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**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION
JOURNAL OF THE SENATE**

In Senate Room at the Augusta Civic Center
Wednesday
March 10, 2021

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

Prayer by Senator Catherine E. Breen of Cumberland County.

SENATOR BREEN: Good morning. As I joked with my caucus this morning, I agreed to do this prayer long before we ran into the Supplemental Budget trouble, but I'm really glad I did because we'll need it. On a more serious note, I feel really grateful today to be together with all of you who we've been seeing on screens and some in person but mostly remotely. So, this is a prayer of gratitude and there is a refrain. We give thanks, if you're feeling grateful and you'd like to join me in that I welcome that.

It comes from the Jewish tradition. Modim anachnu lach means "We give thanks."

For the expanding grandeur of Creation, worlds known and unknown, galaxies beyond galaxies, filling us with awe and challenging our imaginations: We give thanks.

For this fragile planet earth, its times and tides, its sunsets and seasons: We give thanks.

For the joy of human life, its wonders and surprises, its hopes and achievements: We give thanks. For our human community, our common past and future hope, our oneness transcending all separation, our capacity to work for peace and justice in the midst of hostility and oppression: We give thanks.

For high hopes and noble causes, for faith without fanaticism, for understanding of views not shared: We give thanks.

For all who have labored and suffered for a fairer world, who have lived so that others might live in dignity and freedom: We give thanks.

For human liberty and sacred rites; for opportunities to change and grow, to affirm and choose: We give thanks.

We pray that we may live not by our fears but by our hopes, not by our words but by our deeds.

Blessed are You, Adonai, Your name is goodness and You are worthy of thanksgiving.

Amen.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Senator Paul T. Davis, Sr. of Piscataquis County.

Reading of the Journal of Wednesday, December 2, 2020.

Off Record Remarks

The Senate considered the following:

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: S.C. 254

**STATE OF MAINE
SECRETARY OF STATE
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

March 10, 2021

To Troy D. Jackson, President of the Senate
One Hundred and Thirtieth Legislature:

I, Shenna Bellows, Secretary of State, in accordance with the Constitution and laws of the State of Maine, having tabulated the returns of the votes cast for State Senate District 14 at the Special Election held on the ninth day of March in the year Two Thousand and Twenty-one;

Report as Follows; that Craig V. Hickman of Winthrop, having received a plurality of the votes cast, appears to have been elected:

Guerrette, William	3,136
Hickman, Craig V.	5,248

I, Shenna Bellows, Secretary of State, hereby certify that the foregoing report is a true tabulation of the votes cast for State Senate District 14 at the March 9, 2021 Special Election, as reported to me on the returns from the municipalities in State Senate District 14.

S/Shenna Bellows,
Secretary of State

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 255

**STATE OF MAINE
SECRETARY OF STATE
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

March 10, 2021

To Darek M. Grant, Secretary of the Senate,
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 Senator-elect to the One Hundred and Thirtieth Legislature, in accordance with the tabulation submitted to the Governor on March 10, 2021:

DISTRICT 14 Craig V. Hickman, Winthrop

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

S/Shenna Bellows
Secretary of State

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The President requested the Sergeant-At-Arms escort the Senator from Kennebec, Senator **HICKMAN**, to his seat on the Floor.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: S.P. 48

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

January 12, 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 January 11, 2021, 38 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 January 11, 2021, as follows:

Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

Resolve, Authorizing the Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands To Convey a Parcel of Land in Augusta to the Maine Veterans' Homes (S.P. 38) (L.D. 30) (Sponsored by Senator DILL of Penobscot) (Cosponsored by Speaker FECTEAU of Biddeford) (Submitted by the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act To Improve the Laws Governing Hemp by Bringing Them into Compliance with Federal Law" (S.P. 41) (L.D. 33) (Sponsored by Senator BLACK of Franklin) (Cosponsored by Senator: MAXMIN of Lincoln, Representative: LANDRY of Farmington) (Submitted by the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act To Create the Maine Forestry Operations Cleanup and Response Fund" (S.P. 42) (L.D. 34) (Sponsored by Senator DILL of Penobscot) (Submitted by the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act To Facilitate Interagency Sharing of Information and Academic Research by Allowing Disclosure of Certain Confidential Information in Wood Processor and Forest Landowner Reports" (S.P. 43) (L.D. 35) (Sponsored by Senator DILL of Penobscot) (Submitted by the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act To Amend the Definition of "Timber Harvesting" (S.P. 44) (L.D. 36) (Sponsored by Senator DILL of Penobscot) (Submitted by the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Appropriations and Financial Affairs

Bill "An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for Maintenance and Improvement of Maine National Guard Facilities" (S.P. 10) (L.D. 3) (Sponsored by Senator LUCHINI of Hancock) (Submitted by the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Provide a New Dormitory Facility at the Maine School of Science and Mathematics" (S.P. 28) (L.D. 21) (Sponsored by President JACKSON of Aroostook) (Cosponsored by Representative McCREA of Fort Fairfield and Representatives: MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth, MARTIN of Sinclair, MARTIN of Eagle Lake)

Criminal Justice and Public Safety

Bill "An Act To Require Annual Information Reporting by the Maine Information and Analysis Center" (S.P. 19) (L.D. 12) (Sponsored by Senator DESCHAMBAULT of York) (Submitted by the Department of Public Safety pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act To Coordinate the Delivery of Individuals Committed to the Department of Corrections" (S.P. 20) (L.D. 13) (Sponsored by Senator DESCHAMBAULT of York) (Submitted by the Department of Corrections pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act To Create an Alert System To Notify the Public When a Person with an Intellectual or Developmental Disability Is Missing" (S.P. 36) (L.D. 28) (Sponsored by Senator STEWART of Aroostook) (Cosponsored by Representative: UNDERWOOD of Presque Isle)

Energy, Utilities and Technology

Bill "An Act To Promote Renewable Energy by Authorizing a Power-to-fuel Pilot Program" (S.P. 16) (L.D. 9) (Sponsored by Senator LAWRENCE of York)

Environment and Natural Resources

Bill "An Act To Support Collection and Proper Disposal of Unwanted Drugs" (S.P. 15) (L.D. 8) (Sponsored by Senator CARNEY of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by Representative HYMANSON of York)

Bill "An Act To Remove the Plastic Bag Ban" (S.P. 47) (L.D. 39) (Sponsored by Senator GUERIN of Penobscot) (Cosponsored by Representative JAVNER of Chester and Representative: TUPELL of East Machias)

Health and Human Services

Resolve, To Provide Rural Nonmedical Transportation Services to the Elderly and Adults with Disabilities Receiving Home and Community Benefits under the MaineCare Program (S.P. 24) (L.D. 17) (Sponsored by Senator MAXMIN of Lincoln) (Cosponsored by Representative MEYER of Eliot and Representatives: MADIGAN of Waterville, COREY of Windham, FAY of Raymond, STOVER of Boothbay, PLUECKER of Warren, CRAVEN of Lewiston)

Bill "An Act Regarding Certificates of Birth, Marriage and Death" (S.P. 32) (L.D. 24) (Sponsored by Senator CARNEY of Cumberland) (Submitted by the Department of Health and Human Services pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act To Clarify the Timing of an Appeal of a Finding Regarding Involuntary Mental Health Treatment at a Designated Nonstate Mental Health Institution" (S.P. 46) (L.D. 38) (Sponsored by Senator CLAXTON of Androscoggin) (Submitted by the Department of Health and Human Services pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services

Bill "An Act To Establish the COVID-19 Patient Bill of Rights" (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 29) (L.D. 1) (Sponsored by President JACKSON of Aroostook) (Cosponsored by Speaker FECTEAU of Biddeford)

Bill "An Act To Amend the Maine Pharmacy Act" (S.P. 11) (L.D. 4) (Sponsored by Senator SANBORN, H. of Cumberland) (Submitted by the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act Concerning the Reporting of Health Care Information or Records to the Emergency Medical Services' Board" (S.P. 12) (L.D. 5) (Sponsored by Senator SANBORN, H. of Cumberland) (Submitted by the Department of Public Safety pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act To Revise Certain Financial Regulatory Provisions of the Maine Insurance Code" (S.P. 13) (L.D. 6) (Sponsored by Senator SANBORN, H. of Cumberland) (Submitted by the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act To Modify the Qualifications for Resident Dentist Licensure" (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 33) (L.D. 25) (Sponsored by Senator BRENNER of Cumberland) (Submitted by the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act To Allow a Dentist To Administer Botulinum Toxin and Dermal Fillers" (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 34) (L.D. 26) (Sponsored by Senator BRENNER of Cumberland) (Submitted by the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act To Adopt the Occupational Therapy Licensure Compact" (S.P. 39) (L.D. 31) (Sponsored by Senator SANBORN, H. of Cumberland)

Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

Bill "An Act To Allow Resident Hunters To Harvest 2 Bears per Bear Hunting Season" (S.P. 17) (L.D. 10) (Sponsored by Senator DAVIS of Piscataquis) (Cosponsored by Representative STEARNS of Guilford)

Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business

Bill "An Act To Expand the Membership of the Board of Directors of the Maine International Trade Center" (S.P. 14) (L.D. 7) (Sponsored by Senator CURRY of Waldo) (Submitted by the Department of Economic and Community Development pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act To Clarify the Laws Regarding Reciprocity for Licensure of Professional Engineers" (S.P. 18) (L.D. 11) (Sponsored by Senator POULIOT of Kennebec) (Submitted by the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act To Clarify the American Sign Language Interpreters Licensing Laws" (S.P. 25) (L.D. 18) (Sponsored by Senator CURRY of Waldo) (Submitted by the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act To Amend the Maine Education Savings Program" (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 26) (L.D. 19) (Sponsored by Senator DAUGHTRY of Cumberland) (Submitted by the Finance Authority of Maine pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act To Provide for the 2021 and 2022 Allocations of the State Ceiling on Private Activity Bonds" (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 27) (L.D. 20) (Sponsored by Senator CURRY of Waldo) (Submitted by the Finance Authority of Maine pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act To Authorize Early Payment of Anticipated Funds to the Loring Job Increment Financing Fund" (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 30) (L.D. 22) (Sponsored by President JACKSON of Aroostook) (Cosponsored by Representative McCREA of Fort Fairfield and Representatives: MARTIN of Sinclair, MARTIN of Eagle Lake)

Judiciary

Bill "An Act To Amend the Intelligence and Investigative Record Information Act To Ensure Government Transparency and To Protect the Privacy and Safety of the Public" (S.P. 22) (L.D. 15) (Sponsored by Senator DESCHAMBAULT of York) (Submitted by the Department of Public Safety pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act To Provide an Immediate Opportunity To Appeal for a Juvenile Bound Over into Criminal Court" (S.P. 35) (L.D. 27) (Sponsored by Senator BAILEY of York) (Cosponsored by Representatives: EVANGELOS of Friendship, WARREN of Hallowell, TALBOT ROSS of Portland, O'NEIL of Saco, MORALES of South Portland, HARNETT of Gardiner, PLUECKER of Warren)

Bill "An Act Regarding Remote Participation in Public Proceedings" (S.P. 40) (L.D. 32) (Sponsored by Senator STEWART of Aroostook) (Cosponsored by Representative MARTIN of Sinclair and Senator: CLAXTON of Androscoggin, Representative: HARNETT of Gardiner)

Labor and Housing

Bill "An Act To Conform the Maine Apprenticeship Program to the Federal Equal Employment Opportunity Act of 1972" (S.P. 37) (L.D. 29) (Sponsored by Senator RAFFERTY of York) (Submitted by the Department of Labor pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Concerning the Retired County and Municipal Law Enforcement Officers and Municipal Firefighters Health Insurance Program" (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 45) (L.D. 37) (Sponsored by Senator LIBBY of Androscoggin) (Cosponsored by Representative COSTAIN of Plymouth)

State and Local Government

Bill "An Act To Require a Two-thirds Vote To Extend a State of Emergency" (S.P. 21) (L.D. 14) (Sponsored by Senator POULIOT of Kennebec) (Cosponsored by Representative FECTEAU of Augusta and Senator: BLACK of Franklin)

Taxation

Bill "An Act To Reinstate and Increase the Income Tax Deduction for Contributions to Education Savings Plans" (S.P. 31) (L.D. 23) (Sponsored by Senator POULIOT of Kennebec) (Submitted by the Finance Authority of Maine pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Veterans and Legal Affairs

Bill "An Act To Change the Renewal Application Deadline from 6 Months to 60 Days before the Expiration of a License Issued by the Gambling Control Board" (S.P. 23) (L.D. 16) (Sponsored by Senator LUCHINI of Hancock) (Submitted by the Department of Public Safety pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Sincerely,

S/Darek M. Grant
Secretary of the Senate

S/Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House

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

Sent down for concurrence.

The Following Communication: S.P. 66

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

January 19, 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 January 19, 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 January 19, 2021, as follows:

Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

Bill "An Act To Prohibit the Aerial Spraying of Glyphosate and Other Synthetic Herbicides for the Purpose of Silviculture" (S.P. 58) (L.D. 125) (Sponsored by President JACKSON of Aroostook) (Cosponsored by Speaker FECTEAU of Biddeford and Senators: BENNETT of Oxford, MAXMIN of Lincoln, Representatives: O'NEIL of Saco, PLUECKER of Warren)

Education and Cultural Affairs

Resolve, To Establish a Pilot Program To Provide Grants for Professional Development in Computer Science Instruction (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 60) (L.D. 127) (Sponsored by Senator POULIOT of Kennebec)

Health and Human Services

Bill "An Act To Require a Background Check for High-risk Health Care Providers under the MaineCare Program" (S.P. 51) (L.D. 121) (Sponsored by Senator CLAXTON of Androscoggin) (Submitted by the Department of Health and Human Services pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Resolve, To Protect Consumers of Public Drinking Water by Establishing Maximum Contaminant Levels for Certain Substances and Contaminants (S.P. 64) (L.D. 129) (Sponsored by Senator STEWART of Aroostook) (Submitted by the Department of Health and Human Services pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services

Bill "An Act To Lower Health Care Costs through the Establishment of the Office of Affordable Health Care" (S.P. 49) (L.D. 120) (Sponsored by President JACKSON of Aroostook) (Cosponsored by Speaker FECTEAU of Biddeford and Senators: VITELLI of Sagadahoc, SANBORN, H. of Cumberland, MAXMIN of Lincoln, CURRY of Waldo, BRENNER of Cumberland, Representatives: TEPLER of Topsham, MELARAGNO of Auburn)

Bill "An Act To Protect Home Ownership" (S.P. 52) (L.D. 122) (Sponsored by Senator SANBORN, H. of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by Representative LOOKNER of Portland and Representatives: TEPLER of Topsham, MORALES of South Portland)

Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business

Bill "An Act To Allow a Journeyman Electrician To Supervise Three Helper Electricians" (S.P. 59) (L.D. 126) (Sponsored by Senator POULIOT of Kennebec)

Judiciary

Bill "An Act To Clarify the Law Concerning the Priority of Appointment of Personal Representatives under the Maine Uniform Probate Code" (S.P. 56) (L.D. 124) (Sponsored by Senator CYRWAY of Kennebec)

Transportation

Bill "An Act To Make Allocations from Maine Turnpike Authority Funds for the Maine Turnpike Authority for the Calendar Year Ending December 31, 2022" (S.P. 54) (L.D. 123) (Sponsored by Senator DIAMOND of Cumberland) (Submitted by the Maine Turnpike Authority pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act To Authorize the Commissioner of Transportation To Enter into Agreements with the United States Department of Transportation" (S.P. 63) (L.D. 128) (Sponsored by Senator DIAMOND of Cumberland) (Submitted by the Department of Transportation pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act To Create Appropriate Standards for the Secretary of State To Follow When Approving the Assignments of Vanity Registration Plates" (S.P. 65) (L.D. 130) (Sponsored by Senator DIAMOND of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by Representative PARRY of Arundel)

Sincerely,

S/Darek M. Grant
Secretary of the Senate

S/Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House

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

Sent down for concurrence.

The Following Communication: S.P. 75

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

January 21, 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 January 21, 2021, 5 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 January 21, 2021, as follows:

Appropriations and Financial Affairs

Bill "An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Stimulate Investment in Innovation by Maine Businesses To Produce Nationally and Globally Competitive Products and Services" (S.P. 73) (L.D. 169) (Sponsored by Senator LUCHINI of Hancock) (Cosponsored by Senators: President JACKSON of Aroostook, MOORE of Washington, DILL of Penobscot)

Education and Cultural Affairs

Bill "An Act To Require Education about African-American History and the History of Genocide" (S.P. 74) (L.D. 187) (Sponsored by Senator LUCHINI of Hancock) (Cosponsored by Representative TALBOT ROSS of Portland)

Health and Human Services

Bill "An Act To Allow Participants in the Qualified Medicare Beneficiary Program To Qualify for MaineCare Transportation Services" (S.P. 68) (L.D. 166) (Sponsored by Senator POULIOT of Kennebec)

Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services

Bill "An Act To Limit Late Medical Billing to 6 Months" (S.P. 69) (L.D. 167) (Sponsored by Senator POULIOT of Kennebec)

Taxation

Bill "An Act To Provide a Tax Break for Businesses That Employ People with Disabilities" (S.P. 72) (L.D. 168) (Sponsored by Senator GUERIN of Penobscot) (Cosponsored by Representative: BRADSTREET of Vassalboro)

Sincerely,

S/Darek M. Grant
Secretary of the Senate

S/Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House

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

Sent down for concurrence.

The Following Communication: S.P. 100

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

January 25, 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 January 25, 2021, 23 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 January 25, 2021, as follows:

Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

Bill "An Act To Amend the Law Regarding the Interest Rate for State Loans under the Potato Marketing Improvement Fund" (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 93) (L.D. 204) (Sponsored by Senator STEWART of Aroostook) (Cosponsored by Representative BERNARD of Caribou and Senator: BLACK of Franklin, Representatives: McCREA of Fort Fairfield, UNDERWOOD of Presque Isle)

Environment and Natural Resources

Bill "An Act To Increase Funding for the St. Croix International Waterway Commission" (S.P. 92) (L.D. 203) (Sponsored by Senator MOORE of Washington) (Cosponsored by Representative JAVNER of Chester and Representatives: TUELL of East Machias, PERRY of Calais)

Health and Human Services

Resolve, To Ensure Access to Community Mental Health Services (S.P. 84) (L.D. 196) (Sponsored by Senator BREEN of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by Representative WARREN of Hallowell)

Resolve, To Ensure That Community Mental Health Service Providers Can Access Pandemic Stimulus Funds (S.P. 85) (L.D. 197) (Sponsored by Senator BREEN of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by Representative MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth and Senator: CLAXTON of Androscoggin, Representatives: WARREN of Hallowell, CRAVEN of Lewiston, BRENNAN of Portland)
Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

Bill "An Act To Amend Certain Fish and Wildlife Laws and Related Provisions" (S.P. 88) (L.D. 199) (Sponsored by Senator DILL of Penobscot) (Cosponsored by Representative: STEARNS of Guilford) (Submitted by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business

Resolve, Directing the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation To Study a Voluntary Licensing System for General Contractors for Home Improvement and Construction (S.P. 83) (L.D. 195) (Sponsored by Senator BREEN of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by Representative BELL of Yarmouth)

Judiciary

Bill "An Act To Define the Responsibilities of Residential Property Owners for the Maintenance and Repair of Private Roads" (S.P. 80) (L.D. 192) (Sponsored by Senator BAILEY of York) (Cosponsored by Senators: CURRY of Waldo, BRENNER of Cumberland, RAFFERTY of York)

Labor and Housing

Bill "An Act To Permit All Public Employers To Implement Payroll Deductions for Disability and Life Insurance Policies" (S.P. 77) (L.D. 189) (Sponsored by President JACKSON of Aroostook)

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Retirement Benefit Reductions for Corrections Officers Currently Included in the 1998 Special Plan" (S.P. 78) (L.D. 190) (Sponsored by President JACKSON of Aroostook)

State and Local Government

Resolve, To Name a Mountain in Oxford County (S.P. 81) (L.D. 193) (Sponsored by Senator BENNETT of Oxford) (Cosponsored by Senator: KEIM of Oxford)

Taxation

Bill "An Act Regarding the Transportation of Products in the Forest Products Industry" (S.P. 76) (L.D. 188) (Sponsored by President JACKSON of Aroostook) (Cosponsored by Speaker FECTEAU of Biddeford and Representatives: MARTIN of Sinclair, TERRY of Gorham, McCREA of Fort Fairfield, MATLACK of St. George, MARTIN of Eagle Lake)

Bill "An Act To Permit Municipalities To Provide Assistance to Veterans in Paying Property Taxes" (S.P. 79) (L.D. 191) (Sponsored by Senator BAILEY of York) (Cosponsored by Representative GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach and Senators: President JACKSON of Aroostook, MAXMIN of Lincoln, CURRY of Waldo, RAFFERTY of York)

Bill "An Act To Improve Maine's Tax Laws by Providing a Property Tax Exemption for Central Labor Councils" (S.P. 86) (L.D. 198) (Sponsored by Senator CHIPMAN of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by Representative TERRY of Gorham and Senator: DAUGHTRY of Cumberland, Representatives: GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach, MATLACK of St. George, OSHER of Orono, BICKFORD of Auburn)

Bill "An Act To Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Promote Weatherization in the Buildings Sector by Extending the Sunset Date for the Historic Property Rehabilitation Tax Credit" (S.P. 90) (L.D. 201) (Sponsored by Senator LIBBY of Androscoggin) (Cosponsored by Senators: POULIOT of Kennebec, BAILEY of York, Representatives: TALBOT ROSS of Portland, ROBERTS of South Berwick, CLOUTIER of Lewiston)

Bill "An Act To Increase Investment Caps in the Maine Seed Capital Tax Credit Program" (S.P. 97) (L.D. 229) (Sponsored by Senator FARRIN of Somerset) (Cosponsored by Representative DUCHARME of Madison and Senators: POULIOT of Kennebec, CURRY of Waldo, MIRAMANT of Knox, Representative: TERRY of Gorham)

Transportation

Bill "An Act To Allow the Secretary of State To Refuse To Issue or To Recall a Vanity Registration Plate with Vulgar, Obscene, Contemptuous or Profane Language" (S.P. 89) (L.D. 200) (Sponsored by Senator GUERIN of Penobscot)

Resolve, To Conduct a Feasibility Study for Extending Passenger Rail Service from Brunswick through Augusta and Waterville to Bangor (S.P. 95) (L.D. 227) (Sponsored by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot) (Cosponsored by Representative O'CONNELL of Brewer and Senator: CHIPMAN of Cumberland, Representatives: DOORE of Augusta, DUNPHY of Old Town, CARDONE of Bangor, WHITE of Waterville, SUPICA of Bangor)

Bill "An Act To Allow Travel in a Center Lane of a Restricted Highway" (S.P. 96) (L.D. 228) (Sponsored by Senator CARNEY of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by Representative RECKITT of South Portland)

Bill "An Act To Allow Low-beam Headlights on Motorcycles To Flash during Daytime Hours" (S.P. 98) (L.D. 230) (Sponsored by Senator MIRAMANT of Knox) (Cosponsored by Representatives: EVANGELOS of Friendship, McCREIGHT of Harpswell, DOUDERA of Camden)

Veterans and Legal Affairs

Bill "An Act To Prohibit Contributions, Expenditures and Participation by Foreign Government-owned Entities To Influence Referenda" (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 82) (L.D. 194) (Sponsored by Senator BENNETT of Oxford) (Cosponsored by Representative

GROHOSKI of Ellsworth and Senators: DAVIS of Piscataquis, LUCHINI of Hancock, Representatives: O'NEIL of Saco, ANDREWS of Paris, DOLLOFF of Milton Township)

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Implement Ranked-choice Voting (S.P. 91) (L.D. 202) (Sponsored by Senator MIRAMANT of Knox) (Cosponsored by Representative EVANGELOS of Friendship and Senator: President JACKSON of Aroostook, Representatives: McCREIGHT of Harpswell, HARNETT of Gardiner, MATLACK of St. George, DOUDERA of Camden, GEIGER of Rockland)

Bill "An Act To Extend the Ability of Restaurants and Bars To Serve Alcohol To Go" (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 94) (L.D. 205) (Sponsored by Senator LUCHINI of Hancock) (Cosponsored by Speaker FECTEAU of Biddeford)

Bill "An Act To Establish Open Primaries" (S.P. 99) (L.D. 231) (Sponsored by Senator MAXMIN of Lincoln) (Cosponsored by Representative PLUECKER of Warren and Senator: POULIOT of Kennebec, Representatives: EVANGELOS of Friendship, McCREA of Fort Fairfield, HEPLER of Woolwich, RISEMAN of Harrison, GROHOSKI of Ellsworth, WARREN of Scarborough)

Sincerely,

S/Darek M. Grant
Secretary of the Senate

S/Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House

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

Sent down for concurrence.

The Following Communication: S.P. 112

STATE OF MAINE
130TH LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

January 27, 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 January 27, 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 January 27, 2021, as follows:

Appropriations and Financial Affairs

Bill "An Act Making Certain Appropriations and Allocations and Changing Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government" (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 101) (L.D. 240) (Sponsored by Senator BREEN of Cumberland)

Criminal Justice and Public Safety

Bill "An Act To Support the Maine Fire Protection Services Commission" (S.P. 103) (L.D. 242) (Sponsored by Senator CYRWAY of Kennebec)

Education and Cultural Affairs

Bill "An Act To Improve Maine's Education System" (S.P. 108) (L.D. 247) (Sponsored by Senator DAUGHTRY of Cumberland)

Energy, Utilities and Technology

Bill "An Act Regarding Rural Water Districts" (S.P. 106) (L.D. 245) (Sponsored by Senator GUERIN of Penobscot) (Cosponsored by Representative: COSTAIN of Plymouth)

Bill "An Act To Eliminate the Current Net Energy Billing Policy in Maine" (S.P. 111) (L.D. 249) (Sponsored by Senator STEWART of Aroostook) (Cosponsored by Representatives: WADSWORTH of Hiram, FOSTER of Dexter)

Environment and Natural Resources

Bill "An Act To Repeal Maine's Single-use Plastic Bag Law" (S.P. 105) (L.D. 244) (Sponsored by Senator DAVIS of Piscataquis)

Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business

Bill "An Act Regarding the Tourism Marketing Promotion Fund" (S.P. 107) (L.D. 246) (Sponsored by Senator GUERIN of Penobscot) (Cosponsored by Speaker FECTEAU of Biddeford and Senator: LUCHINI of Hancock, Representatives: DOUDERA of Camden, MILLETT of Waterford)

Labor and Housing

Bill "An Act Regarding the Board of Occupational Safety and Health" (S.P. 110) (L.D. 248) (Sponsored by Senator RAFFERTY of York) (Submitted by the Department of Labor pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

State and Local Government

Bill "An Act To Amend the Composition of the Piscataquis County Budget Committee" (S.P. 104) (L.D. 243) (Sponsored by Senator DAVIS of Piscataquis) (Cosponsored by Representative STEARNS of Guilford)

Taxation

Bill "An Act To Support the Trades through a Tax Credit for Apprenticeship Programs" (S.P. 102) (L.D. 241) (Sponsored by Senator CURRY of Waldo) (Cosponsored by Speaker FECTEAU of Biddeford and Senators: POULIOT of Kennebec, SANBORN of Cumberland, CHIPMAN of Cumberland, LUCHINI of Hancock, Representative: WHITE of Waterville)

Sincerely,

S/Darek M. Grant
Secretary of the Senate

S/Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House

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

Sent down for concurrence.

The Following Communication: S.P. 122

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

January 28, 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 January 28, 2021, 6 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 January 28, 2021, as follows:

Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

Bill "An Act To Eliminate Online Burn Permit Fees for All Areas of the State" (S.P. 118) (L.D. 268) (Sponsored by Senator DILL of Penobscot)

Education and Cultural Affairs

Bill "An Act To Amend the Regional Adjustment Index To Ensure School Districts Do Not Receive Less than the State Average for Teacher Salaries" (S.P. 121) (L.D. 270) (Sponsored by Senator STEWART of Aroostook) (Cosponsored by Senators: POULIOT of Kennebec, WOODSOME of York, Representatives: STEARNS of Guilford, SAMPSON of Alfred)

Health and Human Services

Bill "An Act To Provide Women Access to Affordable Postpartum Care" (S.P. 114) (L.D. 265) (Sponsored by Senator CARNEY of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by Representative TALBOT ROSS of Portland and Senators: BREEN of Cumberland, MOORE of Washington, CLAXTON of Androscoggin, BRENNER of Cumberland, Representatives: MEYER of Eliot, WHITE of Waterville, PERRY of Calais)

Bill "An Act To Prohibit Smoking in Bus Shelters" (S.P. 120) (L.D. 269) (Sponsored by Senator SANBORN of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by Representative CROCKETT of Portland)

Transportation

Bill "An Act To Create the Maine Lighthouse Trust Registration Plate" (S.P. 115) (L.D. 266) (Sponsored by Senator DESCHAMBAULT of York)

Resolve, Directing the Department of Transportation To Erect and Maintain Markers To Commemorate and Recognize the Lafayette Trail (S.P. 116) (L.D. 267) (Sponsored by Senator DESCHAMBAULT of York)

Sincerely,

S/Darek M. Grant
Secretary of the Senate

S/Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House

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

Sent down for concurrence.

The Following Communication: S.P. 128

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

February 1, 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 February 1, 2021, 4 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 February 1, 2021, as follows:

Judiciary

Bill "An Act Regarding Continuances for Protection from Abuse Hearings" (S.P. 127) (L.D. 291) (Sponsored by Senator STEWART of Aroostook) (Cosponsored by Senator: DIAMOND of Cumberland)

Taxation

Bill "An Act To Conform the Maine Income Tax Law with Federal Law To Exempt Paycheck Protection Program Loans from Being Considered Taxable Income" (S.P. 124) (L.D. 288) (Sponsored by Senator DILL of Penobscot) (Cosponsored by Representative PLUECKER of Warren and Senators: SANBORN of Cumberland, DIAMOND of Cumberland, TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin, Representatives: ROBERTS of South Berwick, HALL of Wilton)

Bill "An Act To Stabilize Property Taxes for Individuals 65 Years of Age or Older Who Own a Homestead for at Least 10 Years" (S.P. 126) (L.D. 290) (Sponsored by Senator STEWART of Aroostook) (Cosponsored by Representative BICKFORD of Auburn and Senator: POULIOT of Kennebec)

Transportation

Bill "An Act To Authorize the Secretary of State To Reject Certain Vanity License Plate Requests" (S.P. 125) (L.D. 289) (Sponsored by Senator ROSEN of Hancock) (Cosponsored by Senators: FARRIN of Somerset, TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin, Representative: COREY of Windham)

Sincerely,

S/Darek M. Grant
Secretary of the Senate

S/Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House

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

Sent down for concurrence.

The Following Communication: S.P. 149

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

February 4, 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 February 4, 2021, 16 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 February 4, 2021, as follows:

Appropriations and Financial Affairs

Bill "An Act To Make Certain Supplemental Appropriations and Allocations and Changing Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government" (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 129) (L.D. 304) (Sponsored by Senator BREEN of Cumberland)

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Issuance of Bonds" (S.P. 146) (L.D. 339) (Sponsored by Senator MIRAMANT of Knox)

Education and Cultural Affairs

Bill "An Act To Advance Career and Technical Education Opportunities in Maine" (S.P. 140) (L.D. 313) (Sponsored by Senator WOODSOME of York) (Cosponsored by Speaker FECTEAU of Biddeford and Senators: BLACK of Franklin, POULIOT of Kennebec, DAUGHTRY of Cumberland, LIBBY of Androscoggin, DIAMOND of Cumberland, Representatives: DUNPHY of Old Town, HARRINGTON of Sanford, WHITE of Waterville)

Energy, Utilities and Technology

Bill "An Act To Encourage Research To Support the Maine Offshore Wind Industry" (S.P. 142) (L.D. 336) (Sponsored by Senator LAWRENCE of York)

Bill "An Act Regarding Energy, Utilities and Technology" (S.P. 143) (L.D. 337) (Sponsored by Senator LAWRENCE of York)

Bill "An Act To Allow for the Establishment of Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy Programs" (S.P. 147) (L.D. 340) (Sponsored by Senator SANBORN of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by Representative KESSLER of South Portland and Senators: MIRAMANT of Knox, LUCHINI of Hancock, Representatives: BERRY of Bowdoinham, CAIAZZO of Scarborough, DOUDERA of Camden, GROHOSKI of Ellsworth)

Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

Bill "An Act To Require a Nonresident To Hire a Licensed Maine Guide To Hunt Big Game" (S.P. 135) (L.D. 309) (Sponsored by President JACKSON of Aroostook) (Cosponsored by Representative MARTIN of Eagle Lake and Senators: DAVIS of Piscataquis, BLACK of Franklin, DILL of Penobscot, Representative: MARTIN of Sinclair)

Judiciary

Bill "An Act To Establish Equitable Education Requirements for Judges" (S.P. 136) (L.D. 310) (Sponsored by Senator BAILEY of York) (Cosponsored by Senator: KEIM of Oxford, Representative: MILLETT of Waterford)

Labor and Housing

Bill "An Act To Include Forest Rangers and Forest Fire Prevention Specialists in the Bureau of Forestry's Forest Protection Unit in the Laws Concerning Cancer Suffered by Firefighters" (S.P. 131) (L.D. 305) (Sponsored by Senator CYRWAY of Kennebec) (Cosponsored by Senators: DAVIS of Piscataquis, DESCHAMBAULT of York, WOODSOME of York, CURRY of Waldo, DIAMOND of Cumberland, MIRAMANT of Knox, Representatives: STEARNS of Guilford, NADEAU of Winslow)

Bill "An Act To Address the Windfall Elimination Provision" (S.P. 148) (L.D. 341) (Sponsored by Senator STEWART of Aroostook) (Cosponsored by Representative HANLEY of Pittston and Senator: RAFFERTY of York, Representatives: COLLINGS of Portland, BRADSTREET of Vassalboro)

Marine Resources

Bill "An Act To Amend the Law Governing the Maine Lobster Marketing Collaborative" (S.P. 145) (L.D. 338) (Sponsored by Senator MIRAMANT of Knox) (Submitted by the Department of Marine Resources pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Taxation

Bill "An Act To Promote Research and Development in the State by Increasing and Marketing the Research Expense Tax Credit" (S.P. 134) (L.D. 308) (Sponsored by Senator STEWART of Aroostook) (Cosponsored by Representative HANLEY of Pittston and Senator: POULIOT of Kennebec, Representatives: COLLINGS of Portland, CARMICHAEL of Greenbush, BICKFORD of Auburn)

Transportation

Bill "An Act To Require Third-party Certification for Persons Undertaking Corrosion Prevention and Mitigation Projects for Public Water Supply and Wastewater Infrastructure and Bridges" (S.P. 137) (L.D. 311) (Sponsored by Senator CHIPMAN of Cumberland)

Bill "An Act To Extend the Use of Maine Bicentennial Registration Plates through 2021" (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 138) (L.D. 312) (Sponsored by Senator CLAXTON of Androscoggin)

Veterans and Legal Affairs

Bill "An Act To Temporarily Waive Certain Requirements for Relicensing for Restaurants That Serve Liquor" (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 132) (L.D. 306) (Sponsored by Senator LUCHINI of Hancock) (Cosponsored by Senator: President JACKSON of Aroostook, Representative: CAIAZZO of Scarborough)

Bill "An Act To Expand the Market for Maine Liquor Manufacturers" (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 133) (L.D. 307) (Sponsored by Senator LUCHINI of Hancock)

Sincerely,

S/Darek M. Grant
Secretary of the Senate

S/Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House

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

Sent down for concurrence.

The Following Communication: S.P. 153

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

February 5, 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 February 5, 2021, 1 bill was received by the Secretary of the Senate.

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, this bill was referred to a Joint Standing Committee on February 5, 2021, as follows:

Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services

Bill "An Act To Require Timely Billing for Health Care Services" (S.P. 150) (L.D. 367) (Sponsored by Senator CLAXTON of Androscoggin) (Cosponsored by Representative BLIER of Buxton and Senators: President JACKSON of Aroostook, SANBORN of Cumberland, MOORE of Washington, MAXMIN of Lincoln, CURRY of Waldo, LUCHINI of Hancock)

Sincerely,

S/Darek M. Grant
Secretary of the Senate

S/Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House

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

Sent down for concurrence.

The Following Communication: S.P. 170

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

February 8, 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 February 8, 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 February 8, 2021, as follows:

Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

Bill "An Act To Reduce from 8 Weeks to 6 Weeks the Age at Which a Rabbit May be Sold" (S.P. 169) (L.D. 381) (Sponsored by Senator STEWART of Aroostook) (Cosponsored by Representative KINNEY of Knox)

Appropriations and Financial Affairs

Bill "An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Upgrade and Replace Infrastructure of the Maine Public Broadcasting Corporation" (S.P. 155) (L.D. 370) (Sponsored by Senator BAILEY of York)

Bill "An Act To Make Adjustments to General Fund Appropriations Related to the Supplemental Budget" (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 157) (L.D. 371) (Sponsored by Senator BREEN of Cumberland)

Bill "An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Invest in Maine's Railroad Infrastructure" (S.P. 159) (L.D. 373) (Sponsored by Senator CLAXTON of Androscoggin) (Cosponsored by Senator: CHIPMAN of Cumberland, Representatives: MELARAGNO of Auburn, CLOUTIER of Lewiston, WHITE of Waterville, CRAVEN of Lewiston)

Criminal Justice and Public Safety

Bill "An Act To Criminalize Recording an Incident in Progress but Failing To Report the Incident Immediately to the Appropriate Authority" (S.P. 152) (L.D. 369) (Sponsored by Senator POULIOT of Kennebec)

Education and Cultural Affairs

Bill "An Act To Change the Statutory Cap on Virtual Public Charter School Enrollment" (S.P. 168) (L.D. 380) (Sponsored by Senator POULIOT of Kennebec)

Health and Human Services

Bill "An Act To Provide Maine Children Access to Affordable Health Care" (S.P. 158) (L.D. 372) (Sponsored by Senator CARNEY of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by Representative MILLETT of Waterford and Senators: BREEN of Cumberland, CLAXTON of Androscoggin, Representatives: MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth, MEYER of Eliot)

Resolve, To Increase Certain Chiropractic Reimbursement Rates under the MaineCare Program (S.P. 164) (L.D. 376) (Sponsored by Senator LAWRENCE of York)

Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Proof of Financial Responsibility with Respect to Motor Vehicles" (S.P. 151) (L.D. 368) (Sponsored by Senator SANBORN of Cumberland) (Submitted by the Secretary of State pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business

Bill "An Act To Allow Veterans, Active Duty Service Members and Their Spouses To Apply for Temporary Occupational Licenses and Certifications" (S.P. 160) (L.D. 374) (Sponsored by Senator CURRY of Waldo) (Cosponsored by Representative ZEIGLER of Montville and Senators: VITELLI of Sagadahoc, CLAXTON of Androscoggin, BRENNER of Cumberland, RAFFERTY of York, LUCHINI of Hancock, Representative: BAILEY of Gorham)

State and Local Government

Bill "An Act To Create Greater Accountability in the Office of County Sheriff" (S.P. 163) (L.D. 375) (Sponsored by Senator KEIM of Oxford) (Cosponsored by Representative EVANGELOS of Friendship and Senators: DAVIS of Piscataquis, CYRWAY of Kennebec, BALDACCI of Penobscot)

Bill "An Act To Allow Public Members of the Maine-Canadian Legislative Advisory Commission To Receive Reimbursement for Travel Expenses" (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 165) (L.D. 377) (Sponsored by Senator LAWRENCE of York) (Cosponsored by Representative MARTIN of Eagle Lake)

Bill "An Act To Establish the Maine State Cemetery Commission" (S.P. 167) (L.D. 379) (Sponsored by Senator MIRAMANT of Knox)

Veterans and Legal Affairs

Bill "An Act To Temporarily Waive Renewal Fees for On-premises Retail Liquor Licenses" (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 166) (L.D. 378) (Sponsored by Senator LUCHINI of Hancock) (Cosponsored by Speaker FECTEAU of Biddeford and Senators: President JACKSON of Aroostook, FARRIN of Somerset, CURRY of Waldo, Representatives: CAIAZZO of Scarborough, WILLIAMS of Bar Harbor)

Sincerely,

S/Darek M. Grant
Secretary of the Senate

S/Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House

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

Sent down for concurrence.

The Following Communication: S.P. 176

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

February 9, 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 February 9, 2021, 5 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 February 9, 2021, as follows:

Energy, Utilities and Technology

Bill "An Act Relating to Solar Energy Installation" (S.P. 174) (L.D. 426) (Sponsored by Senator LAWRENCE of York)

Bill "An Act Regarding Solar Project Licensing" (S.P. 175) (L.D. 427) (Sponsored by Senator LUCHINI of Hancock)

Health and Human Services

Bill "An Act To Improve Access to Bariatric Care in Nursing Homes" (S.P. 171) (L.D. 423) (Sponsored by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot)

Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services

Bill "An Act To Restore Short-term Health Insurance" (S.P. 172) (L.D. 424) (Sponsored by Senator BENNETT of Oxford)

Labor and Housing

Resolve, Directing the Department of Labor To Establish a State Unemployment Program for Self-employed Workers and Independent Contractors (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 173) (L.D. 425) (Sponsored by Senator CURRY of Waldo) (Cosponsored by Senators: VITELLI of Sagadahoc, BALDACCI of Penobscot, Representative: CUDDY of Winterport)

Sincerely,

S/Darek M. Grant
Secretary of the Senate

S/Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House

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

Sent down for concurrence.

The Following Communication: S.P. 188

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

February 11, 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 February 11, 2021, 7 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 February 11, 2021, as follows:

Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

Bill "An Act To Establish the Maine Healthy Soils Program" (S.P. 179) (L.D. 437) (Sponsored by Senator BRENNER of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by Representative OSHER of Orono and Senator: MAXMIN of Lincoln, Representative: PLUECKER of Warren)

Bill "An Act To Require Legislative Approval for Certain Leases of Public Lands" (S.P. 177) (L.D. 471) (Sponsored by Senator BLACK of Franklin) (Cosponsored by Senator: BENNETT of Oxford, Representative: O'NEIL of Saco)

Criminal Justice and Public Safety

Bill "An Act To Increase Public Safety by Adding a Position to the Computer Crimes Unit of the Maine State Police" (S.P. 181) (L.D. 438) (Sponsored by Senator DIAMOND of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by Representative COREY of Windham and Senators: CYRWAY of Kennebec, BALDACCI of Penobscot, Representative: WHITE of Waterville)

Bill "An Act To Amend the Provisions Concerning the Crime of Gross Sexual Assault" (S.P. 182) (L.D. 439) (Sponsored by Senator MAXMIN of Lincoln) (Cosponsored by Representatives: WARREN of Hallowell, MORALES of South Portland, PLUECKER of Warren)

Education and Cultural Affairs

Bill "An Act To Conserve the Frances Perkins Homestead National Historic Landmark" (S.P. 183) (L.D. 440) (Sponsored by Senator MAXMIN of Lincoln) (Cosponsored by Representative CRAFTS of Newcastle and Senator: President JACKSON of Aroostook, Representatives: Speaker FECTEAU of Biddeford, PIERCE of Falmouth, RECKITT of South Portland, CLOUTIER of Lewiston, STOVER of Boothbay, ZAGER of Portland, CRAVEN of Lewiston)

Environment and Natural Resources

Bill "An Act Regarding the Authority of the Department of Environmental Protection Regarding Applications, Permits and Fines" (S.P. 178) (L.D. 436) (Sponsored by Senator BRENNER of Cumberland) (Submitted by the Department of Environmental Protection pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Taxation

Bill "An Act To Allow a Veteran Who Was a Member of the Military Reserves or Served in the National Guard To Qualify for the Veterans' Property Tax Exemption" (S.P. 187) (L.D. 470) (Sponsored by Senator DAVIS of Piscataquis)

Sincerely,

S/Darek M. Grant
Secretary of the Senate

S/Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House

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

Sent down for concurrence.

The Following Communication: S.P. 202

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

February 17, 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 February 17, 2021, 12 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 February 17, 2021, as follows:

Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

Resolve, Directing the Bureau of Parks and Lands To Convey Certain Land in Township 12, Range 13 WELS in Exchange for Other Land in Township 11, Range 10 WELS (S.P. 192) (L.D. 486) (Sponsored by Senator FARRIN of Somerset) (Cosponsored by Senators: DAVIS of Piscataquis, VITELLI of Sagadahoc, STEWART of Aroostook, Representative: STEARNS of Guilford)

Bill "An Act To Allow Custom Slaughterhouses To Produce Cuts of Meat To Be Sold Commercially in the State" (S.P. 201) (L.D. 493) (Sponsored by Senator TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin) (Cosponsored by Senators: BLACK of Franklin, President JACKSON of Aroostook, DILL of Penobscot, Representative: LYMAN of Livermore Falls)

Criminal Justice and Public Safety

Bill "An Act To Create the Crime of Hate Crime False Public Alarm or Report" (S.P. 198) (L.D. 491) (Sponsored by Senator MIRAMANT of Knox) (Cosponsored by Senators: BAILEY of York, MAXMIN of Lincoln, Representatives: RECKITT of South Portland, TALBOT ROSS of Portland, O'NEIL of Saco, MORALES of South Portland, DOUDERA of Camden, GEIGER of Rockland)

Energy, Utilities and Technology

Bill "An Act Regarding Certain Employees of and To Allow Supplemental Funding for the Public Advocate" (S.P. 194) (L.D. 487) (Sponsored by Senator LAWRENCE of York) (Submitted by the Office of the Public Advocate pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Environment and Natural Resources

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Establish a Right to a Healthy Environment (S.P. 196) (L.D. 489) (Sponsored by Senator MAXMIN of Lincoln) (Cosponsored by Representative PLUECKER of Warren and Senators: BENNETT of Oxford, BLACK of Franklin, Representatives: TALBOT ROSS of Portland, O'NEIL of Saco, LANDRY of Farmington, OSHER of Orono)

Health and Human Services

Bill "An Act To Continue Funding for Home-delivered Meals for Homebound Seniors and To Address Growing Demand" (S.P. 191) (L.D. 485) (Sponsored by Senator CLAXTON of Androscoggin) (Cosponsored by Representative: WHITE of Waterville)

Resolve, To Expand Recovery Community Organizations throughout Maine (S.P. 195) (L.D. 488) (Sponsored by Senator MAXMIN of Lincoln) (Cosponsored by Speaker FECTEAU of Biddeford and Representatives: O'NEIL of Saco, MEYER of Eliot, LANDRY of Farmington, McDONALD of Stonington, POIRIER of Skowhegan, EVANS of Dover-Foxcroft)

Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services

Bill "An Act Regarding Pet Insurance" (S.P. 186) (L.D. 482) (Sponsored by Senator SANBORN of Cumberland)

Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business

Bill "An Act To Create a Regional Grant Program To Help Rural Businesses Find Qualified Staff" (S.P. 200) (L.D. 492) (Sponsored by Senator STEWART of Aroostook) (Cosponsored by Representative BERNARD of Caribou and Senator: LUCHINI of Hancock, Representative: BAILEY of Gorham)

Judiciary

Bill "An Act To Clarify Funding for Civil Legal Services" (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 189) (L.D. 483) (Sponsored by Senator CARNEY of Cumberland) (Submitted by the Judicial Department pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Taxation

Bill "An Act To Change Maine's Tax Laws" (S.P. 190) (L.D. 484) (Sponsored by Senator CHIPMAN of Cumberland)

Transportation

Bill "An Act To Eliminate Certain Motor Vehicle Inspections in the State" (S.P. 197) (L.D. 490) (Sponsored by Senator MIRAMANT of Knox)

Sincerely,

S/Darek M. Grant
Secretary of the Senate

S/Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House

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The Following Communication: S.P. 230

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

February 22, 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 February 22, 2021, 21 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 February 22, 2021, as follows:

Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

Bill "An Act To Require Schools To Submit Pest Management Activity Logs to the Board of Pesticides Control and the Posting of Inspection Results for the Purpose of Providing Information to the Public" (S.P. 209) (L.D. 524) (Sponsored by Senator DAUGHTRY of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by Representative PLUECKER of Warren and Representatives: MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth, McCREIGHT of Harpswell, O'NEIL of Saco)

Criminal Justice and Public Safety

Bill "An Act To Modify the Rule-making Process for Establishing County and Municipal Jail Standards" (S.P. 204) (L.D. 521) (Sponsored by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot)

Bill "An Act To Amend the Maine Criminal Code" (S.P. 223) (L.D. 536) (Sponsored by Senator DESCHAMBAULT of York) (Cosponsored by Representative PICKETT of Dixfield and Representative: RECKITT of South Portland) (Submitted by the Criminal Law Advisory Commission pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 17-A, section 1354, subsection 2.)

Bill "An Act To Require Law Enforcement Agencies To Do a Thorough Background Check of Applicant Officers and To Require the Release of Records, Including Sealed Records, to the Requesting Agency" (S.P. 227) (L.D. 539) (Sponsored by Senator MIRAMANT of Knox) (Cosponsored by Representative EVANGELOS of Friendship and Representatives: RECKITT of South Portland, DOUDERA of Camden, PLUECKER of Warren)

Energy, Utilities and Technology

Bill "An Act To Advance Energy Storage in Maine" (S.P. 213) (L.D. 528) (Sponsored by Senator VITELLI of Sagadahoc) (Cosponsored by Representative GROHOSKI of Ellsworth and Senator: LAWRENCE of York, Representatives: KESSLER of South Portland, HEPLER of Woolwich, WOOD of Portland)

Health and Human Services

Bill "An Act To Restore the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention Cystic Fibrosis Assistance Program" (S.P. 216) (L.D. 529) (Sponsored by Senator CARNEY of Cumberland)

Bill "An Act To Expand the Statewide Voluntary Early Childhood Consultation Program" (S.P. 220) (L.D. 533) (Sponsored by Senator BREEN of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by Representative MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth and Senators: DAUGHTRY of Cumberland, CLAXTON of Androscoggin, Representatives: PIERCE of Falmouth, MEYER of Eliot, CRAVEN of Lewiston, BRENNAN of Portland)

Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services

Bill "An Act To Cap Interest Rates for Consumer Debt" (S.P. 205) (L.D. 522) (Sponsored by Senator BENNETT of Oxford)

Bill "An Act Regarding Prior Authorizations for Prescription Drugs" (S.P. 207) (L.D. 523) (Sponsored by Senator CLAXTON of Androscoggin) (Cosponsored by Representative BROOKS of Lewiston)

Bill "An Act To Consolidate Patient Bills by Directing Health Insurers To Collect Copayments and Deductibles" (S.P. 217) (L.D. 530) (Sponsored by Senator CLAXTON of Androscoggin) (Cosponsored by Representative TEPLER of Topsham)

Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business

Bill "An Act To Help More Students Attain a College Credential by Strengthening the Maine State Grant Program" (S.P. 218) (L.D. 531) (Sponsored by Senator CURRY of Waldo)

Judiciary

Bill "An Act To Provide for the Well-being of Companion Animals upon the Dissolution of Marriages" (S.P. 222) (L.D. 535) (Sponsored by Senator CHIPMAN of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by Representative HARNETT of Gardiner and Senators: BENNETT of Oxford, BAILEY of York, CLAXTON of Androscoggin, Representatives: McCREA of Fort Fairfield, CLOUTIER of Lewiston, DODGE of Belfast)

Labor and Housing

Bill "An Act To Establish a Conditional Presumption of Compensability for Certain Employees in Cases of Impairment from Hypertension or Heart Disease" (S.P. 228) (L.D. 575) (Sponsored by President JACKSON of Aroostook)

Taxation

Bill "An Act To Exempt MaineCare Appendix C Private Nonmedical Institutions from the Service Provider Tax" (S.P. 212) (L.D. 527) (Sponsored by Senator VITELLI of Sagadahoc) (Cosponsored by Representative McCREIGHT of Harpswell and Senators: POULIOT of Kennebec, CHIPMAN of Cumberland, Representative: COLLINGS of Portland)

Bill "An Act To Lower Income Taxes for Middle-income Families in Maine" (S.P. 219) (L.D. 532) (Sponsored by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot) (Cosponsored by Representatives: MATLACK of St. George, ROEDER of Bangor)

Bill "An Act To Allow Tax Abatements for Catastrophic Loss" (S.P. 221) (L.D. 534) (Sponsored by Senator CHIPMAN of Cumberland)

Bill "An Act To Exempt Trailers Sold to Out-of-state Entities from Sales and Use Tax" (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 226) (L.D. 538) (Sponsored by Senator MIRAMANT of Knox)

Bill "An Act To Increase Property Tax Relief for Veterans" (S.P. 229) (L.D. 576) (Sponsored by President JACKSON of Aroostook) (Cosponsored by Speaker FECTEAU of Biddeford and Senators: CLAXTON of Androscoggin, MAXMIN of Lincoln, BALDACCI of Penobscot, RAFFERTY of York, Representatives: DOUDERA of Camden, BRYANT of Windham)

Transportation

Bill "An Act To Dedicate Sections of Maine's Interstate Highway System to Fallen State Troopers" (S.P. 224) (L.D. 537) (Sponsored by Senator DIAMOND of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by Representative CEBRA of Naples and Senators: DAVIS of Piscataquis, FARRIN of Somerset, Representative: WHITE of Waterville)

Veterans and Legal Affairs

Bill "An Act To Allow Medical and Adult Use Marijuana Stores To Share a Common Space" (S.P. 210) (L.D. 525) (Sponsored by Senator MIRAMANT of Knox) (Cosponsored by Representative PLUECKER of Warren and Senators: President JACKSON of Aroostook, CLAXTON of Androscoggin, MAXMIN of Lincoln, Representatives: WARREN of Hallowell, TALBOT ROSS of Portland, WILLIAMS of Bar Harbor)

Bill "An Act To Require an Affidavit for Every Independent Expenditure Influencing an Election and To Penalize the Use of Mistruths" (S.P. 211) (L.D. 526) (Sponsored by Senator STEWART of Aroostook) (Cosponsored by Senators: POULIOT

of Kennebec, FARRIN of Somerset, TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin, Representative: KINNEY of Knox)

Sincerely,

S/Darek M. Grant
Secretary of the Senate

S/Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House

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

Sent down for concurrence.

The Following Communication: S.P. 243

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

February 25, 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 February 25, 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 February 25, 2021, as follows:

Energy, Utilities and Technology

Bill "An Act To Establish the Wood Energy Investment Program" (S.P. 236) (L.D. 597) (Sponsored by President JACKSON of Aroostook) (Cosponsored by Representative DUNPHY of Old Town and Senators: VITELLI of Sagadahoc, WOODSOME of York, Representatives: BERRY of Bowdoinham, WADSWORTH of Hiram, STEARNS of Guilford, GROHOSKI of Ellsworth)

Environment and Natural Resources

Bill "An Act To Prevent Pollution from Single-use Plastic Straws, Splash Sticks and Beverage Lid Plugs" (S.P. 241) (L.D. 602) (Sponsored by Senator MIRAMANT of Knox) (Cosponsored by Senator: BRENNER of Cumberland, Representatives: McCREIGHT of Harpswell, DUNPHY of Old Town, TALBOT ROSS of Portland, HEPLER of Woolwich, DOUDERA of Camden, LOOKNER of Portland, GEIGER of Rockland)

Health and Human Services

Resolve, To Ensure That Access to Oral and Facial Ambulatory Surgical Centers in Maine Remains Viable (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 232) (L.D. 595) (Sponsored by Senator STEWART of Aroostook) (Cosponsored by Representatives: WHITE of Mars Hill, McCREA of Fort Fairfield)

Bill "An Act Regarding Indices of Vital Records" (S.P. 240) (L.D. 601) (Sponsored by Senator MIRAMANT of Knox) (Cosponsored by Senator: President JACKSON of Aroostook, Representatives: DOUDERA of Camden, PLUECKER of Warren)

Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services

Bill "An Act To Require Coverage for Certain Ultrasound Exams" (S.P. 238) (L.D. 599) (Sponsored by Senator MIRAMANT of Knox)

Bill "An Act To Require Insurance Coverage for Certified Midwife Services" (S.P. 239) (L.D. 600) (Sponsored by Senator BRENNER of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by Senator: BREEN of Cumberland, Representatives: GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach, LIBBY of Auburn)

Bill "An Act Regarding the Practice of Pharmacy" (S.P. 242) (L.D. 603) (Sponsored by Senator SANBORN of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by Senators: STEWART of Aroostook, BRENNER of Cumberland, DIAMOND of Cumberland, Representatives: MORRIS of Turner, PERRY of Calais)

Judiciary

Bill "An Act To Prohibit Discrimination in Employment and School Based on Hair Texture or Hairstyle" (S.P. 237) (L.D. 598) (Sponsored by Senator DAUGHTRY of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by Senators: LIBBY of Androscoggin, SANBORN of Cumberland, CHIPMAN of Cumberland, Representatives: RECKITT of South Portland, CLOUTIER of Lewiston)

Labor and Housing

Resolve, Directing the Department of Labor To Submit to the United States Secretary of Labor a Plan for a Self-employment Assistance Program (S.P. 231) (L.D. 594) (Sponsored by Senator VITELLI of Sagadahoc) (Cosponsored by Representative PLUECKER of Warren and Senators: DAUGHTRY of Cumberland, CURRY of Waldo, Representatives: CUDDY of Winterport, PEBWORTH of Blue Hill, BRENNAN of Portland)

State and Local Government

Bill "An Act To Improve the Law Regarding Abandoned Roads" (S.P. 234) (L.D. 596) (Sponsored by Senator CLAXTON of Androscoggin)

Sincerely,

S/Darek M. Grant
Secretary of the Senate

S/Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House

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

Sent down for concurrence.

The Following Communication: S.P. 257

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

March 1, 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 March 1, 2021, 12 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 March 1, 2021, as follows:

Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

Bill "An Act To Prohibit Shelf-stable Products from Being Sold as Cider and To Amend the Definition for Those Products That Are Heated" (S.P. 244) (L.D. 630) (Sponsored by Senator BLACK of Franklin) (Cosponsored by Representative HALL of Wilton and Senator: DILL of Penobscot, Representatives: KINNEY of Knox, O'NEIL of Saco, PLUECKER of Warren)

Education and Cultural Affairs

Resolve, Directing the Department of Education To Implement Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Training for Educators (S.P. 247) (L.D. 633) (Sponsored by Senator DAUGHTRY of Cumberland)

Bill "An Act To Encourage the Purchase of Local Foods for Public Schools" (S.P. 250) (L.D. 636) (Sponsored by Senator VITELLI of Sagadahoc) (Cosponsored by Senators: DAUGHTRY of Cumberland, MOORE of Washington, DILL of Penobscot, Representatives: MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth, McCREIGHT of Harpswell, DUNPHY of Old Town, PAULHUS of Bath)

Energy, Utilities and Technology

Bill "An Act To Cap the Value of Contracts for Renewable Resources and Distributed Generation Resources" (S.P. 248) (L.D. 634) (Sponsored by Senator STEWART of Aroostook) (Cosponsored by Representatives: WADSWORTH of Hiram, DILLINGHAM of Oxford, STETKIS of Canaan, FOSTER of Dexter)

Health and Human Services

Bill "An Act To Facilitate the Conversion of Children's Private Nonmedical Institutions to Qualified Residential Treatment Programs as Required by Federal Law" (S.P. 246) (L.D. 632) (Sponsored by Senator CLAXTON of Androscoggin)

Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services

Bill "An Act To Provide Funding for Maine's Health Insurance Consumer Assistance Program" (S.P. 245) (L.D. 631) (Sponsored by Senator BRENNER of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by Representatives: TEPLER of Topsham, BROOKS of Lewiston, MATHIESON of Kittery)

Bill "An Act To Expand and Promote Telehealth Services" (S.P. 255) (L.D. 649) (Sponsored by Senator STEWART of Aroostook) (Cosponsored by Representative MORRIS of Turner and Senators: MOORE of Washington, CLAXTON of Androscoggin, Representative: WHITE of Waterville)

Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

Bill "An Act To Repeal the Requirement To Obtain a Permit before Hunting with a Noise Suppression Device" (S.P. 249) (L.D. 635) (Sponsored by Senator STEWART of Aroostook) (Cosponsored by Senator: POULIOT of Kennebec)

Labor and Housing

Bill "An Act To Improve the Lives of Maine Workers by Supporting Apprenticeships That Lead to Good-paying Jobs" (S.P. 253) (L.D. 648) (Sponsored by Senator RAFFERTY of York)

State and Local Government

Bill "An Act To Improve the Administration of Elections by Ensuring an Adequate Number of Poll Workers" (S.P. 251) (L.D. 646) (Sponsored by Senator BENNETT of Oxford)

Taxation

Bill "An Act To Expand Eligibility for the Veterans' Property Tax Exemption" (S.P. 252) (L.D. 647) (Sponsored by Senator KEIM of Oxford) (Cosponsored by Senators: POULIOT of Kennebec, FARRIN of Somerset)

Veterans and Legal Affairs

Bill "An Act To Allow the Sale of Raffle Tickets Online" (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 256) (L.D. 671) (Sponsored by President JACKSON of Aroostook) (Cosponsored by Speaker FECTEAU of Biddeford and Senators: STEWART of Aroostook, LUCHINI of Hancock)

Sincerely,

S/Darek M. Grant
Secretary of the Senate

S/Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House

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The Following Communication: S.P. 275

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

March 2, 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 March 2, 2021, 15 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 March 2, 2021, as follows:

Education and Cultural Affairs

Resolve, To Reestablish the Task Force To Study the Creation of a Comprehensive Career and Technical Education System (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 267) (L.D. 680) (Sponsored by Senator DAUGHTRY of Cumberland)

Energy, Utilities and Technology

Bill "An Act To Ensure the Viability of the Northern Maine Electric Transmission Grid" (S.P. 270) (L.D. 682) (Sponsored by Senator STEWART of Aroostook)

Environment and Natural Resources

Bill "An Act To Reclassify Part of the Androscoggin River to Class B" (S.P. 263) (L.D. 676) (Sponsored by Senator CLAXTON of Androscoggin) (Cosponsored by Representative BICKFORD of Auburn and Senators: LIBBY of Androscoggin, VITELLI of Sagadahoc, TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin, Representatives: CLOUTIER of Lewiston, CONNOR of Lewiston)

Bill "An Act Regarding Timelines for Permitting by the Department of Environmental Protection" (S.P. 265) (L.D. 678) (Sponsored by Senator KEIM of Oxford)

Health and Human Services

Bill "An Act To Support Early Intervention and Treatment of Psychotic Disorders" (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 261) (L.D. 674) (Sponsored by Senator BREEN of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by Senators: CLAXTON of Androscoggin, CARNEY of Cumberland, Representatives: MADIGAN of Waterville, McCREIGHT of Harpswell, WARREN of Hallowell, MEYER of Eliot)

Resolve, To Amend MaineCare Reimbursement Provisions Governing Supplemental Payments to Nursing Facilities with High MaineCare Use (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 272) (L.D. 684) (Sponsored by Senator TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin) (Cosponsored by Senator: BALDACCI of Penobscot)

Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services

Bill "An Act To Create the Insulin Safety Net Program" (S.P. 260) (L.D. 673) (Sponsored by Senator BREEN of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by Representative MADIGAN of Waterville and Senators: President JACKSON of Aroostook, CLAXTON of Androscoggin, MAXMIN of Lincoln, RAFFERTY of York, Representatives: WHITE of Waterville, McDONALD of Stonington, WILLIAMS of Bar Harbor)

Bill "An Act To Protect Maine Consumers from Unsupported Price Increases on Prescription Medicines by Creating an Independent Review Process" (S.P. 262) (L.D. 675) (Sponsored by Senator CLAXTON of Androscoggin) (Cosponsored by Senators: President JACKSON of Aroostook, VITELLI of Sagadahoc, MAXMIN of Lincoln, CURRY of Waldo, BRENNER of Cumberland, RAFFERTY of York, LUCHINI of Hancock)

Bill "An Act To Increase Prescription Drug Pricing Transparency" (S.P. 274) (L.D. 686) (Sponsored by Senator VITELLI of Sagadahoc) (Cosponsored by Senators: President JACKSON of Aroostook, CLAXTON of Androscoggin, MAXMIN of Lincoln, CURRY of Waldo, BRENNER of Cumberland, RAFFERTY of York, LUCHINI of Hancock)

Judiciary

Bill "An Act To Establish a Statewide Electronic Warrant System" (S.P. 266) (L.D. 679) (Sponsored by Senator KEIM of Oxford) (Cosponsored by Senators: DAVIS of Piscataquis, GUERIN of Penobscot, Representatives: PICKETT of Dixfield, O'CONNOR of Berwick)

Bill "An Act Clarifying the Removal Process of Individuals from Certain Facilities Not Governed By Title 14 of the Maine Revised Statutes" (S.P. 268) (L.D. 681) (Sponsored by Senator LIBBY of Androscoggin)

Bill "An Act To Allow Maine Nonprofit Corporations To Hold Meetings Electronically" (S.P. 271) (L.D. 683) (Sponsored by Senator STEWART of Aroostook) (Cosponsored by Senator: SANBORN of Cumberland, Representatives: WHITE of Waterville, DUCHARME of Madison)

Labor and Housing

Bill "An Act To Improve Public Sector Labor Relations by Amending the Laws Governing Arbitration under Certain Public Employees Labor Relations Laws" (S.P. 264) (L.D. 677) (Sponsored by President JACKSON of Aroostook) (Cosponsored by Speaker FECTION of Biddeford and Senators: LIBBY of Androscoggin, RAFFERTY of York, MIRAMANT of Knox, Representatives: CUDDY of Winterport, PAULHUS of Bath)

Transportation

Resolve, To Study the Feasibility of Building a Trail on the Mountain Division Rail Line (S.P. 258) (L.D. 672) (Sponsored by Senator BENNETT of Oxford) (Cosponsored by Representative ORDWAY of Standish and Senator: BRENNER of Cumberland, Representatives: WADSWORTH of Hiram, BAILEY of Gorham)

Veterans and Legal Affairs

Bill "An Act To Legalize Online Raffles for Nonprofit Organizations" (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 273) (L.D. 685) (Sponsored by Senator TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin) (Cosponsored by Speaker FECTION of Biddeford and Senators: DESCHAMBAULT of York, FARRIN of Somerset, STEWART of Aroostook, LUCHINI of Hancock, Representative: KINNEY of Knox)

Sincerely,

S/Darek M. Grant
Secretary of the Senate

S/Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House

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

Sent down for concurrence.

The Following Communication: S.P. 286

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

March 3, 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 March 3, 2021, 9 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 March 3, 2021, as follows:

Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

Resolve, Directing State Agencies That Maintain Public Lands for Recreation To Make Certain Information Readily Accessible to the General Public (S.P. 279) (L.D. 728) (Sponsored by Senator BLACK of Franklin) (Cosponsored by Representative MARTIN of Eagle Lake and Senator: President JACKSON of Aroostook, Representative: LANDRY of Farmington)

Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services

Bill "An Act To Allow the Purchase of Health Insurance across State Lines" (S.P. 278) (L.D. 713) (Sponsored by Senator STEWART of Aroostook)

Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business

Bill "An Act To Protect Economic Competitiveness in Maine by Extending the End Date for Pine Tree Development Zone Benefits" (S.P. 281) (L.D. 730) (Sponsored by Senator DAUGHTRY of Cumberland)

Labor and Housing

Bill "An Act To Allow Certain Police Officers To Return to Participation in the Maine Public Employees Retirement System" (S.P. 276) (L.D. 711) (Sponsored by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot) (Cosponsored by Representative DUNPHY of Old Town and Senators: DESCHAMBAULT of York, BAILEY of York, DILL of Penobscot, Representatives: CARDONE of Bangor, COSTAIN of Plymouth, O'CONNELL of Brewer)

State and Local Government

Bill "An Act To Provide Transparency Regarding State Contracts during a State of Emergency" (S.P. 280) (L.D. 729) (Sponsored by Senator KEIM of Oxford) (Cosponsored by Senator: BENNETT of Oxford)
RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Require Constitutional Officers To Be Elected by Statewide Election (S.P. 285) (L.D. 733) (Sponsored by Senator TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin) (Cosponsored by Senators: FARRIN of Somerset, CYRWAY of Kennebec, Representatives: COREY of Windham, DOLLOFF of Milton Township)

Taxation

Bill "An Act To Establish a Program To Assist Regional Firefighter Training Programs, To Provide Tax Credits to Businesses That Employ Volunteer Firefighters and Emergency Medical Services Persons and To Provide Benefits to Volunteer Firefighters and Emergency Medical Services Persons" (S.P. 283) (L.D. 731) (Sponsored by Senator STEWART of Aroostook) (Cosponsored by Senators: POULIOT of Kennebec, TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin, Representatives: Speaker FECTEAU of Biddeford, DILLINGHAM of Oxford)

Transportation

Bill "An Act To Eliminate the Requirement for an Inspection for a Noncommercial Vehicle Less Than 20 Years Old" (S.P. 277) (L.D. 712) (Sponsored by Senator MIRAMANT of Knox)

Veterans and Legal Affairs

Bill "An Act To Refund 50 Percent of 2020 State Liquor Licensing Fees to Nonprofit Organizations" (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 284) (L.D. 732) (Sponsored by Senator STEWART of Aroostook) (Cosponsored by Representative: DOLLOFF of Milton Township)

Sincerely,

S/Darek M. Grant
Secretary of the Senate

S/Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House

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

Sent down for concurrence.

The Following Communication: S.C. 3

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

December 11, 2020

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

Dear Secretary Grant:

Pursuant to my authority under Senate Rule 201.3 I have made the following appointments to various Joint Standing Committees:

Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

James F. Dill, Chair (D-Penobscot)
Chloe S. Maxmin (D-Lincoln)
Russell Black (R-Franklin)

Appropriations and Financial Affairs

Catherine E. Breen, Chair (D-Cumberland)
Donna Bailey (D-York)
Paul T. Davis, Sr. (R-Piscataquis)

Criminal Justice and Public Safety

Susan A. Deschambault, Chair (D-York)
Mark W. Lawrence (D-York)
Scott W. Cyrway (R-Kennebec)

Education and Cultural Affairs

Matthea Daughtry, Chair (D-Cumberland)
Joseph Rafferty (D-York)
David C. Woodsome (R-York)

Energy, Utilities and Technology

Mark W. Lawrence, Chair (D-York)
Eloise A. Vitelli (D-Sagadahoc)
Harold "Trey" L. Stewart, III (R-Aroostook)

Environment and Natural Resources

Stacy Brenner, Chair (D-Cumberland)
Anne M. Carney (D-Cumberland)
Richard A. Bennett (R-Oxford)

Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services

Heather B. Sanborn, Chair (D-Cumberland)
Stacy Brenner (D-Cumberland)
Harold "Trey" L. Stewart, III (R-Aroostook)

Health and Human Services

Ned Claxton, Chair (D-Androscoggin)
Joseph Baldacci (D-Penobscot)
Marianne Moore (R-Washington)

Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business

Glenn "Chip" Curry, Chair (D-Waldo)
Louis Joseph Luchini (D-Hancock)
Scott W. Cyrway (R-Kennebec)

Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

James F. Dill, Chair (D-Penobscot)
Glenn "Chip" Curry (D-Waldo)
Russell Black (R-Franklin)

Judiciary

Anne M. Carney, Chair (D-Cumberland)
Heather B. Sanborn (D-Cumberland)
Lisa M. Keim (R-Oxford)

Labor and Housing

Joseph Rafferty, Chair (D-York)
David R. Miramant (D-Knox)
Stacey K. Guerin (R-Penobscot)

Marine Resources

David R. Miramant, Chair (D-Knox)
Chloe S. Maxmin (D-Lincoln)
Kimberley C. Rosen (R-Hancock)

State and Local Government

Joseph Baldacci, Chair (D-Penobscot)
Ned Claxton (D-Androscoggin)
Kimberley C. Rosen (R-Hancock)

Taxation

Benjamin M. Chipman, Chair (D-Cumberland)
Matthea Daughtry (D-Cumberland)
Matthew Pouliot (R-Kennebec)

Transportation

G. William Diamond, Chair (D-Cumberland)
Benjamin M. Chipman (D-Cumberland)
Bradlee T. Farrin (R-Somerset)

Veterans and Legal Affairs

Louis Joseph Luchini, Chair (D-Hancock)
Susan A. Deschambault (D-York)
Bradlee T. Farrin (R-Somerset)

Sincerely,

S/Troy Dale Jackson
President of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 4

**STATE OF MAINE
130TH LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

December 11, 2020

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

Dear Secretary Grant:

Pursuant to my authority under Joint Rule 371, I have made the following appointments to the Government Oversight Committee:

Nathan L. Libby, Chair (D-Androscoggin)
Donna Bailey (D-York)
Eloise A. Vitelli (D-Sagadahoc)
Lisa M. Keim (R-Oxford)
Jeffrey L. Timberlake (R-Androscoggin)
Richard A. Bennett (R-Oxford)

Sincerely,

S/Troy Dale Jackson
President of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 5

**STATE OF MAINE
130TH LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

December 18, 2020

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

Dear Secretary Grant:

Pursuant to my authority under Title 5, section 12004-I, subsection 52-C, I am pleased to appoint Senator Dave Miramant as the first-named Senate member of the Marijuana Advisory Commission. With this appointment he will be serving as Senate Chair of this commission in seat number 3, effective the date of this letter.

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

Sincerely,

S/Troy D. Jackson
President of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 6

**STATE OF MAINE
130TH LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

December 15, 2020

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

Dear Secretary Grant:

Pursuant to my authority under Title 20, Ch. 5, Part 679, Subpart A, §679.110 (b)(2) of federal law, I am pleased to reappoint

Senator Ned Claxton to the State Workforce Board, effective the date of this letter.

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

Sincerely,

S/Troy D. Jackson
President of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 7

**STATE OF MAINE
130TH LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

December 29, 2020

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

Dear Secretary Grant:

Pursuant to my authority under Title 7, MRSA, Chapter 5, Section 125, I am pleased to reappoint Senator James F. Dill to the Board of Agriculture, representing a Senator serving on the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry Committee. His 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.

The Following Communication: S.C. 8

**STATE OF MAINE
130TH LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

December 29, 2020

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

Dear Secretary Grant:

Pursuant to my authority under Title 10, MRSA, §11, I am pleased to reappoint Senator Dave Miramant to the Citizen Trade Policy Commission. With this reappointment, he will serve as the first-named Senator representing a member of the majority party of the Senate. His reappointment 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.

The Following Communication: S.C. 9

**STATE OF MAINE
130TH LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

December 29, 2020

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

Dear Secretary Grant:

Pursuant to my authority under Title 10, MRSA, §11, I am pleased to reappoint Senator Stacey K. Guerin to the Citizen Trade Policy Commission. With this reappointment, she will serve as the Senator representing a member of the minority party of the Senate. Her reappointment 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.

The Following Communication: S.C. 10

**STATE OF MAINE
130TH LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

December 29, 2020

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

Dear Secretary Grant:

Pursuant to my authority under Title 5, section 12004-I, subsection 12-B, I am pleased to reappoint Senator Eloise Vitelli to the Commission to End Student Hunger as a member of the Senate, effective the date of this letter.

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

Sincerely,

S/Troy D. Jackson
President of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 11

**STATE OF MAINE
130TH LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

December 29, 2020

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

Dear Secretary Grant:

Pursuant to my authority under Title 17-A, MRSA, §1353, I am pleased to reappoint Senator Susan Deschambault as a consultant to the Criminal Law Advisory Commission. This 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.

The Following Communication: S.C. 12

**STATE OF MAINE
130TH LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

December 29, 2020

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

Dear Secretary Grant:

Pursuant to my authority under Title 3, MRSA, §227, I am pleased to reappoint Senator Mark Lawrence to the Maine-Canadian Legislative Advisory Commission, representing a member of the Senate. His 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: S.C. 14

**STATE OF MAINE
130TH LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

December 29, 2020

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

Dear Secretary Grant:

Pursuant to my authority under Title 3, MRSA, §231, I am pleased to reappoint Senator Mark Lawrence to the New England Eastern Canada Legislative Commission, representing a member of the Senate. His 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.

The Following Communication: S.C. 13

**STATE OF MAINE
130TH LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

December 29, 2020

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

Dear Secretary Grant:

Pursuant to my authority under Title 3, MRSA, §227, I am pleased to reappoint Senator Stacey Guerin to the Maine-Canadian Legislative Advisory Commission, representing a member of the Senate. Her 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

The Following Communication: S.C. 15

**STATE OF MAINE
130TH LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

December 29, 2020

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

Dear Secretary Grant:

Pursuant to my authority under Title 3, MRSA, §231, I am pleased to reappoint Senator Marianne Moore to the New England Eastern Canada Legislative Commission, representing a member of the Senate. Her 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.

The Following Communication: S.C. 16

**STATE OF MAINE
130TH LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

December 29, 2020

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

Dear Secretary Grant:

Pursuant to my authority under Public Law 2015, Chapter 203, I am pleased to reappoint Steven L. D'Amato to the Palliative Care and Quality of Life Interdisciplinary Advisory Council, serving as a licensed pharmacist. This 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.

The Following Communication: S.C. 17

**STATE OF MAINE
130TH LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

December 29, 2020

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

Dear Secretary Grant:

Pursuant to my authority under Title 5 MRSA, Chapter 371-A, §7030, I am pleased to reappoint Darylen Cote to seat number 12

on the Permanent Commission on the Status of Women. She will be serving a two-year term, effective the date of this letter.

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

Sincerely,

S/Troy D. Jackson
President of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 18

**STATE OF MAINE
130TH LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

December 29, 2020

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

Dear Secretary Grant:

Pursuant to my authority under Title 5 MRSA, Chapter 371-A, §7030, I am pleased to reappoint Amy Fried to seat number 9 on the Permanent Commission on the Status of Women. She will be serving a two-year term, effective the date of this letter.

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

Sincerely,

S/Troy D. Jackson
President of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 19

**STATE OF MAINE
130TH LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

December 29, 2020

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

Dear Secretary Grant:

Pursuant to my authority under Title 1, MRSA, Chapter 13, Section 411, I am pleased to appoint Senator Anne Carney to the Right to Know Advisory Committee, effective the date of this letter. With this appointment, she will be serving as a Senator on the committee with jurisdiction over judiciary matters.

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

Sincerely,

S/Troy D. Jackson
President of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 20

**STATE OF MAINE
130TH LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

December 29, 2020

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

Dear Secretary Grant:

Pursuant to my authority under Title 1, MRSA, Chapter 13, Section 411, I am pleased to appoint J. Christopher Parr to the Right to Know Advisory Committee, effective the date of this letter. He will be serving in seat number 6 of the committee, as a representative of law enforcement interests.

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

Sincerely,

S/Troy D. Jackson
President of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 21

**STATE OF MAINE
130TH LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

December 29, 2020

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

Dear Secretary Grant:

Pursuant to my authority under Title 3, MRSA, Ch. 1, §2B, I am pleased to reappoint Christine Brawn to the State Compensation Commission, effective January 1, 2021.

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

Sincerely,

S/Troy D. Jackson
President of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 22

**STATE OF MAINE
130TH LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

December 29, 2020

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

Dear Secretary Grant:

Pursuant to my authority under Title 3, MRSA, Ch. 1, §2B, I am pleased to reappoint Joyce Oreskovich to the State Compensation Commission, effective January 1, 2021.

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

Sincerely,

S/Troy D. Jackson
President of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 25

**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
SPEAKER'S OFFICE**

December 11, 2020

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

Dear Secretary Grant:

Pursuant to my authority under Joint Rule 371, I have appointed the following members to the Government Oversight Committee:

Government Oversight Committee

Genevieve McDonald, Chair (D-Stonington)
Margaret M. O'Neil (D-Saco)
Holly B. Stover (D-Boothbay)
Kathleen R. J. Dillingham (R-Oxford)*
H. Sawin Millett, Jr. (R-Waterford)
Amy Bradstreet Arata (R-New Gloucester)
* Ranking Republican Member

Sincerely,

S/Ryan M. Fecteau
Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 26

**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
SPEAKER'S OFFICE**

December 11, 2020

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

RE: Committee Appointments for the 130th Legislature

Pursuant to my authority under House Rule 201.1(I) (a), I have made the following appointments to the various Joint Standing Committees:

**Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry Appropriations
and Financial Affairs**

Margaret M. O'Neil, Chair (D-Saco)
David Harold McCrea (D-Fort Fairfield)
H. Scott Landry, Jr. (D-Farmington)
Laurie Osher (D-Orono)
Randall C. Hall (R-Wilton)*
Thomas H. Skolfield (R-Weld)
Susan Bernard (R-Caribou)
Jeffrey Allen Gifford (R-Lincoln)
Joseph F. Underwood (R-Presque Isle)
William D. Pluecker (I-Warren)

Appropriations and Financial Affairs

Teresa S. Pierce, Chair (D-Falmouth)
John L. Martin (D-Eagle Lake)
Patricia Hymanson (D-York)
Jessica L. Fay (D-Raymond)
Barbara A. Cardone (D-Bangor)
Kristen Sarah Cloutier (D-Lewiston)
H. Sawin Millett, Jr. (R-Waterford)*
Amy Bradstreet Arata (R-New Gloucester)
Patrick W. Corey (R-Windham)
Justin Fecteau (R-Augusta)

Criminal Justice and Public Safety

Charlotte Warren, Chair (D-Hallowell)
Victoria E. Morales (D-South Portland)
Lois Galgay Reckitt (D-South Portland)
Braden Sharpe (D-Durham)
Grayson B. Lookner (D-Portland)
Richard A. Pickett (R-Dixfield)*
Danny Edward Costain (R-Plymouth)
Shelley Rudnicki (R-Fairfield)
Daniel J. Newman (R-Belgrade)
William D. Pluecker (I-Warren)

Education and Cultural Affairs

Michael F. Brennan, Chair (D-Portland)
Rebecca J. Millett (D-Cape Elizabeth)
David Harold McCrea (D-Fort Fairfield)
Janice S. Dodge (D-Belfast)
W. Edward Crockett (D-Portland)
Suzanne M. Salisbury (D-Westbrook)
Paul A. Stearns (R-Guilford)*
Heidi H. Sampson (R-Alfred)
Sheila A. Lyman (R-Livermore Falls)
Timothy M. Roche (R-Wells)

Energy, Utilities and Technology

Seth A. Berry, Chair (D-Bowdoinham)
Scott W. Cuddy (D-Winterport)
Nicole Grohoski (D-Ellsworth)
Christopher J. Kessler (D-South Portland)
Stanley Paige Zeigler, Jr. (D-Montville)
Barbara A. Wood (D-Portland)
Nathan J. Wadsworth (R-Hiram)*
Chad Wayne Grignon (R-Athens)
Steven D. Foster (R-Dexter)
Nathan Michael Carlow (R-Buxton)

Environment and Natural Resources

Ralph L. Tucker, Chair (D-Brunswick)
Lydia C. Blume (D-York)
Lori K. Gramlich (D-Old Orchard Beach)
Stanley Paige Zeigler, Jr. (D-Montville)
Victoria W. Doudera (D-Camden)
Arthur L. Bell (D-Yarmouth)
Jeffrey P. Hanley (R-Pittston)*
Chris A. Johansen (R-Monticello)
Beth A. O'Connor (R-Berwick)
William R. Tuell (R-East Machias)

Health and Human Services

Michele Meyer, Chair (D-Eliot)
 Margaret Craven (D-Lewiston)
 Anne C. Perry (D-Calais)
 Colleen M. Madigan (D-Waterville)
 Holly B. Stover (D-Boothbay)
 Samuel Lewis Zager (D-Portland)
 Kathy Irene Javner (R-Chester)*
 Abigail W. Griffin (R-Levant)
 Jonathan M. Connor (R-Lewiston)
 Michael H. Lemelin (R-Chelsea)

Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services

Denise A. Tepler, Chair (D-Topsham)
 Heidi E. Brooks (D-Lewiston)
 Gina M. Melaragno (D-Auburn)
 Poppy Arford (D-Brunswick)
 Richard A. Evans (D-Dover-Foxcroft)
 Kristi Michele Mathieson (D-Kittery)
 Joshua Morris (R-Turner)*
 Mark John Blier (R-Buxton)
 Jonathan M. Connor (R-Lewiston)
 Tracy L. Quint (R-Hodgdon)

Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

H. Scott Landry, Jr., Chair (D-Farmington)
 John L. Martin (D-Eagle Lake)
 Roland Danny Martin (D-Sinclair)
 Robert W. Alley, Sr. (D-Beals)
 Allison Hepler (D-Woolwich)
 Timothy S. Theriault (R-China)*
 Peter A. Lyford (R-Eddington)
 Lester S. Ordway (R-Standish)
 Richard G. Mason (R-Lisbon)
 Cathy R. Nadeau (R-Winslow)

Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Commerce

Tiffany Roberts, Chair (D-South Berwick)
 Sarah Peabworth (D-Blue Hill)
 Kyle R. Bailey (D-Gorham)
 Valli D. Geiger (D-Rockland)
 Tavis Rock Hasenfus (D-Readfield)
 Susan Bernard (R-Caribou)*
 Susan M. W. Austin (R-Gray)
 John E. Ducharme III (R-Madison)
 Amanda N. Collamore (R-Pittsfield)
 John Andrews (L-Paris)

Judiciary

Thom Harnett, Chair (D-Gardiner)
 Christopher W. Babbidge (D-Kennebunk)
 Lois Galgay Reckitt (D-South Portland)
 Stephen W. Moriarty (D-Cumberland)
 Erin R. Sheehan (D-Biddeford)
 David G. Haggan (R-Hampden)*
 Kathy L. Downes (R-Bucksport)
 Laurel D. Libby (R-Auburn)
 Jennifer L. Poirier (R-Skowhegan)
 Jeffrey Evangelos (I-Friendship)
 Rena D. Newell (the Passamaquoddy Tribe)

Labor and Housing

Michael A. Sylvester, Chair (D-Portland)
 Scott W. Cuddy (D-Winterport)
 Sarah Peabworth (D-Blue Hill)
 Traci Gere (D-Kennebunkport)
 Amy J. Roeder (D-Bangor)
 Richard T. Bradstreet (R-Vassalboro)*
 Joshua Morris (R-Turner)
 Dwayne W. Prescott (R-Waterboro)
 Gary A. Drinkwater (R-Milford)
 Sophie B. Warren (I-Scarborough)

Marine Resources

Joyce "Jay" McCreight, Chair (D-Harpswell)
 Robert W. Alley, Sr. (D-Beals)
 Lydia C. Blume (D-York)
 Allison Hepler (D-Woolwich)
 Genevieve McDonald (D-Stonington)
 Lydia V. Crafts (D-Newcastle)
 Billy Bob Faulkingham (R-Winter Harbor)*
 Sherman H. Hutchins (R-Penobscot)
 Peggy Jo Stanley (R-Medway)
 James E. Thorne (R-Carmel)

State and Local Government

Ann Higgins Matlack, Chair (D-St. George)
 Mark E. Bryant (D-Windham)
 Donna R. Doore (D-Augusta)
 Sean C. Paulhus (D-Bath)
 Lynn H. Copeland (D-Saco)
 William R. Tuell (R-East Machias)*
 Frances M. Head (R-Bethel)
 Kathy L. Downes (R-Bucksport)
 Randall Adam Greenwood (R-Wales)
 Walter N. Riseman (I-Harrison)

Taxation

Maureen Fitzgerald Terry, Chair (D-Gorham)
 Benjamin T. Collings (D-Portland)
 Lori K. Gramlich (D-Old Orchard Beach)
 Ann Higgins Matlack (D-St. George)
 Joseph C. Perry, Sr. (D-Bangor)
 Melanie F. Sachs (D-Freeport)
 Theodore Joseph Kryzak, Jr. (R-Acton)*
 Bruce A. Bickford (R-Auburn)
 Jeffrey P. Hanley (R-Pittston)
 Meldon H. Carmichael (R-Greenbush)

Transportation

Roland Danny Martin, Chair (D-Sinclair)
 Mark E. Bryant (D-Windham)
 Bruce A. White (D-Waterville)
 Kevin J. M. O'Connell (D-Brewer)
 Lynn A. Williams (D-Bar Harbor)
 Michael D. Perkins (R-Oakland)*
 Richard M. Cebra (R-Naples)
 Wayne R. Parry (R-Arundel)
 Dustin Michael White (R-Mars Hill)
 Thomas H. Martin, Jr. (R-Greene)

Veterans and Legal Affairs

Christopher James Caiazzo, Chair (D-Scarborough)
Joyce "Jay" McCreight (D-Harpswell)
John L. Tuttle, Jr. (D-Sanford)
Morgan J. Rielly (D-Westbrook)
Laura D. Supica (D-Bangor)
Barbara A. Wood (D-Portland)
MaryAnne Kinney (R-Knox)*
Matthew A. Harrington (R-Sanford)
Patrick W. Corey (R-Windham)
Josanne C. Dolloff (R-Milton Township)

*Ranking Republican Member

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 45

**STATE OF MAINE
130TH LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

January 21, 2021

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

Dear Secretary Grant:

Pursuant to my authority under Title 20-A, MRSA, §11053, I am pleased to appoint Senator Matthea Daughtry to the New England Board of Higher Education, representing a member of the Senate. Her 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.

The Following Communication: S.C. 46

**STATE OF MAINE
130TH LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

January 21, 2021

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

Dear Secretary Grant:

Pursuant to my authority under Title 5, MRSA, §3371, I am pleased to appoint Senator Chip Curry to the Maine Fire Protection Services Commission. With this appointment, he will be serving in seat number one on the commission, effective the date of this letter.

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

Sincerely,

S/Troy D. Jackson
President of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 47

**STATE OF MAINE
130TH LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

January 21, 2021

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

Dear Secretary Grant:

Pursuant to my authority under Title 5, MRSA, §3371, I am pleased to re-appoint Senator Scott Cyrway to the Maine Fire Protection Services Commission. This 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.

The Following Communication: S.C. 48

**STATE OF MAINE
130TH LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

January 21, 2021

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

Dear Secretary Grant:
Pursuant to my authority under MRSA §24051, I am pleased to appoint Senator Matthea Daughtry to the Maine Children’s Cabinet Early Childhood Advisory Council. With this appointment, she will be serving in seat number one on the council 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.

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 50

**STATE OF MAINE
130TH LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

January 21, 2021

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

Dear Secretary Grant:

Pursuant to my authority under Title 5, MRSA, Chapter 521, §20065, I am pleased to appoint the following Senators to the Substance Use Disorder Services Commission:

Senator Chloe Maxmin of Lincoln
Senator Kim Rosen of Hancock

Both 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.

The Following Communication: S.C. 49

**STATE OF MAINE
130TH LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

January 21, 2021

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

Dear Secretary Grant:

Pursuant to my authority under MRSA §24051, I am pleased to appoint Senator Marianne Moore to the Maine Children’s Cabinet Early Childhood Advisory Council. With this appointment, she will be serving in seat number two on the council 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

The Following Communication: S.C. 76

**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
SPEAKER’S OFFICE
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

January 21, 2021

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

Dear Secretary Grant,

Pursuant to my authority under Title 7, MRSA, Part 1, Ch. 5, §125.2-G, I am pleased to appoint Representative William Pluecker of Warren to seat 15 on the Board of Agriculture.

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.

The Following Communication: S.C. 77

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

January 21, 2021

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

Dear Secretary Grant,

Pursuant to my authority under Title 5, MRSA, Part 10-A, Ch. 319, §3371.2-B, I am pleased to appoint the following Representatives to the Maine Fire Protection Services Commission:

Representative Bruce White of Waterville
Representative Grayson Lookner of Portland

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

Sincerely,

S/Ryan M. Fecteau
Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 78

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

January 21, 2021

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

Dear Secretary Grant,

Pursuant to my authority under Title 3, MRSA, Ch. 10, §227, I am pleased to appoint the following Representatives to the Maine-Canadian Legislative Advisory Commission:

Representative Margaret Craven of Lewiston
Representative Erin Sheehan of Biddeford

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

Sincerely,

S/Ryan M. Fecteau
Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 79

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

January 21, 2021

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

Dear Secretary Grant,

Pursuant to my authority under Title 10, MRSA, Part 1, Ch. 1-A, §11.4-A2, I am pleased to appoint the following Representatives to the Citizen Trade Policy Commission:

Representative Traci Gere of Kennebunkport
Representative Edward Crockett of Portland

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

Sincerely,

S/Ryan M. Fecteau
Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 80

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

January 21, 2021

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

Dear Secretary Grant,

Pursuant to my authority under Title 7, MRSA, Part 23, Ch. 501, §19202.2-B, I am pleased to appoint Representative Laurie Osher of Orono to the Maine HIV Advisory Committee.

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.

The Following Communication: S.C. 81

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

January 21, 2021

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

Dear Secretary Grant,

Pursuant to my authority under Title 20-A, Chapter 413, §11053 of the Maine Revised Statutes, I have appointed Representative Rebecca Millett of South Portland to the New England Board of Higher Education.

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

Sincerely,

S/Ryan M. Fecteau
Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 82

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

January 21, 2021

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

Dear Secretary Grant,

Pursuant to my authority under M.R.S.A. Title 3, §231, I am pleased to appoint the following Representatives to the New England and Eastern Canada Legislative Commission:

Representative David McCrea of Fort Fairfield
Representative Nicole Grohoski of Ellsworth

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.

The Following Communication: S.C. 83

**STATE OF MAINE
130TH LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

January 22, 2021

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

Dear Secretary Grant:

Pursuant to my authority under Joint Rule 354, I have made the following appointments to the Committee on Joint Rules:

Senator Nathan L. Libby of Androscoggin, Chair
Senator Eloise A. Vitelli of Sagadahoc
Senator Ann Carney of Cumberland
Senator Jeffrey L. Timberlake of Androscoggin
Senator Matthew Pouliot of Kennebec

Sincerely,

S/Troy Dale Jackson
President of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 84

**STATE OF MAINE
130TH LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

January 22, 2021

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

Dear Secretary Grant:

Pursuant to my authority under Senate Rule 201.3, I have made the following appointments to the Senate Rules Committee:

- Senator Nathan L. Libby of Androscoggin, Chair
- Senator Eloise A. Vitelli of Sagadahoc
- Senator Mark W. Lawrence of York
- Senator Jeffrey L. Timberlake of Androscoggin
- Senator Matthew Pouliot of Kennebec

Sincerely,

S/Troy Dale Jackson
President of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 85

**STATE OF MAINE
130TH LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

January 22, 2021

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

Dear Secretary Grant:

Pursuant to my authority under Senate Rule 201.3, I have made the following appointments to the Committee on Conduct and Ethics:

- Senator Susan Deschambault of York, Chair
- Senator Bill Diamond of Cumberland
- Senator Marianne Moore of Washington

Senator Kimberley C. Rosen of Hancock

Sincerely,

S/Troy Dale Jackson
President of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 86

**STATE OF MAINE
130TH LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

January 22, 2021

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

Dear Secretary Grant:

Pursuant to my authority under Senate Rule 201.3, I have made the following appointments to the Committee on Bills in the Second Reading:

- Senator Louis J. Luchini of Hancock
- Senator David Miramant of Knox
- Senator Scott W. Cyrway of Kennebec
- Senator Kimberley C. Rosen of Hancock

Sincerely,

S/Troy Dale Jackson
President of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 87

**STATE OF MAINE
130TH LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

January 22, 2021

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

Dear Secretary Grant:

Pursuant to my authority under Senate Rule 201.3, I have made the following appointments to the Committee on Engrossed Bills:

Senator Heather Sanborn of Cumberland
Senator James F. Dill of Penobscot
Senator David Woodsome of York
Senator Bradlee Thomas Farrin of Somerset

Sincerely,

S/Troy Dale Jackson
President of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 88

**STATE OF MAINE
130TH LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

January 22, 2021

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

Dear Secretary Grant:

Pursuant to my authority under Senate Order 3, I have made the following appointments to the Committee on Senatorial Vote:

Senator Ned Claxton of Androscoggin, Chair
Senator Nathan L. Libby of Androscoggin
Senator Eloise A. Vitelli of Sagadahoc
Senator Richard Bennett of Oxford
Senator Paul Davis of Piscataquis
Senator Marianne Moore of Washington
Senator Matthea Daughtry of Cumberland

Sincerely,

S/Troy Dale Jackson
President of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 89

**STATE OF MAINE
130TH LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

January 25, 2021

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

Dear Secretary Grant:

Pursuant to my authority under Article IV, Part Third, Section 1-A of the Constitution of the State of Maine, I have appointed the following to serve as members of the Apportionment Commission:

Senator Troy D. Jackson of Aroostook
Senator Nathan L. Libby of Androscoggin

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

S/Troy D. Jackson
President of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 90

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

January 26, 2021

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

Dear Secretary Grant,

Pursuant to my authority under S.P. 602, I am pleased to appoint Representative Laurel Libby of Auburn to the Children's Cabinet Early Childhood Advisory Council.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,

S/Ryan M. Fecteau
Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 91

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

January 26, 2021

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

Dear Secretary Grant,

Pursuant to my authority under Title 38, MRSA, Ch. 3-A, §577-A, I am pleased to reappoint Representative Lydia Blume of York to the Maine Climate Council.

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

Sincerely,

S/Ryan M. Fecteau
Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 92

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

January 26, 2021

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

Dear Secretary Grant,

Pursuant to my authority under Title 38, MRSA, Ch. 3-A, §577-A, I am pleased to appoint Representative James Thorne of Carmel to the Maine Climate Council.

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

Sincerely,

S/Ryan M. Fecteau
Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 105

**THE STATE OF MAINE
130TH LEGISLATURE
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

January 27, 2021

Honorable Janet T. Mills
Governor
#1 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Governor Mills,

On behalf of the 130th Maine Legislature, we would like to invite you to deliver your State of the State Address. Whereas the novel coronavirus has led the Legislature to take new and necessary safety precautions, we would ask you to deliver your Address in writing accompanied by a video stream to be shared with the Legislature and the public.

We look forward to coordinating any details necessary to see that your Address is received by the Legislature.

Sincerely,

S/Troy D. Jackson
President of the Senate
S/Ryan M. Fecteau,
Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 109

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

January 28, 2021

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

Dear Secretary Grant,

Pursuant to my authority under Title 5, section 12004-I, subsection 52-C, I have reappointed the following House members to the Marijuana Advisory Commission, effective immediately.

Representative Teresa Pierce of Falmouth
Representative Patrick Corey of Windham

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

Sincerely,

S/Ryan M. Fecteau
Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 111

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

January 28, 2021

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

Dear Secretary Grant,

Pursuant to my authority under Title 10, MRSA, Part 1, Ch. 1-A, §11.4-A2, I am pleased to reappoint Representative Kathleen Dillingham of Oxford to the Citizen Trade Policy Commission.

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

Sincerely,

S/Ryan M. Fecteau
Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 112

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

January 28, 2021

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

Dear Secretary Grant,

Pursuant to my authority under Title 5, MRSA, Part 10-A, Ch. 319, §3371.2-B, I am pleased to reappoint Representative Timothy Theriault of China to the Maine Fire Protection Services Commission.

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

Sincerely,

S/Ryan M. Fecteau
Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 113

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

January 28, 2021

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

Dear Secretary Grant,

Pursuant to my authority under Title 3, MRSA, Ch. 10, §227, I am pleased to reappoint Representative John Martin of Eagle Lake to the Maine-Canadian Legislative Advisory Commission, effective immediately.

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

Sincerely,

S/Ryan M. Fecteau
Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 114

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

January 28, 2021

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

Dear Secretary Grant,

Pursuant to my authority under S.P. 602, I am pleased to appoint Representative Rebecca Millett of South Portland to the Children's Cabinet Early Childhood Advisory Council.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,

S/Ryan M. Fecteau
Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 115

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

January 28, 2021
Honorable Darek Grant
Secretary of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Secretary Grant,

Pursuant to my authority under Title 5 MRSA, §20065, I am pleased to appoint Representative Colleen Madigan of Waterville to the Substance Use Disorder Services Commission.

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.

The Following Communication: S.C. 116

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

January 28, 2021

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

Dear Secretary Grant,

Pursuant to my authority under Title 1, MRSA, Ch. 13, Subchapter 1, §411.2-B, I am pleased to reappoint Representative Thomas Harnett of Gardiner to the Right to Know Advisory Committee.

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.

The Following Communication: S.C. 117

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

January 28, 2021

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

Dear Secretary Grant,

Pursuant to my authority under Title 20, Ch. 5, Part 679, Subpart A, §679.110 (b)(2) of federal law, I am pleased to reappoint Representative Michael Sylvester of Portland to the State Workforce Board.

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.

The Following Communication: S.C. 122

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

January 29, 2021

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

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

Dear Secretary Grant,

January 29, 2021

Pursuant to my authority under Title 5, section 12004-I, subsection 52-C, I have reappointed the following to the Marijuana Advisory Commission, effective immediately:

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

Hannah King of Portland
Scott Gagnon of Gray
Alysia Melnick of Portland

Dear Secretary Grant,

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

Pursuant to my authority under Public Law, Chapter 593, I am pleased to appoint Representative Paul Stearns of Guilford to the State Education and Employment Outcomes Task Force.

Sincerely,

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

S/Ryan M. Fecteau
Speaker of the House

Sincerely,

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

S/Ryan M. Fecteau
Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 123

The Following Communication: S.C. 125

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

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

January 29, 2021

January 29, 2021

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

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

Dear Secretary Grant,

Dear Secretary Grant,

Pursuant to my authority under Public Law, Chapter 593, I am pleased to reappoint Representative Seth Berry of Bowdoinham to the State Education and Employment Outcomes Task Force.

Pursuant to my authority under Title 5, MRSA, Chapter 631, §25002, I am pleased to reappoint Ian Yaffe of Portland to the Permanent Commission on the Status of Racial, Indigenous and Maine Tribal Populations.

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

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Sincerely,

Sincerely,

S/Ryan M. Fecteau
Speaker of the House

S/Ryan M. Fecteau
Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

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The Following Communication: S.C. 124

The Following Communication: S.C. 129

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

January 29, 2021

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

Dear Secretary Grant:

Pursuant to my authority under Joint Rule 354, I have appointed the following members to the Joint Select Committee on Joint Rules:

Joint Select Committee on Joint Rules

- Michelle Dunphy, Chair (D-Old Town)
- Christopher W. Babbidge (D-Kennebunk)
- John L. Martin (D-Eagle Lake)
- Joel R. Stetkis (R-Canaan)*
- William R. Tuell (R-East Machias)

*Ranking Republican Member

Sincerely,

S/Ryan M. Fecteau
Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 130

**STATE OF MAINE
130TH LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

February 3, 2021

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

Dear Secretary Grant:

Pursuant to my authority under Senate Rule 201.3, I am appointing Senator Rick Bennett of Oxford to the Joint Rules Committee. With this appointment, Senator Bennett will be replacing Senator Jeff Timberlake of Androscoggin.

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

Sincerely,

S/Troy Dale Jackson
President of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 138

**THE STATE OF MAINE
130TH LEGISLATURE
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

January 28, 2021

Honorable Darek Grant
Secretary of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333-0002

Dear Secretary Grant:

Pursuant to our authority under Title 12, Chapter 619, Subchapter 2, §6447 of the Maine Revised Statutes, we are pleased to reappoint the following members to the Lobster Management Policy Council:

- Senator Eloise Vitelli of Arrowsic
- Senator Dave Miramant of Camden
- Representative Robert Alley of Beal
- Representative Lydia Blume of York
- Representative Joyce McCreight of Harpswell
- Representative Hutchins of Penobscot

Should you have questions regarding these reappointments, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

S/Troy D. Jackson
President of the Senate

S/Ryan M. Fecteau
Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 139

**THE STATE OF MAINE
130TH LEGISLATURE
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

January 28, 2021

Honorable Darek Grant
Secretary of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333-0002

Dear Secretary Grant:

Pursuant to our authority under Title 12, Chapter 619, Subchapter 2, §6447 of the Maine Revised Statutes, we are pleased to appoint Representative Lynne Williams of Bar Harbor to the Lobster Management Policy Council.

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

Sincerely,

S/Troy D. Jackson
President of the Senate

S/Ryan M. Fecteau
Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 140

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

February 8, 2021

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

Dear Secretary Grant,

Pursuant to my authority under Title 1, MRSA, Ch. 13, Subchapter 1, §411.2-B, I am pleased to reappoint James Campbell of Searsport to the Right to Know Advisory Committee.

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.

The Following Communication: S.C. 141

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

February 8, 2021

Honorable Darek Grant
Secretary of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333-0003

Dear Secretary Grant:

Pursuant to my authority under Title 5, Chapter 371-A § 7030 of the Maine Revised Statutes, I am pleased to reappoint the following to the Permanent Commission on the Status of Women, effective immediately:

Hon. Meredith Strang Burgess of Cumberland
Sue Mackey Andrews of Dover-Foxcroft

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

Sincerely,

S/Ryan M. Fecteau
Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 142

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

February 8, 2021

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

Dear Secretary Grant,

Pursuant to my authority under Title 3, MRSA, Ch. 10, §227, I am pleased to reappoint Representatives Kathleen Dillingham of Oxford to the Maine-Canadian Legislative Advisory Commission, effective immediately.

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

Sincerely,

S/Ryan M. Fecteau
Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 150

**THE STATE OF MAINE
130TH LEGISLATURE
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

February 8, 2021

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

Dear Secretary Grant:

Pursuant to our authority under MRSA Title 3, Chapter 31, §901-A, we are pleased to appoint the Honorable Gay Grant of Gardiner to the State House and Capitol Park Commission.

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

Sincerely,

S/Troy D. Jackson S/Ryan M. Fecteau
President of the Senate Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 151

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

February 10, 2021

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

Dear Secretary Grant,

Pursuant to my authority under Title 38, MRSA, Ch. 3-A, §577-A, I am pleased to appoint Representative Melanie Sachs of Freeport and Representative Richard Bradstreet of Vassalboro to the Building, Infrastructure and Housing Working Group of the Maine Climate Council.

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.

The Following Communication: S.C. 152

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

February 10, 2021

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

Dear Secretary Grant,

Pursuant to my authority under Title 38, MRSA, Ch. 3-A, §577-A, I am pleased to appoint Representative Lydia Blume of York and Representative William Tuell of East Machias to the Coastal and Marine Working Group of the Maine Climate Council.

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.

The Following Communication: S.C. 153

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

February 10, 2021

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

Dear Secretary Grant,

Pursuant to my authority under Title 38, MRSA, Ch. 3-A, §577-A, I am pleased to appoint Representative Genevieve McDonald of Stonington and Representative Beth O'Connor of Berwick to the Community Resilience Planning Working Group of the Maine Climate Council.

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.

The Following Communication: S.C. 154

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

February 10, 2021

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

Dear Secretary Grant,

Pursuant to my authority under Title 38, MRSA, Ch. 3-A, §577-A, I am pleased to appoint Representative Seth Berry of Bowdoinham and Representative Steven Foster of Dexter to the Energy Working Group of the Maine Climate Council.

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.

The Following Communication: S.C. 155

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

February 10, 2021

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

Dear Secretary Grant,

Pursuant to my authority under Title 38, MRSA, Ch. 3-A, §577-A, I am pleased to appoint Representative Rachel Talbot Ross of Portland and Representative Thomas Martin, Jr. of Greene to the Equity Working Group of the Maine Climate Council.

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.

The Following Communication: S.C. 156

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

February 10, 2021

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

Dear Secretary Grant,

Pursuant to my authority under Title 38, MRSA, Ch. 3-A, §577-A, I am pleased to appoint Representative Nicole Grohoski of Ellsworth and Representative Amanda Collamore of Pittsfield to the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee of the Maine Climate Council.

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.

The Following Communication: S.C. 157

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

February 10, 2021

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

Dear Secretary Grant,

Pursuant to my authority under Title 38, MRSA, Ch. 3-A, §577-A, I am pleased to appoint Representative Lynne Williams of Bar Harbor to the Transportation Working Group of the Maine Climate Council.

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.

The Following Communication: S.C. 158

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

February 10, 2021

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

Dear Secretary Grant,

Pursuant to my authority under Title 38, MRSA, Ch. 3-A, §577-A, I am pleased to appoint Representative Laurie Osher of Orono and MaryAnne Kinney of Knox to the Working Lands and Ecosystems Working Group of the Maine Climate Council.

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.

The Following Communication: S.C. 162

**STATE OF MAINE
130TH LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

February 12, 2021

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

Dear Secretary Grant:

Pursuant to my authority under Senate Rule 201.3, I have appointed Senator Nathan Libby of Lewiston to the Joint Standing Committee on Taxation, replacing Senator Matthea Daughtry, effective immediately.

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

Sincerely,

S/Troy Jackson
President of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 163

**STATE OF MAINE
130TH LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

February 17, 2021

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

Dear Secretary Grant:

Pursuant to my authority under Title 38, MRSA, Ch. 3-A, §577-A, I am pleased to appoint the following Senators to the Maine Climate Council:

Senator Chloe Maxmin of Lincoln County
Senator David Woodsome of York County

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.

The Following Communication: S.C. 164

**STATE OF MAINE
130TH LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

February 17, 2021

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

Dear Secretary Grant:

Pursuant to my authority under Title 38, MRSA, Ch. 3-A, §577-A, I am pleased to appoint the following Senators to the Coastal and Marine working group of the Maine Climate Council:

Senator Dave Miramant of Knox County
Senator Kim Rosen of Hancock County

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

Sincerely,

S/Troy D. Jackson
President of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

Sincerely,

S/Troy D. Jackson
President of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 166

**STATE OF MAINE
130TH LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

February 17, 2021

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

Dear Secretary Grant:

Pursuant to my authority under Title 38, MRSA, Ch. 3-A, §577-A, I am pleased to appoint the following Senators to the Equity Subcommittee of the Maine Climate Council:

Senator Nate Libby of Androscoggin County
Senator Lisa Keim of Oxford County

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

Sincerely,

S/Troy D. Jackson
President of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 165

**STATE OF MAINE
130TH LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

February 17, 2021

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

Dear Secretary Grant:

Pursuant to my authority under Title 38, MRSA, Ch. 3-A, §577-A, I am pleased to appoint the following Senators to the Energy working group of the Maine Climate Council:

Senator Mark Lawrence of York County
Senator Paul Davis of Piscataquis County

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 167

**STATE OF MAINE
130TH LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

February 17, 2021

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

Dear Secretary Grant:

Pursuant to my authority under Title 38, MRSA, Ch. 3-A, §577-A, I am pleased to appoint the following Senators to the Buildings, Infrastructure and Housing working group of the Maine Climate Council:

Senator Joseph Rafferty of York County
Senator Stacey Guerin of Penobscot County

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

Sincerely,

S/Troy D. Jackson
President of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 168

**STATE OF MAINE
130TH LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

February 17, 2021

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

Dear Secretary Grant:

Pursuant to my authority under Title 38, MRSA, Ch. 3-A, §577-A, I am pleased to appoint the following Senators to the Community Resilience Planning, Public Health, and Emergency Management working group of the Maine Climate Council:

Senator Stacy Brenner of Cumberland County
Senator Marianne Moore of Washington County

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

Sincerely,

S/Troy D. Jackson
President of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 169

**STATE OF MAINE
130TH LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

February 17, 2021

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

Dear Secretary Grant:

Pursuant to my authority under Title 38, MRSA, Ch. 3-A, §577-A, I am pleased to appoint the following Senators to the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee of the Maine Climate Council:

Senator Troy Jackson of Aroostook County
Senator Russell Black of Franklin County

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

Sincerely,

S/Troy D. Jackson
President of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 170

**STATE OF MAINE
130TH LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

February 17, 2021

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

Dear Secretary Grant:

Pursuant to my authority under Title 38, MRSA, Ch. 3-A, §577-A, I am pleased to appoint the following Senators to the Transportation working group of the Maine Climate Council:

Senator Bill Diamond of Cumberland County
Senator Brad Farrin of Somerset County

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

Sincerely,

S/Troy D. Jackson
President of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 171

**STATE OF MAINE
130TH LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

February 17, 2021

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

Dear Secretary Grant:

Pursuant to my authority under Title 38, MRSA, Ch. 3-A, §577-A, I am pleased to appoint the following Senators to the Working Lands and Ecosystems working group of the Maine Climate Council:

Senator Cathy Breen of Cumberland County
Senator Rick Bennett of Oxford County

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

Sincerely,

S/Troy D. Jackson
President of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 206

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

February 17, 2021

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

Honorable Ryan Fecteau
Speaker of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Fecteau,

Recognizing that the COVID-19 pandemic has led the Legislature to implement new and necessary health and safety precautions, it is my honor to accept your invitation to deliver a virtual State of the Budget Address on Tuesday, February 23, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

The COVID-19 pandemic has taken a toll on our state, as it has every state, taking the lives of loved ones, separating us from our friends and family, and changing how we go about our everyday lives.

But amid these difficult challenges, we have seen the resilience, determination, heart, and the goodness of Maine people prevail - people who care for one another and who are rising to meet this trying moment.

I care about the people of this great state with all my heart, and I look forward to paying tribute to them and sharing how I believe we can turn back this pandemic and emerge a stronger, better state.

Sincerely,

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 213

**THE STATE OF MAINE
130TH LEGISLATURE
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

February 18, 2021

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

Dear Secretary Grant:

Pursuant to our authority under MRSA Title 30-A, Ch. 202, Subchapter 5-A, §5047, we are pleased to reappoint the following to the Statewide Homeless Council:

Donna Kelley of Belfast
Joshua D'Alessio of Bangor

Should you have questions regarding these reappointments, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

S/Troy D. Jackson
President of the Senate

S/Ryan M. Fecteau
Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 214

**THE STATE OF MAINE
130TH LEGISLATURE
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

February 18, 2021

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

Dear Secretary Grant:

Pursuant to our authority under MRSA Title 30-A, Ch. 202, Subchapter 5-A, §5047, we are pleased to appoint Emily Flinkstrom of Kittery to the Statewide Homeless Council.

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

Sincerely,

S/Troy D. Jackson S/Ryan M. Fecteau
President of the Senate Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 215

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

February 22, 2021

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

Dear Secretary Grant,

Pursuant to my authority under Title 1, MRSA, Ch. 13, Subchapter 1, §411.2-B, I am pleased to reappoint the following to the Right to Know Advisory Committee:

Judith Meyer of Lewiston
Suzanne Goucher of Augusta

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

Sincerely,

S/Ryan M. Fecteau
Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 225

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

February 24, 2021

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

Dear Secretary Grant,

Pursuant to my authority under Title 38, MRSA, Ch. 3-A, §577-A, I am pleased to appoint Representative Michael Perkins of Oakland to the Transportation Working Group of the Maine Climate Council.

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.

The Following Communication: S.C. 232

**THE STATE OF MAINE
130TH LEGISLATURE
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

February 25, 2021

Honorable Andrew M. Mead
Acting Chief Justice, Senior Associate Justice
Maine Supreme Judicial Court
Penobscot Judicial Center
78 Exchange Street
Bangor, Maine 04401

Dear Acting Chief Mead:

On behalf of the 130th Maine Legislature, we would like to invite you to deliver your State of the Judiciary Address. Whereas the novel coronavirus has led the Legislature to take new and necessary safety precautions, we would ask you to deliver your Address in writing accompanied by a video stream to be shared with the Legislature and the public.

We look forward to coordinating any details necessary to see that your Address is received by the Legislature.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

S/Troy D. Jackson
President of the Senate

S/Ryan M. Fecteau
Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 233

**THE STATE OF MAINE
130TH LEGISLATURE
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

February 25, 2021

Major General Douglas A. Farnham
Adjutant General, Maine National Guard
33 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear General Farnham:

On behalf of the 130th Maine Legislature, we would like to invite you to deliver your State of the National Guard Address. Whereas the novel coronavirus has led the Legislature to take new and necessary safety precautions, we would ask you to deliver your Address in writing accompanied by a video stream to be shared with the Legislature and the public.

We look forward to coordinating any details necessary to see that your Address is received by the Legislature.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

S/Troy D. Jackson
President of the Senate

S/Ryan M. Fecteau
Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 234

**THE STATE OF MAINE
130TH LEGISLATURE
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

February 25, 2021

Dannel P. Malloy, Chancellor
University of Maine System
16 Central Street
Bangor, Maine 04401

Dear Chancellor Malloy:

On behalf of the 130th Maine Legislature, we would like to invite you to deliver your State of the University System Address. Whereas the novel coronavirus has led the Legislature to take new and necessary safety precautions, we would ask you to deliver your Address in writing accompanied by a video stream to be shared with the Legislature and the public.

We look forward to coordinating any details necessary to see that your Address is received by the Legislature.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

S/Troy D. Jackson
President of the Senate

S/Ryan M. Fecteau
Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 235

**THE STATE OF MAINE
130TH LEGISLATURE
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

February 25, 2021

Dave Daigler, President
Maine Community College System
131 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Daigler:

On behalf of the 130th Maine Legislature, we would like to invite you to deliver your State of the Community College Address. Whereas the novel coronavirus has led the Legislature to take new and necessary safety precautions, we would ask you to deliver your Address in writing accompanied by a video stream to be shared with the Legislature and the public.

We look forward to coordinating any details necessary to see that your Address is received by the Legislature.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

S/Troy D. Jackson
President of the Senate

S/Ryan M. Fecteau
Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 236

**THE STATE OF MAINE
130TH LEGISLATURE
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

February 25, 2021

William J. Brennan, President
Maine Maritime Academy
Box C-03
Castine, Maine 04420

Dear President Brennan:

On behalf of the 130th Maine Legislature, we would like to invite you to deliver your State of the Maine Maritime Academy Address. Whereas the novel coronavirus has led the Legislature to take new and necessary safety precautions, we would ask you to deliver your Address in writing accompanied by a video stream to be shared with the Legislature and the public.

We look forward to coordinating any details necessary to see that your Address is received by the Legislature.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

S/Troy D. Jackson S/Ryan M. Fecteau
President of the Senate Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 240

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

March 3, 2021

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

Dear Secretary Grant,

Pursuant to my authority under Title 38, MRSA, Ch. 3-A, §577-A, I am pleased to appoint Representative Lydia Blume of York to the Community Resilience Planning Working Group of the Maine Climate Council. Representative Blume is replacing Representative Genevieve McDonald of Stonington.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,

S/Ryan M. Fecteau
Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 241

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

March 3, 2021

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

Dear Secretary Grant,

Pursuant to my authority under Title 38, MRSA, Ch. 3-A, §577-A, I am pleased to appoint Representative Genevieve McDonald of Stonington to the Coastal and Marine Working Group of the Maine Climate Council. Representative McDonald is replacing Representative Lydia Blume of York.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,

S/Ryan M. Fecteau
Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 242

**THE STATE OF MAINE
130TH LEGISLATURE
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

March 2, 2021

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

Dear Secretary Grant:

Pursuant to our authority under Article IV, Part Third, Section 1-A of the Constitution of the State of Maine, we have appointed the following to serve as a member of the Apportionment Commission:

Bev Uhlenhake of Brewer

Please let us know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

S/Troy Jackson
President of the Senate

S/Ryan Fecteau
Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 243

**STATE OF MAINE
130TH LEGISLATURE**

March 1, 2021

The Honorable Troy Jackson
President, Maine State Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333-0003

The Honorable Ryan Fecteau
Speaker, Maine House of Representatives
2 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333-0002

Pursuant to Article IV, Part Third, Section 1-A of the Constitution of the State of Maine, we write to inform you of the following appointments to the 2021 Apportionment Commission: Senator Paul Davis and Senator Richard Bennett representing the Maine Senate; Representative Joshua Morris, Representative Wayne Parry and Representative Theodore Kryzak representing the Maine House of Representatives; The Honorable Joshua A. Tardy as the public member representing the Republican Party.

We appreciate your attention to this matter. Please do not hesitate to contact either of us if we can be of any assistance.

Sincerely,

S/Jeffrey Timberlake
Senate Republican Leader

S/Kathleen R.J. Dillingham
House Republican Leader

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 245

**STATE OF MAINE
130TH LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

March 4, 2021

Darek M. Grant

Secretary of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Secretary Grant:

Pursuant to my authority under Title 5 MRSA, Chapter 371-A, §7030, I am pleased to appoint Jill Barkley to seat number 9 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.

The Following Communication: S.C. 246

**STATE OF MAINE
130TH LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

March 4, 2021

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

Dear Secretary Grant:

Pursuant to my authority under Title 5 MRSA, Chapter 371-A, §7030, I am pleased to appoint 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.

The Following Communication: S.C. 250

**STATE OF MAINE
SUPREME JUDICIAL COURT
BANGOR, MAINE**

March 3, 2021

Honorable Troy D. Jackson
President of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta ME 04333-0003

Honorable Ryan M. Fecteau
Speaker of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta ME 04333-0003

RE: State of the Judiciary Address

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Fecteau:

Thank you for your kind invitation to deliver the annual State of the Judiciary address. I fully understand that the COVID-19 crisis has necessitated a pre-recorded version in lieu of the usual address to the joint assembly.

I have arranged to have the video recorded by MainePublic (the same group that recorded the Governor's address) on Monday, March 8. I understand it will be edited and ready for distribution on Tuesday. I will forward it and the written version to you as soon as possible, presumably sometime on Tuesday.

I understand that you will take care of the distribution of the written version and scheduling of the video.

Again, thank you for the invitation. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

S/ANDREW M. MEAD
Acting Chief Justice
Senior Associate Justice
Maine Supreme Judicial Court

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 230

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

February 9, 2021

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

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Fecteau,

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that we have approved the request by the bill sponsor Sen. Dill of Penobscot, to report the following bill Leave to Withdraw:

L.D. 35 An Act To Facilitate Interagency Sharing of Information and Academic Research by Allowing Disclosure of Certain Confidential Information in Wood Processor and Forest Landowner Reports

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Jim Dill
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Maggie O'Neil
House Chair

READ and with accompanying papers ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 247

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

March 2, 2021

Honorable Troy Dale Jackson, Senate President
Honorable Ryan Michael Fecteau, Speaker of the House
130th Maine State Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333
Dear President Jackson and Speaker Fecteau,

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that we have approved the request by the bill sponsor Rep. Berry of Bowdoinham, to report the following bill Leave to Withdraw:

L.D. 520 An Act To Continue the Green Power Offer for Electricity (EMERGENCY)

Sincerely,

S/ Sen. Mark W. Lawrence
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Seth A. Berry
House Chair

READ and with accompanying papers ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 207

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

February 17, 2021

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

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

February 11, 2021

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Fecteau,

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

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that we have approved the request by the bill sponsor Rep. O'Neil of Saco, to report the following bill Leave to Withdraw:

L.D. 64 RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine Regarding Environmental Rights

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Fecteau,

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that we have approved the request by the bill sponsor Rep. Tuell of East Machias, to report the following bill Leave to Withdraw:

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Stacy Fielding Brenner Senate Chair S/Rep. Ralph L. Tucker House Chair

L.D. 364 An Act To Ensure the Safety of Maine's Scallop Fleet (EMERGENCY)

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

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Dave Miramant Senate Chair S/Rep. Jay McCreight House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 218

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

February 12, 2021

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

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

February 11, 2021

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Fecteau,

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

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that we have approved the request by the bill sponsor Rep. McCreight of Harpswell, to report the following bill Leave to Withdraw:

L.D. 297 An Act To Define the Term "Behavioral Health"

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Fecteau,

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that we have approved the request by the bill sponsor Rep. Madigan of Waterville, to report the following bill Leave to Withdraw:

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Ned Claxton Senate Chair S/Rep. Michele Meyer House Chair

L.D. 405 An Act To Prevent Fraudulent Endorsements in Political Materials

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

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Louis J. Luchini Senate Chair S/Rep. Chris Caiazzo House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 216

The Following Communication: S.C. 244

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

March 02, 2021

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

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Fecteau:

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 381 An Act To Reduce from 8 Weeks to 6 Weeks
the Age at Which a Rabbit May be Sold

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Jim Dill S/Rep. Maggie O'Neil
Senate Chair House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 248

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

March 04, 2021

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

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Fecteau:

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 369 An Act To Criminalize Recording an Incident in
Progress but Failing To Report the Incident
Immediately to the Appropriate Authority

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Susan Deschambault S/Rep. Charlotte May Warren
Senate Chair House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 239

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

February 26, 2021

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

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Fecteau:

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 166 An Act To Allow Participants in the Qualified
Medicare Beneficiary Program To Qualify for
MaineCare Transportation Services

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Ned Claxton S/Rep. Michele Meyer
Senate Chair House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 237

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

February 25, 2021

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

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Jim Dill
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Scott Landry
House Chair

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

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Fecteau:

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that the Joint Standing Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

- L.D. 160 An Act To Allow Insurance Producers To Refer to Third Parties for Credit Card and Debit Card Payments
- L.D. 178 An Act To Reduce Waste of Prescription Medications
- L.D. 300 An Act Regarding Early Closures by Financial Institutions

The Following Communication: S.C. 231

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

February 24, 2021

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

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Heather B. Sanborn S/Rep. Denise A. Tepler
Senate Chair House Chair

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Fecteau:

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that the Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

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

- L.D. 235 An Act To Require Furniture Sellers To Accept Cancellations before Delivery
- L.D. 239 An Act To Improve the Transparency of Real Estate Appraisals

The Following Communication: S.C. 249

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

This is notification of the Committee's action.

March 04, 2021

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Chip Curry S/Rep. Tiffany Danielle Roberts
Senate Chair House Chair

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

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

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Fecteau:

The Following Communication: S.C. 219

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

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

- L.D. 184 An Act To Minimize the Propagation of Invasive Aquatic Plants (EMERGENCY)

February 22, 2021

This is notification of the Committee's action.

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

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Fecteau:

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

- L.D. 43 An Act To Require the Department of Transportation To Provide Ferry Service to Frenchboro
- L.D. 45 Resolve, Directing the Department of Transportation To Improve a Bridge over the West Branch of the Mattawamkeag River in Moro Plantation and Associated Culverts
- L.D. 228 An Act To Allow Travel in a Center Lane of a Restricted Highway
- L.D. 230 An Act To Allow Low-beam Headlights on Motorcycles To Flash during Daytime Hours
- L.D. 234 An Act To Amend the Law Concerning the Annual Number of Ferry Service Trips to Matinicus Isle
- L.D. 236 An Act To Amend the Definition of "Reportable Accident"

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Bill Diamond S/Rep. Danny Martin
Senate Chair House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 238

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

March 01, 2021

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

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Fecteau:

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

- L.D. 79 An Act To Establish a Honeybee Special Registration Plate

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Bill Diamond S/Rep. Danny Martin
Senate Chair House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 220

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

February 22, 2021

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

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Fecteau:

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

- L.D. 112 An Act To Facilitate the Timely and Accurate Counting of Absentee Ballots By Extending the Processing Period
- L.D. 157 An Act Regarding the Fair Representation of Candidate Identities

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Louis J. Luchini S/Rep. Chris Caiazza
Senate Chair House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 23

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

December 30, 2020

Honorable Troy D. Jackson
President of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333-0003

Dear President Jackson,

Pursuant to 5 MRSA § 12009, I am submitting the Report of Board and Commission Appointments or Reappointments to you for the calendar year 2021. Additionally, I am providing a report that lists appointments or reappointments which have not been made from previous years through December 31, 2020. This report also indicates vacancies which exist on a board or commission that needs a new appointment. If you would like a breakdown of only your appointments, we would be pleased to provide this to you as well.

If you have any questions concerning these reports or need additional information, please contact me or Cathy Beaudoin in the Bureau of Corporations, Elections and Commissions at 624-7748.

Sincerely,

S/Matthew Dunlap
Secretary of State

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 24

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF CREATING
BASIC INCOME SECURITY**

November 19, 2020

The Honorable Troy Jackson, President
Maine State Senate

The Honorable Sara Gideon, Speaker
Maine House of Representatives

State House
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Gideon:

Pursuant to Resolve 2019, chapter 82, the Committee to Study the Feasibility of Creating Basic Income Security is pleased to submit its final report. Copies of the final report have been

distributed as directed by law and copies have been placed on file with the Law and Legislative Reference Library. Others may access the full report online through the website of the Office of Policy and Legal Analysis at <http://legislature.maine.gov/opla>.

Sincerely,

S/Shenna Bellows
Senate Chair

S/James Handy
House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 27

**STATE OF MAINE
CONNECTME AUTHORITY
59 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0059**

January 6, 2021

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

Honorable Ryan Fecteau
Speaker of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Fecteau:

Please find attached the required report pursuant to 5 M.R.S.A. Section 12023 from the ConnectME Authority.

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions or need additional information.

Regards,

S/Peggy Schaffer
Executive Director, ConnectME Authority

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 28

**MAINE MUNICIPAL RURAL
ELECTRIFICATION COOPERATIVE AGENCY**

January 7, 2021

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

Honorable Ryan Fecteau
Speaker of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Fecteau:

Pursuant to 5 M.R.S.A., Section 12023, please consider this the letter of transmittal for the required report from the Maine Municipal and Rural Electrification Cooperative Agency due by February 1, 2021.

Please contact me if you have any questions or need additional information.

Thank you,

Sincerely,

S/Scott M. Hallowell
MMRECA

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 39

**STATE OF MAINE
BUREAU OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

January 15, 2021

Hon. Troy D. Jackson, President of the Senate
Hon. Ryan M. Fecteau, Speaker of the House
130th Maine Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine, 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Fecteau:

In accordance with Title 9-B M.R.S. §217, as amended, enclosed please find a copy of the Annual Report from the Superintendent of the Bureau of Financial Institutions to the Legislature.

In the event that you may have any questions regarding the information contained in this report, the Bureau would be pleased to respond. This report will also be available in electronic format at www.maine.gov/pfr/financialinstitutions.

Very truly yours,

S/Lloyd P. LaFountain III
Superintendent

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 43

**MAINE VENTURE FUND
NEWPORT, MAINE**

January 8, 2021

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

Honorable Ryan M. Fecteau
Speaker of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Fecteau:

Pursuant to 5 M.R.S.A, Section 12023, please consider this the letter of transmittal for the attached "Report to Legislature for 2020" on behalf of the quasi-independent state entity, Small Enterprise Growth Board, due February 1, 2021.

Please contact me if you have any questions or need additional information.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

S/Terri Wark
Office Operations Manager
Small Enterprise Growth Board d/b/a Maine Venture Fund

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 102

**MIDCOAST REGIONAL
REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
BRUNSWICK, MAINE**

January 13, 2021

The Honorable Troy D. Jackson
President of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333

The Honorable Ryan Fecteau
Speaker of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Fecteau:

Pursuant to 5 M.R.S.A, Section 12023, please consider this the letter of transmittal for the required report from the Midcoast Regional Redevelopment Authority.

MRRA was created in 2006 by the Maine Legislature (5 MRSA §13083-G) as a municipal corporation charged with the responsibility to implement the reuse master plans for Naval Air Station Brunswick (NAS Brunswick) and the Topsham Annex, which closed as a result of the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) process.

Please contact me if you have any questions or need additional information. Thank you.

Sincerely,

S/Jeffrey K. Jordan
Deputy Director

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 103

**CHILD WELFARE OMBUDSMAN
HOPE, MAINE**

January 25, 2021

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

Dear Mr. Grant,

Enclosed please find 45 copies of the Annual Report of the Child Welfare Ombudsman. This report is to be distributed to the Legislature each year pursuant to 22 M.R.S.A. §4087-A. This report reflects the Fiscal Year from October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2020.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Respectfully,

S/Christine Alberi
Child Welfare Ombudsman

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 104

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

January 13, 2021

Honorable Troy D. Jackson
President of the Senate

Honorable Ryan Fecteau
Speaker of the House of Representatives

Honorable Janet T. Mills
Governor of Maine

I am pleased to submit the Communication with Those Charged with Governance at the Conclusion of the Audit in reference to the financial statement audit for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020. Auditing standards require us to communicate audit matters that are, in our professional judgment, significant and relevant to those charged with Governance in overseeing the financial reporting process. This report is being communicated in accordance with 5 MRSA §243.

This document contains the following report and schedule:

- Communication with Those Charge with Governance at the Conclusion of the Audit
- Schedule of Uncorrected Misstatements

Please contact me if you have questions or comments about the Communication with Those Charged with Governance at the Conclusion of the Audit.

Respectfully submitted,

S/Matthew Dunlap
State Auditor

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 106

**MAINE TURNPIKE AUTHORITY
PORTLAND, MAINE**

January 27, 2021

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

Re: An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Office of Program Evaluation and Government Accountability and the Government Oversight Committee Regarding Quasi-Independent State Entities

Dear Senate President Jackson,

Enclosed are the reports required under 5 M.R.S.A. §12023, due February 1, 2021. The reports include: a list of all procurements in 2020 exceeding \$10,000 for which competitive procurement was waived; a list of contributions made in 2020 that exceed \$1,000. Section 12023(2c) requires a description of changes to the written policies and procedures required by Section 12022. There were no changes to the policies and procedures required by this section in 2020, therefore, there is nothing to report.

In 2020, the Maine Turnpike Authority made \$158 million in payments to approximately 680 vendors. The vast majority of these payments, approximately \$144 million, were for competitively bid products or services or were legally or legislatively required. The Authority sole-sourced approximately \$12 million in 2020. Most of these products or services were either proprietary in nature or were procured under long-term contracts. As these long-term contracts expire, the Authority will seek competitive bids.

Respectfully,

S/Peter Mills
Executive Director

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 107

**FINANCE AUTHORITY OF MAINE
94 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04332**

January 27, 2021

Honorable Ryan Fecteau
Speaker of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

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

Dear Speaker Fecteau and President Jackson:

Pursuant to 5 M.R.S.A. § 12023, please consider this the letter of transmittal for the required report from the Finance Authority of Maine due February 1, 2021.

FAME has clarified in its travel, meals, and entertainment policies that its board of directors approves the annual budgets for travel, meals, and entertainment, and that staff must furnish periodic reports to the board on such costs as required by 5 M.R.S.A. § 12022(5)(E). These practices have long been the case but were not specifically recited in the policies as such.

Please contact me if you have any questions or need additional information.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

S/Bruce Wagner
Chief Executive Officer

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 108

**MAINE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES
RETIREMENT SYSTEM
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

January 27, 2021

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

Honorable Ryan Fecteau
Speaker of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Fecteau:

Pursuant to 5 M.R.S.A., Section 12023, please consider this the letter of transmittal for the required report from the Maine Public Employees Retirement System (MainePERS) due by February 1, 2021.

Please contact me if you have any questions or need additional information.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

S/Sandra J. Matheson
Executive Director

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 110

**MAINE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

January 28, 2021

The Honorable Troy D. Jackson
President of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333

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

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Fecteau

Pursuant to 5 M.R.S. §12023, please consider this the letter of transmittal for the required report from the Maine Human Rights Commission due by February 1, 2020.

Please contact me if you have any questions or need additional information. Thank you.

Sincerely,

S/Amy M. Snerison
Executive Director

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 120

**MAINE COMMUNITY
COLLEGE SYSTEM
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

January 28, 2021

Honorable Ryan Fecteau
Speaker of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Honorable Troy D. Jackson
President of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333-0002

Dear Speaker Fecteau and President Jackson:

On behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Maine Community College System (MCCS), I respectfully submit the attached report on certain procurements, contributions, and policy changes for the period July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 as required by 5 M.R.S.A. § 12023.

To compile this report, MCCS used customized reporting features built into our business management systems. We then tested the validity of those reports and reviewed several transactions with college personnel. Combined, the seven colleges and the MCCS System Office make thousands of purchases each year.

While reporting is complex, our review indicates that the colleges' compliance with existing policies is extremely high, and expenditures are consistently mission-related. In those few areas where we have identified opportunities for improvement, refinements have been made or are under-way.

MCCS will continue to use its internal controls and annual outside audit to adapt its systems to changing needs, and our Board of Trustees will continue to monitor compliance through regular reporting and an ongoing dialogue with auditors.

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

Sincerely yours,

S/David Daigler
President

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 121

**MAINE STATE
HOUSING AUTHORITY
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

January 27, 2021

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

Honorable Ryan Fecteau
Speaker of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Fecteau:

Pursuant to 5 M.R.S.A., Section 12023, please consider this the letter of transmittal for the required report from the Maine State Housing Authority due by February 1, 2021.

Please contact me if you have any questions or need additional information.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

S/Daniel E. Brennan
Director

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 126

**MAINE TECHNOLOGY INSTITUTE
BRUNSWICK, ME**

January 29, 2021

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

The Honorable Ryan M. Fecteau
Speaker of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Fecteau:

Pursuant to 5 M.R.S.A., Section 12023, please consider this the letter of transmittal for the required report from the Maine Technology Institute (MTI) due by February 1, 2021.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or need additional information.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

S/Brian Whitney
President

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 127

**STATE OF MAINE
LORING DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF MAINE
LIMESTONE, MAINE**

January 27, 2021

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

Honorable Ryan Fecteau
Speaker of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Fecteau:

Pursuant to 5 M.R.S.A., Section 12023, please consider this the letter of transmittal for the required report from the Loring Development Authority of Maine due by February 1, 2021.

Please contact me if you have any questions or need additional information.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

S/Carl W. Flora
President & CEO

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 128

**STATE OF MAINE
BUREAU OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

January 15, 2021

Hon. Troy D. Jackson, President of the Senate
Hon. Ryan M. Fecteau, Speaker of the House
130th Maine Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Fecteau:

In accordance with Title 9-B M.R.S. § 217, as amended, enclosed please find a copy of the Annual Report from the Superintendent of the Bureau of Financial Institutions to the Legislature.

In the event that you may have any questions regarding the information contained in this Report, the Bureau would be pleased to respond. This Report will also be available in electronic format at www.maine.gov/pfr/financialinstitutions.

Very truly yours,

S/Lloyd P. LaFountain III
Superintendent

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 131

**EFFICIENCY MAINE TRUST
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

January 31, 2021

Honorable Troy D. Jackson President of the Senate
3 State House Station Augusta, ME 04333-0003

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

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Fecteau:

Pursuant to 5 M.R.S.A., Section §12023, I am pleased to deliver this the letter of transmittal for the required report from Efficiency Maine Trust due by February 1, 2021.

Please contact me if you have any questions or need additional information.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

S/Michael D. Stoddard
Executive Director

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 132

**MAINE MUNICIPAL BOND BANK
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

January 21, 2021

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

Honorable Ryan Fecteau
Speaker of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Fecteau:

Pursuant to 5 M.R.S.A., Section 12023, please consider this the letter of transmittal for the required report from the Maine Municipal Bond Bank due by February 1, 2021.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or if you need additional information. I can be reached at 622-9386 or by email at Terry@mmbb.com.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

S/Terry Hayes,
Executive Director

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 133

**MAINE GOVERNMENTAL
FACILITIES AUTHORITY
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

January 21, 2021

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

Honorable Ryan Fecteau
Speaker of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Fecteau:

Pursuant to 5 M.R.S.A., Section 12023, please consider this the letter of transmittal for the required report from the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority due by February 1, 2021.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or if you need additional information. I can be reached at 622-9386 or by email at Terry@mgfa.com.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

S/Terry Hayes,
Executive Director

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 134

**MAINE HEALTH AND HIGHER
EDUCATION FACILITIES AUTHORITY
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

January 21, 2021

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

Honorable Ryan Fecteau
Speaker of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Fecteau:

Pursuant to 5 M.R.S.A., Section 12023, please consider this the letter of transmittal for the required report from the Maine Health and Higher Educational Facilities Authority due by February 1, 2021.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or if you need additional information. I can be reached at 622-1958 or by email at Terry@mhhefa.com.

Thank you.
Sincerely,

S/Terry Hayes,
Executive Director

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 135

**MAINE MARITIME ACADEMY
CASTINE, MAINE**

January 26, 2021

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

Honorable Ryan Fecteau
Speaker of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Fecteau:

Pursuant to 5 M.R.S.A., Section 12023, please consider this the letter of transmittal for the required report from the Maine Maritime Academy due by February 1, 2021.

Please contact me if you have any questions or need additional information.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

S/Alice Herrick
Director of Fiscal Operations for Maine Maritime Academy

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 136

**MAINE PORT AUTHORITY
PORTLAND, MAINE**

January 21, 2021

Honorable Troy D. Jackson
President of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333
Honorable Ryan Fecteau
Speaker of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

RE: Maine Port Authority Legislative Report

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Fecteau:

Pursuant to 5 M.R.S.A., Section 12023, the Maine Port Authority is pleased to submit the following report to the Legislature, due by February 1, 2021.

Please contact me directly at (207) 557-0923 if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

S/Jonathan Nass, CEO

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 137

**STATE OF MAINE
WORKERS' COMPENSATION BOARD
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

January 29, 2021

Honorable Ryan Fecteau
Speaker of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

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

RE: Annual Report of the Workers' Compensation Board pursuant to 5 M.R.S.A. §12023(2)

Dear Speaker Fecteau and President Jackson:

Pursuant to 5 M.R.S.A., §12023, please consider this the transmittal letter for the required report from the Workers' Compensation Board due by February 1, 2021.

Please contact me if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

S/John C. Rohde
Executive Director

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 159

**NORTHERN NEW ENGLAND
PASSENGER RAIL AUTHORITY
PORTLAND, MAINE**

January 20, 2021

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

Dear President Jackson:

Pursuant to 5 M.R.S.A., Section 12023, please consider this the letter of transmittal for the required report from the Northern New England Passenger Rail Authority (NNEPRA) due by February 1, 2021

Please contact me if you have any questions or need additional information.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

S/Mr. John Melrose
Chairman

S/Ms. Patricia Quinn
Executive Director

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 160

**MAINE'S PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES
UNIVERSITY OF MAINE SYSTEM
ORONO, MAINE**

January 27, 2021

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

Honorable Ryan Fecteau
Speaker of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Fecteau:

Pursuant to 5 M.R.S.A., Section 12023, please consider this the letter of transmittal for the required report due by Feb. 1, 2021 from the University of Maine System documenting our qualifying FY20 sole-source procurements and contributions.

As it conducts business, Maine's public universities are committed to a competitive procurement process to ensure the greatest value for tuition and taxpayers as well as transparency and fairness for providers of goods and services - many of which are Maine-based. While competitive procurement is our standard, there are legitimate and well-defined reasons allowed by State law and corresponding UMS policy for which the purchases listed in this report were waived from this process.

For example, given its research and economic development activities that are of vital importance to the state, the University of Maine has unique procurement needs, including for specialized equipment or services that may only be available from one vendor and we have noted that in the description of each relevant procurement listed in this report. Additionally, our flagship and other universities regularly receive federal grants that name specific vendors and/or partners, including other educational institutions.

Finally, the leadership of UMS in addressing local and state needs that emerged during the COVID-19 pandemic is hopefully well-known to the Legislature. As our universities rapidly responded including to produce thousands of gallons of hand sanitizer for health care organizations and chemical solutions used by the Maine National Guard to fit-test the N95 masks of frontline workers across the state, we were forced to make some purchases for which the competitive bid process was simply not practicable during the state of emergency, like ethanol from Maine brewers and distillers.

As you review this report, please contact my office if you need additional information. Thank you.

Sincerely,

S/Dannel P. Malloy, Chancellor
University of Maine System

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 224

**SUNRISE COUNTY ECONOMIC COUNCIL
MACHIAS, MAINE**

February 4, 2021

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

Honorable Ryan Fecteau
Speaker of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Senator Jackson and Speaker Fecteau:

Pursuant to MRSA Title 5, section 12023, the Sunrise County Economic Council (SCEC) is pleased to submit the Quasi-independent State Entity Report to the Legislature on behalf of the Washington County Development Authority (WCDA).

SCEC is a private, nonprofit, federally recognized economic development organization which works to create jobs and wealth in Washington County. We provide staff support for the WCDA and are partnering with the Authority in its effort to redevelop the former U.S. Navy base in Cutler.

As indicated in the enclosed report, the WCDA did not make any significant procurements, contributions or changes to policies and procedures in the past year. In March 2015, the Authority was given the commercial side of the former base by Cutler North, LLC, a private developer that had failed in its redevelopment effort. The WCDA now owns roughly 20 acres and five commercial buildings comprising 75,000 square feet, half of which is currently occupied. The Authority is working to bring these facilities back into productive use.

Please contact me with any questions or concerns. Thank you.

Sincerely,

S/ Charles J. Rudelitch, Esq.
Executive Director

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

SENATE PAPERS

Bill "An Act To Clarify the Funding for the University of Maine Cooperative Extension Diagnostic and Research Laboratory"
S.P. 141 L.D. 808

Presented by Senator FARRIN of Somerset.
Cosponsored by Representative KINNEY of Knox and Senators: BLACK of Franklin, STEWART of Aroostook, TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin.

Resolve, To Convene a Working Group To Develop Plans To Protect Maine's Agricultural Lands When Siting Solar Arrays
S.P. 206 L.D. 820

Presented by Senator CLAXTON of Androscoggin.

Bill "An Act To Provide Equal Access to the Benefits of the Maine Food Sovereignty Act"

S.P. 306 L.D. 954

Presented by Senator KEIM of Oxford.
Cosponsored by Representative PLUECKER of Warren and Senator: MAXMIN of Lincoln, Representatives: FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor, O'NEIL of Saco.

On motion by Senator **DILL** of Penobscot, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Promote Land Conservation, Working Waterfronts, Water Access and Outdoor Recreation"

S.P. 313 L.D. 983

Presented by Senator BREEN of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative COREY of Windham and Senators: President JACKSON of Aroostook, VITELLI of Sagadahoc, Representatives: DUNPHY of Old Town, Speaker FECTEAU of Biddeford, PIERCE of Falmouth.

Bill "An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for the Portland Harbor Commercial Revitalization Project's Confined Aquatic Disposal Cell and Dredging Projects"

S.P. 318 L.D. 987

Presented by Senator CHIPMAN of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative ALLEY of Beals and Senator: MIRAMANT of Knox, Representatives: COREY of Windham, HARRINGTON of Sanford, RECKITT of South Portland.

On motion by Senator **BREEN** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Create a Registry To Improve Access to Automated External Defibrillators"

S.P. 67 L.D. 797

Presented by Senator DESCHAMBAULT of York.

Bill "An Act To Expand the Definition of Unlawful Sexual Touching"

S.P. 291 L.D. 877

Presented by Senator DIAMOND of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Senator: DESCHAMBAULT of York, Representatives: COREY of Windham, FAY of Raymond, WILLIAMS of Bar Harbor.

Bill "An Act To Ban the Surveillance of Firearm Purchases"
S.P. 299 L.D. 884

Presented by Senator STEWART of Aroostook.
Cosponsored by Representative PICKETT of Dixfield and
Senator: TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin, Representative:
DUCHARME of Madison.

On motion by Senator **DESCHAMBAULT** of York, **REFERRED** to
the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY**
and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Improve Communication between School Boards
and Educators by Requiring Notice of Discussion of Labor
Matters"

S.P. 185 L.D. 816

Presented by Senator RAFFERTY of York.

Bill "An Act To Protect School Employees from Workplace
Bullying"

S.P. 294 L.D. 880

Presented by Senator DAUGHTRY of Cumberland.

On motion by Senator **DAUGHTRY** of Cumberland, **REFERRED**
to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS**
and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Ensure Equitable Access to Mobile Hotspots for
Maine Students"

S.P. 139 L.D. 807

Presented by Senator DILL of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Senators: DAUGHTRY of Cumberland,
RAFFERTY of York, Representatives: JAVNER of Chester,
McCREA of Fort Fairfield.

Bill "An Act To Support School Decarbonization"

S.P. 184 L.D. 815

Presented by Senator MAXMIN of Lincoln.
Cosponsored by Representatives: BERRY of Bowdoinham,
GROHOSKI of Ellsworth.

Bill "An Act Regarding the Procurement of Renewable Natural
Gas by Gas Utilities"

S.P. 321 L.D. 989

Presented by Senator SANBORN of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative: Speaker FECTEAU of
Biddeford.

On motion by Senator **LAWRENCE** of York, **REFERRED** to the
Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** and
ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Limit Spam Texting"

S.P. 199 L.D. 818

Presented by Senator RAFFERTY of York.

Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY**
suggested and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator **LAWRENCE** of York, **REFERRED** to the
Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Ensure Decommissioning of Solar Energy
Developments"

S.P. 113 L.D. 802

Presented by Senator BLACK of Franklin.
Submitted by the Department of Environmental Protection
pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Bill "An Act To Prohibit the Purging of Volatile Organic Compound
Gases from Oil Tankers in the Waters of Maine"

S.P. 144 L.D. 809

Presented by Senator MIRAMANT of Knox.
Cosponsored by Representative ZEIGLER of Montville and
Senators: BENNETT of Oxford, CARNEY of Cumberland,
Representatives: DOUDERA of Camden, EVANGELOS of
Friendship, HEPLER of Woolwich, HUTCHINS of Penobscot,
McCREIGHT of Harpswell, McDONALD of Stonington.

Bill "An Act To Increase Economic Development by Expanding
the Special Fee Application Review Process of the Department of
Environmental Protection"

S.P. 319 L.D. 988

Presented by Senator KEIM of Oxford.

Bill "An Act To Ease Business Expansion by Increasing the
Number and Applicability of Permit Exemptions under the Site
Location of Development Laws"

S.P. 323 L.D. 1028

Presented by Senator KEIM of Oxford.

On motion by Senator **BRENNER** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to
the Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL
RESOURCES** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Make Technical Changes to the Eligibility Provisions of the Higher Opportunity for Pathways to Employment Program"

S.P. 53 L.D. 792

Presented by Senator CLAXTON of Androscoggin.
Submitted by the Department of Health and Human Services pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Bill "An Act To Amend the Procedures for Veterinarians in the Controlled Substances Prescription Monitoring Program"
S.P. 71 L.D. 799

Presented by Senator MOORE of Washington.
Cosponsored by Senator: BENNETT of Oxford, Representatives: MADIGAN of Waterville, PERRY of Calais.

Bill "An Act To Affirm That Food Seeds Are a Necessity in Maine"
S.P. 225 L.D. 822

Presented by Senator KEIM of Oxford.
Cosponsored by Representative PLUECKER of Warren and Representatives: FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor, SAMPSON of Alfred.

Resolve, To Waive Reductions to Nursing Facility Reimbursement Resulting from Payroll Protection Program Loans and Grants (EMERGENCY)

S.P. 287 L.D. 873

Presented by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot.

Resolve, To Increase MaineCare Reimbursement Rates for Services Provided by Direct Care Workers (EMERGENCY)
S.P. 292 L.D. 878

Presented by Senator KEIM of Oxford.
Cosponsored by Representative FAY of Raymond and Senator: CLAXTON of Androscoggin, Representative: WHITE of Waterville.

Resolve, To Restore the MaineCare Nursing Facility COVID-19 Temporary Rate Increase (EMERGENCY)
S.P. 301 L.D. 949

Presented by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Senator: MOORE of Washington, Representatives: MADIGAN of Waterville, STOVER of Boothbay.

Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services To Conduct a Review of Rules Governing In-home Personal Care Assistance Services

S.P. 310 L.D. 958

Presented by Senator MAXMIN of Lincoln.
Cosponsored by Senators: BAILEY of York, CLAXTON of Androscoggin, Representatives: RECKITT of South Portland, WHITE of Waterville.

On motion by Senator **CLAXTON** of Androscoggin, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act Regarding Telehealth Regulations"
S.P. 50 L.D. 791

Presented by Senator SANBORN of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative TEPLER of Topsham.

Bill "An Act To Maintain Maine's System of Therapeutic Foster Care for Children through the Creation of a Nonprofit Risk Indemnification Trust" (EMERGENCY)
S.P. 57 L.D. 794

Presented by Senator SANBORN of Cumberland.

Bill "An Act To Improve Transparency of Medical Billing"
S.P. 303 L.D. 951

Presented by Senator BENNETT of Oxford.
Cosponsored by Senator: STEWART of Aroostook, Representatives: ARFORD of Brunswick, MORRIS of Turner.

Bill "An Act To Allow Procurement of Surplus Lines Insurance for Commercial Forestry and Construction Equipment"
S.P. 314 L.D. 984

Presented by President JACKSON of Aroostook.
Cosponsored by Representative MARTIN of Eagle Lake and Senators: BLACK of Franklin, DAVIS of Piscataquis, FARRIN of Somerset, Representatives: MARTIN of Sinclair, NEWMAN of Belgrade.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Ensure Equality in Women's Health Care Access in Maine by Requiring Facilities Providing Abortions To Inform Patients of Options and Alternatives"
S.P. 254 L.D. 825

Presented by Senator STEWART of Aroostook.
Cosponsored by Senator: KEIM of Oxford.

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

On motion by Senator **SANBORN** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Allow Sunday Hunting on Private Property with the Written Permission of the Landowner"

S.P. 325 L.D. 1033

Presented by Senator TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin.
Cosponsored by Representative STETKIS of Canaan and
Senators: BLACK of Franklin, President JACKSON of Aroostook,
POULIOT of Kennebec, Representatives: MARTIN of Eagle Lake,
McCREA of Fort Fairfield, THERIAULT of China, WARREN of
Scarborough.

On motion by Senator DILL of Penobscot, **REFERRED** to the
Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** and ordered
printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Protect Endangered Species Whose Life Cycles
Include Maine Land or Waters"

S.P. 298 L.D. 883

Presented by Senator MIRAMANT of Knox.
Cosponsored by Representative BERRY of Bowdoinham and
Senators: MAXMIN of Lincoln, VITELLI of Sagadahoc,
Representatives: CLOUTIER of Lewiston, CRAVEN of Lewiston,
DOUDERA of Camden, HEPLER of Woolwich, LANDRY of
Farmington, TEPLER of Topsham.

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

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

Bill "An Act To Require Notice for Orthopedic Medical Device
Recalls"

S.P. 119 L.D. 804

Presented by Senator KEIM of Oxford.
Cosponsored by Representative ARFORD of Brunswick and
Senators: BLACK of Franklin, CLAXTON of Androscoggin,
STEWART of Aroostook, WOODSOME of York, Representatives:
JAVNER of Chester, MADIGAN of Waterville, WHITE of
Waterville, ZAGER of Portland.

Bill "An Act To Provide Student Loan Debt Relief"

S.P. 161 L.D. 812

Presented by Senator DAUGHTRY of Cumberland.

On motion by Senator CURRY of Waldo, **REFERRED** to the
Committee on **INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC
ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Resolve, Directing the Maine Community College System To
Evaluate the Need To Expand Workforce Training Options in
Waldo County

S.P. 180 L.D. 814

Presented by Senator CURRY of Waldo.

Committee on **INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC
ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS** suggested and ordered
printed.

On motion by Senator CURRY of Waldo, **REFERRED** to the
Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Amend the Maine Education Savings Program"
S.P. 282 L.D. 828

Presented by Senator DAUGHTRY of Cumberland.

Committee on **INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC
ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS** suggested and ordered
printed.

On motion by Senator CURRY of Waldo, Bill and accompanying
papers **INDEFINITELY POSTPONED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Include as a Factor in Sentencing the Selection of
a Victim Based on the Victim's Employment as a Law
Enforcement Officer"

S.P. 55 L.D. 793

Presented by Senator DAVIS of Piscataquis.
Cosponsored by Senator: CYRWAY of Kennebec.

Bill "An Act To Address Rental Housing Policies"

S.P. 62 L.D. 795

Presented by Senator POULIOT of Kennebec.

Bill "An Act Regarding Violation of a Protective Order"

S.P. 117 L.D. 803

Presented by Senator DESCHAMBAULT of York.
Submitted by the Criminal Law Advisory Commission pursuant to
the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 17-A, section 1354, subsection
2.

Bill "An Act To Protect the Reproductive Rights and Freedoms of Maine People"

S.P. 156 L.D. 811

Presented by Senator BREEN of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth.

Bill "An Act To Increase the Penalty for Engaging in the Sex Trafficking of Children"

S.P. 162 L.D. 813

Presented by Senator DIAMOND of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Senators: DAVIS of Piscataquis, DESCHAMBAULT of York, Representatives: COREY of Windham, FAY of Raymond.

Bill "An Act Clarifying the Acceptance of Public Funding by Community Benefit Organizations"

S.P. 293 L.D. 879

Presented by Senator KEIM of Oxford.

Bill "An Act To Limit Liability Regarding Donations of Menstrual Products"

S.P. 304 L.D. 952

Presented by Senator BREEN of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative TEPLER of Topsham and Senators: BRENNER of Cumberland, CARNEY of Cumberland, DAUGHTRY of Cumberland, KEIM of Oxford, MOORE of Washington, SANBORN of Cumberland.

Bill "An Act To Reform Alternative Sentencing Programs"

S.P. 309 L.D. 957

Presented by Senator MAXMIN of Lincoln.
Cosponsored by Representative CUDDY of Winterport and Senator: BAILEY of York, Representatives: EVANGELOS of Friendship, MORALES of South Portland, PLUECKER of Warren, RECKITT of South Portland, TALBOT ROSS of Portland, WARREN of Hallowell.

Bill "An Act To Provide Campground Owners Limited Civil Liability from the Inherent Risks of Camping"

S.P. 316 L.D. 986

Presented by Senator TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin.
Cosponsored by Senators: BENNETT of Oxford, DESCHAMBAULT of York, Representatives: GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach, LYMAN of Livermore Falls.

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

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act Regarding Sentencing Options for a Person Convicted of a Crime Committed While Serving a Term of Imprisonment"

S.P. 109 L.D. 801

Presented by Senator MIRAMANT of Knox.

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

On motion by Senator **CARNEY** of Cumberland, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending **REFERENCE**.

Bill "An Act To Reduce Lung Cancer Rates in Maine by Requiring Testing for and Mitigation of Radon in Residential Buildings by Landlords"

S.P. 203 L.D. 819

Presented by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Representatives: O'CONNELL of Brewer, ROEDER of Bangor, STOVER of Boothbay.

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

On motion by Senator **CARNEY** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Extend the Protections Provided to State Employees upon the Expiration of Labor Contracts to Other Public Sector Employees"

S.P. 235 L.D. 824

Presented by Senator CLAXTON of Androscoggin.

Bill "An Act To Amend the Eligibility Criteria for Creditable Service in the Armed Forces of the United States under the State Retirement System"

S.P. 308 L.D. 956

Presented by Senator LAWRENCE of York.
Cosponsored by Representative SALISBURY of Westbrook and Representatives: BRYANT of Windham, COREY of Windham.

Bill "An Act To Protect Small Businesses by Ensuring That a Prevailing Wage Is Paid on Public Works Construction Projects"

S.P. 311 L.D. 959

Presented by Senator MIRAMANT of Knox.
Cosponsored by Senators: BRENNER of Cumberland, President JACKSON of Aroostook, MAXMIN of Lincoln, Representatives: CUDDY of Winterport, Speaker FECTEAU of Biddeford, ROBERTS of South Berwick, SYLVESTER of Portland.

On motion by Senator **RAFFERTY** of York, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Promote Efficiency in County and Municipal Government"

S.P. 290 L.D. 876

Presented by Senator BREEN of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative AUSTIN of Gray and Representative: MORIARTY of Cumberland.

Bill "An Act To Narrowly Tailor Emergency Powers of the Governor and Other Public Officials"

S.P. 307 L.D. 955

Presented by Senator KEIM of Oxford.
Cosponsored by Representative FECTEAU of Augusta and Senators: BENNETT of Oxford, FARRIN of Somerset, GUERIN of Penobscot, Representatives: BRADSTREET of Vassalboro, MORRIS of Turner.

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Require Legislative Approval of Any State of Emergency Lasting Longer Than 60 Days

S.P. 315 L.D. 985

Presented by Senator STEWART of Aroostook.
Cosponsored by Representative DILLINGHAM of Oxford and Senators: GUERIN of Penobscot, TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin, Representative: STETKIS of Canaan.

On motion by Senator **BALDACCI** of Penobscot, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Senate at Ease.

The Senate was called to order by the President.

Bill "An Act To Amend Credit and Debit Card Surcharges Imposed by Governmental Entities"

S.P. 87 L.D. 800

Presented by Senator CHIPMAN of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Senators: BALDACCI of Penobscot, DIAMOND of Cumberland, Representatives: MARTIN of Sinclair, MATLACK of St. George.
Submitted by the Secretary of State pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

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

On motion by Senator **VITELLI** of Sagadahoc, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Allow Municipalities To Prohibit Firearms at Voting Places"

S.P. 123 L.D. 805

Presented by Senator BREEN of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative MORALES of South Portland and Representatives: ARFORD of Brunswick, BAILEY of Gorham, DOUDERA of Camden, HARNETT of Gardiner, MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth, OSHER of Orono, SACHS of Freeport, ZAGER of Portland.

Bill "An Act To Clarify That Municipal Officers May Accept a Proposed, Unaccepted Way for Pedestrian, Bicycle and Other Nonmotorized Use"

S.P. 130 L.D. 806

Presented by Senator CARNEY of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative DOUDERA of Camden and Senators: BREEN of Cumberland, DAUGHTRY of Cumberland, Representatives: BELL of Yarmouth, GROHOSKI of Ellsworth, HARNETT of Gardiner, KESSLER of South Portland, ZEIGLER of Montville.

Resolve, To Establish the COVID-19 Review Commission (EMERGENCY)

S.P. 193 L.D. 817

Presented by Senator KEIM of Oxford.
Cosponsored by Representative FECTEAU of Augusta and Senator: BENNETT of Oxford, Representatives: BRADSTREET of Vassalboro, SAMPSON of Alfred.

Resolve, Directing the University of Maine System To Study the Potential Effects of the State Adopting Atlantic Standard Time (EMERGENCY)

S.P. 259 L.D. 826

Presented by Senator BENNETT of Oxford.
Cosponsored by Representative KESSLER of South Portland.

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Require the Popular Election of Maine Constitutional Officers

S.P. 288 L.D. 874

Presented by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Representative FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor and Senator: BENNETT of Oxford, Representatives: ANDREWS of Paris, TUELL of East Machias.

Bill "An Act To Protect Taxpayers in the Privatization of Services and To Establish the State Procurement Review Committee"

S.P. 289 L.D. 875

Presented by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Senator: RAFFERTY of York, Representatives: CUDDY of Winterport, Speaker FECTEAU of Biddeford.

Bill "An Act To Allow Remote Notarization of Documents in Limited Circumstances While Preventing Exploitation"
S.P. 154 L.D. 810

Presented by Senator BAILEY of York.

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

On motion by Senator **VITELLI** of Sagadahoc, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Improve the Educational Opportunity Tax Credit"
S.P. 70 L.D. 798

Presented by Senator POULIOT of Kennebec.

Bill "An Act To Improve Maine's Economic Development Incentives"
S.P. 302 L.D. 950

Presented by Senator BENNETT of Oxford.
Cosponsored by Senator: CYRWAY of Kennebec,
Representative: BAILEY of Gorham.

Bill "An Act To Improve Affordable Housing Options and Services To Address Homelessness"
S.P. 305 L.D. 953

Presented by Senator DESCHAMBAULT of York.
Cosponsored by Speaker FECTEAU of Biddeford and
Representatives: ARFORD of Brunswick, GERE of
Kennebunkport, RIELLY of Westbrook, SALISBURY of
Westbrook, SHEEHAN of Biddeford.

On motion by Senator **CHIPMAN** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TAXATION** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Restrict Sales of Catalytic Converters Removed from Motor Vehicles"
S.P. 61 L.D. 796

Presented by Senator TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin.
Cosponsored by Representative DILLINGHAM of Oxford and
Senators: CYRWAY of Kennebec, DIAMOND of Cumberland.

Bill "An Act To Improve the Investigation and Prosecution of Cases That Involve Vulnerable Road Users"
S.P. 208 L.D. 821

Presented by Senator DAUGHTRY of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Senators: CARNEY of Cumberland, MAXMIN of Lincoln, Representatives: GERE of Kennebunkport, ROBERTS of South Berwick, SACHS of Freeport.

Bill "An Act Regarding Veterans License Plates"
S.P. 320 L.D. 990

Presented by Senator ROSEN of Hancock.
Cosponsored by Senators: DESCHAMBAULT of York, FARRIN of Somerset, LUCHINI of Hancock, Representatives: COREY of Windham, KINNEY of Knox.

Resolve, Directing the Department of Transportation To Complete a Feasibility Analysis To Initiate a Commuter and Passenger Train Service between Portland and the Lewiston and Auburn Area
S.P. 317 L.D. 991

Presented by Senator CHIPMAN of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative WILLIAMS of Bar Harbor and
Senators: BALDACCI of Penobscot, BENNETT of Oxford, LIBBY of Androscoggin, Representatives: BROOKS of Lewiston, CLOUTIER of Lewiston, COLLINGS of Portland, CRAVEN of Lewiston, LOOKNER of Portland.

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Local Bridges"
S.P. 322 L.D. 1027

Presented by Senator FARRIN of Somerset.
Submitted by the Department of Transportation pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

On motion by Senator **DIAMOND** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Reduce State Licensing Fees for Maine Bars and Restaurants by 50 Percent for a 12-month Period"
S.P. 233 L.D. 823

Presented by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot.

Bill "An Act To Help Veterans Access Jobs, Education and Housing"
S.P. 269 L.D. 827

Presented by Senator RAFFERTY of York.

Bill "An Act To Make Technical Changes to the Maine Medical Use of Marijuana Act"

S.P. 295 L.D. 881

Presented by Senator LUCHINI of Hancock.
Submitted by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Bill "An Act To Amend the Maine Medical Use of Marijuana Act"
S.P. 296 L.D. 882

Presented by Senator LUCHINI of Hancock.
Submitted by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Bill "An Act To Amend the Marijuana Legalization Act and the Laws Governing the Taxation of Marijuana" (EMERGENCY)
S.P. 324 L.D. 1029

Presented by Senator LUCHINI of Hancock.
Submitted by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

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

Off Record Remarks

ORDERS

Joint Resolutions

On motion by Senator BREEN of Cumberland (Cosponsored by Representative TEPLER of Topsham and Senators: BRENNER of Cumberland, President JACKSON of Aroostook, MAXMIN of Lincoln, Representatives: DUNPHY of Old Town, Speaker FECTEAU of Biddeford), the following Joint Resolution:
S.P. 214

**JOINT RESOLUTION
RECOGNIZING INTERNATIONAL HOLOCAUST
REMEMBRANCE DAY AND THE WORKING
DEFINITION OF ANTISEMITISM ADOPTED
BY THIRTY-FOUR MEMBER COUNTRIES OF THE
INTERNATIONAL HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE ALLIANCE**

WHEREAS, January 27, 2021 was International Holocaust Remembrance Day; and
WHEREAS, the Legislature recommits itself to combating the global rise in antisemitism; and

WHEREAS, 34 member countries of the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance, of which the United States is a member, have adopted a legally nonbinding working definition of antisemitism; and

WHEREAS, the working definition reads as follows: "Antisemitism is a certain perception of Jews, which may be expressed as hatred toward Jews. Rhetorical and physical manifestations of antisemitism are directed toward Jewish or non-Jewish individuals and/or their property, toward Jewish community institutions and religious facilities"; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Thirtieth Legislature now assembled in the First Regular Session, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to recognize International Holocaust Remembrance Day and the working definition of antisemitism.

READ and ADOPTED.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Senator BRENNER of Cumberland, the following Joint Resolution:

S.P. 215

**JOINT RESOLUTION
RECOGNIZING THE SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS OF
THE STATE FOR THEIR SERVICE DURING THE
COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

WHEREAS, school bus drivers provide the first and last interactions that many students have during the week; and
WHEREAS, school bus drivers have a duty to safely bring children to school and back each school day; and
WHEREAS, this duty requires skills in navigating road and weather hazards, ensuring the safety of the students who ride the bus, avoiding distractions and serving in a leadership role; and
WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has increased the duties of school bus drivers, requiring them to take additional safety measures for themselves and for their passengers; and
WHEREAS, school bus drivers play an extraordinary role in the lives of Maine students, and these individuals deserve our clear and obvious recognition; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Thirtieth Legislature now assembled in the First Regular Session, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to recognize the school bus drivers of the State for their exemplary service during the COVID-19 pandemic.

READ.

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

Senator BRENNER: Thank you, Mr. President. Men and women of the Senate, I rise briefly today in support of this Joint Resolution to recognize and thank Maine's school bus drivers for their service to our students throughout the pandemic. While the past year will undoubtedly go down as one of the most uncertain years for many Maine students, bus drivers have been a constant

through it all. They adapted to the necessary safety protocols and stayed strong throughout the pandemic. For many students, bus drivers are the first interaction they have in the morning and the last one they have in the afternoon. They set a positive example every day and have remained committed to their jobs despite the challenges. I hope you will join me today in thanking them for their effort over the past year and recognizing the important role they play in the lives of many Maine students. Thank you, Mr. President.

On motion by Senator **BRENNER** of Cumberland, the Joint Resolution was **ADOPTED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Senator **MIRAMANT** of Knox (Cosponsored by Senators: **CHIPMAN** of Cumberland, **MAXMIN** of Lincoln, Representatives: **DOUDERA** of Camden, **GEIGER** of Rockland, **MEYER** of Eliot, **ROBERTS** of South Berwick) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 214.), the following Joint Resolution:

S.P. 297

**JOINT RESOLUTION
MEMORIALIZING THE PRESIDENT OF
THE UNITED STATES AND
THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO ESTABLISH A
NATIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE BANK**

WE, your Memorialists, the Members of the One Hundred and Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Maine now assembled in the First Regular Session, most respectfully present and petition the President of the United States and the members of the Congress of the United States as follows:

WHEREAS, the American Society of Civil Engineers states in its 2017 Report Card that the United States received a grade of D+ regarding the current state of infrastructure and that more than \$4.5 trillion would be needed to restore the nation's infrastructure to a state of good repair, over \$2 trillion in new infrastructure projects is currently not funded by the Federal Government and the remainder of infrastructure projects is inadequately funded; and

WHEREAS, the Maine Section of the American Society of Civil Engineers gave the State a grade of C- in 2020, including dams, D+; hazardous waste, D+; roads, D; transit, D+; and wastewater, D+; and

WHEREAS, the state highway system projects a drastic funding shortfall due to the pandemic related to coronavirus disease 2019 and preexisting financial deficits; drivers in the State spend over \$1 billion per year in vehicle operating costs, congestion and crashes, and the State has the highest highway fatality rate in New England; and the State has 1,073 dams with an average age of over 100 years, and a minimum of \$269 million is needed to maintain dam infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, a new National Infrastructure Bank could directly help finance all of these projects, and the United States Congress introduced H.R. 6422, "National Infrastructure Bank Act of 2020," which would create a \$4 trillion bank that could help finance the infrastructure needs and hire millions who have lost their jobs

during the pandemic, putting them into higher-paying infrastructure and related jobs; and

WHEREAS, the new National Infrastructure Bank is modeled on previous successful, similar institutions that built much of the nation's infrastructure, and under United States Presidents George Washington, James Madison, Abraham Lincoln and Franklin D. Roosevelt similar institutions financed the infrastructure projects that made us the envy of the world and helped bring us out of the Great Depression and win World War II; and

WHEREAS, the new National Infrastructure Bank will be capitalized by using secure, existing United States Treasury debt, such as treasury bills typically held in large quantities by major investment institutions, requiring no new federal spending and no new taxes, and will be authorized to spend \$4 trillion in urgently needed infrastructure projects; and

WHEREAS, the new National Infrastructure Bank will create approximately 25 million new jobs, ensure the payment of fair wages, mandate project labor agreements, ensure "buy American" policies, direct spending into disadvantaged business enterprises and ensure minority hiring opportunities, and it is expected to increase the size of the economy by 4% to 5% each year; and

WHEREAS, the new National Infrastructure Bank is supported by many organizations: Seventeen state legislatures have introduced or passed resolutions, city and county councils have introduced or passed resolutions and the National Congress of Black Women, National Association of Counties, the United States High Speed Rail Association, the National Federation of Federal Employees, the American Sustainable Business Council, the National Association of Minority Contractors, the National Latino Farmers and Ranchers Trade Association and many other government, labor and civic bodies have endorsed the National Infrastructure Bank legislation; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, your Memorialists, respectfully urge and request that the Congress of the United States pass, and the President of the United States sign, H.R. 6422 to create a National Infrastructure Bank to finance urgently needed infrastructure projects; and be it further

RESOLVED: That suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the Honorable Joseph R. Biden, Jr., President of the United States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives and each Member of the Maine Congressional Delegation.

READ and ADOPTED.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Senator **MOORE** of Washington (Cosponsored by Representative **FAULKINGHAM** of Winter Harbor), the following Joint Resolution:

S.P. 300

**JOINT RESOLUTION
RECOGNIZING MAY 1, 2021 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 First Regular Session, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to recognize May 1, 2021 as Purebred Dog Day in celebration of purebred dogs and the many service and companion benefits they provide in Maine.

READ.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Washington, Senator Moore.

Senator **MOORE:** Thank you very much, Mr. President. What I have is a Joint Resolution recognizing May 1, 2021 as Purebred Dog Day. Currently, many breeds, such as Scottish Terrier and the Water Hound, are endangered. Produced by preservationist breeders, it's very, very important that we honor our purebred dogs. There's so many of them out there today that are not purebred. Ironically, there are more polar bears than many purebred dogs as it is today. By creating a day to honor the purebred dog, the State will give value and promote many important breeds of dogs. Thank you very much.

On motion by Senator **MOORE** of Washington, the Joint Resolution was **ADOPTED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Senator **MIRAMANT** of Knox (Cosponsored by Representative TALBOT ROSS of Portland and Senators: CHIPMAN of Cumberland, CLAXTON of Androscoggin, Representatives: BROOKS of Lewiston, DILLINGHAM of Oxford, MEYER of Eliot, PLUECKER of Warren, TEPLER of Topsham, WILLIAMS of Bar Harbor) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 214.), the following Joint Resolution:

S.P. 312

**JOINT RESOLUTION
MEMORIALIZING THE UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND
NUTRITION SERVICE TO INCLUDE CERTAIN
NONFOOD ESSENTIALS IN THE SUPPLEMENTAL
NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

WE, your Memorialists, the Members of the One Hundred and Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Maine now assembled in the First Regular Session, most respectfully present and petition the United States Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Service to enter into rulemaking, as follows:

WHEREAS, the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, or SNAP, is a federally governed and funded program under the United States Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Service with shared state administration; and

WHEREAS, SNAP currently provides nutrition benefits to supplement the food budget of qualifying recipients so they can purchase healthy food but fails to account for nonfood essentials, including toilet paper, soap, deodorant, toothpaste and menstrual products; and

WHEREAS, toilet paper, soap, deodorant, toothpaste and menstrual products are essential products needed for human dignity and health; and

WHEREAS, if a person struggles with access to food, that person likely also struggles with access to nonfood essentials; and

WHEREAS, a person who does not have access to nonfood essentials, especially menstrual products and toilet paper, may be forced to use inappropriate and unsafe alternatives, thereby putting that person's health and the health of the person's reproductive system at risk; and

WHEREAS, a person without access to nonfood essentials cannot equitably participate in work, the search for employment or many other activities due to the risk of embarrassment such as from odors or bleeding through clothing; and

WHEREAS, a person who lives in an abusive situation has an increased likelihood of having difficulty accessing menstrual products and other nonfood essentials; and

WHEREAS, it is a matter of human justice and dignity for recipients of SNAP benefits to be granted the authority to determine what essentials they most need; and

WHEREAS, the residents of this State who qualify for SNAP benefits have essential needs beyond food and should therefore be granted the dignity to select how to expend their SNAP benefits based upon their essential needs; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, your Memorialists, respectfully urge and request that the United States Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Service enter into rulemaking to amend the stated goal of SNAP to "raising the level of nutrition and essential-need stability among low-income households and maintaining adequate levels of nutrition and nonfood-essentials supplies by increasing

the food and nonfood-essentials purchasing power of low-income families"; and be it further

RESOLVED: That We, your Memorialists, respectfully urge and request that the United States Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Service enter into rulemaking to expand the scope of SNAP benefits to include the following nonfood essentials for recipient purchase: toilet paper, soap, deodorant, toothpaste and menstrual products, including but not limited to tampons, pads, liners and reusable cups, underwear and shields; and be it further

RESOLVED: That suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the Honorable Joseph R. Biden, President of the United States, for consideration in the federal budgeting process; to the Secretary of the United States Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Service; to the Nutrition Service Administrator, United States Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Service; to the Food and Nutrition Service Associate Administrator of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, United States Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Service; to the Northeast Regional Office of the United States Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Service; to the President of the United States Senate; to the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the United States; to each Member of the Maine Congressional Delegation; and to the Maine Department of Health and Human Services.

READ and ADOPTED.

Sent down for concurrence.

Joint Resolutions in Memoriam:

WHEREAS, the Legislature has learned with deep regret of the death of:

Frances Madeleine Raye, of Perry, a devoted teacher and volunteer in her community. Ms. Raye began her career as a teacher in Eastport in 1948 and also taught in Perry and Edmunds before retiring in 1993. She helped found the Quoddy Crafts Shop in Eastport in 1982 to fund the operation of the Barracks Museum, of which she was the volunteer curator for many years, and served as president of both the Washington County Genealogical Society and the Border Historical Society. She served on many boards, including those of Peavey Memorial Library, the Tides Institute and WINGS, was a Washington County Advisor to the Eastern Area Agency on Aging and was a member of the Washington County Records Preservation Committee and the Washington County Courthouse Archives Committee. A devoted member of North Perry United Methodist Church, she served for many years as its treasurer and historian. She also held Perry's Boston Post Cane, as she was the town's oldest citizen. Ms. Raye will be long remembered and sadly missed by her family and friends and all those whose lives she touched;

SLS 17

Sponsored by Senator MOORE of Washington.
Cosponsored by Senators: POULIOT of Kennebec, TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin, Representative: PERRY of Calais.

READ.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Washington, Senator Moore.

Senator **MOORE:** Thank you, Mr. President. I just wanted to note, to share with everyone here in this Senate, the deep regret of the death of Frances Madeleine Raye, a devoted teacher and volunteer in our community in Washington County. Her son, the Honorable Kevin Raye, served here in the State House for quite a few years and I just wanted to take the opportunity to honor her. There were so many things that she did in Washington County. She served on many boards, including those of the libraries, and a member of the Record Preservation Committee. She was a devoted member of the North Perry United Methodist Church and served for many years as its treasurer and historian. She also held Perry's Boston Post Cane as she was the oldest citizen in the town of Perry. She will be long remembered and sadly missed by her family and friends and all those whose lives she touched. Thank you.

ADOPTED.

Sent down for concurrence.

Joint Resolutions in Memoriam:

WHEREAS, the Legislature has learned with deep regret of the death of:

George Smith, of Mt. Vernon. Mr. Smith was the author of four books and innumerable newspaper columns. He wrote about hunting, fishing, current events and food and travel. He served as the Executive Director of the Sportsman's Alliance of Maine for 18 years, relentless in his advocacy for the Maine outdoors. His passion for politics was well-known, and over the decades he forged many personal and lasting relationships across the political spectrum. Mr. Smith will be long remembered and sadly missed by his wife of 41 years, Linda, his family and friends and all those whose lives he touched;

SLS 88

Sponsored by Senator BLACK of Franklin.
Cosponsored by Senators: BAILEY of York, BALDACCI of Penobscot, BELLOWS of Kennebec, BENNETT of Oxford, BREEN of Cumberland, BRENNER of Cumberland, CARNEY of Cumberland, CHIPMAN of Cumberland, CLAXTON of Androscoggin, CURRY of Waldo, CYRWAY of Kennebec, DAUGHTRY of Cumberland, DAVIS of Piscataquis, DESCHAMBAULT of York, DIAMOND of Cumberland, DILL of Penobscot, FARRIN of Somerset, GUERIN of Penobscot, President JACKSON of Aroostook, KEIM of Oxford, LAWRENCE of York, LIBBY of Androscoggin, LUCHINI of Hancock, MAXMIN of Lincoln, MIRAMANT of Knox, MOORE of Washington, POULIOT of Kennebec, RAFFERTY of York, ROSEN of Hancock, SANBORN of Cumberland, STEWART of Aroostook, TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin, VITELLI of Sagadahoc, WOODSOME of York, Representatives: ALLEY of Beals, ANDREWS of Paris, ARATA of New Gloucester, ARFORD of

Brunswick, AUSTIN of Gray, BABBIDGE of Kennebunk, BAILEY of Gorham, BELL of Yarmouth, BERNARD of Caribou, BERRY of Bowdoinham, BICKFORD of Auburn, BLIER of Buxton, BLUME of York, BRADSTREET of Vassalboro, BRENNAN of Portland, BROOKS of Lewiston, BRYANT of Windham, CAIAZZO of Scarborough, CARDONE of Bangor, CARLOW of Buxton, CARMICHAEL of Greenbush, CEBRA of Naples, CLOUTIER of Lewiston, COLLAMORE of Pittsfield, COLLINGS of Portland, CONNOR of Lewiston, COPELAND of Saco, COREY of Windham, COSTAIN of Plymouth, CRAFTS of Newcastle, CRAVEN of Lewiston, CROCKETT of Portland, CUDDY of Winterport, DILLINGHAM of Oxford, DODGE of Belfast, DOLLOFF of Milton Township, DOORE of Augusta, DOUDERA of Camden, DOWNES of Bucksport, DRINKWATER of Milford, DUCHARME of Madison, DUNPHY of Old Town, EVANGELOS of Friendship, EVANS of Dover-Foxcroft, FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor, FAY of Raymond, FECTEAU of Augusta, Speaker FECTEAU of Biddeford, FOSTER of Dexter, GEIGER of Rockland, GERE of Kennebunkport, GIFFORD of Lincoln, GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach, GREENWOOD of Wales, GRIFFIN of Levant, GRIGNON of Athens, GROHOSKI of Ellsworth, HAGGAN of Hampden, HALL of Wilton, HANLEY of Pittston, HARNETT of Gardiner, HARRINGTON of Sanford, HASENFUS of Readfield, HEAD of Bethel, HEPLER of Woolwich, HUTCHINS of Penobscot, HYMANSON of York, JAVNER of Chester, JOHANSEN of Monticello, KESSLER of South Portland, KINNEY of Knox, KRYZAK of Acton, LANDRY of Farmington, LEMELIN of Chelsea, LIBBY of Auburn, LOOKNER of Portland, LYFORD of Eddington, LYMAN of Livermore Falls, MADIGAN of Waterville, MARTIN of Eagle Lake, MARTIN of Sinclair, MARTIN of Greene, MASON of Lisbon, MATHIESON of Kittery, MATLACK of St. George, McCREA of Fort Fairfield, McCREIGHT of Harpswell, McDONALD of Stonington, MELARAGNO of Auburn, MEYER of Eliot, MILLETT of Waterford, MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth, MORALES of South Portland, MORIARTY of Cumberland, MORRIS of Turner, NADEAU of Winslow, NEWELL of the Passamaquoddy Tribe, NEWMAN of Belgrade, O'CONNELL of Brewer, O'CONNOR of Berwick, O'NEIL of Saco, ORDWAY of Standish, OSHER of Orono, PARRY of Arundel, PAULHUS of Bath, PEBWORTH of Blue Hill, PERKINS of Oakland, PERRY of Calais, PERRY of Bangor, PICKETT of Dixfield, PIERCE of Falmouth, PLUECKER of Warren, POIRIER of Skowhegan, PRESCOTT of Waterboro, QUINT of Hodgdon, RECKITT of South Portland, RIELLY of Westbrook, RISEMAN of Harrison, ROBERTS of South Berwick, ROCHE of Wells, ROEDER of Bangor, RUDNICKI of Fairfield, SACHS of Freeport, SALISBURY of Westbrook, SAMPSON of Alfred, SHARPE of Durham, SHEEHAN of Biddeford, SKOLFIELD of Weld, STANLEY of Medway, STEARNS of Guilford, STETKIS of Canaan, STOVER of Boothbay, SUPICA of Bangor, SYLVESTER of Portland, TALBOT ROSS of Portland, TEPLER of Topsham, TERRY of Gorham, THERIAULT of China, THORNE of Carmel, TUCKER of Brunswick, TUELL of East Machias, TUTTLE of Sanford, UNDERWOOD of Presque Isle, WADSWORTH of Hiram, WARREN of Hallowell, WARREN of Scarborough, WHITE of Waterville, WHITE of Mars Hill, WILLIAMS of Bar Harbor, WOOD of Portland, ZAGER of Portland, ZEIGLER of Montville.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair would advise that we're trying to get a copy of 4-94 to read into the record. Would the Senator from Franklin, Senator Black, be willing to read his remarks now and in the meantime we'll be working on getting the Resolution to

have read into the record afterwards? The Chair recognizes the Senator from Franklin, Senator Black.

Senator BLACK: (Due to technical difficulties, some remarks on this matter are not audible.) Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, I'm here before you today in remembrance of a friend, a mentor, and a great sportsman and advocate for our great outdoors of Maine. For nearly 20 years he served as the Executive Director of the Sportsman's Alliance and, if you were around the State House in the last 30 years, he was always present on many, many issues. I sponsored bills for him in the last 10 years and he was a strong advocate for hunting and fishing and land conservation, and some of the hunting bills that I put forward he didn't always agree with me and he would let you know and he would do his homework and he had vast knowledge of outdoors in Maine, the wildlife and conservation. He would always do his homework and fought hard for the people of Maine. He was a avid writer and brought the Maine outdoors to a large audience in books and magazines and newspapers. In the last few years after he became ill. Myself and the Honorable (?) and some of the other people, Senator Davis, met with him and he always was concerned about the condition of Maine's outdoors. I stand before you today just honor his remembrance.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Piscataquis, Senator Davis.

Senator DAVIS: Thank you, Mr. President. I didn't have the button pushed but I'm here anyways. I knew George Smith real well. I served on the Sportsman's Alliance of Maine Board and he was the Executive Director for many years and what Senator Black just said is absolutely true. He loved the Maine outdoors. He pushed hard for it. During my first term down here, quite a few years ago, he asked me to sponsor a bill called the 'Any Deer Permit' bill, exchange bill, and I did and with the help of then the Chair, former Representative Dunlap, we managed to pass it and people have been exchanging their 'any deer' permits ever since. That was nearly 20 years ago and George Smith was the guy that thought it all up and got it going and it was a good thing and has been a good thing. He had a camp up in the Baxter Park and he used to come up and in Dover-Foxcroft, if any of you were ever there, there is an ice cream shop called 'Butterfield's' and they make vanilla peanut butter ice cream. I tell you, if you had one you'd probably go back again and again. At any rate, last year I got a quart of it and Senator Black and I took it to him and I know that George was very appreciative. He was a great guy and a great guy in the outdoors. Thank you very much, Mr. President.

READ and ADOPTED.

Sent down for concurrence.

Senate at Ease.

The Senate was called to order by the President.

Off Record Remarks

RECESSED until 1:00 in the afternoon.

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

Off Record Remarks

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Senate

Change of Committee

Senator CARNEY for the Committee on **JUDICIARY** on Bill "An Act To Amend the Intelligence and Investigative Record Information Act To Ensure Government Transparency and To Protect the Privacy and Safety of the Public"

S.P. 22 L.D. 15

Reported that the same be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY**.

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

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Ought to Pass

Senator BALDACCI for the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** on Bill "An Act To Allow Public Members of the Maine-Canadian Legislative Advisory Commission To Receive Reimbursement for Travel Expenses" (EMERGENCY)

S.P. 165 L.D. 377

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

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Ought to Pass As Amended

Senator DESCHAMBAULT for the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** on Bill "An Act To Support the Maine Fire Protection Services Commission"

S.P. 103 L.D. 242

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-6)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-6) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Senator SANBORN for the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** on Bill "An Act Concerning the Reporting of Health Care Information or Records to the Emergency Medical Services' Board"

S.P. 12 L.D. 5

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-4)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-4) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Senator SANBORN for the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** on Bill "An Act To Revise Certain Financial Regulatory Provisions of the Maine Insurance Code"

S.P. 13 L.D. 6

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-3)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-3) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Senator CURRY for the Committee on **INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS** on Bill "An Act To Authorize Early Payment of Anticipated Funds to the Loring Job Increment Financing Fund" (EMERGENCY)

S.P. 30 L.D. 22

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-5)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-5) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Senator CURRY for the Committee on **INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS** on Bill "An Act Regarding the Tourism Marketing Promotion Fund"

S.P. 107 L.D. 246

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-8)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-8) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Senator RAFFERTY for the Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** on Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Concerning the Retired County and Municipal Law Enforcement Officers and Municipal Firefighters Health Insurance Program" (EMERGENCY)

S.P. 45 L.D. 37

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-7)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-7) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Senator LUCHINI for the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act To Change the Renewal Application Deadline from 6 Months to 60 Days before the Expiration of a License Issued by the Gambling Control Board"

S.P. 23 L.D. 16

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-1)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-1) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Senator LUCHINI for the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act To Temporarily Waive Certain Requirements for Relicensing for Restaurants That Serve Liquor" (EMERGENCY)

S.P. 132 L.D. 306

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-2)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-2) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

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

On motion by Senator **LUCHINI** of Hancock, Senate Amendment "A" (S-9) **READ**.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Hancock, Senator Luchini.

Senator **LUCHINI:** Thank you, Mr. President. Mr. President, men and women of the Senate, L.D. 306 was a unanimous report from our Committee, the Veterans and Legal Affairs, that we worked together to try to give some reprieve to the restaurant industry. Once we reported the bill out, we had another amendment that was offered up by BABLO, the Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages, and supported by the hospitality industry, which is what I'm bringing forward today. This amendment is focused on those restaurants who had active licenses, liquor licenses, during the period of March to June of 2020, during the times when restaurants were only able to do take-out services. So, as a small gesture within existing resources, the Bureau has put forward this

amendment which would, upon their relicensing application, grant an automatic extension of everybody's license who was operational during that time for an additional 90 days and it's free to the licensee and it's just to reflect those challenges that they faced during the shut-down portion of the pandemic. So, I'd urge your support of this amendment and thank you, Mr. President.

On motion by Senator **LUCHINI** of Hancock, Senate Amendment "A" (S-9) **ADOPTED**.

PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-2) AND SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-9).

Ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

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

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

SENATE PAPERS

Bill "An Act To Require Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Training or Implicit Bias Training for School Resource Officers"
S.P. 330 L.D. 1040

Presented by Senator DAUGHTRY of Cumberland.

On motion by Senator **DESCHAMBAULT** of York, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Facilitate a Timely Revision Process in the Site Location of Development Laws"

S.P. 328 L.D. 1038

Presented by Senator KEIM of Oxford.

On motion by Senator **BRENNER** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Allow a State Employee To Use a Federal Military Health Insurance Program and Reenroll upon Retirement in the State's Group Health Plan"

S.P. 326 L.D. 1036

Presented by Senator BLACK of Franklin.
Cosponsored by Senator: CYRWAY of Kennebec,
Representative: STEARNS of Guilford.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Include Certain Mental Health Workers under the 1998 Special Plan for Retirement"

S.P. 331 L.D. 1041

Presented by President JACKSON of Aroostook.

On motion by Senator **RAFFERTY** of York, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Safeguard the People's Voice in a State of Emergency"

S.P. 329 L.D. 1039

Presented by Senator KEIM of Oxford.
Cosponsored by Senators: BENNETT of Oxford, FARRIN of Somerset, GUERIN of Penobscot, Representatives: FECTEAU of Augusta, LIBBY of Auburn, LYMAN of Livermore Falls, RUDNICKI of Fairfield, SKOLFIELD of Weld.

On motion by Senator **BALDACCI** of Penobscot, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Enable Nonprofit Organizations To Offer Raffle Tickets by Mail"

S.P. 327 L.D. 1037

Presented by Senator BLACK of Franklin.
Cosponsored by Representative NEWMAN of Belgrade and Senators: DESCHAMBAULT of York, FARRIN of Somerset, LUCHINI of Hancock, Representatives: DOLLOFF of Milton Township, HARRINGTON of Sanford, KINNEY of Knox.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

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

ORDERS

Joint Resolution

On motion by Senator **STEWART** of Aroostook (Cosponsored by Representative **FECTEAU** of Augusta) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 214.), the following Joint Resolution:

S.P. 332

**JOINT RESOLUTION
MEMORIALIZING THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO
ELIMINATE THE WINDFALL ELIMINATION PROVISION
THAT PENALIZES MAINE STATE RETIREES**

WE, your Memorialists, the Members of the One Hundred and Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Maine now assembled in the First Regular Session, most respectfully present and petition the President of the United States and the Congress of the United States, as follows:

WHEREAS, under current federal law, individuals who receive a Social Security benefit and a public retirement benefit derived from employment not covered under Social Security are subject to a reduction in the Social Security benefits; and

WHEREAS, these laws, contained in the federal Social Security Act, 42 United States Code, Chapter 7, Subchapter II, Federal Old-Age, Survivors, and Disability Insurance Benefits, and known as the Government Pension Offset and the Windfall Elimination Provision, greatly affect public employees, particularly women; and

WHEREAS, the Windfall Elimination Provision reduces by a formula the Social Security benefit of a person who is also receiving a pension from a public employer that does not participate in Social Security; and

WHEREAS, the Government Pension Offset and the Windfall Elimination Provision are particularly burdensome on the finances of low-income and moderate-income public service workers, such as school teachers, clerical workers and school cafeteria employees, whose wages are low to start; and

WHEREAS, the Government Pension Offset and the Windfall Elimination Provision both unfairly reduce benefits for those public employees and their spouses whose careers cross the line between the private and public sectors; and

WHEREAS, since many lower-paying public service jobs are held by women, both the Government Pension Offset and the Windfall Elimination Provision have a disproportionately adverse effect on women; and

WHEREAS, in some cases, additional support in the form of income, housing, heating and prescription drug and other safety net assistance from state and local governments is needed to make up for the reductions imposed at the federal level; and

WHEREAS, other participants in Social Security do not have their benefits reduced in this manner; and

WHEREAS, to participate or not to participate in Social Security in public sector employment is a decision of employers, even

though both the Government Pension Offset and the Windfall Elimination Provision directly punish employees and their spouses; and

WHEREAS, although the Government Pension Offset was enacted in 1977 and the Windfall Elimination Provision was enacted in 1983, many of the benefits in dispute were paid into Social Security prior to that time; now, therefore, be it **RESOLVED**: That We, your Memorialists, respectfully urge and request that the President of the United States and the Congress of the United States work together to support reform proposals that include the following protections for low-income and moderate-income government retirees:

1. Protections permitting retention of a combined public pension and Social Security benefit with no applied reductions;
2. Protections permanently ensuring that level of benefit by indexing it to inflation; and
3. Protections ensuring that no current recipient's benefit is reduced by the reform legislation; and be it further

RESOLVED: That suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the Honorable Joseph R. Biden, Jr., President of the United States; the President of the United States Senate; the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives; and each Member of the Maine Congressional Delegation.

The Joint Resolution was **READ**.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Aroostook, Senator Stewart.

Senator **STEWART**: Thank you, Mr. President. It's an honor to be here today and to speak on the floor of the Senate for the first time about an issue that is, I think, very important to probably all of us, and probably all of us have heard at least once when interacting with those in our communities about the impact that a program called the Windfall Elimination Provision has on folks who live in Maine and a number of other states due to some action that occurred almost 40 years ago today by the U.S. Congress. The net effect of that is that folks in Maine who have had public service jobs, and in particular folks like teachers who have worked for State government in a variety of ways, are disproportionately disadvantaged than their colleagues in other states by penalizing the ability of them to have funds to withdraw once they reach retirement age, specifically through Social Security. This problem is one that is incredibly hard for a state to address alone and, in my opinion, is probably impossible to go at it alone, which is why you have this Joint Resolution in front of you today to ask that Congress take another look at this problem, as they have done a number of times over the years. I know specifically Senator Collins has worked on this on the Federal level. But it's worth looking at again and I think particularly now that, you know, with the demographic challenges that Maine is facing. The amount of people impacted by this is significant and, in particular, given the fall out of the COVID 19 pandemic, that it's felt a little extra in situations like this. I would also say, specifically, that, and you can see through the reading of the Joint Resolution, which I had the Chair dispense with to save time, but specifically women are disenfranchised by this program in particular and it's something that, because of the fact that they hold disproportionately more amounts of these types of jobs, and so it's one that's not partisan. I don't view this as a partisan issue. It's one I think we can all get around and it's one that I'm proud to

sponsor today so that we can all go back to our constituents and let them know that we have taken action, as a Body, to adopt a Resolution like this, to ask Congress to take more action on it and do so seriously. Specifically, the action as laid out on the second page of the Resolution is to, one, put in place protections permitting retention of a combined public pension and Social Security benefit with no applied restrictions; two, protections permanently ensuring that level of benefit by indexing it to inflation; and, three, protections ensuring that no current recipient's benefit is reduced by the reform legislation. So, again, Mr. President, thank you for allowing me to move this Joint Resolution forward and thank you to my colleagues for your consideration of it. Take care.

On motion by Senator **STEWART** of Aroostook, the Joint Resolution was **ADOPTED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

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

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: S.C. 253

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

March 8, 2021

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

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Fecteau,

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that we have approved the request by the bill sponsor Sen. Davis, Sr. of Piscataquis, to report the following bill Leave to Withdraw:

L.D. 470 An Act To Allow a Veteran Who Was a Member of the Military Reserves or Served in the National Guard To Qualify for the Veterans' Property Tax Exemption

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Ben Chipman Senate Chair S/Rep. Maureen F. Terry House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 251

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

March 8, 2021

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

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Fecteau:

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that the Joint Standing Committee on Environment and Natural Resources has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 436 An Act Regarding the Authority of the Department of Environmental Protection Regarding Applications, Permits and Fines

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Stacy Fielding Brenner Senate Chair S/Rep. Ralph L. Tucker House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 252

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

March 8, 2021

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

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Fecteau:

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 407 An Act To Improve Education Funding through Lottery Proceeds

L.D. 413 An Act To Apply the Same Auditing Standards to All Candidates and Political Action Committees

Sent down for concurrence.

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Louis J. Luchini
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Chris Caiazzo
House Chair

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

Senator LUCHINI for the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act To Expand the Market for Maine Liquor Manufacturers" (EMERGENCY)

S.P. 133 L.D. 307

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-12).**

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

Bill **READ ONCE.**

Committee Amendment "A" (S-12) **READ** and **ADOPTED.**

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

Sent down for concurrence.

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Senate

Ought to Pass As Amended

Senator BRENNER for the Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** on Bill "An Act To Increase Funding for the St. Croix International Waterway Commission"
S.P. 92 L.D. 203

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-13).**

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

Bill **READ ONCE.**

Committee Amendment "A" (S-13) **READ** and **ADOPTED.**

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

Sent down for concurrence.

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Senate

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS** on Bill "An Act To Provide for the 2021 and 2022 Allocations of the State Ceiling on Private Activity Bonds" (EMERGENCY)

S.P. 27 L.D. 20

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-10).**

Signed:

Senators:

CURRY of Waldo
CYRWAY of Kennebec
LUCHINI of Hancock

Representatives:

ROBERTS of South Berwick
AUSTIN of Gray
BERNARD of Caribou
DUCHARME of Madison
GEIGER of Rockland
HASENFUS of Readfield
PEBORTH of Blue Hill

Senator LUCHINI for the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act To Extend the Ability of Restaurants and Bars To Serve Alcohol To Go" (EMERGENCY)
S.P. 94 L.D. 205

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-11).**

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

Bill **READ ONCE.**

Committee Amendment "A" (S-11) **READ** and **ADOPTED.**

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

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

Signed:

Representative:
ANDREWS of Paris

Reports **READ**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-10) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Senate

Ought to Pass As Amended

Senator LUCHINI for the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act To Temporarily Waive Renewal Fees for On-premises Retail Liquor Licenses" (EMERGENCY)
S.P. 166 L.D. 378

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-14)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-14) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

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

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: S.C. 256

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

March 08, 2021

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

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Fecteau:

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that the Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 459 An Act To Change the Licensing Authority for
Tattoo Artists

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Chip Curry
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Tiffany Danielle Roberts
House Chair

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

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Senate

Ought to Pass As Amended

Senator CARNEY for the Committee on **JUDICIARY** on Bill "An Act To Provide an Immediate Opportunity To Appeal for a Juvenile Bound Over into Criminal Court"
S.P. 35 L.D. 27

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-15)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-15) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

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

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

House Papers

Bill "An Act To Explore Alternative Uses of Pulpwood and To Support the Logging and Forestry Industries" (EMERGENCY)
H.P. 573 L.D. 768

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator **DILL** of Penobscot, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Clarify the Laws Concerning Off-track Betting Facility Licenses"
H.P. 628 L.D. 860

Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** suggested and ordered printed.

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

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

Resolve, Directing the Permanent Commission on the Status of Racial, Indigenous and Maine Tribal Populations To Study the Impact of Policies Regarding Agriculture, Access to Land, Access to Grants and Access to Financing on African-American and Indigenous Farmers in the State
H.P. 638 L.D. 870

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator **DILL** of Penobscot, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for the Construction of a Convention Center in Portland, Improvements to the Augusta Civic Center and a Competitive Grant Program for Capital Improvements to Public Venues across the State"
H.P. 715 L.D. 969

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

On motion by Senator **BREEN** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act Regarding Criminal Services for Juveniles"
H.P. 561 L.D. 756

Resolve, To Study Streamlining the Background Check Process for State-licensed Professions That Require Background Checks (EMERGENCY)
H.P. 563 L.D. 758

Bill "An Act To Amend the Child Endangerment Laws To Include Certain Unauthorized Access to a Loaded Firearm"
H.P. 564 L.D. 759

Bill "An Act To Allow State Vehicles Assigned to Maine Emergency Management Agency Employees To Be Used for Commuting"
H.P. 568 L.D. 763

Bill "An Act To Authorize the Maine Emergency Management Agency To Requisition Food Supplies for Emergency Use or Special Duty Assignments"
H.P. 569 L.D. 764

Bill "An Act To Increase the Availability of Mental Health Services for a Defendant Who Has Been Found Incompetent To Stand Trial"
H.P. 574 L.D. 769

Bill "An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Department of Corrections for Certified Batterer Intervention Programming"
H.P. 587 L.D. 782

Bill "An Act To Promote Highway Safety by Restricting the Use of Marijuana and Possession of an Open Marijuana Container in a Motor Vehicle"
H.P. 597 L.D. 829

Bill "An Act To Divert Older Youth from the Adult Criminal Justice System"
H.P. 615 L.D. 847

Resolve, To Review Public Safety around School Buses and School Bus Stops
H.P. 620 L.D. 852

Bill "An Act To Enable Motor Vehicle Technicians To Safely Disable Breathalyzer Starter Devices"
H.P. 649 L.D. 893

Bill "An Act To Increase Government Accountability by Removing the Restriction on the Dissemination of Information Regarding Investigations"

H.P. 650 L.D. 894

Bill "An Act To Require Adequate Training for Police Officers Who Use Speed Measurement Devices"

H.P. 684 L.D. 928

Bill "An Act To Create Culturally Sensitive Treatment and Recovery Halfway Houses for Immigrants Transitioning out of the Juvenile Justice System"

H.P. 709 L.D. 963

Bill "An Act To Make Possession of Scheduled Drugs for Personal Use a Civil Penalty"

H.P. 713 L.D. 967

Bill "An Act To Amend the Definition of 'Machine Gun' To Include Bump Stock Devices"

H.P. 722 L.D. 976

Bill "An Act To Promote Public Health by Eliminating Criminal Penalties for Possession of Hypodermic Apparatuses"

H.P. 732 L.D. 994

Bill "An Act Regarding Background Checks for the Sale of Firearms"

H.P. 737 L.D. 999

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

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

Bill "An Act To Require Joint Use Entities To Establish Permanent Liaisons with All County Emergency Management Agencies"

H.P. 746 L.D. 1008

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

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

On motion by Senator **DESCHAMBAULT** of York, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending **REFERENCE**.

Bill "An Act To Ensure That Assemblies, Protests and Demonstrations in Maine Remain Peaceful" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 754 L.D. 1016

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

H.P. 759 L.D. 1021

Bill "An Act To Prohibit Maintaining Drug-involved Premises"
H.P. 769 L.D. 1035

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

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

Bill "An Act To Establish the Maine Community College System Pell Grant Match Program"

H.P. 566 L.D. 761

Bill "An Act To Permit Naloxone Possession, Prescription, Administration and Distribution in Public and Private Schools"
H.P. 577 L.D. 772

Bill "An Act To Correct Career and Technical Education Funding"
H.P. 582 L.D. 777

Bill "An Act To Extend the Time Allowed for Selling, Distributing and Displaying the State of Maine Bicentennial Commemorative License Plate and To Allow the Maine Bicentennial Commission To Continue To Serve in 2021" (EMERGENCY)
H.P. 584 L.D. 779

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Vaccines by Reinstating Religious Exemptions"
H.P. 601 L.D. 833

Bill "An Act Concerning Mental Health in Public Schools"
H.P. 652 L.D. 896

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

On motion by Senator **DAUGHTRY** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Protect Teachers' Privacy While Delivering Remote Instruction"
H.P. 632 L.D. 864

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

On motion by Senator **DAUGHTRY** of Cumberland, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending **REFERENCE**.

Bill "An Act To Ban Biological Males from Participating in Women's Sports"
H.P. 682 L.D. 926

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

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

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

Bill "An Act To Provide Equity in Access to Applications for the National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program"
H.P. 707 L.D. 961

Bill "An Act To Create an Additional Pathway To Certify Industrial Arts Teachers To Foster Career and Technical Subjects in Maine Schools"
H.P. 721 L.D. 975

Bill "An Act To Prevent the Spread of Infectious Disease in Schools" (EMERGENCY)
H.P. 731 L.D. 993

Bill "An Act To Repeal the School Bus Reimbursement Formula and Replace It with Essential Programs and Services Funding"
H.P. 752 L.D. 1014

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

On motion by Senator **DAUGHTRY** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act Regarding the University of Maine System Hiring Practices"
H.P. 633 L.D. 865

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

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING**.

On motion by Senator **DAUGHTRY** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Extend the Right-of-way Surrounding Power Lines for the Purpose of Tree Trimming"
H.P. 549 L.D. 744

Bill "An Act Concerning Large-scale Water Extraction"
H.P. 562 L.D. 757

Bill "An Act To Prevent Power Line Electrocutions"
H.P. 608 L.D. 840

Bill "An Act To Increase High-speed Internet In Rural Maine"
H.P. 616 L.D. 848

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

On motion by Senator **LAWRENCE** of York, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Transition from a Fossil Fuel-based to an Electrical Energy Economy"
H.P. 674 L.D. 918

Bill "An Act To Promote Oversight of and Competitive Parity among Video Service Providers"
H.P. 676 L.D. 920

Bill "An Act To Facilitate the Expansion of Broadband to Unserved Areas of the State" (EMERGENCY)
H.P. 689 L.D. 933

Bill "An Act To Amend State Laws Relating to Net Energy Billing and the Procurement of Distributed Generation"
H.P. 692 L.D. 936

Bill "An Act To Require the Public Utilities Commission To Open an Inquiry Regarding Notification of the Sale of an Investor-owned Transmission and Distribution Utility"
H.P. 717 L.D. 971

Bill "An Act To Improve Future Reorganizations of Transmission and Distribution Utilities"
H.P. 733 L.D. 995

Bill "An Act To Allow a Customer with a Net Energy Billing Arrangement To Annually Donate Any Unused Kilowatt-hour Credits"
H.P. 763 L.D. 1025

Bill "An Act To Update the Regulation of Public Utility Monopolies"
H.P. 764 L.D. 1026

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

On motion by Senator **LAWRENCE** of York, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Balance Renewable Energy Development with Natural and Working Lands Conservation"
H.P. 624 L.D. 856

Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** suggested and ordered printed.

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY**.

On motion by Senator **LAWRENCE** of York, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending **REFERENCE**.

Bill "An Act To Establish a Funding Mechanism To Protect Private Roads Endangered by Climate Action Impacts"
H.P. 540 L.D. 735

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator **BRENNER** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Enhance the Ecological Reserve System"
H.P. 541 L.D. 736

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

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY**.

On motion by Senator **BRENNER** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Invasive Aquatic Species"
H.P. 548 L.D. 743

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator **BRENNER** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Promote Municipal Climate Action"
H.P. 559 L.D. 754

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

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

On motion by Senator **BRENNER** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator Certification"
H.P. 576 L.D. 771

Bill "An Act Regarding Uncontrolled Hazardous Substance Sites"
H.P. 585 L.D. 780

Bill "An Act Concerning Advanced Refrigeration Technology"
H.P. 634 L.D. 866

Bill "An Act To Protect Maine Consumers and Decrease Environmental Pollution"
H.P. 646 L.D. 890

Come from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator **BRENNER** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Facilitate the Recycling of Clean Energy Equipment"
H.P. 656 L.D. 900

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

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

On motion by Senator **BRENNER** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Assist Maine Residents Negatively Affected by Climate Change"
H.P. 657 L.D. 901

Bill "An Act Regarding the Depth of Phillips Lake in the Town of Dedham" (EMERGENCY)
H.P. 665 L.D. 909

Bill "An Act To Prohibit the Reception of Foreign Waste Plastic in Maine Ports"
H.P. 667 L.D. 911

Come from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator **BRENNER** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Resolve, To Facilitate the Provision of Incentives for Soil Carbon Storage

H.P. 693 L.D. 937

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

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY**.

On motion by Senator **BRENNER** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Establish Appliance Energy and Water Standards"
H.P. 696 L.D. 940

Resolve, To Authorize Maine as the Nonfederal Sponsor with the United States Army Corps of Engineers for the Shore Damage Mitigation Project in Saco

H.P. 702 L.D. 946

Bill "An Act To Require Reporting of Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances, PFAS, in Products and of Discharges of Firefighting Foam Containing PFAS"
H.P. 706 L.D. 960

Bill "An Act To Allow the Sale of Ethanol-free Gasoline Statewide"
H.P. 744 L.D. 1006

Bill "An Act To Define Intentional Balloon Releases as Litter"
H.P. 761 L.D. 1023

Come from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator **BRENNER** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Senate at Ease.

The Senate was called to order by the President.

Bill "An Act Regarding Credible Allegations of Fraud by MaineCare Providers"

H.P. 544 L.D. 739

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

On motion by Senator **CLAXTON** of Androscoggin, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Strengthen Maine's Public Health by Expanding Access to Certain Health Programs and Services"
H.P. 550 L.D. 745

Bill "An Act To Clarify the Disclosure of Records under the Child and Family Services and Child Protection Act"
H.P. 565 L.D. 760

Bill "An Act To Clarify the Response to Truancy under the Child and Family Services and Child Protection Act"
H.P. 567 L.D. 762

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

On motion by Senator **CLAXTON** of Androscoggin, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act Regarding the Membership of the Sexual Assault Forensic Examiner Advisory Board"
H.P. 588 L.D. 783

Bill "An Act To Expand Administration of Lifesaving Opioid Medication"
H.P. 594 L.D. 789

Bill "An Act To Ensure That Definitions in the Child and Family Services and Child Protection Act Comply with State and Federal Law"
H.P. 605 L.D. 837

Bill "An Act To Create a Pathway to Housing Stability for Homeless Young People and Those at Risk of Entering and Those Exiting Corrections Systems"
H.P. 611 L.D. 843

Bill "An Act To Ensure Continued School-based Services for Children with Disabilities" (EMERGENCY)
H.P. 622 L.D. 854

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

On motion by Senator **CLAXTON** of Androscoggin, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Ensure Ongoing Services for Victims of Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence"

H.P. 644 L.D. 888

Bill "An Act To Amend the General Assistance Laws Governing Reimbursement"

H.P. 666 L.D. 910

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

On motion by Senator **CLAXTON** of Androscoggin, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Create a Family and Juvenile Mediation Program within the Department of Health and Human Services"

H.P. 690 L.D. 934

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

On motion by Senator **CLAXTON** of Androscoggin, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Appropriate Funds To Eliminate Waiting Lists for Home and Community-based Services for Adults with Intellectual Disabilities, Autism, Brain Injury and Other Related Conditions"

H.P. 708 L.D. 962

Bill "An Act To Expand Access to Certified Substance Use Disorder Recovery Residence Services"

H.P. 710 L.D. 964

Resolve, To Expand Mental Health Crisis Intervention Mobile Response Services

H.P. 714 L.D. 968

Bill "An Act To Establish the Rare Disease Advisory Council"

H.P. 718 L.D. 972

Bill "An Act To Expand Maine's School-based Health Centers"

H.P. 725 L.D. 979

Bill "An Act To Improve Dental Health Access for Maine Children and Adults with Low Incomes"

H.P. 734 L.D. 996

Bill "An Act To Ensure Parents' Access to Their Minor and Adult Children with Special Needs" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 739 L.D. 1001

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

On motion by Senator **CLAXTON** of Androscoggin, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Resolve, To Create a Health Care Ombudsman Position To Serve in Maine's County Jails

H.P. 747 L.D. 1009

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

On motion by Senator **CLAXTON** of Androscoggin, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Resolve, To Track Youth Mental Health during the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency by Ensuring the Maine Integrated Youth Health Survey Is Conducted during the 2020-2021 School Year (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 547 L.D. 742

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

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS**.

On motion by Senator **CLAXTON** of Androscoggin, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Ensure the Safety of Certain State Employees by Allowing Disclosure of Certain Confidential Information in Limited Circumstances"

H.P. 571 L.D. 766

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

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

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

Bill "An Act Regarding the Issuance of a Birth Certificate Following a Gender Marker Change"

H.P. 623 L.D. 855

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

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

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

Bill "An Act To Prohibit Mandatory COVID-19 Vaccinations for 5 Years To Allow for Safety Testing and Investigations into Reproductive Harm" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 635 L.D. 867

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

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

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

Resolve, To Establish a Task Force To Study the Coordination of Services and Expansion of Educational Programs for Young Adults with Intellectual or Developmental Disabilities To Identify Barriers to Full Societal Integration

H.P. 680 L.D. 924

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

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS**.

On motion by Senator **CLAXTON** of Androscoggin, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Increase the Availability of Health Care Services by Eliminating the Certificate of Need for All Health Care Services"

H.P. 683 L.D. 927

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

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

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

Bill "An Act To Increase Hospital Bed Capacity by Eliminating the Certificate of Need for Outside Hospital Beds"

H.P. 687 L.D. 931

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

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

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

Bill "An Act To Increase Hospital Capacity by Eliminating the Certificate of Need for Hospital Beds"

H.P. 688 L.D. 932

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

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

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

Bill "An Act To Increase the Ability of Health Care Facilities To Respond to Health Needs by Eliminating the Certificate of Need for Health Care Facilities"

H.P. 691 L.D. 935

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

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

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

Bill "An Act To Ensure Access to Health Care Equipment by Eliminating the Certificate of Need for Major Medical Equipment"

H.P. 742 L.D. 1004

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

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

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

Bill "An Act To Provide High-quality Health Care for All Maine Residents"

H.P. 543 L.D. 738

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

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

Bill "An Act To Remove Coverage under the MaineCare Program for Abortions Not Covered by Medicaid"

H.P. 553 L.D. 748

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

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

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

Bill "An Act To Establish a Council on Health Systems Development"

H.P. 554 L.D. 749

Bill "An Act To Increase Transparency of and Lower Health Care Costs"

H.P. 555 L.D. 750

Bill "An Act To Allow Employers To Shop for Competitive Health Plan Options"

H.P. 556 L.D. 751

Bill "An Act To Increase Patients' Access to Quality Doctors"

H.P. 557 L.D. 752

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

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

Bill "An Act To Amend the Law Governing Approval Authority over and Oversight of Certified Nursing Assistant Educational Programs"

H.P. 589 L.D. 784

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

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**.

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

Bill "An Act To Change the Standard for Assessing Risk of Serious Harm"

H.P. 590 L.D. 785

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

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

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

Bill "An Act Clarifying Patient Consent for Certain Medical Examinations"

H.P. 595 L.D. 790

Bill "An Act To Make Permanent the Telehealth Reimbursement Options Passed by Emergency Measures"

H.P. 617 L.D. 849

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

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

Bill "An Act To Ensure Women Are Informed of Abortion Pill Reversal"

H.P. 619 L.D. 851

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

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

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

Bill "An Act To Protect Consumer Property by Requiring Liability Insurance for Snowplow Vehicles and Vehicles Used in Landscaping or Gardening"

H.P. 630 L.D. 862

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

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS**.

On motion by Senator **SANBORN** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Have Maine Join the Interstate Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact To Improve Telehealth Options for Psychologists and Their Patients"

H.P. 631 L.D. 863

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

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

Bill "An Act To Conform State Funding to the Federal Hyde Amendment Limiting Funding for Some Abortion Services"

H.P. 671 L.D. 915

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

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

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

Bill "An Act To Help Cancer Patients with Fertility Preservation"

H.P. 678 L.D. 922

Bill "An Act Regarding Notice by Health Insurance Carriers of Policy Changes"

H.P. 701 L.D. 945

Bill "An Act To Amend the Continuing Education Requirement for Pharmacists"

H.P. 736 L.D. 998

Bill "An Act To Change Licensure Requirements for Foreign-trained Dentists"

H.P. 738 L.D. 1000

Bill "An Act To Improve Outcomes for Persons with Limb Loss"

H.P. 741 L.D. 1003

Bill "An Act To Increase Availability of Health Care through Telehealth"

H.P. 745 L.D. 1007

Bill "An Act To Include Excluded Individuals on Insurance Cards"

H.P. 749 L.D. 1011

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

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

Bill "An Act To Improve Turkey Tagging by Allowing Electronic Tagging"

H.P. 699 L.D. 943

Bill "An Act To Simplify Dual Registration of Snowmobiles and All-terrain Vehicles"

H.P. 700 L.D. 944

Bill "An Act To Fund Wildlife Rehabilitators" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 750 L.D. 1012

Bill "An Act To Ban Hunting with Ammunition That Contains Lead"

H.P. 753 L.D. 1015

Bill "An Act To Create an Administrative Review Process for Hunting Violations"

H.P. 766 L.D. 1031

Come from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator **DILL** of Penobscot, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Strengthen Maine's Economy"

H.P. 586 L.D. 781

Committee on **INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS** suggested and ordered printed.

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS**.

On motion by Senator **CURRY** of Waldo, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Create a Municipal Grant Program To Promote Sustainable Economic Development"

H.P. 625 L.D. 857

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

On motion by Senator **CURRY** of Waldo, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act Concerning Motor Vehicle Emissions Control System Tampering"

H.P. 640 L.D. 872

Committee on **INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS** suggested and ordered printed.

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES**.

On motion by Senator **CURRY** of Waldo, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Promote Bulk Retail Purchasing"

H.P. 641 L.D. 885

Bill "An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Governor's Economic Recovery Committee"

H.P. 648 L.D. 892

Bill "An Act To Advance Maine's Economic Growth by Investing in Innovative, Next-generation Technology and Research"

H.P. 675 L.D. 919

Bill "An Act To Waive Professional and Occupational Licensing Fees for Calendar Year 2020"

H.P. 698 L.D. 942

Bill "An Act To Prevent the Denial or Revocation of a Professional or Business License for a Violation Not Related to That Profession or Business"

H.P. 730 L.D. 992

Resolve, Establishing the Commission To Study Strategies To Assist Working-class Families in Building Wealth and Achieving Upward Mobility

H.P. 743 L.D. 1005

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

On motion by Senator **CURRY** of Waldo, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Increase the Value of Property Exempt from Attachment and Execution"

H.P. 542 L.D. 737

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

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

On motion by Senator **CARNEY** of Cumberland, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending **REFERENCE**.

Bill "An Act To Establish a Bill of Rights for Maine Residents 65 Years of Age and Older"

H.P. 546 L.D. 741

Bill "An Act Regarding Remote Participation in Municipal Meetings"

H.P. 551 L.D. 746

Bill "An Act Regarding Civil Mental Health Evaluations of Former Criminal Defendants"

H.P. 552 L.D. 747

Bill "An Act To Provide for Judicial Review in Compliance with the Federal Family First Prevention Services Act"

H.P. 570 L.D. 765

Bill "An Act To Allow the Participation of Marine Patrol Officers in Proceedings for Administrative Suspension of a License or Certificate"

H.P. 572 L.D. 767

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

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

Bill "An Act To Apply the Civil Trespass Law to Hunting Dogs"
H.P. 575 L.D. 770

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

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE**.

On motion by Senator **CARNEY** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Amend the Length of Time and Circumstances for Which a Sheriff May Furlough Individuals Incarcerated in a County Jail"

H.P. 581 L.D. 776

Bill "An Act To Enable Electronic Reporting of Suspected Child Abuse and Neglect for Certain Mandated Reporters"

H.P. 583 L.D. 778

Bill "An Act To Align the Preconviction and Post-conviction Discretionary Deductions for Time Served"

H.P. 593 L.D. 788

Bill "An Act To Ensure the Appropriate Allocation of Victim Restitution"

H.P. 602 L.D. 834

Bill "An Act Regarding Probation and Deferred Disposition"

H.P. 609 L.D. 841

Bill "An Act To Reestablish Parole"

H.P. 610 L.D. 842

Bill "An Act To Examine and Amend the Conditions of Release and Probation"

H.P. 612 L.D. 844

Bill "An Act Regarding the Employment Status of Assistant District Attorneys"

H.P. 618 L.D. 850

Bill "An Act To Increase the Fees Paid to Sheriffs and Their Deputies for Service of Civil Process Documents"

H.P. 621 L.D. 853

Bill "An Act To Expand Recovery Services to Persons on Probation"

H.P. 626 L.D. 858

Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services to Contract for Assessments for Involuntary Hospitalizations

H.P. 629 L.D. 861

Bill "An Act To Provide Consistency Regarding Persons Authorized To Conduct Examinations for Emergency Involuntary Commitment and Post-admission Examinations"

H.P. 636 L.D. 868

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

H.P. 637 L.D. 869

Bill "An Act To Require Uniform Adherence to Internal Revenue Service Guidelines by Maine Nonprofit Organizations"

H.P. 643 L.D. 887

Bill "An Act To Enact the Uniform Registration of Canadian Money Judgments Act"

H.P. 658 L.D. 902

Bill "An Act To Enact the Uniform Foreign-country Money Judgments Recognition Act"

H.P. 659 L.D. 903

Bill "An Act Concerning the Revised Uniform Law on Notarial Acts"

H.P. 660 L.D. 904

Bill "An Act To Enact the Uniform Voidable Transactions Act"

H.P. 661 L.D. 905

Bill "An Act To Provide Passamaquoddy Tribal Members Access to Clean Drinking Water" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 662 L.D. 906

Bill "An Act To Protect Maine Residents and Organizations from Unreasonable and Illegal Surveillance, Monitoring or Tracking"

H.P. 664 L.D. 908

Bill "An Act To Enact the Maine Data Collection Protection Act"

H.P. 669 L.D. 913

Bill "An Act Regarding Electronic Monitoring of Pretrial and Post-conviction Defendants"

H.P. 673 L.D. 917

Bill "An Act To Enact the Stop Guilt by Accusation Act" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 679 L.D. 923

Bill "An Act To Address the Long-term Impact of Economic Abuse by a Spouse"

H.P. 703 L.D. 947

Bill "An Act To Protect against Discrimination by Public Entities"

H.P. 728 L.D. 982

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

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

Bill "An Act To Promote Benefit Corporations"
H.P. 614 L.D. 846

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

On motion by Senator **CARNEY** of Cumberland, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending **REFERENCE**.

Bill "An Act To Eliminate or Forgive Fines and Penalties on Persons and Businesses Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic"
H.P. 647 L.D. 891

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

On motion by Senator **CARNEY** of Cumberland, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending **REFERENCE**.

Bill "An Act To Set a Minimum Wage for School Support Staff"
H.P. 539 L.D. 734

Bill "An Act To Assist Public School Students and Families Who Are Homeless"
H.P. 578 L.D. 773

Bill "An Act To Promote Minimum Wage Consistency"
H.P. 579 L.D. 774

Bill "An Act To Include within the Definitions of 'Public Employee' and 'Judicial Employee' Those Who Have Been Employed for Less Than 6 Months"
H.P. 580 L.D. 775

Bill "An Act To Direct the Department of Labor To Work with the Department of Education and Colleges and Universities and Career and Technical Education Centers To Develop a Preapprenticeship Program and Career Ladder for the Direct Care Workforce"
H.P. 591 L.D. 786

Bill "An Act To Comprehensively Address Homelessness and Affordable Housing in Maine"
H.P. 592 L.D. 787

Bill "An Act To Aid Workforce Development"
H.P. 599 L.D. 831

Bill "An Act To Promote Immigrant Workforce Development and Community Integration"
H.P. 600 L.D. 832

Bill "An Act To Exempt Substitutes, Coaches and Temporary Employees in the Education System from Paid Sick Leave Requirements"
H.P. 606 L.D. 838

Bill "An Act To Address Unemployment Issues Facing School Employees"
H.P. 607 L.D. 839

Resolve, To Encourage Employment in the Direct Care Workforce (EMERGENCY)
H.P. 642 L.D. 886

Bill "An Act To Provide Incentives to Unemployed Workers To Become Part of the Caregiver Workforce" (EMERGENCY)
H.P. 654 L.D. 898

Bill "An Act Concerning State Pension Funds and Climate Change"
H.P. 663 L.D. 907

Bill "An Act To Extend Family Medical Leave to Hourly School Employees"
H.P. 668 L.D. 912

Bill "An Act To Ensure Maine Workers' Right To Request a Schedule Change at Their Places of Employment"
H.P. 694 L.D. 938

Bill "An Act Concerning Nondisclosure Agreements in Employment"
H.P. 711 L.D. 965

Bill "An Act To Support Maine's Corrections Officers and E-9-1-1 Dispatchers"
H.P. 735 L.D. 997

Bill "An Act Regarding the Availability of Health Insurance Coverage for Dependents of Certain State Employees"
H.P. 740 L.D. 1002

Bill "An Act To Promote the Integrity of the Unemployment Insurance Program"
H.P. 758 L.D. 1020

Bill "An Act To Make Agricultural Workers and Other Workers Employees under the Wage and Hour Laws"
H.P. 760 L.D. 1022

Resolve, Directing the Workers' Compensation Board To Study the Impact of Workers' Compensation Laws on Certain Public Sector Employees
H.P. 762 L.D. 1024

Bill "An Act To Promote the Sustainability of the State's Unemployment Insurance System by Linking the Duration of Benefits to the State's Average Unemployment Rate"
H.P. 767 L.D. 1032

Come from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator **RAFFERTY** of York, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Increase Transparency in the Legislature by Removing Certain Freedom of Access Act Exemptions"
H.P. 558 L.D. 753

Bill "An Act Regarding Monhegan Plantation"
H.P. 560 L.D. 755

Bill "An Act To Allow Citizens To Petition Government Agencies To Repeal or Modify Occupational Regulations"
H.P. 603 L.D. 835

Bill "An Act To Allow Municipalities To Use Ranked-choice Voting in Municipal Elections"
H.P. 627 L.D. 859

Bill "An Act Concerning Proportional Representation"
H.P. 645 L.D. 889

Bill "An Act To Make Necessary Changes to State Law"
H.P. 651 L.D. 895

Bill "An Act To Ensure the Continuance of a Citizen Legislature by Tying Future Pay to the State Minimum Wage"
H.P. 720 L.D. 974

Bill "An Act To Establish Balance in the Governor's Emergency Powers"
H.P. 726 L.D. 980

Bill "An Act To Establish the Maine Service Fellows Program"
H.P. 748 L.D. 1010

Bill "An Act To Let the Citizens of the State Choose Their State Auditor"
H.P. 755 L.D. 1017

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Allow the Citizens of the State To Elect the Secretary of State, Treasurer of State and Attorney General
H.P. 756 L.D. 1018

Bill "An Act To Promote Transparent Emergency Management"
H.P. 757 L.D. 1019

Come from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator **BALDACCI** of Penobscot, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Provide Municipalities a Percentage of the Revenue Generated from the Taxes Imposed on the Sale of Recreational Marijuana in Those Municipalities"
H.P. 545 L.D. 740

Bill "An Act To Restructure the Taxation of Adult Use Marijuana"
H.P. 598 L.D. 830

Bill "An Act To Clarify Certain Provisions Regarding the Marijuana Excise Tax" (EMERGENCY)
H.P. 639 L.D. 871

Bill "An Act To Protect Maine Veterans from Unfair Consequences of Taxation Policy"
H.P. 653 L.D. 897

Resolve, Establishing the Commission To Study Fair, Equitable and Competitive Tax Policy for Maine's Working Families and Small Businesses (EMERGENCY)
H.P. 712 L.D. 966

Bill "An Act To Base the Motor Vehicle Excise Tax on Actual Sale Price"
H.P. 716 L.D. 970

Bill "An Act Regarding the Educational Opportunity Tax Credit"
H.P. 719 L.D. 973

Bill "An Act Regarding the Maine Educational Opportunity Tax Credit"
H.P. 723 L.D. 977

Bill "An Act To Create an Access to Justice Income Tax Credit"
H.P. 724 L.D. 978

Come from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TAXATION** and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator **CHIPMAN** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TAXATION** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Enhance Compliance with Motor Vehicle Insurance Requirements"
H.P. 604 L.D. 836

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

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

On motion by Senator **DIAMOND** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION**, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Make a Vehicle Registration Violation a Secondary Offense"

H.P. 613 L.D. 845

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

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

On motion by Senator **DIAMOND** of Cumberland, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending **REFERENCE**.

Bill "An Act To Protect Privacy and Security at the Bureau of Motor Vehicles"

H.P. 655 L.D. 899

Resolve, Directing the Department of Transportation To Develop a Plan To Redevelop Exit 5 of Interstate 295 in Portland

H.P. 681 L.D. 925

Come from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator **DIAMOND** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Meet the State's Obligation To Pay 55 Percent of Education Costs"

H.P. 670 L.D. 914

Bill "An Act To Protect Data Privacy and Security in Elections"

H.P. 672 L.D. 916

Bill "An Act To Eliminate Maine Clean Election Act Funding for Candidates in Gubernatorial Races"

H.P. 677 L.D. 921

Bill "An Act To Address Funding for Maine Clean Elections"

H.P. 685 L.D. 929

Bill "An Act To Revise Reporting Requirements for Maine Clean Election Act Expenditures"

H.P. 686 L.D. 930

Bill "An Act To Support Maine's Medical Marijuana Program and Ensure Patient Access"

H.P. 695 L.D. 939

Bill "An Act To Protect the Privacy of Absentee Voters"

H.P. 697 L.D. 941

Bill "An Act To Support Boys and Girls Clubs through Lottery Revenue"

H.P. 704 L.D. 948

Bill "An Act To Strengthen the Integrity of the Maine Clean Election Act by Limiting the Amount of Money Paid to Political Operatives"

H.P. 727 L.D. 981

Bill "An Act To Provide Absentee Ballot Tracking for Maine Voters"

H.P. 751 L.D. 1013

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

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

**Pursuant to Statute
Family Law Advisory Commission**

The **Family Law Advisory Commission**, pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 19-A, section 354, subsection 2 asked leave to report that the accompanying Bill "An Act To Expand Courts' Authority To Protect Children When a Parent Has Been Awarded Sole Parental Rights and Responsibilities"

H.P. 765 L.D. 1030

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

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

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

REFERRED to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218, in concurrence.

**Pursuant to Statute
Permanent Commission on the Status of Racial,
Indigenous and Maine Tribal Populations**

The **Permanent Commission on the Status of Racial, Indigenous and Maine Tribal Populations**, pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 25007, subsection 2, paragraph D asked leave to report that the accompanying Bill "An Act To Provide Funding To Support the Permanent Commission on the Status of Racial, Indigenous and Maine Tribal Populations"

H.P. 768 L.D. 1034

Be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **REFERRED** to the Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Report **READ**.

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

Senate at Ease.

The Senate was called to order by the President.

RECESSED until the sound of the bell.

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

Off Record Remarks

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

House

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act To Make Supplemental Appropriations and Allocations for the Expenditures of State Government and To Change Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2021"

H.P. 155 L.D. 220

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-9)**.

Signed:

Senators:

BREEN of Cumberland
BAILEY of York

Representatives:

PIERCE of Falmouth
CARDONE of Bangor
CLOUTIER of Lewiston
FAY of Raymond
HYMANSON of York
MARTIN of Eagle Lake

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "B" (H-10)**.

Signed:

Senator:

DAVIS of Piscataquis

Representatives:

ARATA of New Gloucester
COREY of Windham
FECTEAU of Augusta
MILLETT of Waterford

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-9)** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-9)**.

Reports **READ**.

On motion by Senator **BREEN** of Cumberland, the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-9)** Report **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-9) **READ**.

On motion by Senator **BREEN** of Cumberland, Senate Amendment "A" (S-18) to Committee Amendment "A" (H-9) **READ**.

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

Senator **BREEN:** Thank you, Mr. President. Men and women of the Senate, almost one year ago the Maine Legislature came together in the face of the growing threat, one we did not fully understand, to pass an emergency Supplemental Budget and do what we could to help Maine families and small businesses weather the storm, and we did this unanimously despite not knowing the damage and loss that was coming. Over the past year every one of us in this Chamber has experienced and witnessed a scope of suffering, personal and economic and social, that none of us imagined last March. It's been profoundly painful and, as elected leaders, we've been called on time and time again to address the many hardships in our local communities and across the state. Across the board, we've all done our level best to respond to our communities. Now we're together again to once again pass a Supplemental Budget, pass new laws, and exercise legislative oversight. With the looming tax deadline around the corner, Maine workers and businesses are anxiously waiting for the Legislature's response to the immediate needs of this crisis and to put critical resources where our state needs them most. This Supplemental Budget proposal is something that every person in this Chamber should be able to get behind. It provides tax relief to more than 160 Maine workers who lost their jobs due to the pandemic. It provides tax relief to more than 28,000 Maine businesses that employ more than 250,000 Mainers, exempting every PPP loan from State income taxes. It provides relief to non-profit social service providers who have struggled to meet the needs of Maine people during this crisis.

However, the core of this proposal is the curtailments across State government pursuant to what Governor Mills ordered last September. Due to the pandemic, Maine's most recent revenue report has us facing a \$225 million shortfall which could leave us out of balance by June 30th of this year. As you know, we're not like the federal government. We can't spend more than what we have, much like most Maine families. We're legally required to have a balanced budget. This Supplemental Budget would put us back on track to do that.

In addition, quite frankly, the Administrations and the Executive Branch deserve a lot of credit for taking the shortfall head on by tightening and reorganizing their priorities. Hiring freezes, delaying projects, and looking under every rock for savings and/or federal funds largely have taken care of the projected shortfall. The other key components of the Supplemental Budget include supporting the Early College Aspirations Program for working class Maine kids; investing in the new Comprehensive Child Welfare Information System; taking steps to mediate pollution known as PFAS; promoting the construction of affordable housing by maximizing Maine's low income housing tax credit; and by setting the annual State contribution to public K-12 education, raising that contribution yet again.

On top of that, the Supplemental Budget proposal requires Legislative oversight for how new, unrestricted federal COVID 19 stimulus money is allocated. When Congress passed the Cares Act last April AFA hosted monthly briefings with parties from all over the state. As budget Chair, I fielded calls from representatives of almost every sector of our economy who made desperate and compelling cases for State relief. At the time, we were preparing for a Special Session, thinking that we might have some say in the spending of the \$1.25 billion of Corona relief funds. Unfortunately, that Special Session never happened and law makers had no formal, legal say in how those funds were allocated. Whether or not you agreed with how the State spent those funds, I think most of us can agree it was frustrating not to have any legal authority. This Supplemental Budget gives the Maine Legislature a seat at the table as we leverage federal funds and rebuild our communities and economy.

All four caucuses agree on most of the components in this proposal. It's a good compromise Supplemental Budget that prioritizes Maine people and businesses over politics. On January 8th, when the Governor first rolled out the Supplemental Budget proposal, there were no exemptions for PPP loans or unemployment benefits. A month later the Administration proposed exempting PPP loans under \$1 million. Last week we voted out of the Committee a report that exempts all PPP loans from State income taxes. My Democratic colleagues and I listened to the businesses in our districts. We listened to what the Chamber of Commerce had to say and we listened to what our Republican colleagues had to say. In the end, we decided that we could make this happen so long as unemployment benefits were also exempted. Both Maine businesses and Maine workers have been hit incredibly hard. Both deserve relief. With the tax deadline on the horizon, Maine people and businesses are once again counting on the Legislature to put politics aside and pass a Supplemental Budget proposal that puts resources where the state needs them most.

I want to address the amendment I just put in. As you know, the federal pandemic relief just passed today and it will sync up with the unemployment benefits tax exemption that's in both reports and so the amendment just makes some small language

changes so that we sync up in language with the State and the federal exemption and it also has a small appropriation so that Maine Revenue Services can do a mailing to Maine taxpayers and explain the changes in the tax law. So, I thank you for your patience in listening to my remarks. I hope you follow my light and support the Supplemental Budget. Thank you.

Senate at Ease.

The Senate was called to order by the President.

On motion by Senator **BREEN** of Cumberland, Senate Amendment "A" (S-18) to Committee Amendment "A" (H-9) **ADOPTED**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-9) as Amended by Senate Amendment "A" (S-18) thereto, **ADOPTED**, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

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

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Piscataquis, Senator Davis.

Senator **DAVIS:** Thank you very much, Mr. President. Mr. President, while I agree with about all my good colleague had to say we, our side of the aisle, believe there is a tax increase in this and therefore we will be opposing the issue, or I will. Thank you.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from York, Senator Bailey.

Senator **BAILEY:** Thank you, Mr. President. Is this on? Okay. Thank you, Mr. President. Mr. President, I rise today to speak in favor of the Supplemental Budget proposal before us. Throughout the discussions the Appropriations Committee had on the Supplemental Budget our goals were clear, to support those who had been most impacted by the COVID 19 pandemic, including Maine's small businesses and working families. As part of good faith negotiations, we listened to and believed our Republican colleagues when they told us their bottom-line was to allow all Maine businesses with forgivable PPP loans be exempt from State income tax. To keep things equitable and fair, we extended this exemption to workers who received unemployment benefits. To us, this just made sense. They say the sign of a good compromise is that no one is entirely happy. I'm proud of the work the Appropriations Committee put into crafting this compromise. While I'm sure not one legislator on the Committee is entirely happy with every detail of this budget, I know it contains measures that will help Maine businesses and people. It provides real relief to those who need it right now. I hope all of my colleagues in the Senate will see this proposal for the smart, fair, fiscally responsible compromise it is and vote in favor of its passage. Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator **SANBORN**: Thank you, Mr. President. Colleagues in the Senate. Should I start over? Okay. Mr. President, I rise today as the owner of a small business in a hard-hit hospitality industry and as a Senator who represents a district with hundreds of other hospitality industry businesses like mine. Almost exactly one year ago I faced the hardest day of my professional life when we shuttered most of our operations on Monday, March 16th, and called in nearly all of our employees to lay them off. My husband and I worried about whether we were going to lose our home. The stakes of this pandemic one year ago today were not distant or abstract for myself or for my constituents, they were personal and immediate and dire. But like thousands of other Maine businesses, we've navigated through the past year with a combination of terror, despair, frustration, hard work, cooperation, and grit. With the help of the federal Paycheck Protection Program and other Cares Act programs, plus a huge dose of creativity, we were able to rehire all of those folks we laid off one year ago, plus more. 2020 was a year of uncertainty. We had hoped that 2021 would be different, allowing our feet to get planted solidly back under us and finding a slow return to normal, because a return to certainty and predictability is what makes businesses thrive. Businesses thrive on certainty. Businesses thrive on predictability. It's March 10th. Our corporate income taxes are due in five days. Just like the other 28,270 Maine businesses, we can't file them until we know whether the expenses that were covered by PPP loans are taxable in Maine. Businesses need certainty about the tax treatment of PPP forgiveness most of all and here we are, having struck a bi-partisan deal on PPP tax conformity over a week ago, a deal that would give businesses certainty, but once that deal was struck the goalpost moved. Our Republican colleagues decided to hold out for a tax scheme that would spend an additional \$32 million on lavish tax giveaways, tax giveaways that I don't understand, that don't relate to the pandemic at all, but would rather allow businesses to go back and amend their 2018 or their 2019 taxes or that allows some sort of large company that may or may not exist in Maine to take advantage of some kind of overseas tax haven. That's not what Maine businesses need. I don't know about you but I haven't had a single constituent or single Maine business reach out to me to tell me that a single item in the Minority Report on this Supplemental Budget is important to them. Instead we continue to hear from businesses that need to know whether the expenses covered by their PPP loan will be taxed by the State. They need certainty. They will be grateful for the tax benefit provided in this Supplemental Budget after having navigated what, for many, has been their most uncertain and most unpredictable twelve months in their professional lives. They need this Supplemental Budget to pass and they need it to pass tonight. Twenty-three thousand two hundred and seventy Maine businesses are counting on the 35 people in this room for their certainty, for their predictability. Let's get this done.

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

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

Senator **POULIOT**: Does this one work? Thank you, Mr. President. Hopefully the mike's working. I can't tell if it's working. No? Senator Hickman says it's working down there. Anyways.

Mr. President, thank you. Men and women of the Senate, thank you. I wanted to respond to Senator Sanborn's comments and, first of all, deepest condolences on the situation that she and so many Maine businesses have had to deal with over this last year. It's been an extreme challenge for sure. But the reality is Republicans have been crystal clear since day one about the fact that full tax conformity was important to us and, without getting into all the details of the aspects of conformity, it's pretty simple. To make sure that tax filers in the state of Maine, businesses, have that certainty that Senator Sanborn talked about, so that every business, in doing their tax filings, knows what it is that they will be getting, which is full conformity with the federal tax code. The reality is that this is something that we could have done a long time ago and we haven't. It's unfortunate that it's come down to the wire like this. We've been discussing this in the Taxation Committee for quite some time and could have had a vote on full tax conformity a while ago. So, I really do hope that my colleagues in this Body will come together and support full tax conformity so that we can move forward. Thank you, Mr. President.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Piscataquis, Senator Davis.

Senator **DAVIS**: Thank you, Mr. President. Mr. President, thank you for having me rise again. Mr. President, one might have to go back to the Great Depression or WWII to find a year there was a greater struggle for Maine businesses than 2020. The added costs required by the pandemic, the lack of visitors to our state who usually flood into our state by the millions, and the outright closures required of them caused great harm to employees and employers alike. From the loss of revenue to outright failure, we've all seen the tremendous negative impact COVID 19 has brought in in just one year. Mr. President, if we are ever going to get back to the prosperity we enjoyed in the years before the Corona virus we, in this room and all of us in State government, need to do all we can to help businesses survive and then to recover from the devastation over the past year. Refusing to conform to the federal tax guidelines is not a good thing. It's bad for Maine people, businesses, and our economy at this critical time. With our employment well below the national average, our employment in December was 5%, unemployment excuse me, was 5%. The national average is 6.7. Our housing market is on fire and other positive signs of economic rebound are all around us. We should not even consider jeopardizing all of this without conforming. For every one of these businesses that we have lost, and has closed, we have seen the loss of State revenue that they once paid disappear. Having survived the pandemic thus far, Maine's business community is finally able to see a brighter future. We can strengthen that hope by conforming our State tax code to the federal counterpart. Maine business surviving this crisis have struggled, suffered, and sacrificed enough. We need to lead by example. This is not the suffering of our business community nor is it demonstrating that we are all in this together or that we all must make sacrifices. Thank you very much, Mr. President.

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

Senator **DIAMOND**: Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, this Payroll Protection Program, sponsored by our own Senator Collins, was a business savior. For many businesses, it came at a critical time. It was critical help and I think we all know people who were able to continue with their business because of it, not to mention all the employees which were allowed to keep their jobs. The first program for 8 weeks, that was successful. But then the next program for 24 weeks was even more successful because people were getting used to what this might do and how to use it and it was no taxing, no taxing on the PPP. We kept hearing that over and over and over. That's not going to happen. Then we started hearing that that may all change and I joined with many others, being as public as I could, and some of my colleagues here, stating my objections to that change as I felt it was imperative that we stick with what we told people and what Congress told people that was going to be about this program. Everyone who worked so hard, everyone, on the Appropriations Committee coming up with an agreement with all thirteen that the tax on a PPP would be exempt and that, ladies and gentlemen, is a victory everybody sitting here can be proud of. That Committee came together on the most important piece of that Supplemental Budget. The other issues that go with this, FITI and a few others, most people don't even know what that is. I checked with the Maine Chamber, I checked some regional Chambers, I checked with some business people. They had no idea about the other. Their whole focus was on what this Committee was successful in doing, and that is coming together with an agreement that that would be exempt, those taxes would be exempt. For everyone that supported the tax exempt, we're just where we wanted to be. You got us there. We're there. This is what we all wanted. The thousands of businesses in this state. We've accomplished a great deal by passing this budget with that in it and they're depending on us, ladies and gentlemen, to get it done. What means the most to them is to taking care of that tax. Again, I can't express my appreciation enough to the 13 members on AFA that came to that agreement. You did the job. Now we need to take the victory lap so that people back home know what we've all done. Thank you, Mr. President.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from York, Senator Lawrence.

Senator **LAWRENCE**: Thank you, Mr. President. Men and women of the Senate, you know, as I hear these arguments I think back. I voted for many a budget in this Chamber and I've had the opportunity to vote for many a budget. I can't even remember how many, 12, somewhere between 12 to 20, and every single budget I could have found something in it that I didn't like. In any budget you can find something in it that you don't like and an excuse not to vote for it. The fact is that putting this FITI in will not get us to full conformity. Even if we put it in we would not be at full conformity and there's not one single state in this nation that is at full conformity with the federal government. All it is is an excuse not to vote for this budget. This budget passes great relief for Mainers, does what we need on PPP, and gets relief to unemployed in Maine and I call on everybody in this Body to do what is right, get this budget passed, and let's help Mainers. Thank you.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Androscoggin, Senator Timberlake.

Senator **TIMBERLAKE**: Is my mike working? Yup. Thank you. Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, I've been told here tonight that we moved the goalpost. That's not true. We never once moved the goalpost. Our goalpost was set from day one with total tax conformity. That hasn't changed today and it hasn't changed then. I will tell you what happened was on last Thursday the Appropriations Committee met again to report out this budget. At about 3 o'clock in the afternoon we heard about the first change and it was to add the \$10,200 to the unemployment, which none of us had any problems with because a Republican never has a problem with giving a tax cut and our caucus didn't. That's the first time we heard about it and that came with a \$47 million bill. We threw the option out of we needed to have FITI because it was the one thing that still Maine businesses and the good Senator, I don't know where Senator Diamond's from, which county are you from, Cumberland, I thought so. The good Senator from Cumberland said nobody knows really what it does. Well, I can tell you, I've been studying it all weekend and I don't think I still know exactly what it does. But I do know that it effects Maine businesses by about \$8.4 to \$8.7 million. So, no matter how you look at it today, no matter what you think, if you eliminate this, because as I know, what I've been told, is this law was in effect last year. You're raising taxes on Maine businesses, certain Maine businesses, by somewhere between \$8.4 and \$8.7 million. Now, I've never been in favor of raising taxes. I'm always in favor of lowering taxes. The other thing we learned today was that the federal government has passed the Cares Act money, which I know we're hearing anywhere from \$1.4 to \$2 billion to however many billions but we know we got over \$1 billion coming to the State of Maine in Cares Act money, to help the people of the state of Maine, to help the hardworking Mainers, to help all these businesses because my business, like every other business, has had its struggles too. But it's important that we take care of all of the businesses in the state of Maine, all of them, and \$8.4 million may not seem like much of a tax hike for a lot of you but it's a big tax hike to me, and that's what we're fighting over here today. An \$8.4 billion budget and we're arguing over \$8.4 million. I think that we support the Minority Budget and we can move on and we can do all the things that you guys have asked for, that everybody's talked about. I'm sorry, but I disagree. I think that we need to take care of all of the Maine businesses and that's what I'm going to vote to do tonight, take care of all of the Maine businesses in Maine. Thank you very much.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Somerset, Senator Farrin.

Senator **FARRIN**: Thank you, Mr. President. I was going to hold my powder dry, as they say, until we went through some of the procedures that we go through but my colleague, Senator Lawrence from York, made a comment that, you know, Republicans are just using this as a reason to vote against the budget and I wasn't part of the conversations. I want to talk about the good work that I do believe the folks on AFA did and have done, but there's a group that no one's talking about today, and I've talked to some of my colleagues through, and that's our veterans here in the state of Maine. On February 5th VLA sent our letter to Appropriations agreeing with the vast majority of the initiatives put through in the Supplemental Budget, the vast majority, recognizing the hard work that the Bureau does on behalf of our veterans here in the state of Maine. But there were

three major initiatives that we disagreed with and we voted 12 to nothing, Representatives, Senators, Democrats, Republicans, and sent that message to AFA that these were things that we felt impacted the veterans here in the state of Maine. Specifically, a position that was dedicated and put into public law in 2019, I believe, and I can forward some of this information in the letter that the Committee sent, for a Homeless Coordinator, and that's a pretty big, important position, I believe, that many of us, is our homeless veterans. There was also some deferment that we get a federal plot fund, that we get money when we bury a Maine veteran here in the state of Maine, and we're taking money from that to help towards the General Fund. This is all, it's there and I'm not voting for this budget until we address those issues within that letter that Veterans and Legal Affairs sent to AFA and addresses our veteran issues. Thank you, Mr. President.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Androscoggin, Senator Libby.

Senator **LIBBY:** Thank you, Mr. President. Sorry about that. Men and women of the Senate, as you all know, I've stepped back from my other position so I've not been involved in these negotiations as I once was, but I do have a fair number of years working on tax conformity packages in prior service and foreign derived and tangible income deductions and benefits is not a subject that we discuss very much in early negotiations on conformity and so I'm sort of surprised that at just a few days before tax filing deadline here in the Civic Center trying to get a tax bill passed so that the 20 plus thousand Maine businesses can file their taxes, that foreign derived and tangible income benefits are one of the major hang-ups considering the Democrats moved pretty substantially towards the Republicans demands on full conformity around PPP forgiveness and so I think it's important for context here for everyone to have a sense of where Maine Revenue Services stands on this additional tax benefit that's been triggered because of actions by the federal government. So, foreign derived and tangible income benefits, or FITI as we've heard here today, are not something that most Maine businesses are familiar with and Maine Revenue Services analysis, they found in tax year 2018 that Maine filers, there were about 225 corporations that took this tax benefit. About 225 out of that 20,000. But these are businesses that do business in Maine and can file Maine taxes, so they are not necessarily 225 Maine businesses and, in fact, the number of filers that took advantage of FITI a couple of tax years ago that had Maine addresses was less than ten. Less than ten businesses, according to Maine Revenue Services, took advantage of this tax program in tax year 2018. So, I understand some arguments have been made but Democrats have moved quite a ways towards the middle and, quite frankly, far pass the middle to come up with a deal. Senator Timberlake, my colleague from Androscoggin, laid out clearly his position from day one and, if that was the position from day one, he appears to still be in that position today. Five days before tax filing deadline, fighting for less than ten Maine companies' tax benefit here, putting at risk PPP conformity for forgiveness for over 20,000 Maine businesses. The points been made, the negotiations been long, but it's time to come together and get this thing done. Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator **BREEN:** Thank you, Mr. President. I want to put to rest the fallacy that this tax conformity issue is black and white. In fact, it's quite gray. It's not all or nothing. It is all on PPP but in the Administration's change package they did conform to certain provisions in those extra sections of the new federal tax law and they were guided by some principles and values that our committee, the Majority Report, thought made sense. So, it's gray, that remaining part. We're not completely out of conformity. We're somewhat in conformity, guided by the following underlying values: that it's consistent with underlying Maine tax law; that it's related to tax year 2020, not tax year '19, not tax year 2018, as it was in the feds; and it's related to the pandemic. So, with those three values in mind, there is conformity. It might not be 100% but, from our point of view, it's conformity that makes sense with Maine law and with the times, and it's the times that drove this committee and it's the times that I hope will guide us in our final votes. Thank you.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Oxford, Senator Bennett.

Senator **BENNETT:** Thank you, Mr. President. I request permission to pose a question through the Chair. To anyone, any Senator, who may have information and wishes to respond, can someone please give some examples of Maine businesses that use this foreign derived and tangible income benefit and how it affects them. Thank you.

THE PRESIDENT: The Senator from Oxford, Senator Bennett, poses a question through the Chair to anyone that may be able to answer. The Chair recognizes the Senator from Kennebec, Senator Pouliot.

Senator **POULIOT:** (Due to technical difficulties, some remarks on this matter are not audible.)
(?) pushing the button, I promise. It's not working. It's on. It's not lit. I'll get this figured out eventually by the end of session. Thank you very much. Mr. President, I think it's working. Is it working? Okay. (?) It's going to be (?).

Mr. President, thank you very much. I just want to be crystal clear about something. We're not discussing just FITI. This is \$24 million of items beyond just foreign derived and tangible. So, I think it's a mischaracterization and I wanted to clear up the record that we're not just talking about FITI here and some esoteric, you know, tax benefit to a small, minute number of businesses. There's actually a whole host of items that were not included in the Governor's package proposal and then beyond that there were some things that were incorporated and some weren't. So, we're talking more like \$24 million worth of tax increases here, not just \$8 million of FITI. So, I just want to be clear about that. The second thing I want to be clear about is really this false narrative that, you know, we're waiting until the last minute here to discuss this when the Tax Committee had discussions about conformity and we voted this out a number of weeks ago. At any point in time leadership could have asked for the Legislature to come back in for a legislative day. We're now on March 10th and we're having our second legislative day. Frankly, to me, that's an embarrassment. So, we really could have addressed this issue a long time ago and made sure that tax conformity is something that was dealt with a number of weeks ago. So, I just - you know I understand there's a disagreement

here and that's not going to change based on what anybody says but I just want to make sure that the record is clear about the facts, that the reality is we could have been talking about this quite some time ago and it's more than just FITI that we're discussing here. We're talking about conformity for Maine businesses across the full spectrum. Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator **DAUGHTRY:** Aw ha, the light is on. Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, I rise to echo some of the sentiments that we've heard tonight from some of our colleagues, but especially the comments from the good Senator from Cumberland. My business was made in part possible because of the work of those who have come before me, including my good colleague from Portland, and, like her, it was a Maine dream for me to be able to open those doors and, I'll never forget, my business was about to celebrate our second anniversary. I was excitedly planning beer releases, parties, events, live music. But instead of spending that day celebrating, the day we had planned to have a massive kick-off our staff came together and I had to furlough employees on what had been a dream of mine for over a decade. But I know everyone here has stories not only in their own businesses but from their communities. We've heard from people hurting from their start ups to losing the dream job that they had worked their entire lives to be able to have. Every day in my business we are navigating this pandemic. We have to make a plan. Things change. We have to correct course just to be able to keep our doors open, and that's what we're exactly here with this Supplemental Budget. Things changed. Numbers changed. We had a once in a lifetime, unprecedented event occur that made it so we had to get to this point. The report in front of us not only helped my own industry but all of Maine. This supports more than 20,270 businesses who participated in the Paycheck Protection Program which, we've all heard and seen from our constituents, literally kept the doors open. We're hearing calls over and over again for total tax conformity, but this isn't what Maine businesses need. If you look down Main Street, this is not what's going to keep the doors open. In fact, we're having conversations about programs like FITI, which I guarantee is not what folks are concerned about. We're having a debate over portion of tax conformity that are three martini luncheon write-offs or corporate, you know, giveaway to folks who use tax havens. Not someone who's starting a farm for the first time or looking at opening maybe their own daycare. We're looking at supporting a report that makes sure that all Mainers are included. But we talked a lot about businesses, and I did want to stand very quickly and mention that this is about so much more and it's so much bigger. This Majority Report benefits all Mainers from Wallagrass to Jonesport, from Arundel to Blue Hill. It's supports Mainers. It's about 160,000 Mainers who lost their jobs providing a meaningful \$200 up to \$500 potential relief on their taxes for those who have had to go through losing their jobs. It provides targeted relief for direct care workers. It helps early college, a passion of my own, and it makes sure that we're working towards affordable housing. I could go on but I'll remind all of us today to remember that this budget is about making sure that we're getting back on course. Changes happen and this report makes sure not only are we getting back on the right course but we're working for all of Maine. I urge you to follow my light.

Senate at Ease.

The Senate was called to order by the President.

Senator **VITELLI** of Sagadahoc requested and received leave of the Senate to withdraw her request for a Roll Call.

On motion by Senator **FARRIN** of Somerset, the Senate **RECONSIDERED** whereby it **ADOPTED** Committee Amendment "A" (H-9) as Amended by Senate Amendment "A" (S-18) thereto, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

On further motion by same Senator, Senate Amendment "B" (S-19) to Committee Amendment "A" (H-9) **READ**.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Somerset, Senator Farrin.

Senator **FARRIN:** Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, I present this Senate Amendment "B" on the heels of the conversation we had earlier this afternoon, specifically the recommendation from the Veterans and Legal Affairs Committee dealing with the Maine Bureau of Veterans Services. I wish to thank all those involved to help move this amendment forward and I look forward to your support on this amendment. Thank you, Mr. President.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Hancock, Senator Luchini.

Senator **LUCHINI:** Thank you, Mr. President. Mr. President, ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, I want to rise in support of the pending amendment brought forward by my colleague from Somerset, Senator Farrin. As the Senator said, this would incorporate some of the unanimous reports that came out of the Veterans and Legal Affairs Committee. While the dollar amount on first look may not seem huge, I can assure you that the impact is enormous and the statement that it makes is even bigger and I thank my friend from Somerset, Senator Farrin, for bringing this forward. I've worked with the Senator for a long time on the Veterans and Legal Affairs Committee. I've always been impressed by the ferocity with which he fights for Maine's veterans. So, I think this is a great amendment and something we can stand behind. Thank you, Mr. President.

On motion by Senator **FARRIN** of Somerset, Senate Amendment "B" (S-19) to Committee Amendment "A" (H-9) **ADOPTED**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-9) as Amended by Senate Amendments "A" (S-18) and "B" (S-19) thereto, **ADOPTED**, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

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

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

Off Record Remarks

Senator **POULIOT:** Thank you, Mr. President. My speaker finally works. This is great. Mr. President, men and women of the Senate, we certainly are very supportive of our veterans and wanting to make sure that this funding moves forward. Unfortunately, we've been crystal clear from the very beginning about what our priority was. It's interesting. I was having a conversation with a fellow legislator last week who now works for the Administration and he said to me, 'You know, what's funny about Republicans, we never really hear from them, like, what their priorities are.' I can say very surely that this legislative session on this particular issue that's definitely not the case. We've been very clear about where we're at from the very beginning. We've not moved any of the goalposts or changed anything. So, while I'm very supportive of Senator Farrin's amendment and this being added in, at this time I don't think it's enough to get us to where we need to be. Thank you, Mr. President.

Senate at Ease.

The Senate was called to order by the President.

Off Record Remarks

On motion by Senator **VITELLI** of Sagadahoc, **ADJOURNED** until Thursday, March 11, 2021 at 10:00 in the morning in memory of and lasting tribute to George Smith of Mt. Vernon.

THE PRESIDENT: The pending question before the Senate is Engrossment of L.D. 220. If you're in favor you'll be voting yes. If you're opposed you'll be voting no. Is the Senate ready for the question?

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#53)

YEAS: Senators: BAILEY, BALDACCI, BENNETT, BREEN, BRENNER, CARNEY, CHIPMAN, CLAXTON, CURRY, DAUGHTRY, DESCHAMBAULT, DIAMOND, DILL, FARRIN, HICKMAN, LAWRENCE, LIBBY, LUCHINI, MAXMIN, MIRAMANT, RAFFERTY, SANBORN, VITELLI, PRESIDENT JACKSON

NAYS: Senators: BLACK, CYRWAY, DAVIS, GUERIN, MOORE, POULIOT, ROSEN, STEWART, TIMBERLAKE, WOODSOME

EXCUSED: Senator: KEIM

24 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 10 Senators having voted in the negative, with 1 Senator being excused, the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-9) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENTS "A" (S-18) AND "B" (S-19)** thereto, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

Sent down for concurrence.

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