maine, on the fifth of November in the year two thousand and twenty-one.  
S/Shenna Bellows  
Secretary of State

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

**State of Maine**  
**Office of the Secretary of State**  
**November 4, 2021**  
I, Shenna Bellows, Secretary of State, in accordance with the provisions of the proclamation issued by the Governor on August 17, 2021, calling for a Special Election to be held on November 2, 2021, to elect a State Representative in District 86 and having tabulated the returns of the votes cast:

On motion of Representative TALBOT ROSS of Portland, the following House Order: (H.O. 15)  
ORDERED, that a message be conveyed to the Senate that a quorum of the House of Representatives were present for the consideration of such business as may come before the House.  
**READ and PASSED.**

**REPORT AS FOLLOWS:** In accordance with Title 21-A MRSA Section 711, having tabulated the total number of state ballots cast, the number of voters participating in this election is 2,487; and that Raegan French LaRochelle of Augusta, having received a plurality of the votes cast, appears to have been elected a State Representative in the 130th Legislature in District 86:  
LaRochelle, Raegan French                    1,375  
Orr, James E.                                        1,073

The Speaker appointed Representative DUNPHY of Old Town 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.

I, Shenna Bellows, Secretary of State, hereby certify that the foregoing report is a true tabulation of the votes cast at the Special Election, as reported to me on the returns from the City of Augusta and State UOCAVA.  
S/Shenna Bellows  
Secretary of State  
Received by the Governor on November 4, 2021

The following items were taken up out of order by unanimous consent:  
The Following Communication: (H.C. 255)

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

**STATE OF MAINE**  
**OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE**  
November 5, 2021  
To Robert B. Hunt, Clerk of the House, in the One Hundred and Thirtieth Legislature:  
I, Shenna Bellows, Secretary of State, pursuant to the provisions of Title 3 MRSA, Section 1, hereby certify that the following is the name and residence of the Representative-elect to the One Hundred and Thirtieth Legislature, in accordance with the tabulation submitted to the Governor on November 4, 2021:  
DISTRICT 86 Raegan French LaRochelle, Augusta  
In Testimony Whereof, I have caused the Great Seal of the State to be affixed, given under my hand at Augusta this fifth day of November in the year Two Thousand and Twenty-one.  
S/Shenna Bellows

At this point, Representative LaROCHELLE of Augusta was added to the roll call of the Second Regular Session of the 130th Legislature.

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

**CONSENT CALENDAR**  
**First Day**  
In accordance with House Rule 519, the following item appeared on the Consent Calendar for the First Day:

(H.P. 651) (L.D. 895) Bill "An Act To Make Necessary Changes to State Law" Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-750)**

Under suspension of the rules, Second Day Consent Calendar notification was given.

There being no objection, the House Paper was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-750)** and sent for concurrence.

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

Subsequently, Representative PIERCE of Falmouth reported that the Committee had delivered the message with which it was charged.

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEE  
Pursuant to Joint Rule 309**

From the Committee on **MARINE RESOURCES** on Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Regarding Marine Resources" (H.P. 275) (L.D. 391)

Received by the Clerk of the House on January 3, 2022, pursuant to Joint Rule 309.

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**.

Representative McCREIGHT of Harpswell **PRESENTED House Amendment "A" (H-751)** which was **READ** by the Clerk.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Harpswell, Representative McCreight.

Representative **McCREIGHT**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In the First Regular Session of this Legislature, we unanimously passed LD 338, An Act to Amend the Law Governing the Maine Lobster Marketing Collaborative. The collaborative is routinely reviewed every five years. The bill we passed went into law, however, because the effective date of the law was after the date of the original sunset, the collaborative was inadvertently repealed. This Floor Amendment has the same title and language as the original LD, with the only changes being correction of the error of the date and making sure that the error won't happen again. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Subsequently, **House Amendment "A" (H-751)** was **ADOPTED**.

Under further suspension of the rules the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED as Amended by House Amendment "A" (H-751)** and sent for concurrence.

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

**Change of Committee**

Representative BERRY from the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** on Bill "An Act To Prevent Power Line Electrocutations"

(H.P. 608) (L.D. 840)  
Reporting that it be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY**.

Report was **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY**.  
Sent for concurrence.

**PETITIONS, BILLS AND RESOLVES REQUIRING  
REFERENCE**

Bill "An Act To Repeal the Law Regarding the County Jail Reimbursement Fee"

(H.P. 1396) (L.D. 1886)  
Sponsored by Representative EVANGELOS of Friendship.  
Cosponsored by Senator MIRAMANT of Knox and Representatives: HARNETT of Gardiner, PLUECKER of Warren, TALBOT ROSS of Portland, WARREN of Hallowell.  
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Bill "An Act To Prevent the Use of Prone and Supine Restraints, Chemical Sprays and Electroshock Devices on Juveniles Held in Department of Corrections Facilities"

(H.P. 1404) (L.D. 1897)  
Sponsored by Representative LOOKNER of Portland.  
Cosponsored by Representative: WARREN of Hallowell.  
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** suggested and ordered printed.

**REFERRED** to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** and ordered printed.  
Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act Regarding the Maine School Safety Center" (H.P. 1380) (L.D. 1870)

Sponsored by Representative COREY of Windham.  
Cosponsored by Representative: McCREA of Fort Fairfield.  
Submitted by the Department of Education pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Bill "An Act To Provide Textbook Cost Assistance for High School Students Enrolled in Early College Courses" (H.P. 1390) (L.D. 1880)

Sponsored by Representative O'NEIL of Saco.  
Cosponsored by Senator DAUGHTRY of Cumberland and Representatives: CROCKETT of Portland, McCREA of Fort Fairfield, Senators: POULIOT of Kennebec, WOODSOME of York.  
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Resolve, To Establish a Pilot Program To Encourage Climate Education in Maine Public Schools (H.P. 1409) (L.D. 1902)

Sponsored by Representative BLUME of York.  
Cosponsored by Senator WOODSOME of York and Representatives: BRENNAN of Portland, DUNPHY of Old Town, HEPLER of Woolwich, McCREA of Fort Fairfield, PEBWORTH of Blue Hill, Senators: MAXMIN of Lincoln, MOORE of Washington.  
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** suggested and ordered printed.

**REFERRED** to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed.

Sent for concurrence.

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Bill "An Act To Increase Maine's Veterinary Workforce"  
(H.P. 1395) (L.D. 1885)

Sponsored by Representative FAY of Raymond.  
Cosponsored by Representatives: CLOUTIER of Lewiston, CRAFTS of Newcastle, KINNEY of Knox, McCREA of Fort Fairfield, PERRY of Calais, TUELL of East Machias, ZEIGLER of Montville, Senator: BAILEY of York.  
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** suggested.

On motion of Representative BRENNAN of Portland, the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business**, ordered printed and sent for concurrence.

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Resolve, To Create a Task Force Relating to the Water Quality of Saco Bay

(H.P. 1382) (L.D. 1872)

Sponsored by Representative COPELAND of Saco.  
Cosponsored by Senator BAILEY of York and Representatives: Speaker FECTEAU of Biddeford, GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach, O'NEIL of Saco.  
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Bill "An Act To Address Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances Pollution from State-owned Solid Waste Disposal Facilities"

(H.P. 1385) (L.D. 1875)

Sponsored by Representative ZEIGLER of Montville.  
Cosponsored by Senator BENNETT of Oxford and Representatives: DUNPHY of Old Town, GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach, Senators: BRENNER of Cumberland, DILL of Penobscot.  
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Bill "An Act To Prohibit the Contamination of Clean Soils with So-called Forever Chemicals"

(H.P. 1417) (L.D. 1911)

Sponsored by Representative PLUECKER of Warren.  
Cosponsored by Senator BRENNER of Cumberland and Representatives: FAY of Raymond, Speaker FECTEAU of Biddeford, GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach, RUDNICKI of Fairfield, Senators: BENNETT of Oxford, HICKMAN of Kennebec, MAXMIN of Lincoln.  
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** suggested and ordered printed.

**REFERRED** to the Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** and ordered printed.

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Ensure Low-income Families and Children with Special Needs Can Access After-school Services"

(H.P. 1376) (L.D. 1866)

Sponsored by Representative GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach.

Cosponsored by Senator BAILEY of York and Representatives: CRAFTS of Newcastle, Speaker FECTEAU of Biddeford, HARNETT of Gardiner, MATHIESON of Kittery, McCREA of Fort Fairfield, PEBWORTH of Blue Hill, SACHS of Freeport, Senator: President JACKSON of Aroostook.  
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Bill "An Act To Codify MaineCare Rate System Reform"

(H.P. 1377) (L.D. 1867)

Sponsored by Representative MEYER of Eliot.  
Cosponsored by Senator CLAXTON of Androscoggin and Representative: GRIFFIN of Levant, Senator: MOORE of Washington.

Submitted by the Department of Health and Human Services pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Bill "An Act To Restore Funding to the State's Tobacco Prevention and Control Program" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 1378) (L.D. 1868)

Sponsored by Representative CLOUTIER of Lewiston.  
Cosponsored by Senator MOORE of Washington and Representatives: FAY of Raymond, Speaker FECTEAU of Biddeford, HYMANSON of York, MEYER of Eliot, PEBWORTH of Blue Hill, Senators: CLAXTON of Androscoggin, DAUGHTRY of Cumberland, DAVIS of Piscataquis.

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Bill "An Act To Provide Clarity and Assistance to Rural Maine Providers in the Implementation of the Medicaid Home and Community-based Services Waiver Rule"

(H.P. 1379) (L.D. 1869)

Sponsored by Representative MARTIN of Eagle Lake.  
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Bill "An Act To Prohibit Prior Authorization Requirements and Step Therapy Protocols for Medications Addressing Serious Mental Illness for MaineCare Recipients" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 1387) (L.D. 1877)

Sponsored by Representative MADIGAN of Waterville.  
Cosponsored by Senator STEWART of Aroostook and Representatives: CONNOR of Lewiston, COREY of Windham, Speaker FECTEAU of Biddeford, PERRY of Calais, TEPLER of Topsham, Senators: BREEN of Cumberland, CLAXTON of Androscoggin, President JACKSON of Aroostook.  
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Bill "An Act To Remove Restrictions on Syringe Service Programs" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 1415) (L.D. 1909)

Sponsored by Representative McDONALD of Stonington.  
Cosponsored by Senator MOORE of Washington and Representatives: MEYER of Eliot, PERRY of Calais, STOVER of Boothbay, TUELL of East Machias, ZAGER of Portland.  
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

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

**REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** and ordered printed.

Sent for concurrence.

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Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services To Review the Requirements for Certification of Micropigmentation Practitioners (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 1392) (L.D. 1882)

Sponsored by Representative DILLINGHAM of Oxford.

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Bill "An Act To Improve Children's Mental Health by Requiring Insurance Coverage for Certain Mental Health Treatment" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 1416) (L.D. 1910)

Sponsored by Representative TEPLER of Topsham.

Cosponsored by Representatives: ARFORD of Brunswick, GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach, MADIGAN of Waterville, Senator: SANBORN of Cumberland.

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** suggested and ordered printed.

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

Sent for concurrence.

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Bill "An Act Related to Airboats" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 1383) (L.D. 1873)

Sponsored by Representative SACHS of Freeport.

Cosponsored by Representative: ARFORD of Brunswick.

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** suggested and ordered printed.

**REFERRED** to the Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** and ordered printed.

Sent for concurrence.

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Resolve, Directing the Maine Human Rights Commission To Extend Its Pilot Program To Investigate and Report on Incidents of Harassment Due to Housing Status, Lack of Employment and Other Issues

(H.P. 1381) (L.D. 1871)

Sponsored by Representative TALBOT ROSS of Portland.

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Affecting Sex Offenders and Petitions for Child Custody"

(H.P. 1398) (L.D. 1888)

Sponsored by Representative GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach.

Cosponsored by Senator BAILEY of York and Representatives: Speaker FECTEAU of Biddeford, HARNETT of Gardiner, LOOKNER of Portland, RECKITT of South Portland, Senators:

President JACKSON of Aroostook, MOORE of Washington, POULIOT of Kennebec.

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Bill "An Act To Ensure Safe Entry and Access for People Seeking Health Care and Other Constitutional Rights"

(H.P. 1406) (L.D. 1899)

Sponsored by Representative McCREIGHT of Harpswell.

Cosponsored by Senator DAUGHTRY of Cumberland and Representatives: Speaker FECTEAU of Biddeford, HARNETT of Gardiner, MEYER of Eliot, RECKITT of South Portland, TALBOT ROSS of Portland, TEPLER of Topsham, Senators: CARNEY of Cumberland, VITELLI of Sagadahoc.

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Name Changes"

(H.P. 1407) (L.D. 1900)

Sponsored by Representative SHEEHAN of Biddeford.

Cosponsored by Senator DAUGHTRY of Cumberland and Representatives: Speaker FECTEAU of Biddeford, OSHER of Orono, RECKITT of South Portland, ROBERTS of South Berwick, WOOD of Portland.

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Bill "An Act To Review State Lands and Waterways That Have Sacred, Traditional or Other Significance to the Wabanaki Tribes" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 1413) (L.D. 1907)

Sponsored by Representative COLLINGS of Portland.

Cosponsored by Representatives: EVANGELOS of Friendship, FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor, McDONALD of Stonington, NEWELL of the Passamaquoddy Tribe, O'NEIL of Saco, TALBOT ROSS of Portland, Senators: MAXMIN of Lincoln, MOORE of Washington.

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

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

**REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** and ordered printed.

Sent for concurrence.

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Bill "An Act To Establish the Securities Restitution Assistance Fund for Victims of Securities Violations"

(H.P. 1397) (L.D. 1887)

Sponsored by Representative HARNETT of Gardiner.

Cosponsored by Senator BAILEY of York and Representative: McCREA of Fort Fairfield.

Submitted by the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Committee on **JUDICIARY** suggested.

On motion of Representative HARNETT of Gardiner, the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services**, ordered printed and sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Clarify COVID-19 Paid Leave for School Employees" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 1384) (L.D. 1874)

Sponsored by Representative WHITE of Waterville.

Cosponsored by Senator CURRY of Waldo and Representatives: DODGE of Belfast, McCREA of Fort Fairfield, MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth, SACHS of Freeport, SYLVESTER of Portland, Senators: BALDACCI of Penobscot, HICKMAN of Kennebec, RAFFERTY of York.

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Bill "An Act To Support Restaurants in the State through Service Charge Revenues"

(H.P. 1388) (L.D. 1878)

Sponsored by Representative SHEEHAN of Biddeford.

Cosponsored by Representatives: Speaker FECTEAU of Biddeford, TALBOT ROSS of Portland, TERRY of Gorham, Senators: President JACKSON of Aroostook, SANBORN of Cumberland.

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Bill "An Act To Support Law Enforcement Officers, Corrections Officers, E-9-1-1 Dispatchers, Firefighters and Emergency Medical Services Persons Diagnosed with Post-traumatic Stress Disorder"

(H.P. 1389) (L.D. 1879)

Sponsored by Representative SYLVESTER of Portland.

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Bill "An Act To Clarify the Laws Related to the Use of Medical Marijuana and Workers' Compensation" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 1391) (L.D. 1881)

Sponsored by Representative DILLINGHAM of Oxford.

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Bill "An Act To Amend the Whistleblowers' Protection Act To Ensure Coverage in Unionized Workplaces"

(H.P. 1399) (L.D. 1889)

Sponsored by Representative HARNETT of Gardiner.

Cosponsored by Senator CARNEY of Cumberland.

Submitted by the Maine Human Rights Commission pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Bill "An Act To Continue Supporting Safe Drinking Water for Maine Families"

(H.P. 1401) (L.D. 1891)

Sponsored by Representative FAY of Raymond.

Cosponsored by Senator BENNETT of Oxford and Representatives: COREY of Windham, GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach, MEYER of Eliot, MORRIS of Turner, TALBOT ROSS of Portland, Senators: DAUGHTRY of Cumberland, MOORE of Washington.

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Bill "An Act To Protect Funding for Health Care for Retired Teachers by Establishing an Investment Trust Fund"

(H.P. 1408) (L.D. 1901)

Sponsored by Representative DODGE of Belfast.

Cosponsored by Representatives: COLLINGS of Portland, McCREA of Fort Fairfield, MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth, PEBWORTH of Blue Hill, SALISBURY of Westbrook,

SYLVESTER of Portland, TERRY of Gorham, Senator: DAUGHTRY of Cumberland.

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

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

**REFERRED** to the Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** and ordered printed

Sent for concurrence.

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Bill "An Act To Address the Economic Impact of Federal Closures on Maine's Fixed Gear Fishing Industry" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 1405) (L.D. 1898)

Sponsored by Representative STOVER of Boothbay.

Cosponsored by Senator MAXMIN of Lincoln and Representatives: CRAFTS of Newcastle, DODGE of Belfast, HEPLER of Woolwich, MATLACK of St. George, McDONALD of Stonington, PEBWORTH of Blue Hill, Senator: MOORE of Washington.

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Bill "An Act To Limit Eligibility for Commercial Menhaden Fishing Licenses"

(H.P. 1414) (L.D. 1908)

Sponsored by Representative McDONALD of Stonington.

Submitted by the Department of Marine Resources pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Committee on **MARINE RESOURCES** suggested and ordered printed.

**REFERRED** to the Committee on **MARINE RESOURCES** and ordered printed.

Sent for concurrence.

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Bill "An Act To Create Affordable Agricultural Homesteads" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 1394) (L.D. 1884)

Sponsored by Representative BICKFORD of Auburn.

Cosponsored by Senator TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin and Representatives: DILLINGHAM of Oxford, Speaker FECTEAU of Biddeford, TERRY of Gorham.

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

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

**REFERRED** to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** and ordered printed.

Sent for concurrence.

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Bill "An Act Regarding Abandoned Motor Vehicle Storage Fees"

(H.P. 1386) (L.D. 1876)

Sponsored by Representative BRYANT of Windham.

Cosponsored by President JACKSON of Aroostook.

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.



Bill "An Act To Create a Rental Fleet Registration Program and Equalize the Tax Rate Imposed on Rental Vehicles"

(H.P. 1400) (L.D. 1890)

Sponsored by Representative PERRY of Bangor.

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

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

**REFERRED** to the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** and ordered printed.

Sent for concurrence.

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Bill "An Act To Update the Setoffs against Lottery Winnings"

(H.P. 1393) (L.D. 1883)

Sponsored by Representative CAIAZZO of Scarborough.

Submitted by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

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

**REFERRED** to the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed.

Sent for concurrence.

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

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**Pursuant to Statute**

**Criminal Law Advisory Commission**

Representative WARREN for the **Criminal Law Advisory Commission** pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 17-A, section 1354, subsection 2 asks leave to report that the accompanying Bill "An Act To Update Criminal and Related Statutes and Respond to Decisions of the Law Court"

(H.P. 1410) (L.D. 1903)

Be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** and printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Report was **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **REFERRED** to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Sent for concurrence.

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**Pursuant to Statute**

**Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Child and Family Services**

Representative MEYER for the **Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Child and Family Services** pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 8072 asks leave to report that the accompanying Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 33: Family Child Care Provider Licensing Rule, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Child and Family Services (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 1374) (L.D. 1864)

Be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** and printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Report was **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Sent for concurrence.

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**Pursuant to Statute**

**Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Child and Family Services**

Representative MEYER for the **Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Child and Family Services** pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 8072 asks leave to report that the accompanying Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 34: Child Care Provider (Child Care Facilities and Family Child Care Providers) Background Check Licensing Rule, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Child and Family Services (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 1375) (L.D. 1865)

Be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** and printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Report was **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Sent for concurrence.

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**Pursuant to Statute**

**Criminal Law Advisory Commission**

Representative HARNETT for the **Criminal Law Advisory Commission** pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 17-A, section 1354, subsection 2 asks leave to report that the accompanying Bill "An Act To Make Technical Corrections to the Maine Juvenile Code"

(H.P. 1411) (L.D. 1904)

Be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** and printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Report was **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Sent for concurrence.

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**Pursuant to Statute**

**Criminal Law Advisory Commission**

Representative HARNETT for the **Criminal Law Advisory Commission** pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 17-A, section 1354, subsection 2 asks leave to report that the accompanying Bill "An Act To Facilitate Communication between Prosecutors and Unrepresented Defendants While Protecting the Rights of Those Defendants"

(H.P. 1412) (L.D. 1905)

Be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** and printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Report was **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Sent for concurrence.

**Pursuant to Statute  
Maine Turnpike Authority**

Representative MARTIN for the **Maine Turnpike Authority** pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 23, section 1961, subsection 6 asks leave to report that the accompanying Bill "An Act To Make Allocations from Maine Turnpike Authority Funds for the Maine Turnpike Authority for the Calendar Year Ending December 31, 2023"

(H.P. 1403) (L.D. 1892)

Be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** and printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Report was **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Sent for concurrence.

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

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At this point, Representative FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor was added to the roll call of the Second Regular Session of the 130<sup>th</sup> Legislature.

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**ORDERS**

On motion of Representative HARNETT of Gardiner, the following Joint Order: (H.P. 1418)

ORDERED, the Senate concurring, that Bill, "An Act To Reestablish Parole," H.P. 610, L.D. 842, and all its accompanying papers, be recalled from the Governor's desk to the House.

**READ** and **PASSED**.

Sent for concurrence.

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

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**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

The following matter, in the consideration of which the House was engaged at the time of adjournment September 29, 2021, had preference in the Orders of the Day and continued with such preference until disposed of as provided by House Rule 502.

HOUSE DIVIDED REPORT - Majority (12) **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-542)** - Minority (1) **Ought Not to Pass** - Committee on **INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS** on Bill "An Act To Build a Child Care System by Recruiting and Retaining Maine's Early Childhood Educators Workforce"

(H.P. 1223) (L.D. 1652)

- **CARRIED OVER** to any special or regular session, of the 130th Legislature, pursuant to Joint Order H.P. 1302 on July 19, 2021. **TABLED** - June 10, 2021 (Till Later Today) by Representative ROBERTS of South Berwick.

**PENDING - ACCEPTANCE OF EITHER REPORT.**

On motion of Representative DUNPHY of Old Town, the Bill and accompanying papers were **COMMITTED** to the Committee on **Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business** and sent for concurrence.

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

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**COMMUNICATIONS**

The Following Communication: (H.P. 1332)

**STATE OF MAINE  
CLERK'S OFFICE**

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

November 30, 2021

Honorable Ryan M. Fecteau

Speaker of the House

130th Legislature

Honorable Troy D. Jackson

President of the Senate

130th Legislature

Dear Mr. Speaker and Mr. President:

On November 30, 2021, 25 bills were received by the Clerk of the House.

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, these bills were referred to the Joint Standing Committees on November 30, 2021, as follows:

**Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry**

Resolve, Authorizing the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry To Convey Certain Land in Aroostook County and Penobscot County (H.P. 1307) (L.D. 1756) (Sponsored by Representative MARTIN of Eagle Lake) (Cosponsored by Representative: SKOLFIELD of Weld) (Submitted by the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

**Education and Cultural Affairs**

Resolve, Regarding MaineCare Funding for Maine Schools (H.P. 1326) (L.D. 1775) (Sponsored by Representative BRENNAN of Portland) (Cosponsored by Representative: PIERCE of Falmouth) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Regarding Education Service Centers" (H.P. 1328) (L.D. 1777) (Sponsored by Representative MARTIN of Eagle Lake) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Allow Unorganized Territory School Staff To Receive Annualized Pay" (H.P. 1331) (L.D. 1780) (Sponsored by Representative DUNPHY of Old Town) (Cosponsored by President JACKSON of Aroostook and Representatives: Speaker FECTEAU of Biddeford, TALBOT ROSS of Portland) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

**Energy, Utilities and Technology**

Bill "An Act To Amend the Charter of the Boothbay Harbor Sewer District To Set the Terms of Its Trustees at 3 Years" (H.P. 1311) (L.D. 1760) (Sponsored by Representative STOVER of Boothbay) (Cosponsored by Senator MAXMIN of Lincoln) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

**Health and Human Services**

An Act Regarding Access to Telehealth Behavioral Health Services during Public Health Emergencies (H.P. 1309) (L.D. 1758) (Sponsored by Representative MADIGAN of Waterville) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Amend the Inspection Requirement for Facilities for Children and Adults with a National Accreditation" (H.P. 1312) (L.D. 1761) (Sponsored by Representative MEYER of Eliot) (Submitted by the Department of Health and Human Services pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Support Child Care for Working Families" (H.P. 1316) (L.D. 1765) (Sponsored by Representative MEYER of Eliot) (Submitted by the Department of Health and Human Services pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Ensure Tribal Representation in the Public Health Infrastructure" (H.P. 1318) (L.D. 1767) (Sponsored by Representative NEWELL of the Passamaquoddy Tribe) (Submitted by the Department of Health and Human Services pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Align the Child and Family Services and Child Protection Act with Federal Law" (H.P. 1320) (L.D. 1769) (Sponsored by Representative MEYER of Eliot) (Submitted by the Department of Health and Human Services pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Resolve, To Establish the Advisory Panel To Better Understand and Make Recommendations Regarding the Implications of Genome-editing Technology for the Citizens of the State (H.P. 1322) (L.D. 1771) (Sponsored by Representative ZAGER of Portland) (Cosponsored by Senator CLAXTON of Androscoggin and Representatives: DUNPHY of Old Town, EVANS of Dover-Foxcroft, HYMANSON of York, PERRY of Calais, Senator: DILL of Penobscot) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Make MaineCare Rules Pertaining to Global Home and Community-based Services Waiver Programs and Person-centered Planning and Settings Major Substantive Rules" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1324) (L.D. 1773) (Sponsored by Representative CRAVEN of Lewiston) (Cosponsored by Representatives: ARFORD of Brunswick, MADIGAN of Waterville, MEYER of Eliot, Senator: CLAXTON of Androscoggin) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

**Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services**

Bill "An Act To Allow Pharmacists To Dispense an Emergency Supply of Chronic Maintenance Drugs" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1327) (L.D. 1776) (Sponsored by Representative ROEDER of Bangor) (Cosponsored by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot and Representatives: HARNETT of Gardiner, MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth, OSHER of Orono, SUPICA of Bangor) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Improve Health Care Affordability and Increase Options for Comprehensive Coverage for Individuals and Small Businesses in Maine" (H.P. 1329) (L.D. 1778) (Sponsored by Representative EVANS of Dover-Foxcroft) (Cosponsored by President JACKSON of Aroostook and Representatives: ARFORD of Brunswick, BROOKS of Lewiston, COLLINGS of Portland, MATHIESON of Kittery, MELARAGNO of Auburn, TEPLER of Topsham) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

**Judiciary**

Bill "An Act To Amend the Remote Meeting Law in Maine's Freedom of Access Act" (H.P. 1323) (L.D. 1772) (Sponsored by Representative HARNETT of Gardiner) (Cosponsored by Senator BAILEY of York and Representatives: CUDDY of Winterport, DODGE of Belfast, GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach, MORIARTY of Cumberland, WHITE of Waterville) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act Clarifying the Right to Legal Representation for Individuals Subject to Guardianship" (H.P. 1325) (L.D. 1774) (Sponsored by Representative HARNETT of Gardiner) (Cosponsored by Senator BAILEY of York and Representatives: MORIARTY of Cumberland, STOVER of Boothbay) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

**Marine Resources**

Bill "An Act To Extend the Legal Hours for Harvesting Lobster in the Month of September" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1310) (L.D. 1759) (Sponsored by Representative McDONALD of Stonington) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Create a Commercial Halibut Fishing License" (H.P. 1321) (L.D. 1770) (Sponsored by Representative HEPLER of Woolwich) (Submitted by the Department of Marine Resources pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

**State and Local Government**

Bill "An Act To Allow the Private Sale of Certain State Surplus Property to State Employees" (H.P. 1319) (L.D. 1768) (Sponsored by Representative MATLACK of St. George) (Submitted by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

**Taxation**

Bill "An Act To Make Technical Changes to Maine Tax Laws" (H.P. 1308) (L.D. 1757) (Sponsored by Representative TERRY of Gorham) (Submitted by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Update References to the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986 Contained in the Maine Revised Statutes" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1314) (L.D. 1763) (Sponsored by Representative TERRY of Gorham) (Submitted by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Make a Technical Correction Concerning Maine's Earned Income Tax Credit" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1315) (L.D. 1764) (Sponsored by Representative TERRY of Gorham) (Submitted by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

**Transportation**

Bill "An Act To Amend the Law Regarding Expiration of Disability Plates and Placards and Fees for Recycler Licenses" (H.P. 1313) (L.D. 1762) (Sponsored by Representative EVANS of Dover-Foxcroft) (Cosponsored by Senator DIAMOND of Cumberland and Representatives: MARTIN of Sinclair, MARTIN of Greene, O'CONNELL of Brewer, PERKINS of Oakland, WHITE of Waterville, WHITE of Mars Hill, Senators: CHIPMAN of Cumberland, FARRIN of Somerset) (Submitted by the Secretary of State pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Remove Watson's Bridge in the Town of Littleton from the List of Historic Bridges for Which the State Is Responsible for Maintenance and Rehabilitation" (H.P. 1317) (L.D. 1766) (Sponsored by Representative MARTIN of Sinclair)

(Submitted by the Department of Transportation pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

**Veterans and Legal Affairs**

Bill "An Act To Protect Election Integrity by Regulating Possession of Ballots and Voting Machines and Devices" (H.P. 1330) (L.D. 1779) (Sponsored by Representative PIERCE of Falmouth) (Cosponsored by Senator BREEN of Cumberland and Representatives: Speaker FECTEAU of Biddeford, MORIARTY of Cumberland, RIELLY of Westbrook, WOOD of Portland, Senator: LUCHINI of Hancock) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Sincerely,

S/Robert B. Hunt

Clerk of the House

S/Darek M. Grant

Secretary of the Senate

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

Sent for concurrence.

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The Following Communication: (H.P. 1344)

**STATE OF MAINE  
CLERK'S OFFICE  
2 STATE HOUSE STATION  
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0002**

December 7, 2021

Honorable Ryan M. Fecteau

Speaker of the House

130th Legislature

Honorable Troy D. Jackson

President of the Senate

130th Legislature

Dear Mr. Speaker and Mr. President:

On December 7, 2021, 13 bills were received by the Clerk of the House.

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, these bills were referred to the Joint Standing Committees on December 7, 2021, as follows:

**Criminal Justice and Public Safety**

Bill "An Act To Update Statutory References to Building Code Standards for Public Improvements" (H.P. 1336) (L.D. 1795) (Sponsored by Representative BRYANT of Windham) (Submitted by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Maine Length of Service Award Program" (H.P. 1338) (L.D. 1797) (Sponsored by Representative THERIAULT of China) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Require Law Enforcement Agencies To Retain Serial Numbers of Stolen Firearms" (H.P. 1340) (L.D. 1799) (Sponsored by Representative MASON of Lisbon) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Attract and Retain Firefighters and Emergency Medical Services Personnel through the Maine Length of Service Award Program" (H.P. 1345) (L.D. 1803) (Sponsored by Representative THERIAULT of China) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

**Education and Cultural Affairs**

Bill "An Act To Amend the Requirements of the Reorganization Plan for the Formation of Regional School Units" (H.P. 1343) (L.D. 1802) (Sponsored by Representative STEARNS of Guilford) (Cosponsored by Senator DAVIS of Piscataquis) (Submitted by the Department of Education pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

**Environment and Natural Resources**

Bill "An Act To Modify Exemptions for Certain Storm Water Discharges to Class AA and SA Waters" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1342) (L.D. 1801) (Sponsored by Representative ZEIGLER of Montville) (Submitted by the Department of Environmental Protection pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

**Health and Human Services**

Bill "An Act To Support Employees of the Riverview Psychiatric Center, Including the Riverview Psychiatric Center Outpatient Services Team" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1333) (L.D. 1792) (Sponsored by Representative BERRY of Bowdoinham) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

**Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services**

Bill "An Act To Ensure Health Insurance Coverage for Certain Adults with Disabilities" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1339) (L.D. 1798) (Sponsored by Representative MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth) (Cosponsored by Senator SANBORN of Cumberland and Representatives: ARFORD of Brunswick, BROOKS of Lewiston, EVANS of Dover-Foxcroft, Speaker FECTEAU of Biddeford, MATHIESON of Kittery, TEPLER of Topsham) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

**Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business**

Bill "An Act To Support Statewide Economic Recovery through Strategic Investments" (H.P. 1334) (L.D. 1793) (Sponsored by Representative ROBERTS of South Berwick) (Cosponsored by Senator CURRY of Waldo and Representative: DUCHARME of Madison) (Submitted by the Department of Economic and Community Development pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Small Enterprise Growth Program" (H.P. 1341) (L.D. 1800) (Sponsored by Representative ROBERTS of South Berwick) (Submitted by the Finance Authority of Maine pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

**Judiciary**

Bill "An Act To Provide Consistency in the Laws Regarding Domestic Partners" (H.P. 1346) (L.D. 1804) (Sponsored by Representative ROBERTS of South Berwick) (Cosponsored by Senator SANBORN of Cumberland and Representatives: Speaker FECTEAU of Biddeford, HARNETT of Gardiner, MORIARTY of Cumberland, SHEEHAN of Biddeford, WOOD of Portland) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

**Taxation**

Resolve, Authorizing the State Tax Assessor To Convey the Interest of the State in Certain Real Estate in the Unorganized Territory (H.P. 1335) (L.D. 1794) (Sponsored by Representative TERRY of Gorham) (Submitted by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

**Transportation**

Bill "An Act To Coordinate Marine Port Development" (H.P. 1337) (L.D. 1796) (Sponsored by Representative MARTIN of Sinclair) (Cosponsored by Senator FARRIN of Somerset)

(Submitted by the Department of Transportation pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Sincerely,  
S/Robert B. Hunt  
Clerk of the House  
S/Darek M. Grant  
Secretary of the Senate

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

Sent for concurrence.

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The Following Communication: (H.P. 1348)

**STATE OF MAINE  
CLERK'S OFFICE  
2 STATE HOUSE STATION  
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0002**

December 14, 2021

Honorable Ryan M. Fecteau  
Speaker of the House  
130th Legislature

Honorable Troy D. Jackson  
President of the Senate  
130th Legislature

Dear Mr. Speaker and Mr. President:

On December 14, 2021, 1 bill was received by the Clerk of the House.

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, this bill was referred to a Joint Standing Committee on December 14, 2021, as follows:

**Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry**

Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 26: Producer Margins, a Major Substantive Rule of the Maine Milk Commission (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1347) (L.D. 1805) (Submitted by the Maine Milk Commission pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 8072.)

Sincerely,  
S/Robert B. Hunt  
Clerk of the House  
S/Darek M. Grant  
Secretary of the Senate

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

Sent for concurrence.

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The Following Communication: (H.P. 1361)

**STATE OF MAINE  
CLERK'S OFFICE  
2 STATE HOUSE STATION  
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0002**

December 15, 2021

Honorable Ryan M. Fecteau  
Speaker of the House  
130th Legislature

Honorable Troy D. Jackson  
President of the Senate  
130th Legislature

Dear Mr. Speaker and Mr. President:

On December 15, 2021, 12 bills were received by the Clerk of the House.

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, these bills were referred to the Joint Standing Committees on December 15, 2021, as follows:

**Education and Cultural Affairs**

Bill "An Act To Promote Labor Education through the University of Maine System" (H.P. 1349) (L.D. 1816) (Sponsored by Speaker FECTEAU of Biddeford) (Cosponsored by President JACKSON of Aroostook and Representatives: BRENNAN of Portland, CLOUTIER of Lewiston, DUNPHY of Old Town, MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth, TALBOT ROSS of Portland, Senators: BREEN of Cumberland, CARNEY of Cumberland, HICKMAN of Kennebec) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)  
Bill "An Act To Strengthen the Governance of the Maine Community College System and University of Maine System" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1353) (L.D. 1820) (Sponsored by Representative MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth) (Cosponsored by Senator BREEN of Cumberland and Representatives: OSHER of Orono, PEBWORTH of Blue Hill, ROEDER of Bangor, Senators: RAFFERTY of York, VITELLI of Sagadahoc) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

**Energy, Utilities and Technology**

Bill "An Act To Define 'Discrete Electric Generating Facility'" (H.P. 1352) (L.D. 1819) (Sponsored by Representative GROHOSKI of Ellsworth) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

**Environment and Natural Resources**

Bill "An Act To Create a Subcommittee of the Interagency Task Force on Invasive Aquatic Plants and Nuisance Species To Recommend Ways To Reduce the Threat of Further Infestations" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1359) (L.D. 1826) (Sponsored by Representative HASENFUS of Readfield) (Cosponsored by Representative WARREN of Hallowell) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

**Health and Human Services**

Bill "An Act To Improve the Maine Child Welfare Services Ombudsman Program by Providing Additional Resources" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1357) (L.D. 1824) (Sponsored by Representative STOVER of Boothbay) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Establish Limits on the Number of Hours Worked by and Workloads of Child Protective Services Caseworkers in the Department of Health and Human Services" (H.P. 1358) (L.D. 1825) (Sponsored by Representative MADIGAN of Waterville) (Cosponsored by Representatives: CRAVEN of Lewiston, McDONALD of Stonington, MEYER of Eliot, Senators: CLAXTON of Androscoggin, LIBBY of Androscoggin) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

**Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services**

Bill "An Act To Improve Access to Behavioral Health Services by Prohibiting Cost Sharing by Insurers" (H.P. 1355) (L.D. 1822) (Sponsored by Representative MORALES of South Portland) (Cosponsored by Representatives: BROOKS of Lewiston, CRAVEN of Lewiston, GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach, MADIGAN of Waterville, PERRY of Calais, STOVER of Boothbay, WARREN of Hallowell, Senator: MAXMIN of Lincoln) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

### Judiciary

Resolve, To Reestablish and Continue the Work of the Criminal Records Review Committee (H.P. 1351) (L.D. 1818) (Sponsored by Representative TALBOT ROSS of Portland) (Cosponsored by Representative: HARNETT of Gardiner, Senators: BAILEY of York, CARNEY of Cumberland) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

### Labor and Housing

Bill "An Act To Amend the Enforcement Provisions of the Law Governing Earned Paid Leave" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1356) (L.D. 1823) (Sponsored by Representative MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth) (Cosponsored by President JACKSON of Aroostook and Representatives: CRAFTS of Newcastle, LAROCHELLE of Augusta, PEBWORTH of Blue Hill, SUPICA of Bangor, SYLVESTER of Portland, Senator: HICKMAN of Kennebec) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

### Veterans and Legal Affairs

Bill "An Act To Allow the State's Adult Use Marijuana Tracking System To Track Plants and Products by Group" (H.P. 1350) (L.D. 1817) (Sponsored by Representative SUPICA of Bangor) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Make Interfering with an Election Official a Class C Crime" (H.P. 1354) (L.D. 1821) (Sponsored by Representative WHITE of Waterville) (Cosponsored by Senator FARRIN of Somerset and Representatives: CAIAZZO of Scarborough, DUNPHY of Old Town, MADIGAN of Waterville, MORALES of South Portland, MORIARTY of Cumberland, RECKITT of South Portland, Senators: BALDACCI of Penobscot, LUCHINI of Hancock) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Permit Limited Delivery of Adult Use Marijuana" (H.P. 1360) (L.D. 1827) (Sponsored by Representative PERRY of Bangor) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Sincerely,

S/Robert B. Hunt  
Clerk of the House

S/Darek M. Grant

Secretary of the Senate

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

Sent for concurrence.

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The Following Communication: (H.P. 1373)

**STATE OF MAINE  
CLERK'S OFFICE**

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

December 20, 2021

Honorable Ryan M. Fecteau

Speaker of the House

130th Legislature

Honorable Troy D. Jackson

President of the Senate

130th Legislature

Dear Mr. Speaker and Mr. President:

On December 20, 2021, 11 bills were received by the Clerk of the House.

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, these bills were referred to the Joint Standing Committees on December 20, 2021, as follows:

### Education and Cultural Affairs

Bill "An Act To Amend the Education Statutes" (H.P. 1366) (L.D. 1845) (Sponsored by Representative BRENNAN of Portland) (Submitted by the Department of Education pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

### Energy, Utilities and Technology

Bill "An Act To Prohibit a Public Utility from Terminating or Disconnecting Service to a Public Safety Facility without Advance Notice and Approval" (H.P. 1368) (L.D. 1847) (Sponsored by Representative BERRY of Bowdoinham) (Cosponsored by Senator BENNETT of Oxford and Representatives: CRAFTS of Newcastle, WARREN of Hallowell, Senators: KEIM of Oxford, MAXMIN of Lincoln) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

### Health and Human Services

Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 283: Newborn Bloodspot Screening Rule, Section 14, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Health and Human Services, Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1362) (L.D. 1841) (Submitted by the Department of Health and Human Services pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 8072.)

Bill "An Act To Increase the Availability of Assertive Community Treatment Services" (H.P. 1369) (L.D. 1848) (Sponsored by Representative MADIGAN of Waterville) (Submitted by the Department of Health and Human Services pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Clarify Inspection Requirements for Hospitals and Certain Nursing Facilities" (H.P. 1370) (L.D. 1849) (Sponsored by Representative MEYER of Eliot) (Submitted by the Department of Health and Human Services pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Ensure the Continuation of Services to Maine Children and Families through the Alternative Response Program" (H.P. 1371) (L.D. 1850) (Sponsored by Representative HYMANSON of York) (Cosponsored by Representatives: MEYER of Eliot, STOVER of Boothbay, Senator: CLAXTON of Androscoggin) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

### Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services

Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 120: Release of Data to the Public, a Major Substantive Rule of the Maine Health Data Organization (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1363) (L.D. 1842) (Submitted by the Maine Health Data Organization pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 8072.)

### Marine Resources

Bill "An Act To Provide for Special Fees for Certain Aquaculture Lease Applications and To Amend Other Provisions in the Laws Governing Aquaculture Leases" (H.P. 1365) (L.D. 1844) (Sponsored by Representative McCREIGHT of Harpswell) (Submitted by the Department of Marine Resources pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

**Transportation**

Bill "An Act To Allow the Secretary of State To Use an Electronic Lien Titling Program for the Purposes of the Maine Motor Vehicle Certificate of Title and Antitheft Act" (H.P. 1364) (L.D. 1843) (Sponsored by Representative PERKINS of Oakland) (Cosponsored by Senator DIAMOND of Cumberland and Representatives: WHITE of Waterville, WHITE of Mars Hill, WILLIAMS of Bar Harbor, Senator: FARRIN of Somerset) (Submitted by the Secretary of State pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)  
Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 305: Rules and Regulations Pertaining to Traffic Movement Permits, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Transportation (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1372) (L.D. 1851) (Submitted by the Department of Transportation pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 8072.)

**Veterans and Legal Affairs**

Bill "An Act To Allow for a Variance Rate in the Amount and Potency of Cannabinoids in Adult Use Edible Marijuana Products" (H.P. 1367) (L.D. 1846) (Sponsored by Representative PERRY of Bangor) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Sincerely,

S/Robert B. Hunt  
Clerk of the House  
S/Darek M. Grant  
Secretary of the Senate

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**  
Sent for concurrence.

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The Following Communication: (H.C. 246)  
**SENATE OF MAINE**  
**130TH LEGISLATURE**  
**OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT**

October 6, 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 103 passed in the 130th Legislature, I am pleased to appoint the following individuals to the Commission To Study College Affordability and College Completion:

Senator Matthea Daughtry  
Senator David Woodsome  
Ronald Milliken  
Robert A. Clark  
Hillary Bush

These appointments are effective the date of this letter. 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.**

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The Following Communication: (H.C. 247)

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

October 6, 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 Public Law, Chapter 423 passed in the 130th Legislature, I am pleased to appoint Senator Eloise Vitelli to the Maine Health Data Organization Health Information Advisory Committee. With this appointment, she will be serving as a member of the Senate, 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.**

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The Following Communication: (H.C. 248)  
**SENATE OF MAINE**  
**130TH LEGISLATURE**  
**OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT**

October 6, 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 37-B §792, I am pleased to appoint Susan Breau to seat number 13 on the State Emergency Response Commission. With this appointment, she will be replacing Jennifer Gunderman, effective the date of this letter. Please let me know if you have any questions regarding this appointment.

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

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

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The Following Communication: (H.C. 249)  
**STATE OF MAINE**  
**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
**SPEAKER'S OFFICE**  
**AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0002**

October 6, 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 October 18, 2021.

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.**

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The Following Communication: (H.C. 250)

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

October 13, 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 Emma Halas-O'Connor of Portland to the *Criminal Records Review Committee*, effective immediately.

Ms. Halas-O'Connor will serve as a representative of an organization that provides free civil legal assistance to citizens of the State with low incomes. Ms. Halas-O'Connor is replacing Barbara Taylor of Peaks Island who vacated the seat to accept a different seat on the same committee.

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.**

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The Following Communication: (H.C. 251)

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

October 15, 2021  
Speaker Ryan Fecteau  
Room 303, State House  
2 State House Station  
Augusta, Maine 04333  
Speaker Fecteau,

Due to recent changes in my personal financial situation and career demands, I am unable to continue my service in the Maine House of Representatives. Accordingly, I shall resign my seat in the Maine House effective today, Friday, October 15, 2021.

Serving the citizens of Gorham and Scarborough in the Maine House of Representatives for the past year has been the privilege of a lifetime. It was an honor to work with you this past session to adopt ongoing voter registration, with Secretary Bellows to expand opportunities for voter participation, and with colleagues across the aisle to create a health care loan repayment program, study incentives for residential fire sprinkler systems, support sustainable economic development projects, promote youth perspectives in workforce development, and raise the importance of planning for Maine's future.

I am grateful for all I have learned and the new friendships that I have made along the way. Most of all, I am grateful to the

citizens of Gorham and Scarborough who placed their trust in me and afforded me the privilege and honor of representing them. While I regret that I must resign my term before its natural expiration, I look forward to serving the public in my ongoing role as an advocate for reforming elections and strengthening democracy for future generations.

Respectfully submitted,  
S/Kyle R. Bailey  
House District 27

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

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The Following Communication: (H.C. 252)

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

October 21, 2021  
Honorable Robert Hunt  
Clerk of the House  
2 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333  
Dear Clerk Hunt,

Pursuant to my authority under 22 MRSA, Subtitle 3, Part 3, Ch. 1058 (2) (B), I have reappointed Representative Margaret Craven of Lewiston to the *Maine Children's Trust Incorporated*, effective immediately.

Representative Craven will continue to serve on this board as the member of the House of Representatives.

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

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

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

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The Following Communication: (H.C. 253)

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

November 9, 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 Public Law, Chapter 405 passed in the 130th Legislature, I am pleased to appoint the following individuals to the Committee To Study the Feasibility of Creating Basic Income Security:

Senator Benjamin Chipman  
Senator Marianne Moore  
Senator Dave Miramant  
Crystal Fawn Gamet  
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Sincerely,  
S/Troy Jackson  
President of the Senate

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**



The Following Communication: (H.C. 254)

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

November 3, 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 22, MRSA, §3883, I am pleased to reappoint Senator Marianne Moore to the Maine Children's Trust Incorporated, representing a member of the Senate.

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

Sincerely,

S/Troy D. Jackson

President of the Senate

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

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The Following Communication: (H.C. 257)

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

November 19, 2021

The Honorable Robert B. Hunt

Clerk of the House

2 State House Station

Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Clerk Hunt:

Please find enclosed certified copies of the Governor's proclamations and the official tabulation displaying the results from the November 2, 2021 Referendum Election.

A tabulation showing the results with municipal and county totals is posted on the Secretary of State's web site here:

<http://www.maine.gov/sos/cec/elec/results/results21.html>

Sincerely,

S/Shenna Bellows

Secretary of State

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

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The Following Communication: (H.C. 259)

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

November 19, 2021

Speaker Ryan Fecteau

Office of the Speaker of the House

2 State House Station

Augusta, Maine 04333

Speaker Fecteau,

It is with great sadness that I will be resigning from the Maine House of Representatives effective at the end of the day today, November 19, 2021.

I left retirement from law enforcement and my farm to represent the people of southern Aroostook County in Augusta. It truly has

been a privilege to be their voice especially over the last twenty months.

The last two years have been about fighting for the principle that Government doesn't get to tell you how to live your life. In that time I have lost my friend, my close ally, my wife. Her dedication to the farm allowed me to dedicate the time I needed to the people of Aroostook County. With her passing I am no longer afforded that time.

This is a difficult decision to make, as I feel there is still much to be done to roll back the expansion of state power that we have witnessed these past two years. But I also must honor my obligations to my family and to my animals.

It has been my distinct honor to serve the People of Aroostook County in Augusta, especially during the COVID-19 health crisis, when I was put in a position to be a voice of opposition to uncontrolled emergency powers in the hands of one person.

I humbly submit my resignation from the 130th Maine Legislature.

Sincerely,

S/Representative Chris Johansen

House District 145

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

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The Following Communication: (H.C. 260)

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

November 18, 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 22, §272, I have appointed Allyson Perron Drag of Waltham, MA to the *Tobacco Prevention and Control Advisory Council*, effective immediately.

Ms. Perron Drag will represent nonprofit organizations involved in seeking to reduce the use of tobacco products in the State.

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

Sincerely,

S/Ryan M. Fecteau

Speaker of the House

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

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The Following Communication: (H.C. 261)

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

November 18, 2021

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, MRSA, Chapter 631, §25002, I am pleased to reappoint Keith Bisson of Brunswick to

the *Permanent Commission on the Status of Racial, Indigenous and Maine Tribal Populations*.

Mr. Bisson will continue to represent a community development financial institution.

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

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

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

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The Following Communication: (H.C. 262)

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

November 18, 2021  
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, MRSA, Chapter 631, §25002, I am pleased to reappoint Bruce King of Brunswick to the *Permanent Commission on the Status of Racial, Indigenous and Maine Tribal Populations*.

Mr. King will continue to represent a historically disadvantaged racial population of the State.

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

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

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

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The Following Communication: (H.C. 263)

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

December 1, 2021  
Honorable Robert B. Hunt  
Clerk of the House  
2 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Clerk Hunt,  
Pursuant to my authority under House Rule 201.1 (l) (a), I am appointing Representative Raegan LaRoche of Augusta to the Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business 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. 264)

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

December 7, 2021  
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, MRSA, Chapter 631, §25002, I am pleased to reappoint Amanda Comeau of Portland to the *Permanent Commission on the Status of Racial, Indigenous and Maine Tribal Populations*.

Ms. Comeau's position on this commission is to represent a housing or homelessness advocacy organization. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact my office.

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

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

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The Following Communication: (H.C. 265)

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

December 6, 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 MRSA, Chapter 631-A, §25002, I am pleased to reappoint the following individuals to the Permanent Commission on the Status of Racial, Tribal, and Indigenous Populations. They will be serving a two-year term effective the date of this letter.

Rachel Talbot Ross  
James Myall  
Joby Thoyalil  
Garrett Stewart

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. 268)

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

December 16, 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 22, §272, I am pleased to appoint Veronica Wiegman to seat number 6 on the Tobacco Prevention and Control Advisory Council, replacing Heather Smith, effective the date of this letter.

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.**

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The Following Communication: (H.C. 270)

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

November 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 MRSA, Chapter 371-A, §7030, I am pleased to reappoint Moriah Geer to seat number 10 on the Permanent Commission on the Status of Women. The appointment is effective the date of this letter.

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

Sincerely,

S/Troy D. Jackson

President of the Senate

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

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The Following Communication: (H.C. 271)

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

December 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 MRSA, Chapter 371-A, §7030, I am pleased to reappoint Kate Elmes to seat number 8 on the Permanent Commission on the Status of Women. The appointment is effective the date of this letter.

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

Sincerely,

S/Troy D. Jackson

President of the Senate

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

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The Following Communication: (H.C. 273)

**STATE OF MAINE  
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE  
COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND  
FORESTRY**

November 4, 2021

The Honorable Troy Dale Jackson, President of the Senate

The Honorable Ryan Fecteau, Speaker of the House

130th Maine Legislature

Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Fecteau:

We are pleased to report that all business which was placed before the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry during the First Regular and First Special Sessions of the 130th Legislature has been completed. The breakdown of bills and papers before our committee follows:

75 Total Number of Bills and Papers

36 Unanimous Reports

9 Ought Not To Pass

5 Ought To Pass

20 Ought To Pass As Amended

2 Referred to Another Committee

19 Divided Reports

1 Leave to Withdraw

8 Carried Over

11 Gubernatorial Nominations

Respectfully Submitted,

S/Jim Dill

Senate Chair

S/Margaret M. O'Neil

House Chair

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

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The Following Communication: (H.C. 274)

**STATE OF MAINE  
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE  
COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL  
AFFAIRS**

November 4, 2021

The Honorable Troy Dale Jackson, President of the Senate

The Honorable Ryan Fecteau, Speaker of the House

130th Maine Legislature

Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Fecteau:

We are pleased to report that all business which was placed before the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs during the First Regular and First Special Sessions of the 130th Legislature has been completed. The breakdown of bills and papers before our committee follows:

52 Total Number of Bills and Papers

5 Unanimous Reports

5 Ought To Pass As Amended

4 Divided Reports

1 Leave to Withdraw

42 Carried Over  
Respectfully Submitted,  
S/Catherine E. Breen  
Senate Chair  
S/Teresa Pierce  
House Chair

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

The Following Communication: (H.C. 275)

**STATE OF MAINE  
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE  
COMMITTEE ON CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC  
SAFETY**

November 4, 2021

The Honorable Troy Dale Jackson, President of the Senate  
The Honorable Ryan Fecteau, Speaker of the House  
130th Maine Legislature  
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Fecteau:

We are pleased to report that all business which was placed before the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety during the First Regular and First Special Sessions of the 130th Legislature has been completed. The breakdown of bills and papers before our committee follows:

116 Total Number of Bills and Papers

53 Unanimous Reports

21 Ought Not To Pass

4 Ought To Pass

25 Ought To Pass As Amended

3 Referred to Another Committee

46 Divided Reports

2 Leave to Withdraw

15 Carried Over

Respectfully Submitted,  
S/Susan A. Deschambault

Senate Chair  
S/Charlotte Warren  
House Chair

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

The Following Communication: (H.C. 276)

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

November 4, 2021

The Honorable Troy Dale Jackson, President of the Senate  
The Honorable Ryan Fecteau, Speaker of the House  
130th Maine Legislature  
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Fecteau:

We are pleased to report that all business which was placed before the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs during the First Regular and First Special Sessions of the 130th Legislature has been completed. The breakdown of bills and papers before our committee follows:

165 Total Number of Bills and Papers

48 Unanimous Reports

24 Ought Not To Pass

1 Ought To Pass

22 Ought To Pass As Amended

1 Referred to Another Committee  
66 Divided Reports  
3 Leave to Withdraw  
8 Carried Over  
40 Gubernatorial Nominations

Respectfully Submitted,  
S/Joseph Rafferty

Senate Chair  
S/Michael F. Brennan  
House Chair

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

The Following Communication: (H.C. 277)

**STATE OF MAINE  
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE  
COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY**

November 4, 2021

The Honorable Troy Dale Jackson, President of the Senate  
The Honorable Ryan Fecteau, Speaker of the House  
130th Maine Legislature  
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Fecteau:

We are pleased to report that all business which was placed before the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology during the First Regular and First Special Sessions of the 130th Legislature has been completed. The breakdown of bills and papers before our committee follows:

113 Total Number of Bills and Papers

51 Unanimous Reports

31 Ought Not To Pass

17 Ought To Pass As Amended

3 Referred to Another Committee

30 Divided Reports

2 Leave to Withdraw

18 Carried Over

12 Gubernatorial Nominations

Respectfully Submitted,  
S/Mark W. Lawrence

Senate Chair  
S/Seth A. Berry  
House Chair

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

The Following Communication: (H.C. 278)

**STATE OF MAINE  
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE  
COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL  
RESOURCES**

November 4, 2021

The Honorable Troy Dale Jackson, President of the Senate  
The Honorable Ryan Fecteau, Speaker of the House  
130th Maine Legislature  
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Fecteau:

We are pleased to report that all business which was placed before the Joint Standing Committee on Environment and Natural Resources during the First Regular and First Special Sessions of the 130th Legislature has been completed. The breakdown of bills and papers before our committee follows:

- 80 Total Number of Bills and Papers
    - 40 Unanimous Reports
      - 19 Ought Not To Pass
      - 3 Ought To Pass
      - 17 Ought To Pass As Amended
      - 1 Referred to Another Committee
    - 23 Divided Reports
      - 7 Leave to Withdraw
      - 7 Carried Over
    - 3 Gubernatorial Nominations
- Respectfully Submitted,  
S/Stacy Brenner  
Senate Chair  
S/Ralph L. Tucker  
House Chair

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

The Following Communication: (H.C. 279)

**STATE OF MAINE**  
**ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE**  
**COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

November 4, 2021  
The Honorable Troy Dale Jackson, President of the Senate  
The Honorable Ryan Fecteau, Speaker of the House  
130th Maine Legislature  
Augusta, Maine 04333  
Dear President Jackson and Speaker Fecteau:  
We are pleased to report that all business which was placed before the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services during the First Regular and First Special Sessions of the 130th Legislature has been completed. The breakdown of bills and papers before our committee follows:  
187 Total Number of Bills and Papers
 

- 143 Unanimous Reports
  - 54 Ought Not To Pass
  - 9 Ought To Pass
  - 79 Ought To Pass As Amended
  - 1 Referred to Another Committee
- 25 Divided Reports
  - 1 Leave to Withdraw
  - 18 Carried Over

Respectfully Submitted,  
S/Ned Claxton  
Senate Chair  
S/Michele Meyer  
House Chair

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

The Following Communication: (H.C. 280)

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

November 4, 2021  
The Honorable Troy Dale Jackson, President of the Senate  
The Honorable Ryan Fecteau, Speaker of the House  
130th Maine Legislature  
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Fecteau:  
We are pleased to report that all business which was placed before the Joint Standing Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services during the First Regular and First Special Sessions of the 130th Legislature has been completed. The breakdown of bills and papers before our committee follows:

- 142 Total Number of Bills and Papers
    - 91 Unanimous Reports
      - 44 Ought Not To Pass
      - 6 Ought To Pass
      - 40 Ought To Pass As Amended
      - 1 Referred to Another Committee
    - 30 Divided Reports
      - 5 Leave to Withdraw
      - 14 Carried Over
    - 2 Gubernatorial Nominations
- Respectfully Submitted,  
S/Heather B. Sanborn  
Senate Chair  
S/Denise A. Tepler  
House Chair

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

The Following Communication: (H.C. 281)

**STATE OF MAINE**  
**ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE**  
**COMMITTEE ON INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE**

November 4, 2021  
The Honorable Troy Dale Jackson, President of the Senate  
The Honorable Ryan Fecteau, Speaker of the House  
130th Maine Legislature  
Augusta, Maine 04333  
Dear President Jackson and Speaker Fecteau:  
We are pleased to report that all business which was placed before the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife during the First Regular and First Regular Sessions of the 130th Legislature has been completed. The breakdown of bills and papers before our committee follows:  
53 Total Number of Bills and Papers
 

- 36 Unanimous Reports
  - 16 Ought Not To Pass
  - 2 Ought To Pass
  - 18 Ought To Pass As Amended
- 8 Divided Reports
  - 1 Leave to Withdraw
  - 4 Carried Over
- 4 Gubernatorial Nominations

Respectfully Submitted,  
S/James F. Dill  
Senate Chair  
S/H. Scott Landry, Jr.  
House Chair

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

The Following Communication: (H.C. 282)

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

November 4, 2021

The Honorable Troy Dale Jackson, President of the Senate  
The Honorable Ryan Fecteau, Speaker of the House  
130th Maine Legislature  
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Fecteau:

We are pleased to report that all business which was placed before the Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business during the First Regular and First Special Sessions of the 130th Legislature has been completed. The breakdown of bills and papers before our committee follows:

- 86 Total Number of Bills and Papers
  - 40 Unanimous Reports
    - 15 Ought Not To Pass
    - 3 Ought To Pass
    - 21 Ought To Pass As Amended
    - 1 Referred to Another Committee
  - 21 Divided Reports
    - 2 Leave to Withdraw
    - 7 Carried Over
  - 16 Gubernatorial Nominations

Respectfully Submitted,

S/Glenn "Chip" Curry

Senate Chair

S/Tiffany Roberts

House Chair

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

The Following Communication: (H.C. 283)

**STATE OF MAINE  
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE  
COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY**

November 4, 2021

The Honorable Troy Dale Jackson, President of the Senate  
The Honorable Ryan Fecteau, Speaker of the House  
130th Maine Legislature  
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Fecteau:

We are pleased to report that all business which was placed before the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary during the First Regular and First Special Sessions of the 130th Legislature has been completed. The breakdown of bills and papers before our committee follows:

- 208 Total Number of Bills and Papers
  - 72 Unanimous Reports
    - 34 Ought Not To Pass
    - 10 Ought To Pass
    - 24 Ought To Pass As Amended
    - 4 Referred to Another Committee
  - 91 Divided Reports
    - 3 Leave to Withdraw
    - 20 Carried Over
  - 22 Gubernatorial Nominations

Respectfully Submitted,

S/Anne M. Carney

Senate Chair  
S/Thom Harnett  
House Chair

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

The Following Communication: (H.C. 284)

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

November 4, 2021

The Honorable Troy Dale Jackson, President of the Senate  
The Honorable Ryan Fecteau, Speaker of the House  
130th Maine Legislature  
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Fecteau:

We are pleased to report that all business which was placed before the Joint Standing Committee on Labor and Housing during the First Regular and First Special Sessions of the 130th Legislature has been completed. The breakdown of bills and papers before our committee follows:

- 147 Total Number of Bills and Papers
  - 37 Unanimous Reports
    - 24 Ought Not To Pass
    - 1 Ought To Pass
    - 11 Ought To Pass As Amended
    - 1 Referred to Another Committee
  - 74 Divided Reports
    - 16 Carried Over
  - 19 Gubernatorial Nominations

Respectfully Submitted,

S/Craig Hickman

Senate Chair

S/Michael A. Sylvester

House Chair

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

The Following Communication: (H.C. 285)

**STATE OF MAINE  
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE  
COMMITTEE ON MARINE RESOURCES**

November 4, 2021

The Honorable Troy Dale Jackson, President of the Senate  
The Honorable Ryan Fecteau, Speaker of the House  
130th Maine Legislature  
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Fecteau:

We are pleased to report that all business which was placed before the Joint Standing Committee on Marine Resources during the First Regular and First Special Sessions of the 130th Legislature has been completed. The breakdown of bills and papers before our committee follows:

- 26 Total Number of Bills and Papers
  - 12 Unanimous Reports
    - 2 Ought Not To Pass
    - 9 Ought To Pass As Amended
    - 1 Referred to Another Committee
  - 1 Leave to Withdraw
  - 1 Carried Over
  - 12 Gubernatorial Nominations

Respectfully Submitted,  
S/David R. Miramant  
Senate Chair  
S/Joyce "Jay" McCreight  
House Chair

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

The Following Communication: (H.C. 286)

**STATE OF MAINE  
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE  
COMMITTEE ON STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

November 4, 2021

The Honorable Troy Dale Jackson, President of the Senate  
The Honorable Ryan Fecteau, Speaker of the House  
130th Maine Legislature  
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Fecteau:

We are pleased to report that all business which was placed before the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government during the First Regular and First Special Sessions of the 130th Legislature has been completed. The breakdown of bills and papers before our committee follows:

105 Total Number of Bills and Papers

28 Unanimous Reports

13 Ought Not To Pass

6 Ought To Pass

8 Ought To Pass As Amended

1 Referred to Another Committee

65 Divided Reports

1 Leave to Withdraw

9 Carried Over

2 Gubernatorial Nominations

Respectfully Submitted,

S/Joseph Baldacci

Senate Chair

S/Ann Higgins Matlack

House Chair

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

The Following Communication: (H.C. 287)

**STATE OF MAINE  
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE  
COMMITTEE ON TAXATION**

November 4, 2021

The Honorable Troy Dale Jackson, President of the Senate  
The Honorable Ryan Fecteau, Speaker of the House  
130th Maine Legislature  
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Fecteau:

We are pleased to report that all business which was placed before the Joint Standing Committee on Taxation during the First Regular and First Special Sessions of the 130th Legislature has been completed. The breakdown of bills and papers before our committee follows:

137 Total Number of Bills and Papers

78 Unanimous Reports

44 Ought Not To Pass

1 Ought To Pass

32 Ought To Pass As Amended

1 Referred to Another Committee

36 Divided Reports

1 Leave to Withdraw

20 Carried Over

2 Gubernatorial Nominations

Respectfully Submitted,

S/Benjamin M. Chipman

Senate Chair

S/Maureen Fitzgerald Terry

House Chair

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

The Following Communication: (H.C. 288)

**STATE OF MAINE  
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE  
COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION**

November 4, 2021

The Honorable Troy Dale Jackson, President of the Senate  
The Honorable Ryan Fecteau, Speaker of the House  
130th Maine Legislature  
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Fecteau:

We are pleased to report that all business which was placed before the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation during the First Regular and First Special Sessions of the 130th Legislature has been completed. The breakdown of bills and papers before our committee follows:

81 Total Number of Bills and Papers

57 Unanimous Reports

35 Ought Not To Pass

7 Ought To Pass

14 Ought To Pass As Amended

1 Referred to Another Committee

17 Divided Reports

1 Leave to Withdraw

3 Carried Over

3 Gubernatorial Nominations

Respectfully Submitted,

S/G. William Diamond

Senate Chair

S/Roland Danny Martin

House Chair

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

The Following Communication: (H.C. 289)

**STATE OF MAINE  
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE  
COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS**

November 4, 2021

The Honorable Troy Dale Jackson, President of the Senate  
The Honorable Ryan Fecteau, Speaker of the House  
130th Maine Legislature  
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Fecteau:

We are pleased to report that all business which was placed before the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs during the First Regular and First Special Sessions of the 130th Legislature has been completed. The breakdown of bills and papers before our committee follows:

138 Total Number of Bills and Papers  
83 Unanimous Reports  
58 Ought Not To Pass  
2 Ought To Pass  
22 Ought To Pass As Amended  
1 Referred to Another Committee  
39 Divided Reports  
1 Leave to Withdraw  
6 Carried Over  
9 Gubernatorial Nominations  
Respectfully Submitted,  
S/Louis J. Luchini  
Senate Chair  
S/Chris Caiazzo  
House Chair

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

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The Following Communication: (H.C. 290)  
**STATE OF MAINE**  
**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
**SPEAKER'S OFFICE**  
**AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0002**

December 29, 2021  
Senator Heather Sanborn  
3 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333  
Representative Denise Tepler  
2 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333  
RE: Appointments in Accordance with Public Law, Chapter 459  
Dear Senator Sanborn and Representative Tepler:  
I am appointing Trevor Putnok of Falmouth to the Advisory Council on Affordable Health Care.  
Trevor will serve as the member who represents purchasers of health care.  
In accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 3123, this appointment is contingent on the Maine State Senate's confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services. Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.  
Sincerely,  
S/Ryan M. Fecteau  
Speaker of the House

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

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The Following Communication: (H.C. 291)  
**STATE OF MAINE**  
**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
**SPEAKER'S OFFICE**  
**AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0002**

December 29, 2021  
Senator Heather Sanborn  
3 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333  
Representative Denise Tepler  
2 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333  
RE: Appointments in Accordance with Public Law, Chapter 459  
Dear Senator Sanborn and Representative Tepler:

I am appointing Kevin Lewis of Lewiston to the Advisory Council on Affordable Health Care.  
Kevin will serve as the member who represents health insurance interests.  
In accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 3123, this appointment is contingent on the Maine State Senate's confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services.  
Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.  
Sincerely,  
S/Ryan M. Fecteau  
Speaker of the House

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

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The Following Communication: (H.C. 292)  
**STATE OF MAINE**  
**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
**SPEAKER'S OFFICE**  
**AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0002**

December 29, 2021  
Senator Heather Sanborn  
3 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333  
Representative Denise Tepler  
2 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333  
RE: Appointments in Accordance with Public Law, Chapter 459  
Dear Senator Sanborn and Representative Tepler:  
I am appointing Trish Riley of Portland to the Advisory Council on Affordable Health Care.  
Trish will serve as the member with expertise in health economics and research.  
In accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 3123, this appointment is contingent on the Maine State Senate's confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services.  
Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.  
Sincerely,  
S/Ryan M. Fecteau  
Speaker of the House

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

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The Following Communication: (H.C. 293)  
**STATE OF MAINE**  
**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
**SPEAKER'S OFFICE**  
**AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0002**

December 29, 2021  
Senator Heather Sanborn  
3 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333  
Representative Denise Tepler  
2 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333  
RE: Appointments in Accordance with Public Law, Chapter 459  
Dear Senator Sanborn and Representative Tepler:  
I am appointing Jeff Sanford of Brewer to the Advisory Council on Affordable Health Care.



Jeff will serve as the member with demonstrated expertise in health care delivery, health care management at a senior level of health care finance and administration.

In accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 3123, this appointment is contingent on the Maine State Senate's confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

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

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

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The Following Communication: (H.C. 294)

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

December 29, 2021  
Senator Heather Sanborn  
3 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333  
Representative Denise Tepler  
2 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333

RE: Appointments in Accordance with Public Law, Chapter 459  
Dear Senator Sanborn and Representative Tepler:

I am appointing Dr. Renee Fay-LeBlanc of Portland to the Advisory Council on Affordable Health Care.

Dr. Fay-LeBlanc will serve as the member who represents the health care workforce.

In accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 3123, this appointment is contingent on the Maine State Senate's confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

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

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

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The Following Communication: (H.C. 258)

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

December 16, 2021  
The Honorable Robert B. Hunt  
Clerk of the House  
2 State House Station  
Augusta, Maine 04333-0002

Dear Clerk Hunt,

The following is a summary of the results of the November 2, 2021 Referendum Election, which were submitted to the Governor on November 15, 2021.

Question 1: Citizen's Initiative  
Number of Votes in Favor 243,943  
Number of Votes Opposed 168,143

Question 2: Bond Issue  
Number of Votes in Favor 296,478  
Number of Votes Opposed 115,481

Question 3: Constitutional Amendment  
Number of Votes in Favor 249,273  
Number of Votes Opposed 160,440

Sincerely,  
S/Shenna Bellows  
Secretary of State

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

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The Following Communication: (H.C. 266)

**STATE OF MAINE  
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE  
TAX EXPENDITURE REVIEW WORKING GROUP**

December 13, 2021  
The Honorable Troy Jackson, President  
Maine State Senate  
State House  
Augusta, Maine 04333  
The Honorable Ryan Fecteau, Speaker  
Maine State House of Representatives  
State House  
Augusta Maine 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Fecteau:  
Pursuant to Joint Order 2021, S.P. 578, The Working Group To Review the Process for Ongoing Review of Tax Expenditures by the Legislature, usually referred to as "The Tax Expenditure Review Working Group" is pleased to submit its December 2021 report. Copies of the full report will be distributed to interested committees and individuals, and copies will be placed on file with the Law and Legislative Reference Library. Others may access the full report on-line through the website of the Office of Fiscal and Program Review <https://legislature.maine.gov/doc/7659>.

Sincerely,  
S/Sen. Nathan Libby  
Senate Chair  
S/Rep. Maureen Terry  
House Chair

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

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The Following Communication: (H.C. 267)

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

January 5, 2022  
Honorable Robert B. Hunt  
Clerk of the House  
2 State House Station  
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Clerk Hunt:

Please be advised that pursuant to her authority, Governor Janet T. Mills has nominated the following:

on December 15, 2021

Edmund J. McCann of Portland to the Maine Unemployment Insurance Commission as the labor representative.

Pursuant to Title 26, MRSA §1081, this appointment is contingent on confirmation by the Maine State Senate after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Labor and Housing. Andrew Butcher of Portland as the President of the Maine Connectivity Authority.

Pursuant to Title 35-A MRSA §9404, this appointment is contingent on confirmation by the Maine State Senate after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology.

William S. Harwood, Esquire of Yarmouth as the Public Advocate.

Pursuant to Title 35-A, MRSA §1701, this appointment is contingent on confirmation by the Maine State Senate after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology.

Malcolm L. Hunter, Jr. of Amherst to the Land for Maine's Future Board.

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

Frank O'Hara of Hallowell, Elizabeth J. Dietz of Veazie, Renee Lewis of Hollis and Sonia M. Barrantes of Portland for appointment as Commissioners of the Maine State Housing Authority.

Pursuant to Title 30-A, MRSA §4723.2, these appointments are contingent on confirmation by the Maine State Senate after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Labor and Housing.

Roberta L. de Araujo, Esq. of Portland as the employee representative and Michael D. Miles of Westbrook as the employer representative to the Maine Labor Relations Board, Sheila G. Mayberry, Esq. of Falmouth to the Maine Labor Relations Board as the neutral chair, Jessica L. Maher, Esq. of Brunswick to the Maine Labor Relations Board as an alternate employee member. James H. Mackie of South Portland to the Maine Labor Relations Board as an alternate employee member, Ann M. Freeman, Esq. of Portland and Alyssa C. Tibbetts, Esq. of Scarborough to the Maine Labor Relations Board as alternate employer members, Rebekah J. Smith, Esq. of Union to the Maine Labor Relations Board as the neutral alternate chair and Shari B. Broder, Esq. of Freeport to the Maine Labor Relations Board as a neutral alternate member.

Pursuant to Title 26, MRSA §968, these appointments are contingent on confirmation by the Maine State Senate after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Labor and Housing.

on December 16, 2021

Erin Merrill of Belgrade for appointment to the Maine Outdoor Heritage Fund Board.

Pursuant to Title 12, MRSA §10308, this appointment is contingent on confirmation by the Maine State Senate after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

on January 4, 2022

Roberta L. de Araujo, Esq. of Portland as the employee representative and Michael D. Miles of Westbrook as the employer representative to the Maine Labor Relations Board, Sheila G. Mayberry, Esq. of Falmouth to the Maine Labor Relations Board as the neutral chair, Jessica L. Maher, Esq. of Brunswick to the Maine Labor Relations Board as an alternate employee member. James H. Mackie of South Portland to the Maine Labor Relations Board as an alternate employee member, Ann M. Freeman, Esq. of Portland and Alyssa C.

Tibbetts, Esq. of Scarborough to the Maine Labor Relations Board as an alternate employer member, Rebekah J. Smith, Esq. of Union to the Maine Labor Relations Board as the neutral alternate chair and Shari B. Broder, Esq. of Freeport to the Maine Labor Relations Board as a neutral alternate member.

Pursuant to Title 26, MRSA §968, these appointments are contingent on confirmation by the Maine State Senate after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Labor and Housing. Frank O'Hara of Hallowell, Elizabeth J. Dietz of Veazie, Renee Lewis of Hollis and Sonia M. Barrantes of Portland for appointment as Commissioners of the Maine State Housing Authority.

Pursuant to Title 30-A, MRSA §4723.2, these appointments are contingent on the confirmation by the Maine State Senate after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Labor and Housing.

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

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

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The Following Communication: (H.C. 269)  
**CHILD WELFARE OMBUDSMAN**  
**P.O. BOX 2057**  
**HOPE, MAINE 04847**

December 29, 2021

Honorable Robert B. Hunt

Clerk of the House

2 State House Station

Augusta, ME 04333

Re: 2021 Annual Report of the Child Welfare Ombudsman

Dear Mr. Hunt,

Enclosed please find 164 copies of the 2021 Annual Report of the Child Welfare Ombudsman to be distributed to members of the Maine House and staff. The Child Welfare Ombudsman is required to report to the Maine Legislature each year pursuant to 22 M.R.S.A. § 4087-A.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Respectfully,

S/Christine Alberi

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

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The Following Communication: (H.C. 272)  
**STATE OF MAINE**  
**CLERK'S OFFICE**  
**2 STATE HOUSE STATION**  
**AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0002**

January 5, 2022

Honorable Ryan M. Fecteau

Speaker of the House

2 State House Station

Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Speaker Fecteau:

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, the following Joint Standing Committee has voted unanimously to report the following bills out "Ought Not to Pass:"

Energy, Utilities and Technology

L.D. 82 Resolve, To Provide for Participation of the State in the Planning and Negotiations for the Atlantic Loop Energy Project (EMERGENCY)  
L.D. 1409 An Act Regarding High-impact Electric Transmission Lines

Sincerely,  
S/Robert B. Hunt  
Clerk of House

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

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

At this point, Representative PERRY of Bangor and Representative BLUME of York were added to the roll call of the Second Regular Session of the 130<sup>th</sup> Legislature.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

The Following Communication: (H.C. 295)

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

January 4, 2022  
130th Maine Legislature  
3 State House Station  
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Members of the 130th Legislature,  
Pursuant to the authority vested to the President of the Senate under 5 M.R.S., §241, I have appointed Jacob Norton of Windsor to serve as State Auditor for the remainder of the unexpired term of office.

Mr. Norton has spent 13 years in the Office of the State Auditor, most recently in the role of Principal Auditor. He holds a bachelor's degree in accounting and a master's degree in business administration from Thomas College. His commitment to public service and experience within the agency will ensure a smooth transition and serve the state well.

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

**READ** and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

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

**SENATE PAPERS**

Bill "An Act To Build More Sustainable Ambulance Services in Communities"

(S.P. 645) (L.D. 1859)

Bill "An Act To Establish the Safe Homes Program"

(S.P. 660) (L.D. 1861)

Bill "An Act To Allow Bars with an Occupancy of 30 or Fewer Persons To Have Only One Bathroom"

(S.P. 662) (L.D. 1863)

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

**REFERRED** to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act Regarding the Use of a Student Athlete's Name, Image, Likeness or Autograph"

(S.P. 663) (L.D. 1893)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed.

**REFERRED** to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Support Municipal Broadband Infrastructure through Incentives and Competition"

(S.P. 664) (L.D. 1894)

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

**REFERRED** to the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Support Improvements in Child Protective Services"

(S.P. 605) (L.D. 1853)

Bill "An Act To Address Maine's Suicide and Opioid Crises through the Construction of Affordable Recovery Facilities in Underserved Areas of the State"

(S.P. 652) (L.D. 1860)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** and ordered printed.

**REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act Regarding Point-of-dispensing Sites for Immunizations against COVID-19"

(S.P. 610) (L.D. 1855)

Bill "An Act Regarding Delegating Authority for Services Performed by Emergency Medical Services Personnel in Health Care Facilities" (EMERGENCY)

(S.P. 633) (L.D. 1858)

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

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

Bill "An Act To Allow Heating Fuel and Motor Vehicle Fuel Customers To Opt Out of Paper Delivery Tickets"

(S.P. 666) (L.D. 1896)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS** and ordered printed.

**REFERRED** to the Committee on **INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Amend the Finance Authority of Maine Act To Allow for Remote Meetings" (EMERGENCY)

(S.P. 606) (L.D. 1854)

Bill "An Act To Eliminate Conflicts of Interest with Respect to the Payment of Fees to Bail Commissioners"

(S.P. 612) (L.D. 1856)

Bill "An Act To Prioritize the Prosecution of Child Murder Cases"

(S.P. 618) (L.D. 1857)

Bill "An Act To Strengthen Maine's Good Samaritan Laws Concerning Drug-related Medical Assistance"

(S.P. 661) (L.D. 1862)

Bill "An Act To Prohibit Invasion of Privacy on Private Property by Cameras"

(S.P. 665) (L.D. 1895)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** and ordered printed.

**REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** in concurrence.

Resolve, Authorizing the Maine National Guard To Sell Certain Property in Hallowell

(S.P. 602) (L.D. 1852)

Bill "An Act Regarding Rulemaking and Pricing under the Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations"

(S.P. 668) (L.D. 1906)

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

**REFERRED** to the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** in concurrence.

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

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

The following matter, in the consideration of which the House was engaged at the time of adjournment September 29, 2021, had preference in the Orders of the Day and continued with such preference until disposed of as provided by House Rule 502.

HOUSE DIVIDED REPORT - Majority (8) **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-192)** - Minority (5) **Ought Not to Pass** - Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** on Bill "An Act Concerning Nondisclosure Agreements in Employment"

(H.P. 711) (L.D. 965)

- **CARRIED OVER** to any special or regular session, of the 130th Legislature, pursuant to Joint Order H.P. 1302 on July 19, 2021. **TABLED** - June 2, 2021 (Till Later Today) by Representative SYLVESTER of Portland.

**PENDING** - Motion of same Representative to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report.

On motion of Representative DUNPHY of Old Town, the Bill and all accompanying papers were **COMMITTED** to the Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** and sent for concurrence.

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

**ENACTORS**

**Emergency Measure**

An Act To Reestablish the Maine Lobster Marketing Collaborative

(H.P. 275) (L.D. 391)

(H. "A" H-751)

Reported by the Committee on **Engrossed Bills** as truly and strictly engrossed. This being an emergency measure, a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to the House being necessary, a total was taken. 116 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.

**Emergency Measure**

An Act Regarding the Apportionment of the Franklin County Commissioner Districts

(H.P. 651) (L.D. 895)

(C. "A" H-750)

Reported by the Committee on **Engrossed Bills** as truly and strictly engrossed. This being an emergency measure, a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to the House being necessary, a total was taken. 115 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**.

**SENATE PAPERS**

The following Joint Resolution: (S.P. 669)  
**JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MAY 1, 2022 AS PUREBRED DOG DAY**

WHEREAS, purebred dogs are living legacies of the cultures that created them, and historically these dogs worked alongside their people and provided them companionship; and

WHEREAS, the service of these breeds continues today as they work alongside humans while serving as guide dogs, service dogs, conservation dogs, livestock guardians, search and rescue dogs, earthdogs, police dogs and canine soldiers serving alongside our military men and women; and

WHEREAS, purebred dogs also serve as avalanche dogs, trackers, trailers, herders, controllers of vermin, water rescuers, carting and sled dogs, retrievers, protectors, hunters and bird dogs; and

WHEREAS, purebred dogs have been of enormous help to medical science, serving as models for many heritable human diseases, playing a role in humanity's understanding of the human and canine genomes and benefiting pharmaceutical research and development; and

WHEREAS, purebred dogs are guardians of family, home and hearth, and always they are companions near and dear to humans; and

WHEREAS, each purebred breed is indelibly etched in the history of the culture that created it just as surely as are that culture's music, art and language; and

WHEREAS, all dogs should be valued, whatever their ancestry, but the purpose-bred dog and the predictability of its breed should be cherished and preserved; and

WHEREAS, there is currently no day set aside to celebrate and acknowledge the contributions of the purebred dog; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Thirtieth Legislature now assembled in the Second Regular Session, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to recognize May 1, 2022 as Purebred Dog Day in celebration of purebred dogs and the many service and companion benefits they provide in Maine.

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

**COMMUNICATIONS**

The Following Communication: (S.P. 616)

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

November 30, 2021

Hon. Troy D. Jackson  
President of the Senate

130th Legislature

Hon. Ryan M. Fecteau  
Speaker of the House

130th Legislature

Dear Mr. President and Mr. Speaker:

On November 30, 2021, 14 bills were received by the Secretary of the Senate.

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, these bills were referred to the Joint Standing Committees on November 30, 2021, as follows:

**Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry**

Bill "An Act To Increase Funding for the Animal Welfare Fund by Increasing Certain Fees" (S.P. 599) (L.D. 1744) (Sponsored by Senator DILL of Penobscot) (Submitted by the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

**Health and Human Services**

Bill "An Act To Require Screening for Cytomegalovirus in Certain Newborn Infants" (S.P. 603) (L.D. 1747) (Sponsored by Senator BREEN of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by Representative MILLETT of Waterford and Senators: CLAXTON of Androscoggin, CARNEY of Cumberland, Representatives: MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth, GRIFFIN of Levant) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act Regarding the So-called Leveraging Investments so Families Can Thrive Report Produced by the Department of Health and Human Services" (S.P. 604) (L.D. 1748) (Sponsored by Senator CLAXTON of Androscoggin) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Enhance the Child Welfare Ombudsman Program" (S.P. 615) (L.D. 1755) (Sponsored by Senator CURRY of Waldo) (Cosponsored by Senators: BAILEY of York,

MOORE of Washington, CLAXTON of Androscoggin, CARNEY of Cumberland, BALDACCI of Penobscot, DIAMOND of Cumberland, Representatives: HARNETT of Gardiner, CRAVEN of Lewiston) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

**Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services**

Bill "An Act To Provide Insurance Coverage for a Beneficiary on a Transfer on Death Deed" (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 611) (L.D. 1752) (Sponsored by Senator BAILEY of York) (Cosponsored by Senator SANBORN of Cumberland) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

**Labor and Housing**

Bill "An Act To Expand the 1998 Special Retirement Plan To Include Employees Who Work for the Office of Chief Medical Examiner" (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 601) (L.D. 1746) (Sponsored by Senator HICKMAN of Kennebec) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act Regarding the Retirement of Law Enforcement Officers under the Participating Local District Retirement Program" (S.P. 613) (L.D. 1753) (Sponsored by Senator DAVIS of Piscataquis) (Cosponsored by Senators: BLACK of Franklin, CYRWAY of Kennebec) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

**Marine Resources**

Bill "An Act To Ensure Compliance with the Interstate Fishery Management Plan for American Lobster" (S.P. 597) (L.D. 1742) (Sponsored by Senator MIRAMANT of Knox) (Submitted by the Department of Marine Resources pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

**Transportation**

Bill "An Act To Change the Requirements for the Sales of Used Catalytic Converters" (S.P. 607) (L.D. 1749) (Sponsored by Senator DILL of Penobscot) (Cosponsored by Representative LANDRY of Farmington) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

**Veterans and Legal Affairs**

Bill "An Act To Amend Certain Definitions in the Statutes Governing the Gambling Control Board" (S.P. 598) (L.D. 1743) (Sponsored by Senator LUCHINI of Hancock) (Submitted by the Department of Public Safety pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Gambling Control Board" (S.P. 600) (L.D. 1745) (Sponsored by Senator LUCHINI of Hancock) (Submitted by the Department of Public Safety pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Create a Framework for Maine's Spirits Contract" (S.P. 608) (L.D. 1750) (Sponsored by Senator LUCHINI of Hancock) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Make Permanent the Changes to the Liquor Laws Made by Public Law 2021, Chapters 3 and 91" (S.P. 609) (L.D. 1751) (Sponsored by Senator LUCHINI of Hancock) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Modify the Reporting Requirements for Major Contributors to Ballot Question Campaigns" (S.P. 614) (L.D. 1754) (Sponsored by Senator LUCHINI of Hancock) (Submitted by the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Sincerely,  
S/Darek M. Grant  
Secretary of the Senate

S/Robert B. Hunt  
Clerk of the House

Came from the Senate, **READ** and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**.

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

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The Following Communication: (S.P. 630)

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

December 7, 2021  
Hon. Troy D. Jackson  
President of the Senate  
130th Legislature  
Hon. Ryan M. Fecteau  
Speaker of the House  
130th Legislature

Dear Mr. President and Mr. Speaker:

On December 7, 2021, 11 bills were received by the Secretary of the Senate.

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, these bills were referred to the Joint Standing Committees on December 7, 2021, as follows:

**Education and Cultural Affairs**

Bill "An Act To Modernize Funding of Publicly Funded Tuition Students Attending Career and Technical Education Programs" (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 627) (L.D. 1789) (Sponsored by Senator MAXMIN of Lincoln) (Cosponsored by Representative O'NEIL of Saco and Senators: BAILEY of York, BALDACCI of Penobscot, Representatives: SAMPSON of Alfred, CRAFTS of Newcastle) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

**Health and Human Services**

Bill "An Act To Align Postpartum MaineCare Coverage with Federal Law" (S.P. 617) (L.D. 1781) (Sponsored by Senator CARNEY of Cumberland) (Submitted by the Department of Health and Human Services pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Improve the Quality and Affordability of Primary Health Care Provided by Federally Qualified Health Centers" (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 625) (L.D. 1787) (Sponsored by Senator CLAXTON of Androscoggin) (Cosponsored by Senator: MOORE of Washington) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Ensure Equitable Geographic Access to Long-term Care Services in the Department of Health and Human Services" (S.P. 628) (L.D. 1790) (Sponsored by President JACKSON of Aroostook) (Cosponsored by Representative MARTIN of Eagle Lake and Representatives: MADIGAN of Waterville, MARTIN of Sinclair, STOVER of Boothbay, CRAVEN of Lewiston) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act Directing the Department of Health and Human Services To Provide Notice to Hospitals of Nursing Facility Closures" (S.P. 629) (L.D. 1791) (Sponsored by Senator LUCHINI of Hancock) (Cosponsored by Representative McDONALD of Stonington and Senator: CLAXTON of Androscoggin) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

**Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services**

Bill "An Act To Require Health Insurance Carriers and Pharmacy Benefits Managers To Appropriately Account for Cost-sharing Amounts Paid on Behalf of Insureds" (S.P. 621) (L.D. 1783) (Sponsored by Senator SANBORN of Cumberland) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

**Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business**

Bill "An Act To Address Staffing Shortages in Critical Public Safety Jobs through Economic Incentives" (S.P. 623) (L.D. 1785) (Sponsored by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot) (Cosponsored by Representative SYLVESTER of Portland and Senators: HICKMAN of Kennebec, CURRY of Waldo, RAFFERTY of York, MIRAMANT of Knox, Representatives: DUNPHY of Old Town, CARDONE of Bangor, O'CONNELL of Brewer) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

**Judiciary**

Bill "An Act To Maintain Consistency among Maine's Nondiscrimination Statutes" (S.P. 624) (L.D. 1786) (Sponsored by Senator CARNEY of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by Representative NEWELL of the Passamaquoddy Tribe and Senators: HICKMAN of Kennebec, BAILEY of York, LAWRENCE of York, Representatives: RECKITT of South Portland, CARDONE of Bangor, HARNETT of Gardiner, SHEEHAN of Biddeford, LAROCHELLE of Augusta) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

**Transportation**

Resolve, To Rename Bridges in the Town of Milo for Veterans Who Died during the Vietnam War (S.P. 626) (L.D. 1788) (Sponsored by Senator DAVIS of Piscataquis) (Cosponsored by Senators: BLACK of Franklin, GUERIN of Penobscot, FARRIN of Somerset, DIAMOND of Cumberland) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

**Veterans and Legal Affairs**

Bill "An Act Regarding Contributing to Candidates and Political Action Committees" (S.P. 619) (L.D. 1782) (Sponsored by Senator LUCHINI of Hancock) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Ensure Legislative Review of Rules for Maine's Medical Use of Marijuana Act" (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 622) (L.D. 1784) (Sponsored by Senator MAXMIN of Lincoln) (Cosponsored by Representative WILLIAMS of Bar Harbor and Senators: President JACKSON of Aroostook, HICKMAN of Kennebec, Representatives: DILLINGHAM of Oxford, TALBOT ROSS of Portland, PLUECKER of Warren) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Sincerely,  
S/Darek M. Grant  
Secretary of the Senate  
S/Robert B. Hunt  
Clerk of the House

Came from the Senate, **READ** and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**.

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

The Following Communication: (S.P. 643)

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

December 15, 2021  
Hon. Troy D. Jackson  
President of the Senate  
130th Legislature  
Hon. Ryan M. Fecteau  
Speaker of the House  
130th Legislature

Dear Mr. President and Mr. Speaker:

On December 15, 2021, 10 bills were received by the Secretary of the Senate.

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, these bills were referred to the Joint Standing Committees on December 15, 2021, as follows:

**Education and Cultural Affairs**

Bill "An Act To Expand Nursing Education Programs" (S.P. 634) (L.D. 1807) (Sponsored by Senator DAUGHTRY of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by Representative MILLETT of Waterford and Senators: WOODSOME of York, CLAXTON of Androscoggin, Representatives: MEYER of Eliot, ZAGER of Portland, PERRY of Calais, MARTIN of Eagle Lake) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

**Energy, Utilities and Technology**

Bill "An Act To Repeal the St. Francis Water District Charter and Direct the Town of St. Francis To Assume, Maintain and Operate the Property of the District" (S.P. 641) (L.D. 1814) (Sponsored by President JACKSON of Aroostook) (Cosponsored by Representative MARTIN of Eagle Lake and Senator: BALDACCI of Penobscot, Representatives: MATLACK of St. George, BRYANT of Windham) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

**Environment and Natural Resources**

Bill "An Act To Allow Exceptions to the Height Limitations under the Shoreland Zoning Laws" (S.P. 636) (L.D. 1809) (Sponsored by Senator BRENNER of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by Representative DOUDERA of Camden and Senators: BLACK of Franklin, MOORE of Washington, CARNEY of Cumberland, Representatives: BLUME of York, GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach, MATHIESON of Kittery) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

**Health and Human Services**

Bill "An Act To Strengthen the Child Welfare Services Ombudsman Program by Providing for Increased Staffing" (S.P. 639) (L.D. 1812) (Sponsored by Senator DIAMOND of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by Representative HANLEY of Pittston and Senators: HICKMAN of Kennebec, KEIM of Oxford, CARNEY of Cumberland, Representative: BABBIDGE of Kennebunk) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

**Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services**

Bill "An Act To Revise Certain Financial Regulatory Provisions of the Maine Insurance Code To Be Consistent with Model Laws from the National Association of Insurance Commissioners" (S.P. 642) (L.D. 1815) (Sponsored by Senator SANBORN of Cumberland) (Submitted by the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

**Inland Fisheries and Wildlife**

Bill "An Act To Amend the Definition of 'Oversized ATV' To Increase the Minimum Weight Requirement" (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 640) (L.D. 1813) (Sponsored by President JACKSON of Aroostook) (Cosponsored by Representative MARTIN of Eagle Lake and Senators: DAVIS of Piscataquis, STEWART of Aroostook, Representatives: WHITE of Mars Hill, MARTIN of Sinclair) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.)

**Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business**

Bill "An Act Regarding Examinations and Applications for Professional Engineers and Engineer-interns" (S.P. 637) (L.D. 1810) (Sponsored by Senator CURRY of Waldo) (Cosponsored by Senator: POULIOT of Kennebec) (Submitted by the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Provide for the 2022 and 2023 Allocations of the State Ceiling on Private Activity Bonds" (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 638) (L.D. 1811) (Sponsored by Senator CURRY of Waldo) (Submitted by the Finance Authority of Maine pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

**Labor and Housing**

Bill "An Act To Address Employee Retention at the Maine State Police Crime Laboratory and the Computer Crimes Unit in the Department of Public Safety" (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 635) (L.D. 1808) (Sponsored by Senator DIAMOND of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by Representative COLLINGS of Portland and Senators: POULIOT of Kennebec, HICKMAN of Kennebec, Representative: MORRIS of Turner) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

**State and Local Government**

Bill "An Act To Clarify the Boundary between Waldo County and Knox County in Penobscot Bay" (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 632) (L.D. 1806) (Sponsored by Senator CURRY of Waldo) (Cosponsored by Representative ZEIGLER of Montville and Representative: DODGE of Belfast) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Sincerely,

S/Darek M. Grant  
Secretary of the Senate  
S/Robert B. Hunt  
Clerk of the House

Came from the Senate, **READ** and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

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

The Following Communication: (S.P. 659)

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

December 20, 2021  
Hon. Troy D. Jackson  
President of the Senate  
130th Legislature  
Hon. Ryan M. Fecteau  
Speaker of the House  
130th Legislature

Dear Mr. President and Mr. Speaker:

On December 20, 2021, 13 bills were received by the Secretary of the Senate.

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, these bills were referred to the Joint Standing Committees on December 20, 2021, as follows:

**Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry**

Bill "An Act Requiring a Contract for the Administration of the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry's Low-cost Spaying and Neutering Program" (S.P. 644) (L.D. 1828) (Sponsored by Senator BREEN of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by Senator: DAUGHTRY of Cumberland, Representative: PIERCE of Falmouth) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

**Education and Cultural Affairs**

Bill "An Act To Improve Student Access to Postsecondary School Transcripts and Diplomas" (S.P. 656) (L.D. 1838) (Sponsored by Senator VITELLI of Sagadahoc) (Cosponsored by Representative O'NEIL of Saco and Senators: DAUGHTRY of Cumberland, HICKMAN of Kennebec, STEWART of Aroostook, CURRY of Waldo, BRENNER of Cumberland, RAFFERTY of York, Representative: TEPLER of Topsham) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

**Energy, Utilities and Technology**

Bill "An Act To Amend the Charter of the Ogunquit Sewer District" (S.P. 646) (L.D. 1829) (Sponsored by Senator LAWRENCE of York) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

**Environment and Natural Resources**

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Storm Water Management To Provide an Exemption for Mountain Bike Trails" (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 653) (L.D. 1835) (Sponsored by Senator DAUGHTRY of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by Representative ZEIGLER of Montville and Senators: LIBBY of Androscoggin, CARNEY of Cumberland, Representatives: MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth, BELL of Yarmouth) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

**Health and Human Services**

Bill "An Act To Establish Ongoing Monitoring of Maine's Child Protective Services" (S.P. 651) (L.D. 1834) (Sponsored by Senator DIAMOND of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by Representative MILLETT of Waterford and Senators: BENNETT of Oxford, LIBBY of Androscoggin, BALDACCI of Penobscot, CURRY of Waldo, TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin, Representative: McDONALD of Stonington) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

**Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services**

Bill "An Act To Amend Maine's Financial Institution Merger Statutes and Modernize Certain Sections of Title 9-B" (S.P. 654) (L.D. 1836) (Sponsored by Senator SANBORN of Cumberland) (Submitted by the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Clarify the Appeals Process for Decisions Related to the Maine Health Insurance Marketplace" (S.P. 655) (L.D. 1837) (Sponsored by Senator SANBORN of Cumberland) (Submitted by the Department of Health and Human Services pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

**Judiciary**

Bill "An Act To Improve the Child and Family Court Process" (S.P. 648) (L.D. 1831) (Sponsored by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

**Labor and Housing**

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Retirement Benefit Reductions for Corrections Supervisors Currently Included in the 1998 Special Plan" (S.P. 658) (L.D. 1840) (Sponsored by President JACKSON of Aroostook) (Cosponsored by Representative PLUECKER of Warren and Senator: HICKMAN of Kennebec, Representative: SYLVESTER of Portland) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

**State and Local Government**

Bill "An Act To Correct the Year of the Expiration of the Terms of 2 County Commissioners in Sagadahoc County" (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 649) (L.D. 1832) (Sponsored by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot) (Cosponsored by Senator: DIAMOND of Cumberland) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.)

**Transportation**

Resolve, To Exempt Specialty or Recognition Registration Plates Already in the Process of Being Created from the Moratorium on the Approval of New Motor Vehicle Registration Plates (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 650) (L.D. 1833) (Sponsored by Senator BREEN of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by Senator: CHIPMAN of Cumberland, Representative: PIERCE of Falmouth) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Resolve, To Name a Bridge in the Town of Unity the Alton 'Mac' McCormick Memorial Bridge (S.P. 657) (L.D. 1839) (Sponsored by Senator CURRY of Waldo) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.)

**Veterans and Legal Affairs**

Bill "An Act To Amend the Election Laws" (S.P. 647) (L.D. 1830) (Sponsored by Senator LUCHINI of Hancock) (Cosponsored by Senator: HICKMAN of Kennebec, Representatives: COREY of Windham, McCREIGHT of Harpswell, RIELLY of Westbrook, WOOD of Portland, SUPICA of Bangor) (Submitted by the Secretary of State pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Sincerely,  
S/Darek M. Grant  
Secretary of the Senate  
S/Robert B. Hunt  
Clerk of the House

Came from the Senate, **READ** and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**.

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



The Following Communication: (S.C. 847)

**MAINE SENATE  
130TH LEGISLATURE**

January 5, 2022

Honorable Ryan Fecteau  
Speaker of the House  
2 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333-0002

Dear Speaker Fecteau:

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A. §158 and Joint Rule 506 of the 130th Maine Legislature, please be advised that the Senate today confirmed the following nomination:

Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology, Andrew Butcher of Portland for appointment as the President, Maine Connectivity Authority.

Best Regards,

S/Darek M. Grant

Secretary of the Senate

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

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**SENATE PAPERS**

The following Joint Resolution: (S.P. 670)

**JOINT RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE JANUARY  
6TH INSURRECTION**

WHEREAS, on January 6, 2021, the United States Congress convened in a joint session pursuant to the United States Constitution and the federal Electoral Count Act of 1887 to certify the results of the people's vote and the Electoral College results in the 2020 Presidential Election; and

WHEREAS, on the same date, a group of insurgents violently stormed the United States Capitol in an act of domestic terrorism with the intent to disrupt and prevent the certification of the 2020 Electoral College results; and

WHEREAS, this act of domestic terrorism left an estimated 140 members of law enforcement, who serve and protect the United States Capitol and the United States Congress, with serious injuries ranging from brain damage to crushed spinal discs; and

WHEREAS, this act of domestic terrorism represented a threat to the safety of the members of the United States Congress and an affront to the United States Constitution, democracy and our commitment to holding free and fair elections that ensure every American is able to exercise the right to vote; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Thirtieth Legislature now assembled in the Second Regular Session, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to recognize this solemn anniversary, honor the brave men and women serving in law enforcement committed to protecting the United States Capitol and the Maine State House and recommit to protecting the right of Maine citizens to participate in free and fair elections.

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

**READ.**

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Paris, Representative Andrews.

Representative **ANDREWS**: Mr. Speaker, I'd like to request a Roll Call on that and speak to my motion. I believe I beat the hammer.

The SPEAKER: The Chair would inquire whether the Member would like a Roll Call to be requested on adoption of the Joint Resolution. Just to clarify; what the Chair just did was dispense with the reading of the Joint Resolution.

Representative **ANDREWS**: I would request a Roll Call on the passage of the whole item and wish to speak to it.

Representative ANDREWS of Paris **REQUESTED** a roll call on **ADOPTION**.

More than one-fifth of the members present expressed a desire for a roll call which was ordered.

The SPEAKER: The Representative may proceed.

Representative **ANDREWS**: While I can appreciate the sentiment of this Resolution, I am not exactly comfortable with some of the language within it. Therefore, I will be voting against it. If the press or my constituents or anyone's constituents would like to know how somebody feels about the events of January 6th, I think they should ask that person as an individual. I don't feel that passing a collective resolution instead of asking the individual people is appropriate. Thank you, sir.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Berwick, Representative O'Connor.

Representative **O'CONNOR**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I would have to agree with the Representative from Paris. I've always supported all police officers every day of my life since I was old enough to know how and this Resolution here speaks to domestic terrorism on January 6th. Not one single case has been tried and proved as domestic terrorism. Therefore, with all due respect to the President of the Senate, I think this is a fluff piece and it never should've seen the light of day. Thank you.

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

Representative **STETKIS**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm proud of the very long record that we as Republicans have in supporting our law enforcement officers locally and abroad. I cannot support this piece of political rhetoric disguised as support for law enforcement, so, I'm going to be voting no on this Resolution and I would like to have my record and our record in supporting law enforcement taken into account and the vote on this particular Resolution not being reflected on our history.

The SPEAKER: A roll call has been ordered. The pending question before the House is Adoption of the Joint Resolution All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

**ROLL CALL NO. 444**

YEA - Alley, Arata, Arford, Babbidge, Bell, Berry, Bickford, Blume, Brennan, Brooks, Bryant, Caiazzo, Cardone, Cloutier, Collings, Copeland, Corey, Crafts, Craven, Crockett, Dodge, Doudera, Dunphy, Evans, Fay, FecteauR, Geiger, Gere, Gramlich, Grohoski, Harnett, Hasenfus, Hepler, Kessler, Landry, LaRochelle, Lookner, Madigan, MartinJ, MartinR, Mathieson, Matlack, McCrea, McCreight, Melaragno, Meyer, Morales, Moriarty, O'Connell, O'Neil, Osher, Paulhus, Pebworth, PerryA, PerryJ, Pierce, Pluecker, Reckitt, Rielly, Riseman, Roche, Roeder, Sachs, Salisbury, Stover, Supica, Talbot Ross, Terry, Tucker, Tuell, WarrenC, WarrenS, WhiteB, Williams, Wood, Zager, Zeigler.

NAY - Andrews, Austin, Bernard, Blier, Bradstreet, Carmichael, Collamore, Costain, Downes, Drinkwater, Ducharme, Faulkingham, Foster, Gifford, Greenwood, Griffin,

Hall, Hanley, Hutchins, Javner, Kinney, Lemelin, Libby, Lyford, Lyman, MartinT, MasonR, MillettH, Morris, Nadeau, Newman, O'Connor, Ordway, Parry, Perkins, Pickett, Poirier, Quint, Rudnicki, Sampson, Skolfield, Stanley, Stearns, Stetkis, Theriault, Thorne, Underwood, Wadsworth, WhiteD.

ABSENT - Carlow, Cebra, Connor, Cuddy, Dillingham, Dolloff, Doore, Evangelos, Grignon, Haggan, Harrington, Head, Hymanson, Kryzak, McDonald, MillettR, Prescott, Roberts, Sharpe, Sheehan, Sylvester, Tepler, Tuttle.

Yes, 77; No, 49; Absent, 23; Vacant, 2; Excused, 0.

77 having voted in the affirmative and 49 voted in the negative, 2 vacancies with 23 being absent, and accordingly the Joint Resolution was **ADOPTED** in concurrence.

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

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The following Joint Order: (S.P. 620)

WHEREAS, in order to ensure that the Legislature is able to continue to meet the urgent needs of the people of the State while confronting rapidly changing circumstances and public health concerns, it is necessary to continue procedures first implemented in the First Regular Session of the 130th Legislature to allow the Legislature to continue to operate in a safe, accountable and transparent manner; now, therefore, be it

ORDERED, the House concurring, that for the Second Regular Session of the 130th Legislature and any subsequent special legislative session that occurs during the 130th Legislature:

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.**

Representative ANDREWS of Paris **REQUESTED** a roll call on **PASSAGE**.

More than one-fifth of the members present expressed a desire for a roll call which was ordered.

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from South Paris, Representative Andrews.

Representative **ANDREWS**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We are on the First Legislative Day of the Second Regular Session and, more importantly, we are no longer under a state of emergency declared by the Chief Executive. We currently do not have an active resolution that allows all public proceedings

of the Legislature of Maine and its committees and subcommittees to be conducted remotely. In fact, we do not currently have an active of Statute that would allow for remote legislative meetings. State Statute 403-A, the Statute that allowed for remote legislative meetings during a declared state of emergency, references the scope of the Legislature to meet remotely; quote, 403-A Subsection 2, application to legislative proceedings. This section does not apply to public proceedings of the Legislature, a legislative committee, or the Legislative Council except that while a state of Emergency as set out in subsection one is in effect, the Legislature, a legislative committee or the Legislative Council may restrict the attendance by the public to remote access by telephonic, video, electronic or other similar means. The emergency set out in subsection one is defined as, quote, a state of emergency as declared by the Chief Executive. Furthermore, the entire 403-A section of Statute was repealed 30 days after the Chief Executive's declared state of emergency ended. That emergency declaration by the Chief Executive expired on June 30, 2021, which was 189 days ago.

Mr. Speaker, the only way for legislative public proceedings to legally be held remotely is for this new super-resolution to be passed by the House and Senate today. I ask for a roll call vote because our constituents deserve to know if their representative voted to ban the public from the State House, the peoples' house, for another year. In a State where broadband connectivity is a major issue, to only allow public committee meetings to occur online would disenfranchise thousands of Mainers because of where they live in the State and that is not fair or equitable. The public must be allowed to attend public committee meetings in person at the State House. For too long, Mr. Speaker, this dome has become an ivory tower. Our State is largely back to normal. Teachers and students are back in person learning in rooms the size of our committee rooms. Small businesses across Maine are rebuilding their consumer base while steadfast employees mind their registers in retail sectors all across Maine. In fact, Mr. Speaker, I've seen firsthand out exceptional school principals and school nurses have burned the candle at both ends to do everything they can to keep our schools open and in person. They should be applauded. Yet, the 130th Legislature can't have face-to-face committee meetings or allow the public to testify within the walls of their own house. This is an insult to every Mainer who is trying to work their way back to normal and put food on the table.

Why do legislators deserve special treatment when the rest of the business sectors in the State are operating as they once did? Are we entitled to special treatment in our ivory tower, Mr. Speaker? This proposed resolution is unacceptable. Frederic Bastiat, one of the most notable classical liberals of the 19th century, correctly diagnosed the problem with politicians over 150 years ago when he said; do not the legislators and their appointed agents also belong to the human race or do they believe that they themselves are made of a finer clay than the rest of mankind? Mr. Speaker, now is the time to lead. Now is the time to set the example for our constituents. Now is not the time to cower in an ivory tower until no one ever gets sick again while the rest of the State gets up and goes to work every day.

Mr. Speaker, we are not made of a finer clay. If anything, we need to match the effort, work ethic and resiliency of those Mainers who have dirt on their jeans, grease on their fingers and swollen ankles after a hard day's work at the mill or a shift at the diner. If they can do that and show up for work, Mr. Speaker, so can we. We must allow the public to testify in person and attend our public hearings. Public in-person testimony is a necessary check and balance on legislative power. There are a whole host of controversial bills this session that have the potential to change the face of Maine forever. Mr. Speaker, if such legislation is going to be voted on in this House, then legislators need to look the public in the eye and listen to their grievances in person. To not do that would be to deny the citizens their constitutional rights. The Statutes and facts are clear; the only way the public can be banned from public hearings in the people's house in this second session or any special session that follows, is if we passed this vote and pass this super-resolution today. I would implore everyone in this chamber to be the leader their constituents elected and go on the record affirmatively stating that they will show up for work and, more importantly, that they will open the doors to the public for all legislative proceedings in the people's house. Mr. Speaker, if Maine families can spend two hours and 28 minutes in a movie theater watching the latest Spiderman movie, we as a legislator can have in-person committee hearings. We need to lead the way and set the example for our constituents. Please follow my light and thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Pittston, Representative Hanley.

Representative **HANLEY**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, I rise in opposition to the pending motion. I'll make it short and sweet, if I can. When my wife and I go grocery shopping at the IGA in Randolph or over at the supermarket in Gardiner, or any other store, the clerk that checks us out checks out more people; she is in contact face to face with more people in her shift in one day than I would be ever in a committee hearing room. And we are leaders, we are elected to lead, we are elected to show leadership qualities and skills, yet we're not leading; we're hiding. Yet we expect the rest of this State and they are all doing it, they are all back at work and we are not. We're voting not to go back to work. Another issue I'd like to bring up is the immense amount of divided reports out of these chambers, out of these committee hearings. Maybe one of the reasons you have so many divided reports is you've lost the comradery of the hallway conversation, the conversation over lunch or in the parking lot, or just a moment of recess outside of the hearing rooms. That might help alleviate the massive divided reports we deal with all the time here, the personal connection between human beings. Being a video image all the time is not the most effective way to build that friendship and the ability to cross lines and make compromises and make law. So, I'm asking you to do what all of the rest of the State of Maine is doing; go back to work, not willy-nilly or with callousness, but with reasonable caution like everybody else is and come back into this building, do our job as leaders and do it now. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Fairfield, Representative Rudnicki.

Representative **RUDNICKI**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Since we started on Zoom, when I introduce myself in committee, the first thing that I say is that we are doing a disservice to our constituents and to the people of this State. We need to be face to face with them. And if you can go to Walmart, if you can go to Hannaford, then there is no reason we can't be back in these committee rooms. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Dexter, Representative Foster.

Representative **FOSTER**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I'll keep this very simple. I was a little surprised to find out after successfully holding EUT committee meetings, five of them this fall, the last one I believe it was in December, successfully with the public present, lobbyists and others, that we were now, because the date has changed, we're back in session, going back to Zoom. And I will say this; I do not feel that using Zoom for committee meetings allows the public to have as much participation as in person and, as has been said before, it certainly does not allow a lot of personal intercommunication between committee members. So, I stand in opposition to this motion. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from South Portland, Representative Kessler.

Representative **KESSLER**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I cannot sit here and let some of the comments that were just spoken by my colleagues go unaddressed. I'll try to keep this brief. I understand the concern about maintaining the traditions of this institution. I think they are sacred traditions and so, I understand where my colleagues are coming from. At the same time, I have seen remote access to our meetings open the door to more participation from the general public, including those people who have to come from rural areas who don't have access to broadband in their homes but it's a much easier drive to go to the public library than it is to drive three to four hours to come to this building. I feel insulted when we're being accused of sitting in an ivory tower when many of us work our butts off in our regular lives in addition to doing the people's work here. It's disingenuous. I hope for a day where remote participation becomes standard and increases access to our democracy more than it ever has. I'm thankful that the leadership has prioritized our safety to conduct meetings as well as keep it open to as many people as possible. So, I enthusiastically support this.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Auburn, Representative Bickford.

Representative **BICKFORD**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. May I pose a question through the Chair?

The SPEAKER: The Member may proceed.

Representative **BICKFORD**: Mr. Speaker, I'm wondering why it's more of a risk, a health risk, for us to be in committees when we can sit here today, 135 of us I believe are here, very close contact, very close contact in the hall, but we're not at risk today or on the 26th we're not going to be at risk. Can someone explain why it's going to be more risky for us to meet in committee hearings? Thank you.

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

Representative **KINNEY**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I just wanted to rise. I, like you, Mr. Speaker, I'm in my fourth or final term here in the House and certainly remember the days of constituents coming in kind of at the last minute to make testimony. In fact, the first time I ever testified before a committee hearing, I came just as a body, I wasn't planning to speak. And as I sat in the committee hearing and listening to testimony, I made the decision to speak on this particular issue. It's not something that people are able to do today. We can't, and that's a disservice to the people of the State of Maine and is why I am opposed to the pending legislation. We have heard compelling testimony on this. There are going to still be people that that aren't going to feel safe coming in for whatever reason, but the majority of people are back to work, they're going shopping, the grocery stores are full, Walmart is full; believe me I know, talk about Christmas, this Christmas season, people were out, they were shopping. They're moving on and trying to get back to a sense of normalcy. We're hearing from the CDC a much shorter time for quarantining. So, the issues that are out there, if we're truly listening to all the science that's going on, we're finding out that we should be able to be back in person. And commonsense needs to take place. If you don't feel well, don't come in and don't be here. I think we can tell by the number of people who are not here today that people are taking that and being very cautious about it and I just think that that's something we all need to just remember is that we are here to serve the people and I don't think that we're in an ivory tower or anything like that, but that is a perception among some members of our communities back home and we need to remember that some of those people just they're not technologically astute and it's time that we get back to a sense of normalcy. I don't think we want this entire session of two years to be known as the session where we left out the people.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Lewiston, Representative Brooks.

Representative **BROOKS**: Thank you, Speaker, people of the House. I rise in favor of the pending motion. I believe it's important to put public health first. Having testified myself before becoming a legislator, I know that it's travel and transportation is one issue, particularly on a day like today with potentially slippery roads and access to transportation issues. I like the idea of having communities like public libraries facilitating internet connectivity and Zoom assistance and I think it's really important, especially with the Omicron variant and having a lot of us, all of us, having people that we know and love and our friends and constituents suffering with the coronavirus and particularly different variants that are coming around, it's important that we pass this measure.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Fairfield, Representative Rudnicki.

Representative **RUDNICKI**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a couple of questions to pose through the Chair.

The SPEAKER: The Member may proceed.

Representative **RUDNICKI**: First question is if somebody is up here speaking and if they have a mask on, could they speak louder, because we cannot hear. And my second question is; is this going to require an emergency preamble because for it to take effect immediately wouldn't it need a two-thirds vote?

The **SPEAKER**: The Member from Fairfield, Representative Rudnicki, has posed a question to the Chair regarding speaking, for anyone that may be able to answer and the Member from Fairfield has posed another question to the Chair concerning the Joint Order and whether or not it needs two-thirds and it does not because it's not a bill, it's in regards to the operations of the House and it does not require two-thirds to take effect immediately.

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Dixfield, Representative Pickett.

Representative **PICKETT**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. Last year in 2021, we came here and we went to work. We knew some about what the pandemic was about, we did everything we could do in being over to the Civic Center, not having committee meetings, to try to do what we could do to protect each other and protect our families and everyone else, as did everybody out here in our communities. 2022, we start the new year. We lost a whole year, in my opinion and the first six years I was here working in committee many bills were able to be worked in committee by having time to go outside to talk with others, by working with the other side and having actual meetings with them in person and talking with them instead of trying to set up individual Zoom meetings while a Zoom meeting is actually going on and those kind of things and it was a different world last year. But this is this year. And, yes, the pandemic is still here, there's a variant out, it's still here. And the pandemic, no one is playing that down, but everybody in my district that works and takes care of their family have gone back to work, for the most part, because they realize they have to work and they have to go. And we are here in this House and we should be leading our State. We should be the example to our State that look, we should be out here working just as they are and our place is here and under this dome, working in our committees and working in this chamber. That's why I oppose this particular motion and I'll be voting against it. We need to get back here and we need to get to work. We need to be smart but we cannot continue to live in a bubble. We've got to get on with our lives and we've got to turn around and we've got to live with COVID, not in fear of it. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The **SPEAKER**: There are six Members in queue. The Chair recognizes the Representative from Penobscot, Representative Hutchins.

Representative **HUTCHINS**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I'll try to stay close to the mic because with these things on our faces, we can't be heard very well. We heard some good points made on both sides here in the last few speakers talking about the expanded chance through Zoom meetings that have taken place all over the State and people can listen in, maybe go to their library and do it, but it's still not the same as us being here, reading the room when

you're in a committee room with information that's more accessible. People listening from away at Zoom meetings, all of a sudden, they might have a great idea, that's not going to do them a bit of good because they're not at the committee room where they could perhaps sign in and speak up. So, I'm speaking in opposition to this also. We do need to get back to something that is more nearly normal and in the process of doing it join the rest of the people of Maine that are doing the same thing. Thank you.

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Calais, Representative Perry.

Representative **PERRY**: Thank you, Speaker. Sorry. I got up because my concern is really the level of exposure, not only to the public but to all who come into this building. I have been working a COVID test site in Calais and on Monday we did 83 tests and 33% of them were positive. This is people who have gone to a basketball game and there were young people who were coming out positive. This is also people who will try and cross to the border. There is a lot more positive than there were when we originally started this. We have a lot of people who are therefore, required to quarantine, required to stay out of work, so work is not back to normal. We have teachers and students who are missing school and trying to do things both remotely and in person. So, my concern, my concern for the public and for everybody who works in this building is really about the level of exposure and the amount of exposure that we would have on a daily basis and that's for our public as well.

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Skowhegan, Representative Poirier.

Representative **POIRIER**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. May I pose a question through the Chair?

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

Representative **POIRIER**: Thank you. I would just like to know if we're exploring the possibility of hybrid meetings where those who are comfortable being able to participate in person and those who are not, participating remotely.

The **SPEAKER**: The Member has posed a question through the Chair. The Chair will answer the question. At this point, the President of the Senate and I have decided that we will make decisions related to whether it's strictly remote or hybrid on a month-to-month basis and so, as we approach February, we'll have another decision as to whether or not we move to hybrid. We have purchased the equipment necessary, the technological equipment necessary to set up the committee room so that they can function in a hybrid way. If anyone has been in the appropriations committee room during the course of the off-session, that committee room has been equipped to do hybrid and, in fact, we did a couple hybrid meetings during the course of the summer for a commission that I was actually chairing. However, not all the committee rooms were equipped with that technology. However, we have made the investment in ensuring that the committee rooms can handle hybrid meetings. So, we are prepared for hybrid meetings should the situation with COVID lend itself to making that decision happen. So, it's not out of the realm of possibility for for this session.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Vassalboro, Representative Bradstreet.

Representative **BRADSTREET**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I rise in opposition to the pending motion. I do share the sentiments of those who have already spoken regarding their opposition to the motion. What I'd like to add simply is this, that the last part of the Joint Order, it says; 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. And one of the frustrations that I and I know a lot of other Members have had is that if we're not convened, we don't have a chance to vote. And from a practical matter, we won't be able to vote on again because we are convening so rarely. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Paris, Representative Andrews.

Representative **ANDREWS**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I appreciate the opportunity to rise again and I appreciate your words about the hybrid model. I welcome that and look forward to that day, but saying what's going to happen in the future sounds a lot like two weeks to flatten the curve to me and that's why I feel we need to vote this motion down today and allow the public in for public proceedings. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Bangor, Representative Roeder.

Representative **ROEDER**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'll be very brief. Should this motion pass, one of the concerns that I have is for the connectivity of this Body and whether or not all Members of this Body would be able to participate remotely. And my question, then, is will we have resources available for those folks who might not have a strong internet connection, who might not have an internet connection at all at times? So, that is my question. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Representative from Bangor, Representative Roeder, has posed a question through the Chair. The Chair would advise that we met virtually during the First Regulation Session and the Special Session that proceeded it and anyone that had an issue with connecting amongst this Body or otherwise, I believe those issues were worked out. In fact, there were many Members who continued to come to the State House, sit in their committee rooms and connect to the State House internet and participate in the committee process. And so, my understanding, unless someone never spoke up, is that there have not been any issues with any Members connecting to their Zoom meetings during the course of the work that we did in the last legislative session.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Caribou, Representative Bernard.

Representative **BERNARD**: Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Ladies and gentlemen, I just want to address the point that was made earlier regarding the number of positive cases that we have and there are a number of positive cases that we have. In fact, they've been on the rise. But most recently from the CDC and Dr. Anthony Fauci said that that is not the number, that's not the metric that we need to be looking at, because it's going to be spreading, especially with the Omicron virus. The

trouble is going to be we should be looking at hospitalizations and deaths. But you're not supposed to be looking any more, he advised this, of the numbers of cases. So, that's really not something to be considered as we determine what we should be doing and it's obviously not what's being considered when businesses and restaurants and everybody else seems to be doing. So, yes, hospitalizations, yes, deaths, but not the numbers of cases. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Windham, Representative Corey.

Representative **COREY**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'll keep this short. Men and Women of the House, this building used to be collaborative, energizing and welcoming. This Legislature used to be collaborative, energizing and welcoming. We did our best work then. It used to be fun. Thanks.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Hodgdon, Representative Quint.

Representative **QUINT**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As a new legislator, I've been very disappointed in my ability to look my constituents in the face when they come and want to testify. I think there's a personal connection missing with that and Zoom will not cover that. I appreciate the hybrid model for the people that truly it's more difficult for them to come in, but one of the great things is that our constituents should be able to look us in the face and question us about the way that we vote. And we do have Members who do not have to look their constituents in the face and that, to me, is utterly regrettable and unconscionable. I would like to thank the Representative from Bangor. I am one of the Representatives who has come down four days a week all last year because I do not have a reliable internet connection. We are denying people the right to come and speak to us because of that. I should not have to go down to my local library when this building is here in Augusta and it should be open. Other states in our country are able to do this. Why is our leadership so poor that we are unable to do this? I just do not understand that. So, thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER: A roll call has been ordered. The pending question before the House is Passage of the Joint Order. All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

**ROLL CALL NO. 445**

YEA - Alley, Arford, Babbidge, Bell, Berry, Blume, Brennan, Brooks, Bryant, Caiazzo, Cardone, Cloutier, Collings, Copeland, Crafts, Craven, Crockett, Dodge, Doudera, Dunphy, Evans, Fay, FecteauR, Geiger, Gere, Gramlich, Grohoski, Harnett, Hasenus, Hepler, Kessler, Landry, LaRochelle, Lookner, Madigan, MartinJ, MartinR, Mathieson, Matlack, McCrea, McCreight, Melaragno, Meyer, Morales, Moriarty, O'Connell, O'Neil, Osher, Paulhus, Peabworth, PerryA, PerryJ, Pierce, Pluecker, Poirier, Reckitt, Rielly, Riseman, Roeder, Sachs, Salisbury, Stover, Supica, Talbot Ross, Terry, Tucker, WarrenC, WarrenS, WhiteB, Williams, Wood, Zager, Zeigler.

NAY - Andrews, Arata, Austin, Bernard, Bickford, Blier, Bradstreet, Carmichael, Collamore, Corey, Costain, Downes, Drinkwater, Ducharme, Faulkingham, Foster, Gifford, Greenwood, Griffin, Hall, Hanley, Hutchins, Javner, Kinney, Lemelin, Libby, Lyford, Lyman, MartinT, MasonR, MillettH, Morris, Nadeau, Newman, O'Connor, Ordway, Parry, Perkins, Pickett, Quint, Roche, Rudnicki, Sampson, Skolfield, Stanley,

Stearns, Stetkis, Theriault, Thorne, Tuell, Underwood, Wadsworth, WhiteD.

ABSENT - Carlow, Cebra, Connor, Cuddy, Dillingham, Dolloff, Doore, Evangelos, Grignon, Haggan, Harrington, Head, Hymanson, Kryzak, McDonald, MillettR, Prescott, Roberts, Sharpe, Sheehan, Sylvester, Tepler, Tuttle.

Yes, 73; No, 53; Absent, 23; Vacant, 2; Excused, 0.

73 having voted in the affirmative and 53 voted in the negative, 2 vacancies with 23 being absent, and accordingly the Joint Order **PASSED** in concurrence.

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

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At this point, Representative GREENWOOD of Wales was added to the roll call of the Second Regular Session of the 130<sup>th</sup> Legislature.

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#### **SENATE PAPERS**

The following Joint Order: (S.P. 667)

**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.

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

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On motion of Representative LaROCHELLE of Augusta, the House adjourned at 2:15 p.m., until the call of the Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate, respectively, pursuant to the Joint Order (S.P. 667).