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In Senate Room at the Augusta Civic Center
Thursday
March 11, 2021

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

Prayer by the Honorable Marcia Homstead of Lewiston.

MS. HOMSTEAD: Good morning. Heavenly Father, there have been times in this past year of uncertainty, where many of us have found it difficult to be thankful for Your abundant blessings. Lord, we ask that You open our eyes to see and be thankful for the gifts that You bestowed upon us and to open our hearts so that we each may use those gifts to help those less fortunate. Your word tells us to clothe ourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. We pray that You would give us the courage to live each day sharing Your word through our actions, seeking You first in all we do. We pray all this in the name of Your son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Senator Donna Bailey of York County.

Reading of the Journal of Wednesday, March 10, 2021.

Off Record Remarks

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

Joint Resolutions

The following Joint Resolution:

H.P. 438

**JOINT RESOLUTION
MAKING APPLICATION TO THE CONGRESS OF
THE UNITED STATES CALLING AN ARTICLE V
CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION TO PROPOSE
AN AMENDMENT TO THE UNITED STATES
CONSTITUTION TO IMPOSE CONGRESSIONAL
TERM LIMITS**

WHEREAS, under the United States Constitution, Article V, the Congress of the United States, whenever two-thirds of both Houses shall deem it necessary, shall propose amendments to the United States Constitution, or, on the application of the

legislatures of two-thirds of the several states, shall call a convention for proposing amendments that, in either case, shall be valid to all intents and purposes, as part of the United States Constitution, when ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several states, or by conventions in three-fourths thereof, as the one or the other mode of ratification may be proposed by the Congress; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the Legislature of Maine hereby applies to the Congress of the United States, under the provisions of Article V of the United States Constitution, to call a convention of the states limited to proposing an amendment to the United States Constitution to set a limit on the number of terms that a person may be elected to the United States House of Representatives and to set a limit on the number of terms that a person may be elected to the United States Senate; and be it further

RESOLVED: That this application is intended to address the same subject matter as applications from other states under the provisions of Article V of the United States Constitution to call a convention to set a limit on the number of terms that a person may be elected to the United States House of Representatives and the United States Senate; and this application must be aggregated with the same for the purpose of attaining the two-thirds of states necessary to require Congress to call a limited convention on this subject, but may not be aggregated with any other applications on any other subject; and be it further

RESOLVED: That this application constitutes a continuing application in accordance with Article V of the United States Constitution until the legislatures of at least two-thirds of the several states have made applications on the same subject; and be it further

RESOLVED: That suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the Secretary of the Senate and presiding officers of both houses of the legislatures of each of the several states in the nation, the Speaker and Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, the President and Secretary of the United States Senate and each member of the Maine Congressional Delegation.

Comes from the House, **READ** and **REFERRED** to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT**.

READ and **REFERRED** to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT**, in concurrence.

The following Joint Resolution:

H.P. 467

**JOINT RESOLUTION
MAKING APPLICATION TO THE CONGRESS OF
THE UNITED STATES CALLING AN ARTICLE V
CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION TO PROPOSE
AN AMENDMENT TO THE UNITED STATES
CONSTITUTION TO IMPOSE FISCAL RESTRAINTS
ON THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, LIMIT THE
POWER AND JURISDICTION OF THE FEDERAL
GOVERNMENT AND LIMIT THE TERMS OF
OFFICE FOR FEDERAL GOVERNMENT
OFFICIALS AND MEMBERS OF CONGRESS**

WHEREAS, the United States Constitution empowered state legislators to be guardians of liberty against future abuses of power by the Federal Government; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Government has created a crushing national debt through improper and imprudent spending; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Government has invaded the legitimate roles of the states through the manipulative process of federal mandates, most of which are unfunded to a great extent; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Government has ceased to live under a proper interpretation of the United States Constitution; and

WHEREAS, it is the solemn duty of the states to protect the liberty of the American people, particularly for the generations to come, by proposing amendments to the United States Constitution for the purpose of restraining these and related abuses of power; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the Legislature of Maine respectfully applies to the Congress of the United States to call a convention for the specific and exclusive purpose of proposing amendments to the United States Constitution that impose fiscal restraints on the Federal Government, limit the power and jurisdiction of the Federal Government and limit the terms of office for federal government officials and members of Congress; and be it further

RESOLVED: That this application by this body constitutes a continuing application in accordance with the United States Constitution, Article V until at least two-thirds of the legislatures of the several states have made similar application pursuant to Article V; and be it further

RESOLVED: That suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the presiding officers of both houses of the legislatures of each of the several states in the nation, the Speaker and the Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, the President and the Secretary of the United States Senate and each member of the Maine Congressional Delegation.

Comes from the House, **READ** and **REFERRED** to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT**.

READ and **REFERRED** to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT**, in concurrence.

The following Joint Resolution:

H.P. 439

**JOINT RESOLUTION
HONORING UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE
JOHN LEWIS**

WHEREAS, the Honorable John Robert Lewis was a beloved Georgia congressional representative, a political force and an ally for marginalized people everywhere; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lewis served as the United States Representative for Georgia's Fifth Congressional District for more than 3 decades; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lewis was considered a moral conscience of Congress because of his belief in a nonviolent fight for civil rights; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lewis' passion for equal rights was backed by a long record of action that included dozens of arrests during protests against racial and social injustice; and

WHEREAS, as a follower and colleague of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Mr. Lewis participated in lunch counter sit-ins, joined the Freedom Riders in challenging segregated buses and, at the age of 23, was a keynote speaker at the historic 1963 March on Washington; and

WHEREAS, at age 25, Mr. Lewis helped lead a march for voting rights on the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma, Alabama, where he and other marchers were met by heavily armed state and local police who attacked them with clubs, fracturing his skull; and

WHEREAS, images from that day, now known as "Bloody Sunday," shocked the nation and galvanized support for the Voting Rights Act of 1965, signed into law by President Lyndon B. Johnson; and

WHEREAS, in 2011, after more than 50 years on the front lines of the civil rights movement, Mr. Lewis was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom by President Barack Obama, the first African-American President of the United States; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lewis is recognized as a great American statesman, patriot and champion of democracy; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lewis was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in December 2019 and passed away July 17, 2020; 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 life and legacy of the Honorable John Robert Lewis, a great leader and a civil rights icon, and urge the citizens of the State to recognize the importance of preserving civil liberties for all.

Comes from the House, **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

The Joint Resolution was **READ**.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Kennebec, Senator Hickman.

Senator **HICKMAN:** Thank you, Mr. President. Mr. President, women and men of the Senate, five and a half years ago I went to our nation's capital to receive the Angels in Adoption Award for which I was nominated by Senator Angus King. There I met civil rights icon John Lewis on the steps of the U.S. Capitol. He shook my hand, we talked, and then he grabbed my elbow. When a Black man, an elder, grabs your elbow he is telling you that he entrusts you to carry forward the work, his work, the struggle for voting rights and racial justice. In that moment he bestowed upon me a blessing and implored me to keep up the good fight and cause some good trouble. I stand on his shoulders. I suppose then that it is serendipitous that this Resolution would be before this robust Body today, just one day after I was sworn into the Maine Senate to become the first Black man elected to both Bodies of the Maine Legislature. The legacy of John Lewis lingers on and so, in his memory, I leave you with his last will and testament, if you will, to all of us, a testament he wrote just a few days before he fell on July 17th. These are his words: 'While my time here has now come to an end, I want you to know that in the last days and hours of my life you inspired me. You fill me with hope about the next chapter of the great American story when

you used your power to make a difference in our society. Millions of people, motivated simply by human compassion, lay down the burdens of division. Around this country and the world, you set aside race, class, age, language, and nationality to demand respect for human dignity. That is why I had to visit Black Lives Matter Plaza in Washington, though I was admitted to the hospital the following day. I just had to see and feel it for myself, that after many years of silent witness, the truth is still marching on. Emmett Till was my George Floyd. He was my Rayshart Brooks, Sandra Bland, and Breonna Taylor. He was 14 when he was killed and I was only 15 years old at that time. I will never, ever forget the moment when it became so clear that he easily could have been me. In those days, fear constrained us like an imaginary prison and troubling thoughts of potential brutality committed for no understandable reason were the bars. Though I was surrounded by two loving parents, plenty of brothers, sisters, and cousins, their love could not protect me from the unholy oppression waiting just outside that family circle. Unchecked, unrestrained violence and government sanctioned terror had the power to turn a simple stroll to the store for some Skittles or an innocent morning job down a lonesome country road into a nightmare. If we are to survive as one unified nation, we must discover what so readily takes root in our hearts that could rob a Mother Emmanuel Church in South Carolina of her brightest and best, shoot unwitting concert-goers in Las Vegas, and choke to death the hopes and dreams of a gifted violinist like Elijah McClean.'

Like so many young people today, Mr. President, I was searching for a way out, or some might say a way in, and then I heard the voice of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. on an old radio. He was talking about the philosophy and discipline of non-violence. He said, 'We are all complicit when we tolerate injustice.' He said, 'It is not enough to say it will get better by and by.' He said, 'Each of us has a moral obligation to stand up, speak up, and speak out. When you see something that is not right, you must say something. You must do something. Democracy is not a state, it is an act and each generation must do its part to help build what we called the Beloved Community, a nation and world society at peace with itself. Ordinary people with extraordinary vision can redeem the soul of America by getting in what I call good trouble, necessary trouble. Voting and participating in the democratic process are key. The vote is the most powerful, non-violent, change agent you have in a democratic society. You must use it because it is not guaranteed. You can lose it. You must also study and learn the lessons of history because humanity has been involved in the soul-wrenching, existential struggle for a very long time. People on every continent have stood in your shoes through decades and centuries before you. The truth does not change and that is why the answers worked out long ago can help you find solutions to the challenges of our time. Continue to build union between movements stretching across the globe because we must put away our willingness to profit from the exploitation of others. Though I may not be here with you, I urge you to answer the highest calling of your heart and stand up for what you truly believe. In my life, I have done all I can to demonstrate that the way of peace, the way of love, and non-violence is the more excellent way. Now it is your turn to let freedom ring. When historians pick up their pens to write the story of the 21st Century, let them say that it was your generation who laid down the heavy burdens of hate at last and that peace finally triumphed over violence, aggression, and war. So I say to you, walk with the wind, Brothers and Sisters, and let the spirit of

peace and power and everlasting love be your guide.' Thank you, Mr. President.

The Joint Resolution was **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

The following Joint Resolution:

H.P. 705

**JOINT RESOLUTION
RECOGNIZING MARCH 2021 AS
AMERICAN RED CROSS MONTH**

WHEREAS, March 2021 is American Red Cross Month, a special time to honor the kindness of our neighbors who help individuals and families in need every day in the State, across the United States and around the world; and

WHEREAS, Maine citizens are local, national and global humanitarians, even in the midst of a pandemic, carrying out the American Red Cross's 140-year mission of preventing and alleviating human suffering; and

WHEREAS, the American Red Cross aspires to turn compassion into action, and American Red Cross volunteers help others when there is a need; and

WHEREAS, during these trying times, Maine citizens in supporting the American Red Cross have helped their neighbors get back on their feet after devastating home fires, assisted communities across the country to face record-breaking hurricanes and wildfires and rolled up their sleeves to give blood when our country faced a severe blood shortage; and

WHEREAS, thanks to the American Red Cross's statewide community of volunteers and partners, people in the State facing a disaster can meet their basic emergency needs, including having access to safe shelter, food and critical health and mental health services, for free, day or night; and

WHEREAS, because of the American Red Cross's work, children and youths in the State know how to prepare for and stay safe during a disaster, people have working smoke alarms and emergency escape plans and there are always trained individuals nearby ready to use their skills to save lives; and

WHEREAS, due to the American Red Cross's efforts and local communities hosting blood drives and donating life-saving blood, anyone can access life-saving blood and blood products and we have a stable blood supply that helped to extend or save the lives of more than 400,000 people last year; and

WHEREAS, military personnel, veterans and their families have access to global emergency communication services and the support they need to cope with deployments and reintegrating with the community because of the American Red Cross; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Thirtieth Legislature now assembled in the First Regular Session, pause in our deliberations, nearly 200 years since the birth of American Red Cross founder Clara Barton, to proclaim March 2021 as American Red Cross Month throughout the State and encourage all citizens of the State to participate in the humanitarian mission of the American Red Cross and advance Clara Barton's noble legacy.

Comes from the House, **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

READ and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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The following Joint Resolution:

H.P. 729

January 12, 2021

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

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

Dear Mr. Speaker and Mr. President:

On January 11, 2021, 80 bills were received by the Clerk of the House.

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, these bills were referred to the Joint Standing Committees on January 11, 2021, as follows:

Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

Bill "An Act To Invest in the Stewardship and Management of Properties Acquired with the Proceeds from the Land for Maine's Future Fund or the Public Access to Maine Waters Fund" (H.P. 31) (L.D. 65) (Sponsored by Representative O'NEIL of Saco) (Cosponsored by Senator: MAXMIN of Lincoln) (Submitted by the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act To Improve Livestock and Poultry Preparation" (H.P. 32) (L.D. 66) (Sponsored by Representative DUNPHY of Old Town) (Cosponsored by Representative: LANDRY of Farmington) (Submitted by the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act To Amend the Removal Process Applicable to the Position of State Supervisor of the Forest Protection Unit of the Bureau of Forestry" (H.P. 56) (L.D. 90) (Sponsored by Representative SKOLFIELD of Weld) (Submitted by the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Establish a Right to Food (H.P. 61) (L.D. 95) (Sponsored by Representative FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor) (Cosponsored by Senator MIRAMANT of Knox and Representatives: CONNOR of Lewiston, DUNPHY of Old Town, FECTEAU of Augusta, LANDRY of Farmington, LIBBY of Auburn, PLUECKER of Warren, POIRIER of Skowhegan, SAMPSON of Alfred)

Bill "An Act To Improve the Animal Welfare Laws" (H.P. 69) (L.D. 103) (Sponsored by Representative PLUECKER of Warren) (Submitted by the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

**JOINT RESOLUTION
RECOGNIZING MARCH 2021 AS SOCIAL WORK MONTH**

WHEREAS, social workers have paved the way for change by enhancing the well-being of all people, especially the most vulnerable in society; and

WHEREAS, social workers have helped lead the nation's struggle for social justice and continue to advocate for positive social change and, more than the members of any other profession, social workers recognize that more must be done to address the persistent social problems that plague the State; and

WHEREAS, social workers support diverse families in every community and understand that individuals and communities together can bring about change; and

WHEREAS, social workers advocate for the rights of the disadvantaged and oppressed; and

WHEREAS, social workers advocate for children's rights to a safe environment and a good education; and

WHEREAS, social workers advocate for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer rights; and

WHEREAS, social workers work to ensure good care is provided to older adults; and

WHEREAS, social workers help provide community support for veterans and their families after their service; and

WHEREAS, social workers strive to improve access to mental health treatment and health care services in order to save lives; and

WHEREAS, social workers effect change and put the ideals of citizenship into action every day through legislative, regulatory and social policy efforts; 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 March 2021 as Social Work Month; and be it further

RESOLVED: That suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the University of Maine, Orono, School of Social Work; the University of Maine, Presque Isle, College of Professional Programs and Education, Social Work; the University of Southern Maine, School of Social Work; the University of New England, School of Social Work; and St. Joseph's College, Social Work program.

Comes from the House, **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

READ and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: H.P. 86

Appropriations and Financial Affairs

Bill "An Act Making Certain Supplemental Appropriations and Allocations and Changing Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 8) (L.D. 42) (Sponsored by Representative PIERCE of Falmouth)

Bill "An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Invest in Infrastructure To Address Sea Level Rise" (H.P. 15) (L.D. 49) (Sponsored by Representative BRENNAN of Portland)
 Bill "An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Invest in Housing for Persons Who Are Homeless" (H.P. 16) (L.D. 50) (Sponsored by Representative BRENNAN of Portland)

Bill "An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Replace and Repair Bureau of Forestry Aircraft" (H.P. 41) (L.D. 75) (Sponsored by Representative DUNPHY of Old Town) (Submitted by the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Criminal Justice and Public Safety

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Post-conviction Review in Order To Facilitate the Fair Hearing of All Newly Discovered Evidence" (H.P. 20) (L.D. 54) (Sponsored by Representative EVANGELOS of Friendship) (Cosponsored by Senator MIRAMANT of Knox and Representatives: HARNETT of Gardiner, PLUECKER of Warren, TALBOT ROSS of Portland, WARREN of Hallowell, Senators: BAILEY of York, CARNEY of Cumberland)

Bill "An Act To Improve Information Sharing by Criminal Justice Agencies with Government Agencies Responsible for Investigating Child or Adult Abuse" (H.P. 24) (L.D. 58) (Sponsored by Representative HARNETT of Gardiner) (Submitted by the Department of Public Safety pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act Regarding the Northeastern Interstate Forest Fire Protection Compact" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 29) (L.D. 63) (Sponsored by Representative PLUECKER of Warren) (Submitted by the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Education and Cultural Affairs

Bill "An Act To Establish the Summer Success Pilot Program Fund" (H.P. 10) (L.D. 44) (Sponsored by Representative PIERCE of Falmouth)

Bill "An Act To Protect Minority Religious Groups by Eliminating the Prior Approval Requirement for a School Absence for a Recognized Religious Holiday" (H.P. 21) (L.D. 55) (Sponsored by Representative FECTEAU of Augusta) (Cosponsored by Representative: HARNETT of Gardiner)

Bill "An Act To Introduce a Career and Fiscal Management Elective Course at the High School Level" (H.P. 34) (L.D. 68) (Sponsored by Representative CROCKETT of Portland)

Bill "An Act To Allow a Parent or Guardian of a Student Who Has Been Affected by COVID-19 To Keep the Student in the Student's Current Grade Level" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 36) (L.D. 70) (Sponsored by Representative FECTEAU of Augusta) (Cosponsored by Senator POULIOT of Kennebec and Representatives: DRINKWATER of Milford, FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor, RUDNICKI of Fairfield, SAMPSON of Alfred)

Bill "An Act To Increase the State Share of the Cost of Health Insurance for Retired Teachers" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 50) (L.D. 84) (Sponsored by Representative FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor) (Cosponsored by Senator WOODSOME of York and Representatives: DRINKWATER of Milford, FECTEAU of Augusta, ROCHE of Wells, STEARNS of Guilford)

Bill "An Act To Create Fairness in the Treatment of Students by Retaining Students with Certain Vaccine Exemptions" (H.P. 62) (L.D. 96) (Sponsored by Representative FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor) (Cosponsored by Senator GUERIN of Penobscot and Representatives: GREENWOOD of Wales, GRIGNON of Athens, POIRIER of Skowhegan, RUDNICKI of Fairfield, SAMPSON of Alfred)

Bill "An Act To Protect the Health of Student Athletes by Requiring the Establishment of Procedures To Report Concussions" (H.P. 70) (L.D. 104) (Sponsored by Representative BRENNAN of Portland)

Energy, Utilities and Technology

Resolve, To Provide for Participation of the State in the Planning and Negotiations for the Atlantic Loop Energy Project (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 48) (L.D. 82) (Sponsored by Representative KESSLER of South Portland)

Bill "An Act To Clarify the Meaning of 'Unserviced Area' within the State's Broadband Service Laws" (H.P. 49) (L.D. 83) (Sponsored by Representative RISEMAN of Harrison)

Bill "An Act To Prohibit Offshore Wind Energy Development" (H.P. 67) (L.D. 101) (Sponsored by Representative FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor) (Cosponsored by Senator DAVIS of Piscataquis and Representatives: GIFFORD of Lincoln, GRIGNON of Athens, MASON of Lisbon, O'CONNOR of Berwick, PARRY of Arundel, THORNE of Carmel, TUELL of East Machias, WADSWORTH of Hiram)

Environment and Natural Resources

Bill "An Act To Reduce the Landfilling of Municipal Solid Waste" (H.P. 23) (L.D. 57) (Sponsored by Representative TUCKER of Brunswick) (Cosponsored by Senator CHIPMAN of Cumberland)

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine Regarding Environmental Rights (H.P. 30) (L.D. 64) (Sponsored by Representative O'NEIL of Saco)

Bill "An Act To Assist in the Restoration of Atlantic Salmon" (H.P. 33) (L.D. 67) (Sponsored by Representative MARTIN of Sinclair) (Submitted by the Department of Environmental Protection pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act To Reduce Duplicative Permitting Review for Projects under the Site Location of Development Laws" (H.P. 35) (L.D. 69) (Sponsored by Representative TUCKER of Brunswick) (Submitted by the Department of Environmental Protection pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act To Implement the State Climate Action Plan, Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Enhance Maine's Economy" (H.P. 53) (L.D. 87) (Sponsored by Representative TUCKER of Brunswick)

Bill "An Act To Amend the Waste Motor Oil Disposal Site Remediation Program" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 58) (L.D. 92) (Sponsored by Representative TUCKER of Brunswick) (Cosponsored by Senator BRENNER of Cumberland) (Submitted by the Finance Authority of Maine pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act To Improve Public Safety by Repealing the Single-use Plastic Carry-out Bag Ban" (H.P. 74) (L.D. 108) (Sponsored by Representative FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor) (Cosponsored by Senator GUERIN of Penobscot and Representatives: CARMICHAEL of Greenbush, DUCHARME of Madison, GIFFORD of Lincoln, GRIGNON of Athens, HALL of Wilton, KINNEY of Knox, PARRY of Arundel, THORNE of Carmel)

Health and Human Services

Bill "An Act To Fund the State's Free Health Clinics" (H.P. 13) (L.D. 47) (Sponsored by Representative BRENNAN of Portland)

Resolve, To Require the Department of Health and Human Services To Request a Waiver Relating to Support Services and To Provide Funds To Prevent Homelessness (H.P. 14) (L.D. 48) (Sponsored by Representative BRENNAN of Portland)

Bill "An Act To Promote Cost-effectiveness in the MaineCare Program and Improve the Oral Health of Maine Adults and Children" (H.P. 28) (L.D. 62) (Sponsored by Representative BROOKS of Lewiston) (Cosponsored by Senator CLAXTON of Androscoggin and Representatives: ARFORD of Brunswick, CRAVEN of Lewiston, MARTIN of Eagle Lake, MEYER of Eliot, TEPLER of Topsham, Senator: BREEN of Cumberland)

Bill "An Act To Improve Dental Health for Maine Children and Adults with Low Incomes" (H.P. 38) (L.D. 72) (Sponsored by Representative BROOKS of Lewiston) (Cosponsored by Senator CLAXTON of Androscoggin and Representatives: CLOUTIER of Lewiston, CRAVEN of Lewiston, HYMANSON of York, TEPLER of Topsham, Senators: LIBBY of Androscoggin, MOORE of Washington)

Resolve, To Ensure Appropriate Personal Needs Allowances for Persons Residing in Long-term Care Facilities (H.P. 40) (L.D. 74) (Sponsored by Representative McCREA of Fort Fairfield) (Cosponsored by Senator MAXMIN of Lincoln and Representatives: DOORE of Augusta, GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach, McCREIGHT of Harpswell, MEYER of Eliot, O'NEIL of Saco, ROBERTS of South Berwick)

Bill "An Act To Protect Children from Extreme Poverty by Preserving Children's Access to Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Benefits" (H.P. 44) (L.D. 78) (Sponsored by Representative MEYER of Eliot) (Cosponsored by Senator MOORE of Washington and Representatives: EVANS of Dover-Foxcroft, McCREA of Fort Fairfield, PERRY of Calais, Senator: MAXMIN of Lincoln) (Submitted by the Department of Health and Human Services pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act To Ensure the Safety of Children Experiencing Homelessness by Extending Shelter Placement Periods" (H.P. 47) (L.D. 81) (Sponsored by Representative MEYER of Eliot) (Submitted by the Department of Health and Human Services pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act Concerning MaineCare Coverage for Donor Breast Milk" (H.P. 51) (L.D. 85) (Sponsored by Representative CRAVEN of Lewiston) (Cosponsored by Representatives: BROOKS of Lewiston, CLOUTIER of Lewiston, McCREIGHT of Harpswell, MEYER of Eliot, SACHS of Freeport, Senators: CLAXTON of Androscoggin, LIBBY of Androscoggin, MOORE of Washington)

Bill "An Act To Improve Maine's Quality Rating System for Child Care Services" (H.P. 59) (L.D. 93) (Sponsored by Representative MEYER of Eliot) (Submitted by the Department of Health and Human Services pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act To Clarify Maine's Statutes Related to the Licensing of Child Care Providers" (H.P. 64) (L.D. 98) (Sponsored by Representative MEYER of Eliot) (Submitted by the Department of Health and Human Services pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act To Address Maine's Shortage of Behavioral Health Services for Minors" (H.P. 84) (L.D. 118) (Sponsored by Representative McCREIGHT of Harpswell) (Cosponsored by Senator CLAXTON of Androscoggin and Representatives: BRENNAN of Portland, CRAVEN of Lewiston, MEYER of Eliot, MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth, STOVER of Boothbay, Senator: MOORE of Washington)

Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services

Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 570: Uniform Reporting System for Prescription Drug Price Data Sets, a Major Substantive Rule of the Maine Health Data Organization (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 7) (L.D. 41) (Submitted by the Maine Health Data Organization pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 8072.)

Bill "An Act To Further Protect Consumers from Surprise Medical Bills" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 12) (L.D. 46) (Sponsored by Representative TEPLER of Topsham) (Submitted by the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act To Enact the Maine Insurance Data Security Act" (H.P. 17) (L.D. 51) (Sponsored by Representative BLIER of Buxton) (Submitted by the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act To Prohibit Insurers and Third-party Payors from Adjusting Their Fee Schedules for In-network Providers Unless the Adjustments Apply to All Specialties" (H.P. 22) (L.D. 56) (Sponsored by Representative DOORE of Augusta)

Bill "An Act To Clarify the Minimum Amount of Emergency Refills of Insulin" (H.P. 26) (L.D. 60) (Sponsored by Representative TEPLER of Topsham) (Cosponsored by Senator SANBORN, H. of Cumberland and Representatives: ARFORD of Brunswick, BLIER of Buxton, BROOKS of Lewiston, EVANS of Dover-Foxcroft, MATHIESON of Kittery, Senator: BRENNER of Cumberland)

Bill "An Act To Amend the Dental Practice Act To Define 'Supervision' and Authorize Teledentistry" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 42) (L.D. 76) (Sponsored by Representative MATHIESON of Kittery) (Cosponsored by Representatives: BROOKS of Lewiston, MORALES of South Portland) (Submitted by the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

Bill "An Act To Amend Maine's Wildlife Laws Regarding Species of Special Concern" (H.P. 54) (L.D. 88) (Sponsored by Representative ORDWAY of Standish) (Submitted by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act To Regulate Airboats" (H.P. 55) (L.D. 89) (Sponsored by Representative SACHS of Freeport)

Bill "An Act To Address Airboat Operation in the State" (H.P. 80) (L.D. 114) (Sponsored by Representative McCREIGHT of Harpswell)

Bill "An Act To Allow the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife To Authorize the Hunting of Antlerless Deer without a Permit in Certain Areas" (H.P. 82) (L.D. 116) (Sponsored by Representative LANDRY of Farmington) (Submitted by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business

Bill "An Act To Adopt the Department of Economic and Community Development's 10-year Economic Development Strategy for Maine" (H.P. 71) (L.D. 105) (Sponsored by Representative BAILEY of Gorham)

Bill "An Act To Clarify Prepayment Requirements in Home Construction Contracts" (H.P. 76) (L.D. 110) (Sponsored by Representative McCREIGHT of Harpswell) (Cosponsored by Senator DAUGHTRY of Cumberland and Representatives: EVANGELOS of Friendship, PEBWORTH of Blue Hill, TEPLER of Topsham)

Bill "An Act To Increase Faculty in Nursing Education Programs by Amending the Nursing Education Loan Repayment Program" (H.P. 85) (L.D. 119) (Sponsored by Representative MEYER of Eliot) (Cosponsored by Senator BRENNER of Cumberland and Representatives: GEIGER of Rockland, PERRY of Calais)

Judiciary

Bill "An Act To Provide State Recognition for the Kineo Band of Maliseet Indians" (H.P. 37) (L.D. 71) (Sponsored by Representative STEARNS of Guilford) (Cosponsored by Senator DAVIS of Piscataquis)

Labor and Housing

Bill "An Act Regarding Collective Bargaining Negotiations by Public Employers of Teachers" (H.P. 18) (L.D. 52) (Sponsored by Representative BRENNAN of Portland)

Bill "An Act To Include Grandparents under Maine's Family Medical Leave Laws" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 27) (L.D. 61) (Sponsored by Representative STEARNS of Guilford) (Cosponsored by Senator DAVIS of Piscataquis and Representatives: COREY of Windham, FAY of Raymond, LANDRY of Farmington, TUELL of East Machias, Senator: GUERIN of Penobscot)

Bill "An Act To Ensure the Right To Work without Payment of Dues or Fees to a Labor Union" (H.P. 63) (L.D. 97) (Sponsored by Representative FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor) (Cosponsored by Senator STEWART of Aroostook and Representatives: ANDREWS of Paris, CONNOR of Lewiston, GRIGNON of Athens, LIBBY of Auburn, LYFORD of Eddington, SAMPSON of Alfred)

Bill "An Act To Require the State To Divest Itself of Assets Invested in the Fossil Fuel Industry" (H.P. 65) (L.D. 99) (Sponsored by Representative O'NEIL of Saco) (Cosponsored by Senator BREEN of Cumberland and Representatives: BRENNAN of Portland, McDONALD of Stonington, MORALES of South Portland, OSHER of Orono, TALBOT ROSS of Portland, WARREN of Scarborough, Senators: DAUGHTRY of Cumberland, MAXMIN of Lincoln)

Bill "An Act To Allow Career Educators To Retire without Penalty" (H.P. 77) (L.D. 111) (Sponsored by Representative TUELL of East Machias) (Cosponsored by Senator MOORE of Washington and Representatives: CARLOW of Buxton, McCREA of Fort Fairfield, STEARNS of Guilford)

Bill "An Act To Preserve the Health Care of University of Maine System Retirees" (H.P. 83) (L.D. 117) (Sponsored by Representative MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth) (Cosponsored by President JACKSON of Aroostook and Representative: Speaker FECTEAU of Biddeford, Senator: BREEN of Cumberland)

Marine Resources

Bill "An Act To Authorize the Department of Marine Resources To Charge an Application Fee for Entering a Lottery for a Scallop License" (H.P. 43) (L.D. 77) (Sponsored by Representative McDONALD of Stonington) (Submitted by the Department of Marine Resources pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act To Amend Maine's Aquaculture Leasing and Licensing Statutes" (H.P. 72) (L.D. 106) (Sponsored by Representative McCREIGHT of Harpswell) (Submitted by the Department of Marine Resources pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

State and Local Government

Bill "An Act To Require the Inclusion of Racial Impact Statements in the Legislative Process" (H.P. 5) (L.D. 2) (Sponsored by Representative TALBOT ROSS of Portland)

Bill "An Act To Update the Maine Uniform Accounting and Auditing Practices Act for Community Agencies" (H.P. 57) (L.D. 91) (Sponsored by Representative MATLACK of St. George) (Submitted by the Department of Health and Human Services pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act To Establish the General Election Date in United States Presidential Election Years as a State Holiday" (H.P. 66) (L.D. 100) (Sponsored by Representative MORIARTY of Cumberland)

Bill "An Act To Strengthen the Coequal Branches of Maine Government by Ensuring the Legislature Has Access to Necessary Information" (H.P. 79) (L.D. 113) (Sponsored by Representative TUELL of East Machias) (Cosponsored by Representatives: BRADSTREET of Vassalboro, COREY of Windham, FECTEAU of Augusta, GRIFFIN of Levant, KINNEY of Knox, O'CONNOR of Berwick, PICKETT of Dixfield, STEARNS of Guilford)

Bill "An Act To Restore the Former State of Maine Flag" (H.P. 81) (L.D. 115) (Sponsored by Representative PAULHUS of Bath) (Cosponsored by Representatives: KESSLER of South Portland, MATLACK of St. George, Senators: CLAXTON of Androscoggin, DAUGHTRY of Cumberland)

Taxation

Bill "An Act To Provide Critical Communications for Family Farms, Businesses and Residences by Strategic Public Investment in High-speed Internet and Broadband Infrastructure" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 46) (L.D. 80) (Sponsored by Representative McCREA of Fort Fairfield) (Cosponsored by President JACKSON of Aroostook and Representatives: BERRY of Bowdoinham, CARLOW of Buxton, DUNPHY of Old Town, GROHOSKI of Ellsworth, McCREIGHT of Harpswell, SKOLFIELD of Weld, TUELL of East Machias, Senator: MAXMIN of Lincoln)

Bill "An Act To Make Sales to Area Agencies on Aging Tax-exempt" (H.P. 52) (L.D. 86) (Sponsored by Representative McCREA of Fort Fairfield) (Cosponsored by President JACKSON of Aroostook and Representatives: DODGE of Belfast, DUNPHY of Old Town, GROHOSKI of Ellsworth, HEPLER of Woolwich, MARTIN of Sinclair, WARREN of Hallowell, WHITE of Waterville)

Bill "An Act To Allow Municipalities To Exempt Volunteer Firefighters from Paying Excise Tax on Their Vehicles Used To Respond to Fire Calls" (H.P. 60) (L.D. 94) (Sponsored by Representative DOUDERA of Camden) (Cosponsored by Senator CURRY of Waldo and Representative: DODGE of Belfast)

Transportation

Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 305: Rules and Regulations Pertaining to Traffic Movement Permits, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Transportation (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 6) (L.D. 40) (Submitted by the Department of Transportation pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 8072.)

Bill "An Act To Require the Department of Transportation To Provide Ferry Service to Frenchboro" (H.P. 9) (L.D. 43) (Sponsored by Representative McDONALD of Stonington) (Cosponsored by Senator LUCHINI of Hancock)

Resolve, Directing the Department of Transportation To Improve a Bridge over the West Branch of the Mattawamkeag River in Moro Plantation and Associated Culverts (H.P. 11) (L.D. 45) (Sponsored by Representative JOHANSEN of Monticello) (Cosponsored by Senator STEWART of Aroostook)

Bill "An Act To Authorize Municipalities To Allow Harbor Masters and Deputy Harbor Masters To Use Red and White Auxiliary Lights and Sirens When Responding to Emergencies" (H.P. 39) (L.D. 73) (Sponsored by Representative McCREIGHT of Harpswell) (Cosponsored by Senator ROSEN of Hancock and Representatives: MATLACK of St. George, TUELL of East Machias, ZEIGLER of Montville, Senator: VITELLI of Sagadahoc)

Bill "An Act To Establish a Honeybee Special Registration Plate" (H.P. 45) (L.D. 79) (Sponsored by Representative LYFORD of Eddington)

Veterans and Legal Affairs

Bill "An Act To Limit Political Advertising" (H.P. 19) (L.D. 53) (Sponsored by Representative O'CONNELL of Brewer)

Bill "An Act To Define the Term 'Unenrolled Political Action Committee'" (H.P. 25) (L.D. 59) (Sponsored by Representative PLUECKER of Warren) (Cosponsored by Senator MAXMIN of Lincoln and Representatives: EVANGELOS of Friendship, RISEMAN of Harrison, TALBOT ROSS of Portland, WARREN of Scarborough)

Bill "An Act To Extend the Time Frame for Processing Absentee Ballots" (H.P. 68) (L.D. 102) (Sponsored by Representative MORIARTY of Cumberland)

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Specify the Qualifications of Electors (H.P. 73) (L.D. 107) (Sponsored by Representative FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor) (Cosponsored by Senator STEWART of Aroostook and Representatives: ANDREWS of Paris, CONNOR of Lewiston, FECTEAU of Augusta, GRIFFIN of Levant, LIBBY of Auburn, SAMPSON of Alfred)

Bill "An Act To Facilitate Fair Ballot Representation for All Candidates By Allowing a Candidate's Nickname To Appear on the Ballot" (H.P. 75) (L.D. 109) (Sponsored by Representative FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor) (Cosponsored by Senator STEWART of Aroostook and Representatives: CARMICHAEL of Greenbush, DOLLOFF of Milton Township, DUCHARME of Madison, POIRIER of Skowhegan, THORNE of Carmel)

Bill "An Act To Facilitate the Timely and Accurate Counting of Absentee Ballots By Extending the Processing Period" (H.P. 78) (L.D. 112) (Sponsored by Representative ROBERTS of South Berwick) (Cosponsored by Senator LUCHINI of Hancock and Representatives: DUNPHY of Old Town, McCREA of Fort Fairfield, McCREIGHT of Harpswell, MEYER of Eliot, PIERCE of Falmouth, Senator: LAWRENCE of York)

Sincerely,

S/Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House

S/Darek M. Grant
Secretary of the Senate

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

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

The Following Communication: H.P. 122

**STATE OF MAINE
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AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0002**

January 19, 2021

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

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

Dear Mr. Speaker and Mr. President:

On January 19, 2021, 35 bills were received by the Clerk of the House.

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, these bills were referred to the Joint Standing Committees on January 19, 2021, as follows:

Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

Resolve, Directing the Board of Pesticides Control To Prohibit the Use of Certain Neonicotinoids for Outdoor Residential Use (H.P. 111) (L.D. 155) (Sponsored by Representative GROHOSKI of Ellsworth) (Cosponsored by Senator MAXMIN of Lincoln and Representatives: DODGE of Belfast, MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth, O'NEIL of Saco, PEBWORTH of Blue Hill, PLUECKER of Warren, ZEIGLER of Montville)

Appropriations and Financial Affairs

Bill "An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Invest in Fire Stations" (H.P. 89) (L.D. 133) (Sponsored by Representative CROCKETT of Portland)

Bill "An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Fund Hazardous Substance Site Cleanups" (H.P. 106) (L.D. 150) (Sponsored by Representative FAY of Raymond) (Cosponsored by Senator BRENNER of Cumberland and Senator: BLACK of Franklin) (Submitted by the Department of Environmental Protection pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Provide Necessary Maintenance and Upgrades for State Parks and Historic Sites" (H.P. 121) (L.D. 165) (Sponsored by Representative DUNPHY of Old Town) (Cosponsored by Representatives: LANDRY of Farmington, O'NEIL of Saco) (Submitted by the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Education and Cultural Affairs

Bill "An Act To Address Issues in Funding Prekindergarten Programs" (H.P. 91) (L.D. 135) (Sponsored by Representative BRENNAN of Portland)

Bill "An Act To Increase Student Reading Proficiency" (H.P. 94) (L.D. 138) (Sponsored by Representative BRENNAN of Portland)

Bill "An Act To Fund Capital Improvements to Career and Technical Education Centers and Regions To Bolster Maine's Future Workforce" (H.P. 100) (L.D. 144) (Sponsored by Speaker FECTEAU of Biddeford)

Bill "An Act To Promote School Attendance by Exempting Virtual Public Charter School and Private School Students from Immunization Requirements" (H.P. 112) (L.D. 156) (Sponsored by Representative DRINKWATER of Milford) (Cosponsored by Representative: SAMPSON of Alfred)

Energy, Utilities and Technology

Bill "An Act To Make the Arrearage Management Program Permanent" (H.P. 99) (L.D. 143) (Sponsored by Representative KESSLER of South Portland) (Cosponsored by Representative: O'CONNOR of Berwick)

Environment and Natural Resources

Bill "An Act To Revise Maine's Environmental Laws" (H.P. 119) (L.D. 163) (Sponsored by Representative TUCKER of Brunswick)

Health and Human Services

Bill "An Act To Establish Maximum Contaminant Levels under the State's Drinking Water Rules for Certain Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances" (H.P. 120) (L.D. 164) (Sponsored by Representative TUCKER of Brunswick)

Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services

Bill "An Act To Allow Insurance Producers To Refer to Third Parties for Credit Card and Debit Card Payments" (H.P. 116) (L.D. 160) (Sponsored by Representative BLIER of Buxton) (Cosponsored by Representative: MORRIS of Turner)

Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

Bill "An Act To Give the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Rule-making Authority To Establish a Bear Season Framework and Bag Limits" (H.P. 98) (L.D. 142) (Sponsored by Representative MARTIN of Eagle Lake) (Submitted by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business

Bill "An Act To Increase the Minimum Grant Award under the Maine State Grant Program" (H.P. 90) (L.D. 134) (Sponsored by Representative CROCKETT of Portland)

Bill "An Act To Facilitate Licensure for Credentialed Individuals from Other Jurisdictions" (H.P. 105) (L.D. 149) (Sponsored by Representative CLOUTIER of Lewiston) (Submitted by the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Judiciary

Bill "An Act To Implement the Attorney General's Recommendations on Data Collection in Order To Eliminate Profiling in Maine" (H.P. 88) (L.D. 132) (Sponsored by Representative TALBOT ROSS of Portland)

Bill "An Act To Amend the Maine Uniform Probate Code" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 101) (L.D. 145) (Submitted by the Probate and Trust Law Advisory Commission pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 18-C, section 1-803, subsection 2.)

Bill "An Act To Extend Time Limits for Placing Land in Trust Status under the Maine Indian Claims Settlement" (H.P. 115) (L.D. 159) (Sponsored by Representative WOOD of Portland)

Labor and Housing

Bill "An Act Regarding Absence from Work for Emergency Response" (H.P. 93) (L.D. 137) (Sponsored by Representative GROHOSKI of Ellsworth)

Bill "An Act To Protect Farm Workers by Allowing Them To Organize for the Purpose of Collective Bargaining" (H.P. 107) (L.D. 151) (Sponsored by Representative HARNETT of Gardiner) (Cosponsored by Senator MIRAMANT of Knox and Representatives: EVANGELOS of Friendship, TALBOT ROSS of Portland)

Marine Resources

Bill "An Act To Address Training Requirements for Harbor Masters" (H.P. 108) (L.D. 152) (Sponsored by Representative McCREIGHT of Harpswell) (Cosponsored by Senator VITELLI of Sagadahoc and Representatives: ARFORD of Brunswick, MATLACK of St. George, O'NEIL of Saco, PIERCE of Falmouth)

State and Local Government

Bill "An Act To Amend the Governor's Emergency Powers" (H.P. 87) (L.D. 131) (Sponsored by Representative DILLINGHAM of Oxford) (Cosponsored by Representatives: AUSTIN of Gray, BERNARD of Caribou, COLLAMORE of Pittsfield, KINNEY of Knox, KRYZAK of Acton, MORRIS of Turner, POIRIER of Skowhegan, TUELL of East Machias)

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Change the Number of Legislators Required To Approve a Constitutional Amendment (H.P. 109) (L.D. 153) (Sponsored by Representative KINNEY of Knox) (Cosponsored by Representatives: BRADSTREET of Vassalboro, DOLLOFF of Milton Township, HALL of Wilton, TUELL of East Machias)

Bill "An Act To Eliminate Inactive Boards and Commissions" (H.P. 114) (L.D. 158) (Sponsored by Representative TUELL of East Machias)

Taxation

Bill "An Act To Increase the Maximum Pension Deduction for State Income Tax" (H.P. 92) (L.D. 136) (Sponsored by Representative HANLEY of Pittston) (Cosponsored by Senator KEIM of Oxford)

Bill "An Act To Assist Certain Businesses in the State That Sell Prepared Food or Alcohol" (H.P. 96) (L.D. 140) (Sponsored by Representative DILLINGHAM of Oxford) (Cosponsored by Representative: MORRIS of Turner)

Bill "An Act To Make Technical Changes to the Tax Laws" (H.P. 97) (L.D. 141) (Sponsored by Representative TERRY of Gorham) (Submitted by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Resolve, Authorizing the State Tax Assessor To Convey the Interest of the State in Certain Real Estate in the Unorganized Territory (H.P. 102) (L.D. 146) (Sponsored by Representative TERRY of Gorham) (Submitted by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act To Update References to the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986 Contained in the Maine Revised Statutes and Amend Income Tax Modifications and the Maine Capital Investment Tax Credit" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 103) (L.D. 147) (Sponsored by Representative TERRY of Gorham) (Submitted by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Transportation

Resolve, To Name Bridge 2267 in the Town of Embden and the Town of Solon the Jotham and Emma Stevens Bridge (H.P. 110) (L.D. 154) (Sponsored by Representative DUCHARME of Madison) (Cosponsored by Senator FARRIN of Somerset and Representatives: COLLAMORE of Pittsfield, GRIGNON of Athens, POIRIER of Skowhegan, SKOLFIELD of Weld, ZAGER of Portland)

Bill "An Act Making Unified Appropriations and Allocations for the Expenditures of State Government, Highway Fund and Other Funds and Changing Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2021, June 30, 2022 and June 30, 2023" (H.P. 117) (L.D. 161) (Sponsored by Representative MARTIN of Sinclair) (GOVERNOR'S BILL)

Bill "An Act To Make Supplemental Allocations from the Highway Fund and Other Funds 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. 118) (L.D. 162) (Sponsored by Representative MARTIN of Sinclair) (GOVERNOR'S BILL)

Veterans and Legal Affairs

Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapters 33 to 43, Concerning the Regulation of Fantasy Gambling, Major Substantive Rules of the Department of Public Safety, Gambling Control Unit (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 95) (L.D. 139) (Submitted by the Department of Public Safety pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 8072.)

Bill "An Act To Establish Ongoing Absentee Voting" (H.P. 104) (L.D. 148) (Sponsored by Speaker FECTEAU of Biddeford)

Bill "An Act Regarding the Fair Representation of Candidate Identities" (H.P. 113) (L.D. 157) (Sponsored by Representative GROHOSKI of Ellsworth)

Sincerely,

S/Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House

S/Darek M. Grant
Secretary of the Senate

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

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

The Following Communication: H.P. 140

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January 21, 2021

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

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

Dear Mr. Speaker and Mr. President:

On January 21, 2021, 17 bills were received by the Clerk of the House.

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, these bills were referred to the Joint Standing Committees on January 21, 2021, as follows:

Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

Bill "An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Ending Hunger by 2030 Advisory Group" (H.P. 127) (L.D. 174) (Sponsored by Representative PLUECKER of Warren) (Cosponsored by Representatives: LANDRY of Farmington, McCREA of Fort Fairfield, O'NEIL of Saco, Senator: MAXMIN of Lincoln)

Appropriations and Financial Affairs

Bill "An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Create and Enhance Regional Homeless Shelters" (H.P. 128) (L.D. 175) (Sponsored by Representative CLOUTIER of Lewiston) (Cosponsored by Representatives: BRENNAN of Portland, CARDONE of Bangor, COREY of Windham, CRAVEN of Lewiston, DOORE of Augusta, LOOKNER of Portland, MORALES of South Portland, STOVER of Boothbay, Senator: DAUGHTRY of Cumberland)

Bill "An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Complete the Renovation of a Wharf and Bulkhead in Portland for Marine Research" (H.P. 134) (L.D. 181) (Sponsored by Representative SYLVESTER of Portland)

Criminal Justice and Public Safety

Bill "An Act To Amend the Storage Requirements for Consumer Fireworks" (H.P. 133) (L.D. 180) (Sponsored by Representative PERKINS of Oakland) (Submitted by the Department of Public Safety pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Education and Cultural Affairs

Bill "An Act To Facilitate a Grade 9 to 16 School Project" (H.P. 129) (L.D. 176) (Sponsored by Representative STEARNS of Guilford) (Cosponsored by Representative: FOSTER of Dexter, Senator: DAVIS of Piscataquis)

Energy, Utilities and Technology

Bill "An Act Pertaining to Transmission Lines Not Needed for Reliability or Local Generation" (H.P. 123) (L.D. 170) (Sponsored by Representative GROHOSKI of Ellsworth) (Cosponsored by Senator LAWRENCE of York and Representatives: BERRY of Bowdoinham, KESSLER of South Portland, McDONALD of Stonington, PEBWORTH of Blue Hill, Senators: BENNETT of Oxford, VITELLI of Sagadahoc)

Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services

Bill "An Act To Improve Prescription Information Access" (H.P. 125) (L.D. 172) (Sponsored by Representative CRAVEN of Lewiston) (Cosponsored by Representatives: CLOUTIER of Lewiston, TALBOT ROSS of Portland, Senator: LIBBY of Androscoggin)

Bill "An Act To Reduce Waste of Prescription Medications" (H.P. 131) (L.D. 178) (Sponsored by Representative CUDDY of Winterport)

Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

Bill "An Act To Minimize the Propagation of Invasive Aquatic Plants" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 137) (L.D. 184) (Sponsored by Representative RISEMAN of Harrison) (Cosponsored by Senator BENNETT of Oxford and Representatives: BRYANT of Windham, FAY of Raymond, HASENFUS of Readfield, HEPLER of Woolwich, Senator: CLAXTON of Androscoggin)

Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business

Bill "An Act To Enable Out-of-state Certified Public Accountancy Firms To Provide Services in Maine on the Basis of Substantial Equivalency" (H.P. 124) (L.D. 171) (Sponsored by Representative MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth) (Cosponsored by Representatives: BAILEY of Gorham, HASENFUS of Readfield, PEBWORTH of Blue Hill, ROBERTS of South Berwick)

Labor and Housing

Bill "An Act To Improve Labor Laws for Workers in Maine" (H.P. 130) (L.D. 177) (Sponsored by Representative CUDDY of Winterport)

Bill "An Act To Expand the Definition of 'Essential Worker' To Include Retail and Food Service Workers" (H.P. 135) (L.D. 182) (Sponsored by Representative PAULHUS of Bath) (Cosponsored by Representatives: COLLINGS of Portland, HEPLER of Woolwich, SYLVESTER of Portland)

State and Local Government

Bill "An Act To Establish Juneteenth as a Paid State Holiday" (H.P. 136) (L.D. 183) (Sponsored by Representative TALBOT ROSS of Portland) (Cosponsored by Representative: EVANS of Dover-Foxcroft)

Taxation

Bill "An Act To Exclude Energy Efficiency Improvements from Property Tax" (H.P. 132) (L.D. 179) (Sponsored by Representative KESSLER of South Portland)

Transportation

Bill "An Act To Allow Signs in a Public Right-of-way To Be Removed by the Landowner" (H.P. 139) (L.D. 186) (Sponsored by Representative KINNEY of Knox) (Cosponsored by Representatives: DUCHARME of Madison, GRIFFIN of Levant, MORRIS of Turner)

Veterans and Legal Affairs

Bill "An Act To Restore Honor to Certain Service Members" (H.P. 126) (L.D. 173) (Sponsored by Representative WOOD of Portland) (Cosponsored by Senator FARRIN of Somerset and Representatives: CAIAZZO of Scarborough, COREY of Windham, McCREIGHT of Harpswell, RIELLY of Westbrook, SUPICA of Bangor, Senator: DESCHAMBAULT of York)

Bill "An Act To Abolish Mandatory Political Caucuses" (H.P. 138) (L.D. 185) (Sponsored by Representative CARDONE of Bangor)

Sincerely,

S/Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House

S/Darek M. Grant
Secretary of the Senate

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

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

The Following Communication: H.P. 170

**STATE OF MAINE
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January 25, 2021

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

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

Dear Mr. Speaker and Mr. President:

On January 25, 2021, 21 bills were received by the Clerk of the House.

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, these bills were referred to the Joint Standing Committees on January 25, 2021, as follows:

Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 1: Fee Schedule, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Maine Land Use Planning Commission (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 142) (L.D. 207) (Submitted by the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Maine Land Use Planning Commission pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 8072.)

Bill "An Act To Enhance the Agricultural Marketing Loan Fund by Establishing a Variable Interest Rate for Loans and To Allow Participants in the Maine Farms for the Future Program To Borrow at That Rate" (H.P. 154) (L.D. 219) (Sponsored by Representative PLUECKER of Warren) (Cosponsored by Representative: Speaker FECTEAU of Biddeford) (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 To Accelerate Weatherization Efforts in the State" (H.P. 153) (L.D. 218) (Sponsored by Representative KESSLER of South Portland)

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) (Sponsored by Representative PIERCE of Falmouth) (GOVERNOR'S BILL)

Bill "An Act Making Unified Appropriations and Allocations for the Expenditures of State Government, General Fund and Other Funds and Changing Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2021, June 30, 2022 and June 30, 2023" (H.P. 156) (L.D. 221) (Sponsored by Representative PIERCE of Falmouth) (GOVERNOR'S BILL)

Education and Cultural Affairs

Bill "An Act To Require Instruction on the History of Genocide and the Holocaust" (H.P. 150) (L.D. 215) (Sponsored by Representative FECTEAU of Augusta) (Cosponsored by Senator WOODSOME of York and Representatives: DOLLOFF of Milton Township, FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor, LIBBY of Auburn, ROCHE of Wells, SAMPSON of Alfred, STEARNS of Guilford)

Bill "An Act Concerning Civics Instruction" (H.P. 168) (L.D. 238) (Sponsored by Representative BAILEY of Gorham) (Cosponsored by Senator BAILEY of York and Representatives: CROCKETT of Portland, HEPLER of Woolwich, ORDWAY of Standish, SALISBURY of Westbrook, TALBOT ROSS of Portland, WILLIAMS of Bar Harbor, WOOD of Portland, Senator: WOODSOME of York)

Environment and Natural Resources

Bill "An Act To Limit the Use of Hydrofluorocarbons To Fight Climate Change" (H.P. 161) (L.D. 226) (Sponsored by Representative TUCKER of Brunswick) (Submitted by the Department of Environmental Protection pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Health and Human Services

Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 234: Lead Testing in School Drinking Water Rule, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Health and Human Services, Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 141) (L.D. 206) (Submitted by the Department of Health and Human Services, Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 8072.)

Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services

Bill "An Act To Modify Requirements for Multiple-party Accounts, Limited Purpose Financial Institutions and Mergers" (H.P. 159) (L.D. 224) (Sponsored by Representative TEPLER of Topsham) (Submitted by the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

Bill "An Act To Support Senior Hunting by Allowing Lifetime Licensed Hunters over 65 Years of Age To Automatically Receive an Antlerless Deer Permit" (H.P. 147) (L.D. 212) (Sponsored by Representative DUCHARME of Madison) (Cosponsored by Representatives: CARMICHAEL of Greenbush, GRIGNON of Athens, O'CONNOR of Berwick, POIRIER of Skowhegan, ROCHE of Wells, Senator: FARRIN of Somerset)

Bill "An Act To Clarify Maine's Fish and Wildlife Licensing and Registration Laws" (H.P. 158) (L.D. 223) (Sponsored by Representative ALLEY of Beals) (Submitted by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business

Bill "An Act To Require Crane Operators To Be Licensed" (H.P. 145) (L.D. 210) (Sponsored by Representative CUDDY of Winterport)

Bill "An Act To Require Furniture Sellers To Accept Cancellations before Delivery" (H.P. 165) (L.D. 235) (Sponsored by Representative CRAVEN of Lewiston) (Cosponsored by Representatives: BROOKS of Lewiston, CLOUTIER of Lewiston, Senator: LIBBY of Androscoggin)

Bill "An Act To Improve the Transparency of Real Estate Appraisals" (H.P. 169) (L.D. 239) (Sponsored by Representative HEPLER of Woolwich)

Judiciary

Bill "An Act Concerning Name Changes for Minors" (H.P. 144) (L.D. 209) (Submitted by the Family Law Advisory Commission pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 19-A, section 354, subsection 2.)

Bill "An Act To Eliminate Qualified Immunity for Police Officers" (H.P. 149) (L.D. 214) (Sponsored by Representative EVANGELOS of Friendship) (Cosponsored by Senator MIRAMANT of Knox and Representatives: HARNETT of Gardiner, MORALES of South Portland, TALBOT ROSS of Portland, WARREN of Hallowell)

Bill "An Act To Seal Marijuana Criminal Convictions and Civil Adjudications" (H.P. 151) (L.D. 216) (Sponsored by Representative FECTEAU of Augusta) (Cosponsored by Representatives: ANDREWS of Paris, FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor, HARNETT of Gardiner, ROEDER of Bangor, TALBOT ROSS of Portland, WARREN of Hallowell, Senator: MAXMIN of Lincoln)

Bill "An Act To Update the Maine Parentage Act" (H.P. 157) (L.D. 222) (Sponsored by Representative CARDONE of Bangor)

Bill "An Act To Provide Electronic Access to Confidential Juror Information" (H.P. 163) (L.D. 233) (Sponsored by Representative HARNETT of Gardiner) (Cosponsored by Senator MIRAMANT of Knox and Representatives: EVANGELOS of Friendship, MORALES of South Portland, WARREN of Hallowell, Senator: BAILEY of York)

Bill "An Act To Allow Veterans To Opt Out of Jury Duty" (H.P. 167) (L.D. 237) (Sponsored by Representative GROHOSKI of Ellsworth) (Cosponsored by Representatives: DOUDERA of Camden, HARNETT of Gardiner, RIELLY of Westbrook, SHEEHAN of Biddeford, Senator: LUCHINI of Hancock)

Labor and Housing

Bill "An Act To Support Emergency Shelter Access for Persons Experiencing Homelessness" (H.P. 146) (L.D. 211) (Sponsored by Representative CLOUTIER of Lewiston) (Cosponsored by Senator SANBORN, H. of Cumberland and Representatives: BRENNAN of Portland, CRAVEN of Lewiston, LOOKNER of Portland, MORALES of South Portland, SUPICA of Bangor, TALBOT ROSS of Portland, Senators: CLAXTON of Androscoggin, DAUGHTRY of Cumberland)

Bill "An Act To Require Coverage for Female Firefighters Facing Reproductive System Cancer" (H.P. 148) (L.D. 213) (Sponsored by Representative MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth) (Cosponsored by President JACKSON of Aroostook and Representatives: GROHOSKI of Ellsworth, SACHS of Freeport, SUPICA of Bangor, Senator: BREEN of Cumberland)

Bill "An Act Regarding the Treatment of Vacation Time upon the Cessation of Employment" (H.P. 160) (L.D. 225) (Sponsored by Representative ROEDER of Bangor) (Cosponsored by Representative: CUDDY of Winterport)

State and Local Government

Bill "An Act To Recognize 'My Sweet Maine' as Maine's Song of the 21st Century" (H.P. 162) (L.D. 232) (Sponsored by Representative ANDREWS of Paris) (Cosponsored by Representative: RISEMAN of Harrison)

Taxation

Bill "An Act To Make Contributions Made To Pay Off School Meal Debt Tax-deductible" (H.P. 152) (L.D. 217) (Sponsored by Representative FECTEAU of Augusta) (Cosponsored by Senator WOODSOME of York and Representatives: DODGE of Belfast, KRYZAK of Acton, McCREA of Fort Fairfield, ROCHE of Wells, SAMPSON of Alfred, STEARNS of Guilford)

Transportation

Bill "An Act To Amend the Law Concerning the Annual Number of Ferry Service Trips to Matinicus Isle" (H.P. 164) (L.D. 234) (Sponsored by Representative MATLACK of St. George) (Cosponsored by Senator MIRAMANT of Knox)

Bill "An Act To Amend the Definition of 'Reportable Accident'" (H.P. 166) (L.D. 236) (Sponsored by Representative HEPLER of Woolwich) (Cosponsored by Representatives: GROHOSKI of Ellsworth, STOVER of Boothbay, WARREN of Hallowell)

Veterans and Legal Affairs

Bill "An Act To Expand Access to Absentee Ballots" (H.P. 143) (L.D. 208) (Sponsored by Representative BROOKS of Lewiston) (Cosponsored by Senator LIBBY of Androscoggin and Representatives: McCREIGHT of Harpswell, RIELLY of Westbrook)

Sincerely,

S/Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House

S/Darek M. Grant
Secretary of the Senate

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

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

The Following Communication: H.P. 186

**STATE OF MAINE
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January 27, 2021

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

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

Dear Mr. Speaker and Mr. President:

On January 27, 2021, 15 bills were received by the Clerk of the House.

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, these bills were referred to the Joint Standing Committees on January 27, 2021, as follows:

Education and Cultural Affairs

Bill "An Act To Ensure Student Success" (H.P. 176) (L.D. 255) (Sponsored by Representative MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth)

Resolve, Directing the Department of Education To Study Truancy Trends in the State and Develop Recommendations for Increasing Student Attendance and Reducing Truancy (H.P. 182) (L.D. 261) (Sponsored by Representative ROBERTS of South Berwick) (Cosponsored by Senator RAFFERTY of York and Representatives: CROCKETT of Portland, DODGE of Belfast, McCREA of Fort Fairfield, MEYER of Eliot, MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth, ROCHE of Wells, SALISBURY of Westbrook, Senator: DAUGHTRY of Cumberland)

Energy, Utilities and Technology

Bill "An Act Regarding Public Utility Assessments, Fees and Penalties" (H.P. 172) (L.D. 251) (Sponsored by Representative BERRY of Bowdoinham)

Bill "An Act To Adjust Sewer and Wastewater Lien Fees" (H.P. 177) (L.D. 256) (Sponsored by Representative DOUDERA of Camden)

Environment and Natural Resources

Bill "An Act To Improve Solid Waste Management" (H.P. 180) (L.D. 259) (Sponsored by Representative McDONALD of Stonington)

Bill "An Act To Clarify the Establishment, Collection and Use of Certain Fees for Nonwetland Habitat Mitigation Required by the Department of Environmental Protection for Project Permitting" (H.P. 181) (L.D. 260) (Sponsored by Representative GROHOSKI of Ellsworth)

Bill "An Act To Prohibit Aerial Application of Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances" (H.P. 185) (L.D. 264) (Sponsored by Representative PLUECKER of Warren)

Health and Human Services

Bill "An Act To Assist Nursing Homes in the Management of Facility Beds" (H.P. 171) (L.D. 250) (Sponsored by Representative PERRY of Calais) (Cosponsored by Senator CLAXTON of Androscoggin and Representative: McCREA of Fort Fairfield)

Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services

Bill "An Act To Allow Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists To Bill for Their Services" (H.P. 175) (L.D. 254) (Sponsored by Representative PERRY of Calais)

Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

Bill "An Act To Expand the Hunting Season for Deer" (H.P. 178) (L.D. 257) (Sponsored by Representative PARRY of Arundel)

Marine Resources

Bill "An Act To Make Technical Changes to Maine's Marine Resources Laws" (H.P. 184) (L.D. 263) (Sponsored by Representative McCREIGHT of Harpswell) (Submitted by the Department of Marine Resources pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Taxation

Bill "An Act To Combat Hunger by Creating a Tax Credit of 10 Percent of Wholesale Market Prices up to \$5,000 Annually for Businesses Engaged in Food Production for Donations of Food to Tax-exempt Organizations" (H.P. 183) (L.D. 262) (Sponsored by Representative ROBERTS of South Berwick) (Cosponsored by Senator DAUGHTRY of Cumberland and Representatives: COLLINGS of Portland, HALL of Wilton, MATLACK of St. George, McDONALD of Stonington, MEYER of Eliot, PLUECKER of Warren, TERRY of Gorham, Senator: MAXMIN of Lincoln)

Transportation

Bill "An Act To Expand Training Opportunities for Department of Transportation Workers" (H.P. 173) (L.D. 252) (Sponsored by Representative BRYANT of Windham) (Cosponsored by Senator CHIPMAN of Cumberland and Representative: WHITE of Waterville)

Bill "An Act To Expand Eligibility for Special Emergency Medical Services Registration Plates to Ambulance Operators" (H.P. 179) (L.D. 258) (Sponsored by Representative McDONALD of Stonington)

Veterans and Legal Affairs

Bill "An Act To Strengthen Maine's Election Laws by Requiring Photographic Identification for the Purpose of Voting" (H.P. 174) (L.D. 253) (Sponsored by Representative CEBRA of Naples)

Sincerely,

S/Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House

S/Darek M. Grant
Secretary of the Senate

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

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

The Following Communication: H.P. 204

**STATE OF MAINE
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January 28, 2021

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

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

Dear Mr. Speaker and Mr. President:

On January 28, 2021, 17 bills were received by the Clerk of the House.

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, these bills were referred to the Joint Standing Committees on January 28, 2021, as follows:

Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

Bill "An Act Regarding Maine Agriculture" (H.P. 198) (L.D. 282) (Sponsored by Representative O'NEIL of Saco)

Criminal Justice and Public Safety

Bill "An Act To Recruit and Retain Department of Corrections Facilities Support Staff" (H.P. 187) (L.D. 271) (Sponsored by Representative PLUECKER of Warren) (Cosponsored by Representatives: EVANGELOS of Friendship, LOOKNER of Portland, MORALES of South Portland, WARREN of Hallowell, WHITE of Waterville, Senator: MAXMIN of Lincoln)
Bill "An Act To Protect Persons Detained or Committed in a Correctional or Detention Facility from Excessive Telephone or Video Charges" (H.P. 195) (L.D. 279) (Sponsored by Representative TUCKER of Brunswick)

Education and Cultural Affairs

Bill "An Act To Discontinue the Use of the SAT in Maine Schools" (H.P. 193) (L.D. 277) (Sponsored by Representative BRENNAN of Portland)

Bill "An Act To Establish a Process for the Consideration and Implementation of Changes to Mandated Instruction or Training for Students" (H.P. 194) (L.D. 278) (Sponsored by Representative BRENNAN of Portland)

Bill "An Act To Address Student Achievement Gaps" (H.P. 197) (L.D. 281) (Sponsored by Representative BRENNAN of Portland)

Energy, Utilities and Technology

Bill "An Act To Protect Utility Customers from Investor Risk for Costs Incurred Due to a Disaster" (H.P. 201) (L.D. 285) (Sponsored by Representative BERRY of Bowdoinham)

Health and Human Services

Resolve, To Address Inequities for Certain Direct Care Workers (H.P. 199) (L.D. 283) (Sponsored by Representative MADIGAN of Waterville)

Bill "An Act To Require Electronic Benefits Transfer Cards To Be Printed with the Beneficiary's Photograph" (H.P. 203) (L.D. 287) (Sponsored by Representative CONNOR of Lewiston) (Cosponsored by Representative: DUCHARME of Madison)

Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services

Resolve, Directing the Maine Health Data Organization To Determine the Best Methods and Definitions To Use in Collecting Data To Better Understand Racial and Ethnic Disparities in the Provision of Health Care in Maine (H.P. 190) (L.D. 274) (Sponsored by Representative TEPLER of Topsham) (Cosponsored by Senator SANBORN of Cumberland and Representatives: ARFORD of Brunswick, BROOKS of Lewiston, TALBOT ROSS of Portland)

Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

Bill "An Act To Increase Funding for Snowmobile Trails and Capital Equipment Grants" (H.P. 196) (L.D. 280) (Sponsored by Representative MARTIN of Sinclair)

Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business

Bill "An Act To Sustain the Doctors for Maine's Future Scholarship Program" (H.P. 189) (L.D. 273) (Sponsored by Representative ZAGER of Portland) (Cosponsored by Senator MAXMIN of Lincoln and Representatives: BROOKS of Lewiston, EVANS of Dover-Foxcroft, HYMANSON of York, PERRY of Calais, PIERCE of Falmouth, Senators: CLAXTON of Androscoggin, MOORE of Washington, SANBORN of Cumberland)

Judiciary

Bill "An Act To Establish Separate Prosecutorial Districts in Downeast Maine" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 188) (L.D. 272) (Sponsored by Representative TUELL of East Machias) (Cosponsored by Senator MOORE of Washington and Representatives: ALLEY of Beals, COSTAIN of Plymouth, DOWNES of Bucksport, JAVNER of Chester, PERRY of Calais, PICKETT of Dixfield, Senators: CYRWAY of Kennebec, LUCHINI of Hancock)

Labor and Housing

Bill "An Act To Amend the Retirement Laws Pertaining to Certain Educational Technicians" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 191) (L.D. 275) (Sponsored by Representative CUDDY of Winterport) (Cosponsored by Senator CURRY of Waldo and Representatives: BRADSTREET of Vassalboro, HASENFUS of Readfield, ROEDER of Bangor, SYLVESTER of Portland, WARREN of Scarborough, WHITE of Waterville, Senator: RAFFERTY of York)

State and Local Government

Bill "An Act To Make Election Day a State Holiday" (H.P. 202) (L.D. 286) (Sponsored by Representative COLLINGS of Portland) (Cosponsored by Senator: President JACKSON of Aroostook)

Taxation

Bill "An Act To Improve and Update Maine's Tax Laws" (H.P. 192) (L.D. 276) (Sponsored by Representative BERRY of Bowdoinham) (Cosponsored by Senator CHIPMAN of Cumberland)

Transportation

Bill "An Act To Provide That Inspections of New Motor Vehicles Are Valid for 2 Years" (H.P. 200) (L.D. 284) (Sponsored by Representative CEBRA of Naples)

Sincerely,

S/Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House

S/Darek M. Grant
Secretary of the Senate

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February 1, 2021

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

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

Dear Mr. Speaker and Mr. President:

On February 1, 2021, 12 bills were received by the Clerk of the House.

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, these bills were referred to the Joint Standing Committees on February 1, 2021, as follows:

Appropriations and Financial Affairs

Bill "An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Fund Capital Improvements and Equipment for Career and Technical Education Centers and Regions To Prepare Students To Join Maine's Workforce" (H.P. 211) (L.D. 298) (Sponsored by Speaker FECTEAU of Biddeford) (Cosponsored by Senator TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin and Representatives: COREY of Windham, DILLINGHAM of Oxford, EVANS of Dover-Foxcroft, FAY of Raymond, McCREA of Fort Fairfield, Senators: POULIOT of Kennebec, RAFFERTY of York)

Education and Cultural Affairs

Bill "An Act To Increase the State's Share of the Cost of Health Insurance for Retired Teachers" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 206) (L.D. 293) (Sponsored by Representative COLLINGS of Portland) (Cosponsored by Senator: President JACKSON of Aroostook)

Health and Human Services

Bill "An Act To Define the Term 'Behavioral Health'" (H.P. 210) (L.D. 297) (Sponsored by Representative McCREIGHT of Harpswell) (Cosponsored by Senator SANBORN of Cumberland and Representatives: BRENNAN of Portland, BROOKS of Lewiston, MEYER of Eliot, PERRY of Calais)

Bill "An Act To Eliminate the Working Cars for Working Families Program" (H.P. 215) (L.D. 302) (Sponsored by Representative RUDNICKI of Fairfield) (Cosponsored by Representatives: COSTAIN of Plymouth, DOLLOFF of Milton Township, KINNEY of Knox, NEWMAN of Belgrade, QUINT of Hodgdon, SAMPSON of Alfred, Senator: CYRWAY of Kennebec)

Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services

Bill "An Act To Repeal Restrictions That Prohibit Certain Advanced Practice Registered Nurses from Providing Essential Health Care Services" (H.P. 208) (L.D. 295) (Sponsored by Representative PERRY of Calais) (Cosponsored by Representatives: HEPLER of Woolwich, MEYER of Eliot)

Bill "An Act To Provide Clarity in the Laws Governing the Profession of Counseling" (H.P. 212) (L.D. 299) (Sponsored by Representative McCREIGHT of Harpswell)

Bill "An Act Regarding Early Closures by Financial Institutions" (H.P. 213) (L.D. 300) (Sponsored by Representative PERRY of Bangor)

Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

Bill "An Act To Simplify the Any-deer Permit Distribution System by Including the Ability To Purchase Additional Permits" (H.P. 207) (L.D. 294) (Sponsored by Representative LANDRY of Farmington) (Cosponsored by Representatives: ALLEY of Beals, LYFORD of Eddington, THERIAULT of China, Senator: BLACK of Franklin)

Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business

Bill "An Act To Increase the Minimum Grant Amount under the Maine State Grant Program" (H.P. 205) (L.D. 292) (Sponsored by Representative PIERCE of Falmouth) (Cosponsored by Senator DAUGHTRY of Cumberland and Representatives: BRENNAN of Portland, CROCKETT of Portland, MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth)

Taxation

Bill "An Act To Provide a Tax Credit for Family Caregivers" (H.P. 209) (L.D. 296) (Sponsored by Representative CLOUTIER of Lewiston) (Cosponsored by Senator BENNETT of Oxford and Representatives: ARATA of New Gloucester, CONNOR of Lewiston, COREY of Windham, HEPLER of Woolwich, OSHER of Orono, SACHS of Freeport, TERRY of Gorham, Senator: CARNEY of Cumberland)

Veterans and Legal Affairs

Bill "An Act Regarding Adult Use Marijuana" (H.P. 214) (L.D. 301) (Sponsored by Representative PERRY of Bangor)

Bill "An Act To Establish Semi-open Primary Elections To Allow Unenrolled Voters To Participate" (H.P. 216) (L.D. 303) (Sponsored by Representative LOOKNER of Portland) (Cosponsored by Representative: BAILEY of Gorham, Senators: MOORE of Washington, POULIOT of Kennebec)

Sincerely,

S/Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House

S/Darek M. Grant
Secretary of the Senate

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

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February 4, 2021

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

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

Dear Mr. Speaker and Mr. President:

On February 4, 2021, 47 bills were received by the Clerk of the House.

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, these bills were referred to the Joint Standing Committees on February 4, 2021, as follows:

Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

Bill "An Act To Prohibit the Use of Chlorpyrifos" (H.P. 220) (L.D. 316) (Sponsored by Representative DOUDERA of Camden) (Cosponsored by Senator MIRAMANT of Knox and Representatives: GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach, GROHOSKI of Ellsworth, O'NEIL of Saco, OSHER of Orono, PEBWORTH of Blue Hill, Senator: MAXMIN of Lincoln)

Bill "An Act To Provide Occupants of Motor Vehicles with Gold Star Family Registration Plates Free Entry to State Parks and Historic Sites" (H.P. 226) (L.D. 322) (Sponsored by Representative ROBERTS of South Berwick) (Cosponsored by Senator FARRIN of Somerset and Representatives: McCREIGHT of Harpswell, McDONALD of Stonington, O'NEIL of Saco, WHITE of Waterville, Senators: LIBBY of Androscoggin, MAXMIN of Lincoln)

Bill "An Act To Limit Public Land Ownership in Maine" (H.P. 228) (L.D. 324) (Sponsored by Representative JAVNER of Chester) (Cosponsored by Senator MOORE of Washington and Representatives: STANLEY of Medway, TUELL of East Machias, Senator: DAVIS of Piscataquis)

Appropriations and Financial Affairs

Bill "An Act To Return Surplus Money to Maine Taxpayers" (H.P. 231) (L.D. 327) (Sponsored by Representative HANLEY of Pittston) (Cosponsored by Senator STEWART of Aroostook)

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Issuance of Bonds" (H.P. 233) (L.D. 329) (Sponsored by Representative HARNETT of Gardiner) (Cosponsored by Representatives: EVANGELOS of Friendship, TALBOT ROSS of Portland, Senators: President JACKSON of Aroostook, MIRAMANT of Knox)

Criminal Justice and Public Safety

Bill "An Act Requiring the Use of Propane and Natural Gas Detectors" (H.P. 244) (L.D. 346) (Sponsored by Representative RECKITT of South Portland)

Education and Cultural Affairs

Bill "An Act To Expand the Definition of 'Education Disruption' To Include States of Emergency That Limit Students' Access to On-site Education for Longer Than 15 School Days" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 229) (L.D. 325) (Sponsored by Representative MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth) (Cosponsored by Representatives: DODGE of Belfast, SALISBURY of Westbrook, Senators: DAUGHTRY of Cumberland, WOODSOME of York)

Bill "An Act To Authorize Lifetime Teaching Certificates" (H.P. 230) (L.D. 326) (Sponsored by Representative FECTEAU of Augusta)

Bill "An Act To Help Maine Students Catch Up and Keep Up by Providing Remedial and Compensatory Assistance in Response to Education Disruption" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 238) (L.D. 334) (Sponsored by Representative MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth)

Bill "An Act To Increase the Number of Courses Regarding Autism Spectrum Disorder That Count toward Special Education Certification" (H.P. 248) (L.D. 350) (Sponsored by Representative CRAFTS of Newcastle)

Resolve, To Require the Department of Education To Form a Family Income Data Collection Working Group (H.P. 260) (L.D. 362) (Sponsored by Representative BRENNAN of Portland)

Energy, Utilities and Technology

Bill "An Act To Continue the Green Power Electricity Offer" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 218) (L.D. 314) (Sponsored by Representative BERRY of Bowdoinham) (Submitted by the Public Utilities Commission pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act To Provide More Options to Maine Electric Service Customers and Support Maine's Climate Goals" (H.P. 222) (L.D. 318) (Sponsored by Representative GROHOSKI of Ellsworth)

Bill "An Act To Facilitate Maine's Climate Goals by Encouraging Use of Electric Vehicles" (H.P. 245) (L.D. 347) (Sponsored by Representative GROHOSKI of Ellsworth)

Environment and Natural Resources

Bill "An Act To Promote Energy Production from Recyclable Plastics" (H.P. 257) (L.D. 359) (Sponsored by Representative FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor)

Health and Human Services

Bill "An Act To Prevent Accidental Overdoses by Establishing a Protocol for Prescription Drug Recovery" (H.P. 234) (L.D. 330) (Sponsored by Representative GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach) (Cosponsored by Senator CARNEY of Cumberland and Representatives: CRAVEN of Lewiston, EVANS of Dover-Foxcroft, KESSLER of South Portland, McCREA of Fort Fairfield, MEYER of Eliot, O'CONNOR of Berwick, PERRY of Calais, ZAGER of Portland)

Bill "An Act To Clarify Requirements for Criminal History Record Checks Pursuant to the Federal Family First Prevention Services Act" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 239) (L.D. 335) (Sponsored by Representative MADIGAN of Waterville)

Bill "An Act To Set Aside Funds from Federal Block Grants for Certain Communities" (H.P. 241) (L.D. 343) (Sponsored by Representative TALBOT ROSS of Portland) (Cosponsored by Senator MOORE of Washington and Representative: MARTIN of Greene)

Bill "An Act To Repeal the Working Cars for Working Families Program" (H.P. 255) (L.D. 357) (Sponsored by Representative CEBRA of Naples)

Resolve, To Reduce Barriers to Recovery from Addiction by Expanding Eligibility for Targeted Case Management Services (H.P. 258) (L.D. 360) (Sponsored by Representative MADIGAN of Waterville)

Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services

Bill "An Act Regarding Insurance Coverage for Telehealth Services" (H.P. 227) (L.D. 323) (Sponsored by Representative PERRY of Calais) (Cosponsored by Representatives: HYMANSON of York, TEPLER of Topsham)

Bill "An Act Regarding Telehealth" (H.P. 237) (L.D. 333) (Sponsored by Representative HYMANSON of York)

Bill "An Act To Maintain the Integrity of the Individual and Small Group Health Insurance Markets" (H.P. 250) (L.D. 352) (Sponsored by Representative MORRIS of Turner) (Cosponsored by Senator STEWART of Aroostook)

Bill "An Act To Protect Consumers from Surprise Medical Bills" (H.P. 263) (L.D. 365) (Sponsored by Representative MORRIS of Turner) (Cosponsored by Senator STEWART of Aroostook)

Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

Bill "An Act To Prohibit the Use of Personal Watercraft on Keyes Pond in the Town of Sweden" (H.P. 247) (L.D. 349) (Sponsored by Representative MILLETT of Waterford)

Bill "An Act To Increase Opportunities for Seniors and Persons with Disabilities To Participate in Moose Hunting" (H.P. 254) (L.D. 356) (Sponsored by Representative ALLEY of Beals)

Bill "An Act To Establish a Permanent Appointment of a Member of the Wabanaki Tribes to the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Advisory Council" (H.P. 259) (L.D. 361) (Sponsored by Representative NEWELL of the Passamaquoddy Tribe) (Cosponsored by Senator MOORE of Washington and Representatives: COLLINGS of Portland, GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach, HEPLER of Woolwich, McDONALD of Stonington, PERRY of Calais, Senators: CURRY of Waldo, DILL of Penobscot)

Judiciary

Bill "An Act To Provide the Right to Counsel for Juveniles and Improve Due Process for Juveniles" (H.P. 224) (L.D. 320) (Sponsored by Representative MORALES of South Portland) (Cosponsored by Senator KEIM of Oxford)

Bill "An Act To Protect Student Privacy" (H.P. 235) (L.D. 331) (Sponsored by Representative McCREIGHT of Harpswell) (Cosponsored by Senator DAUGHTRY of Cumberland and Representatives: BRENNAN of Portland, DODGE of Belfast, FECTEAU of Augusta, McCREA of Fort Fairfield, STEARNS of Guilford, Senators: DESCHAMBAULT of York, DIAMOND of Cumberland)

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Explicitly Prohibit Discrimination Based on the Sex of an Individual (H.P. 242) (L.D. 344) (Sponsored by Representative RECKITT of South Portland)

Bill "An Act Updating Certain Probate Filing and Certification Fees To Reflect Current Costs" (H.P. 243) (L.D. 345) (Sponsored by Representative RECKITT of South Portland)

Bill "An Act To Give Oversight Powers to the Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services" (H.P. 246) (L.D. 348) (Sponsored by Representative EVANGELOS of Friendship)

Bill "An Act To Require Pest Disclosure in All Real Estate Transactions" (H.P. 253) (L.D. 355) (Sponsored by Representative CONNOR of Lewiston)

Bill "An Act Regarding the Statute of Limitations for Injuries or Harm Resulting from Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances" (H.P. 261) (L.D. 363) (Sponsored by Representative PLUECKER of Warren) (Cosponsored by Senator BRENNER of Cumberland and Representative: O'NEIL of Saco, Senators: CARNEY of Cumberland, MAXMIN of Lincoln)

Bill "An Act Regarding Emergency Guardianship" (H.P. 264) (L.D. 366) (Sponsored by Representative McCREIGHT of Harpswell) (Cosponsored by Senator BAILEY of York and Representatives: BABBIDGE of Kennebunk, EVANGELOS of Friendship, HARNETT of Gardiner, RECKITT of South Portland, Senator: CARNEY of Cumberland)

Labor and Housing

Bill "An Act To Create Equality in Retirement for Forest Rangers with That of Employees of State Conservation Law Enforcement Agencies" (H.P. 221) (L.D. 317) (Sponsored by Representative DOORE of Augusta) (Cosponsored by Representatives: CLOUTIER of Lewiston, CUDDY of Winterport, MADIGAN of Waterville, McCREA of Fort Fairfield, WHITE of Waterville, Senator: BALDACCI of Penobscot)

Bill "An Act To Promote Socially Responsible Investing by the Maine Public Employees Retirement System by Prohibiting Investment in the Fossil Fuel Industry or For-profit Prisons" (H.P. 223) (L.D. 319) (Sponsored by Representative BRENNAN of Portland)

Bill "An Act To Protect Workers from Unsafe Working Conditions with Regard to Indoor Temperatures" (H.P. 256) (L.D. 358) (Sponsored by Representative WHITE of Waterville) (Cosponsored by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot and Representatives: CUDDY of Winterport, FECTEAU of Augusta, PEBWORTH of Blue Hill, SYLVESTER of Portland, WARREN of Scarborough, Senator: MIRAMANT of Knox)

Marine Resources

Bill "An Act To Reevaluate the Frenchboro Area Dragging Exclusion Zone" (H.P. 236) (L.D. 332) (Sponsored by Representative McDONALD of Stonington)

Bill "An Act To Establish a Permanent Appointment of a Member of the Wabanaki Tribes to the Marine Resources Advisory Council" (H.P. 240) (L.D. 342) (Sponsored by Representative NEWELL of the Passamaquoddy Tribe) (Cosponsored by Senator MIRAMANT of Knox and Representatives: COLLINGS of Portland, EVANGELOS of Friendship, PERRY of Calais, PLUECKER of Warren, WARREN of Scarborough, Senators: MAXMIN of Lincoln, MOORE of Washington)

Bill "An Act To Ensure the Safety of Maine's Scallop Fleet" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 262) (L.D. 364) (Sponsored by Representative TUELL of East Machias) (Cosponsored by Senator MOORE of Washington and Representatives: ALLEY of Beals, CARMICHAEL of Greenbush, JAVNER of Chester, KINNEY of Knox, McCREIGHT of Harpswell, PERRY of Calais)

State and Local Government

Resolve, To Require State Departments To Report on Rule Changes within State Government since the Beginning of the COVID-19 Pandemic (H.P. 219) (L.D. 315) (Sponsored by Representative FECTEAU of Augusta) (Cosponsored by Representatives: ANDREWS of Paris, DILLINGHAM of Oxford, FOSTER of Dexter, HAGGAN of Hampden, STETKIS of Canaan, Senator: KEIM of Oxford)

Bill "An Act To Limit State Legislators to a Lifetime Total of 16 Years of Legislative Service" (H.P. 225) (L.D. 321) (Sponsored by Representative FECTEAU of Augusta) (Cosponsored by Representatives: CONNOR of Lewiston, LIBBY of Auburn, O'CONNOR of Berwick, STETKIS of Canaan)

Taxation

Bill "An Act To Fully Fund and Restore State-Municipal Revenue Sharing" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 232) (L.D. 328) (Sponsored by Representative HARNETT of Gardiner) (Cosponsored by Representatives: BRENNAN of Portland, LANDRY of Farmington, PEBWORTH of Blue Hill, RECKITT of South Portland, STOVER of Boothbay, WHITE of Waterville, Senator: President JACKSON of Aroostook)

Bill "An Act Regarding Municipal Valuation and State-owned Property" (H.P. 249) (L.D. 351) (Sponsored by Representative FOSTER of Dexter) (Cosponsored by Representatives: LANDRY of Farmington, STEARNS of Guilford, TUELL of East Machias, Senators: DAVIS of Piscataquis, MOORE of Washington)

Transportation

Bill "An Act To Require Motor Vehicle Inspections Every 2 Years" (H.P. 252) (L.D. 354) (Sponsored by Representative CONNOR of Lewiston) (Cosponsored by Representatives: ARATA of New Gloucester, COLLAMORE of Pittsfield, GRIFFIN of Levant, LIBBY of Auburn, MORRIS of Turner, O'CONNOR of Berwick, ROCHE of Wells, RUDNICKI of Fairfield)

Veterans and Legal Affairs

Bill "An Act To Establish Medical Marijuana Cooperatives" (H.P. 251) (L.D. 353) (Sponsored by Representative WARREN of Hallowell) (Cosponsored by Senator FARRIN of Somerset and Representatives: COLLINGS of Portland, GRIGNON of Athens, HARRINGTON of Sanford, WHITE of Waterville, Senators: CHIPMAN of Cumberland, MOORE of Washington)

Sincerely,

S/Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House

S/Darek M. Grant
Secretary of the Senate

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

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

The Following Communication: H.P. 307

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February 8, 2021

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

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

Dear Mr. Speaker and Mr. President:

On February 8, 2021, 41 bills were received by the Clerk of the House.

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, these bills were referred to the Joint Standing Committees on February 8, 2021, as follows:

Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

Bill "An Act Regarding the Production and Sale of Birch Syrup and Birch Syrup Products" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 300) (L.D. 416) (Sponsored by Representative KINNEY of Knox) (Cosponsored by Representatives: HALL of Wilton, HARRINGTON of Sanford, MORRIS of Turner, Senator: DAVIS of Piscataquis)

Appropriations and Financial Affairs

Bill "An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Fund the Transition from a Fossil Fuel-based to an Electrical Energy Economy" (H.P. 268) (L.D. 384) (Sponsored by Representative WARREN of Scarborough)

Criminal Justice and Public Safety

Bill "An Act To Modify the Composition of the Board of Trustees of the Maine Criminal Justice Academy" (H.P. 284) (L.D. 400) (Sponsored by Representative BELL of Yarmouth)

Bill "An Act To Protect Maine's Drivers from Pretextual Traffic Stops" (H.P. 301) (L.D. 417) (Sponsored by Representative MORALES of South Portland) (Cosponsored by Representatives: HARNETT of Gardiner, TALBOT ROSS of Portland, WARREN of Hallowell)

Bill "An Act Regarding Participation in Public Works Projects by Pretrial Inmates" (H.P. 303) (L.D. 419) (Sponsored by Representative COSTAIN of Plymouth) (Cosponsored by Representatives: PICKETT of Dixfield, RUDNICKI of Fairfield, WARREN of Hallowell)

Education and Cultural Affairs

Bill "An Act To Improve Operations at the Department of Education" (H.P. 270) (L.D. 386) (Sponsored by Representative BRENNAN of Portland)

Bill "An Act To Study the Costs and Feasibility of Requiring Industrial Arts To Be Offered in All Maine Public High Schools" (H.P. 290) (L.D. 406) (Sponsored by Representative ORDWAY of Standish)

Bill "An Act To Create Parity between Private Schools and Public Schools Regarding Career and Technical Education Tuition Rates" (H.P. 298) (L.D. 414) (Sponsored by Representative O'NEIL of Saco) (Cosponsored by Senator: MAXMIN of Lincoln)

Energy, Utilities and Technology

Bill "An Act Concerning Small Wireless Facilities in Maine" (H.P. 267) (L.D. 383) (Sponsored by Representative WARREN of Scarborough)

Bill "An Act To Amend Conflicts in the Laws Governing the Efficiency Maine Trust" (H.P. 269) (L.D. 385) (Sponsored by Representative KESSLER of South Portland)

Environment and Natural Resources

Bill "An Act To Reduce the Amount of Waste Going into Landfills" (H.P. 271) (L.D. 387) (Sponsored by Representative ALLEY of Beals)

Bill "An Act Regarding the Mapping of Shoreland Zones" (H.P. 274) (L.D. 390) (Sponsored by Representative PERRY of Calais)

Health and Human Services

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Regarding Health and Human Services" (H.P. 277) (L.D. 393) (Sponsored by Representative MEYER of Eliot)

Bill "An Act To Require the Department of Health and Human Services To Provide Assistance with Applications for Basic Necessities To Prevent Children Being Removed from Parental Custody" (H.P. 280) (L.D. 396) (Sponsored by Representative BRENNAN of Portland)

Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services To Increase MaineCare Reimbursement Rates for Targeted Case Management Services To Reflect Inflation (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 299) (L.D. 415) (Sponsored by Representative STEARNS of Guilford) (Cosponsored by Representative: MEYER of Eliot)

Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Regarding Inland Fisheries and Wildlife" (H.P. 273) (L.D. 389) (Sponsored by Representative LANDRY of Farmington)

Bill "An Act To Protect Maine's Loons and Other Wildlife in the Issuance of a Permit To Hold a Regatta, Race or Boat or Water-ski Exhibition" (H.P. 278) (L.D. 394) (Sponsored by Representative ORDDWAY of Standish)

Bill "An Act To Preserve Deer Habitat" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 288) (L.D. 404) (Sponsored by Representative JOHANSEN of Monticello)

Judiciary

Bill "An Act To Implement Recommendations of the Sixth Amendment Center Concerning Indigent Legal Services" (H.P. 282) (L.D. 398) (Sponsored by Representative CARDONE of Bangor)

Bill "An Act To Protect an Individual's Personal Data" (H.P. 286) (L.D. 402) (Sponsored by Representative WHITE of Waterville) (Cosponsored by Senator STEWART of Aroostook and Representatives: BLIER of Buxton, BROOKS of Lewiston, COREY of Windham, EVANS of Dover-Foxcroft, FECTEAU of Augusta, O'NEIL of Saco, PLUECKER of Warren, Senator: POULIOT of Kennebec)

Bill "An Act To Ensure Fair Judicial Outcomes" (H.P. 295) (L.D. 411) (Sponsored by Representative O'NEIL of Saco)

Bill "An Act To Amend the Maine Revised Unclaimed Property Act" (H.P. 304) (L.D. 420) (Sponsored by Representative RIELLY of Westbrook) (Cosponsored by Senator SANBORN of Cumberland and Representative: HARNETT of Gardiner)

Bill "An Act To Enact the Maine Uniform Trust Decanting Act" (H.P. 306) (L.D. 422) (Submitted by the Probate and Trust Law Advisory Commission pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 18-C, section 1-803, subsection 2.)

Labor and Housing

Bill "An Act To Recalculate Retirement Benefits for Certain State Employees Adversely Affected by Merit Pay Freezes" (H.P. 281) (L.D. 397) (Sponsored by Representative PICKETT of Dixfield) (Cosponsored by Senator MIRAMANT of Knox and Representatives: COSTAIN of Plymouth, NEWMAN of Belgrade, Senator: DESCHAMBAULT of York)

Bill "An Act To Clarify Retirement Benefits under the Maine Public Employees Retirement System" (H.P. 283) (L.D. 399) (Sponsored by Representative GROHOSKI of Ellsworth)

Marine Resources

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Regarding Marine Resources" (H.P. 275) (L.D. 391) (Sponsored by Representative McCREIGHT of Harpswell)

State and Local Government

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Regulating the Operation of the Legislature" (H.P. 292) (L.D. 408) (Sponsored by Representative DUNPHY of Old Town)

Taxation

Bill "An Act To Amend the Tax Laws" (H.P. 276) (L.D. 392) (Sponsored by Representative TERRY of Gorham)

Bill "An Act To Provide a Sales and Use Tax Exemption for Certain Nonprofit Cemeteries" (H.P. 285) (L.D. 401) (Sponsored by Representative UNDERWOOD of Presque Isle) (Cosponsored by Senator: STEWART of Aroostook)

Bill "An Act To Assist Service Center Communities by Adjusting State-Municipal Revenue Sharing" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 287) (L.D. 403) (Sponsored by Representative MADIGAN of Waterville)

Bill "An Act To Provide Funding To Restore Fully State-Municipal Revenue Sharing" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 293) (L.D. 409) (Sponsored by Representative RISEMAN of Harrison)

Bill "An Act To Authorize the Use of Tax Increment Financing Funds for Constructing or Renovating Municipal Offices and Other Buildings" (H.P. 296) (L.D. 412) (Sponsored by Representative CARLOW of Buxton) (Cosponsored by Senator BAILEY of York and Representative: BAILEY of Gorham)

Bill "An Act To Create a Graduated Real Estate Transfer Tax" (H.P. 302) (L.D. 418) (Sponsored by Representative WILLIAMS of Bar Harbor) (Cosponsored by Senator CHIPMAN of Cumberland and Representatives: KESSLER of South Portland, LOOKNER of Portland, MORALES of South Portland, PEBWORTH of Blue Hill, ROEDER of Bangor)

Transportation

Bill "An Act Regarding the Department of Transportation and Electric Vehicle Charging Stations" (H.P. 266) (L.D. 382) (Sponsored by Representative WARREN of Scarborough)

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Transportation" (H.P. 272) (L.D. 388) (Sponsored by Representative MARTIN of Sinclair)

Bill "An Act To Remove the Authorization for Temporary Signs To Be Placed in the Public Right-of-way" (H.P. 279) (L.D. 395) (Sponsored by Representative ORDDAY of Standish)

Bill "An Act To Provide Funding for the Reconstruction of Route 161 from Fort Kent to Caribou" (H.P. 294) (L.D. 410) (Sponsored by Representative MARTIN of Eagle Lake) (Cosponsored by President JACKSON of Aroostook)

Veterans and Legal Affairs

Bill "An Act To Prevent Fraudulent Endorsements in Political Materials" (H.P. 289) (L.D. 405) (Sponsored by Representative MADIGAN of Waterville)

Bill "An Act To Improve Education Funding through Lottery Proceeds" (H.P. 291) (L.D. 407) (Sponsored by Representative ALLEY of Beals)

Bill "An Act To Apply the Same Auditing Standards to All Candidates and Political Action Committees" (H.P. 297) (L.D. 413) (Sponsored by Representative RISEMAN of Harrison)

Bill "An Act To Increase the Number of Plants a Medical Marijuana Caregiver May Cultivate" (H.P. 305) (L.D. 421) (Sponsored by Representative COLLINGS of Portland) (Cosponsored by President JACKSON of Aroostook and Representatives: COLLAMORE of Pittsfield, MADIGAN of Waterville, NADEAU of Winslow, O'CONNOR of Berwick, PERRY of Calais, TALBOT ROSS of Portland, WHITE of Waterville, Senator: BALDACCI of Penobscot)

Sincerely,

S/Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House

S/Darek M. Grant
Secretary of the Senate

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February 9, 2021

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

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

Dear Mr. Speaker and Mr. President:

On February 9, 2021, 8 bills were received by the Clerk of the House.

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, these bills were referred to the Joint Standing Committees on February 9, 2021, as follows:

Education and Cultural Affairs

Bill "An Act To Protect the Health of Students and Educators by Requiring the Establishment of Health and Safety Committees in School Administrative Units" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 309) (L.D. 429) (Sponsored by Representative McCREA of Fort Fairfield) (Cosponsored by Representatives: DODGE of Belfast, DUNPHY of Old Town, WARREN of Hallowell, Senator: DAUGHTRY of Cumberland)

Bill "An Act To Provide for School Choice and Online Learning Opportunities in Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic" (H.P. 310) (L.D. 430) (Sponsored by Representative ANDREWS of Paris)

Health and Human Services

Resolve, To Improve Behavioral Health Care for Children (H.P. 312) (L.D. 432) (Sponsored by Representative MADIGAN of Waterville)

Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

Bill "An Act To Allow Winners of Moose Permits To Sell Subpermittee Selections" (H.P. 313) (L.D. 433) (Sponsored by Representative ANDREWS of Paris) (BY REQUEST)

State and Local Government

Bill "An Act To Clarify the Bonding Authority of Counties for Capital Maintenance Projects" (H.P. 314) (L.D. 434) (Sponsored by Representative MARTIN of Sinclair)

Taxation

Bill "An Act To Prevent Tax Haven Abuse" (H.P. 308) (L.D. 428) (Sponsored by Representative TEPLER of Topsham) (Cosponsored by Senator CHIPMAN of Cumberland and Representatives: COLLINGS of Portland, GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach, MATLACK of St. George, Senator: DAUGHTRY of Cumberland)

Bill "An Act To Provide a Sales and Use Tax Exemption for Certain Educational Collaboratives" (H.P. 315) (L.D. 435) (Sponsored by Representative PICKETT of Dixfield) (Cosponsored by Representatives: HANLEY of Pittston, STEARNS of Guilford, TUELL of East Machias)

Transportation

Bill "An Act To Repeal the Requirement That Certain Motor Vehicles Be Inspected" (H.P. 311) (L.D. 431) (Sponsored by Representative CEBRA of Naples)

Sincerely,

S/Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House

S/Darek M. Grant
Secretary of the Senate

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The Following Communication: H.P. 356

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February 11, 2021

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

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

Dear Mr. Speaker and Mr. President:

On February 11, 2021, 39 bills were received by the Clerk of the House.

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, these bills were referred to the Joint Standing Committees on February 11, 2021, as follows:

Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

Bill "An Act To Provide Free State Park Passes to Persons with Disabilities" (H.P. 333) (L.D. 457) (Sponsored by Representative CUDDY of Winterport)

Appropriations and Financial Affairs

Bill "An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Support a Climate Center at the Gulf of Maine Research Institute" (H.P. 342) (L.D. 466) (Sponsored by Speaker FECTEAU of Biddeford)

Bill "An Act To Propose a General Fund Bond Issue To Train Workers in High-demand Sectors and Support the State's 10-year Economic Plan Goal of Increasing Wages by 10 Percent" (H.P. 355) (L.D. 481) (Sponsored by Representative MILLETT of Waterford) (Cosponsored by Senator DAVIS of Piscataquis and Representative: COREY of Windham)

Criminal Justice and Public Safety

Bill "An Act To Provide Licensed Assisted Living and Nursing Facilities Levels of Care for Incarcerated Persons" (H.P. 350) (L.D. 476) (Sponsored by Representative MORALES of South Portland)

Bill "An Act To Allow for Fair Restitution by Providing That Restitution Does Not Include the Cost of Analysis of Suspected Illegal Drugs" (H.P. 351) (L.D. 477) (Sponsored by Representative WARREN of Hallowell) (Cosponsored by Representatives: ANDREWS of Paris, EVANGELOS of Friendship, LOOKNER of Portland, PERRY of Calais)

Education and Cultural Affairs

Bill "An Act To Create Parity between Department of Education Recommendations and Maine Principals' Association Guidelines for Sports" (H.P. 320) (L.D. 444) (Sponsored by Representative FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor)

Bill "An Act To Require Certain Schools To Provide Menstrual Products" (H.P. 328) (L.D. 452) (Sponsored by Representative TEPLER of Topsham) (Cosponsored by Senator BREEN of Cumberland and Representatives: BRENNAN of Portland, DODGE of Belfast, MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth, Senator: DAUGHTRY of Cumberland)

Bill "An Act To Establish a Permanent Appointment of a Member of the Wabanaki Tribes to the Board of Trustees of the University of Maine System" (H.P. 329) (L.D. 453) (Sponsored by Representative NEWELL of the Passamaquoddy Tribe) (Cosponsored by Senator MOORE of Washington and Representatives: BAILEY of Gorham, MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth, Senator: DAUGHTRY of Cumberland)

Bill "An Act To Update the Laws Regarding Private Schools That Serve At-risk Youth" (H.P. 341) (L.D. 465) (Sponsored by Representative PIERCE of Falmouth)

Bill "An Act Regarding School Discipline for Maine's Youngest Children" (H.P. 348) (L.D. 474) (Sponsored by Representative MORALES of South Portland)

Health and Human Services

Bill "An Act To Promote the Education of Patients by Primary Care and Urgent Care Physicians Regarding the Bone Marrow Transplant List" (H.P. 326) (L.D. 450) (Sponsored by Representative CRAVEN of Lewiston) (Cosponsored by Representatives: BROOKS of Lewiston, STOVER of Boothbay, WHITE of Waterville, Senator: LIBBY of Androscoggin)

Bill "An Act To Allow the Reduction of a MaineCare Lien" (H.P. 337) (L.D. 461) (Sponsored by Representative CARDONE of Bangor)

Resolve, To Create the Frequent Users System Engagement Collaborative (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 349) (L.D. 475) (Sponsored by Representative MORALES of South Portland)

Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services

Bill "An Act To Expand Adult Dental Health Insurance Coverage" (H.P. 317) (L.D. 441) (Sponsored by Representative BROOKS of Lewiston)

Bill "An Act To Ensure Choices in Health Insurance Markets" (H.P. 319) (L.D. 443) (Sponsored by Representative MORRIS of Turner)

Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

Bill "An Act To Allow Deer Baiting by Hunters" (H.P. 321) (L.D. 445) (Sponsored by Representative LYFORD of Eddington)

Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business

Bill "An Act To Change the Licensing Authority for Tattoo Artists" (H.P. 335) (L.D. 459) (Sponsored by Representative FECTEAU of Augusta) (Cosponsored by Senator POULIOT of Kennebec and Representatives: COLLINGS of Portland, DOORE of Augusta, WARREN of Hallowell, Senator: STEWART of Aroostook)

Judiciary

Bill "An Act Regarding Recording of Witness Interviews" (H.P. 324) (L.D. 448) (Sponsored by Representative HARNETT of Gardiner) (Cosponsored by Senator BAILEY of York and Representatives: EVANGELOS of Friendship, FECTEAU of Augusta, MORALES of South Portland, TALBOT ROSS of Portland, WARREN of Hallowell)

Bill "An Act To Establish a Fund To Compensate Unjustly Incarcerated Persons" (H.P. 352) (L.D. 478) (Sponsored by Representative EVANGELOS of Friendship)

Bill "An Act To Establish a Presumption of Entitlement to Counsel for a Person Who Is the Subject of an Adult Guardianship, Conservatorship or Other Protective Arrangement Proceeding" (H.P. 354) (L.D. 480) (Sponsored by Representative CARDONE of Bangor)

Labor and Housing

Bill "An Act To Require Equivalent Paid Parental Leave for All Parents Employed by Companies Offering Paid Parental Leave" (H.P. 323) (L.D. 447) (Sponsored by Representative ROEDER of Bangor) (Cosponsored by Representatives: DUNPHY of Old Town, McDONALD of Stonington, SUPICA of Bangor, Senator: BALDACCI of Penobscot)

Bill "An Act To Strengthen the Ability of Public Employers and Unions To Negotiate" (H.P. 325) (L.D. 449) (Sponsored by Representative McCREA of Fort Fairfield) (Cosponsored by Representatives: DUNPHY of Old Town, Speaker FECTEAU of Biddeford, GROHOSKI of Ellsworth, MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth, ROBERTS of South Berwick, SYLVESTER of Portland, WARREN of Hallowell, Senator: President JACKSON of Aroostook)

Bill "An Act To Give the State the Sole Authority To Establish a Minimum Wage and Hazard Pay with Certain Exceptions" (H.P. 331) (L.D. 455) (Sponsored by Representative NEWMAN of Belgrade) (Cosponsored by Representatives: BRADSTREET of Vassalboro, COSTAIN of Plymouth, PICKETT of Dixfield)

Bill "An Act To Amend Certain Employment Laws To Help Front-line and Other Workers" (H.P. 336) (L.D. 460) (Sponsored by Representative SYLVESTER of Portland)

Bill "An Act To Better House Maine Residents" (H.P. 339) (L.D. 463) (Sponsored by Representative SYLVESTER of Portland)

Bill "An Act To Change Certain Labor Laws" (H.P. 340) (L.D. 464) (Sponsored by Representative SYLVESTER of Portland)

Bill "An Act To Support E-9-1-1 Dispatchers and Corrections Officers Diagnosed with Post-traumatic Stress Disorder" (H.P. 343) (L.D. 467) (Sponsored by Representative DILLINGHAM of Oxford)

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Labor and Housing" (H.P. 344) (L.D. 468) (Sponsored by Representative SYLVESTER of Portland)

Bill "An Act To Ensure Safety across Maine's Construction Industry" (H.P. 345) (L.D. 469) (Sponsored by Representative SYLVESTER of Portland)

Bill "An Act To Create the Maine Rental Assistance and Voucher Guarantee Program" (H.P. 347) (L.D. 473) (Sponsored by Representative MORALES of South Portland)

Marine Resources

Bill "An Act To Ensure Equity in the Shellfish Depuration Compensation Process for Municipalities by Increasing the Rate of Reimbursement Paid to Municipalities" (H.P. 330) (L.D. 454) (Sponsored by Representative MATLACK of St. George) (Cosponsored by Senator MIRAMANT of Knox and Representatives: McCREIGHT of Harpswell, PEBWORTH of Blue Hill, SACHS of Freeport, Senator: LUCHINI of Hancock)

State and Local Government

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Create the Office of Lieutenant Governor (H.P. 318) (L.D. 442) (Sponsored by Representative SYLVESTER of Portland) (Cosponsored by Representative: CUDDY of Winterport)

Bill "An Act To Reestablish the State Planning Office" (H.P. 322) (L.D. 446) (Sponsored by Representative BAILEY of Gorham) (Cosponsored by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot and Representatives: BRYANT of Windham, COPELAND of Saco, DOORE of Augusta, HARNETT of Gardiner, PAULHUS of Bath, RISEMAN of Harrison, SACHS of Freeport, WARREN of Hallowell)

Bill "An Act To Reexamine the Relationship among County, Municipal and State Governments" (H.P. 338) (L.D. 462) (Sponsored by Representative SYLVESTER of Portland)

Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 104: Certain Payments Not Immediate, a Major Substantive Rule of the Treasurer of State (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 346) (L.D. 472) (Submitted by the Treasurer of State pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 8072.)

Transportation

Bill "An Act To Support Public Transportation Infrastructure in York and Cumberland Counties" (H.P. 334) (L.D. 458) (Sponsored by Representative O'NEIL of Saco) (Cosponsored by Representative: COPELAND of Saco, Senator: BAILEY of York)

Veterans and Legal Affairs

Bill "An Act To Remove the Party Designation from Return Envelopes for Absentee Ballots for the General Election" (H.P. 327) (L.D. 451) (Sponsored by Representative RUDNICKI of Fairfield) (Cosponsored by Representatives: ARATA of New Gloucester, CARMICHAEL of Greenbush, DOLLOFF of Milton Township, O'CONNOR of Berwick, PARRY of Arundel, PICKETT of Dixfield, POIRIER of Skowhegan, STANLEY of Medway)

Bill "An Act To Protect Voter Identification by Prohibiting a Voter's Party Designation from Appearing on Absentee Ballot Envelopes" (H.P. 332) (L.D. 456) (Sponsored by Representative SAMPSON of Alfred) (Cosponsored by Senator KEIM of Oxford and Representatives: DRINKWATER of Milford, FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor, FECTEAU of Augusta, LYMAN of Livermore Falls, MASON of Lisbon, RUDNICKI of Fairfield)

Bill "An Act To Ban Foreign Campaign Contributions and Expenditures in Maine Elections" (H.P. 353) (L.D. 479) (Sponsored by Representative BAILEY of Gorham) (Cosponsored by Senator MIRAMANT of Knox and Representatives: BELL of Yarmouth, CARLOW of Buxton, COREY of Windham, DOUDERA of Camden, EVANGELOS of Friendship, HASENFUS of Readfield, McCREIGHT of Harpswell, WOOD of Portland)

Sincerely,

S/Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House

S/Darek M. Grant
Secretary of the Senate

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

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

The Following Communication: H.P. 384

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February 17, 2021

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

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

Dear Mr. Speaker and Mr. President:

On February 17, 2021, 27 bills were received by the Clerk of the House.

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, these bills were referred to the Joint Standing Committees on February 17, 2021, as follows:

Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

Bill "An Act To Protect Children from Exposure to Toxic Chemicals" (H.P. 382) (L.D. 519) (Sponsored by Representative GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach) (Cosponsored by Senator MAXMIN of Lincoln and Representatives: DOUDERA of Camden, DUNPHY of Old Town, GROHOSKI of Ellsworth, LOOKNER of Portland, O'NEIL of Saco, OSHER of Orono, PLUECKER of Warren, Senator: DAUGHTRY of Cumberland)

Appropriations and Financial Affairs

Bill "An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Promote the Construction of Energy-efficient Affordable Homes and the Adaptive Reuse, Repair and Weatherization of Existing Homes for Low-income Seniors" (H.P. 380) (L.D. 517) (Sponsored by Representative BABBIDGE of Kennebunk) (Cosponsored by Representatives: FAY of Raymond, MORALES of South Portland, OSHER of Orono, STEARNS of Guilford, WHITE of Waterville, Senator: RAFFERTY of York)

Criminal Justice and Public Safety

Bill "An Act To Expand the Disciplinary Authority of the Board of Trustees of the Maine Criminal Justice Academy" (H.P. 368) (L.D. 505) (Sponsored by Representative McCREA of Fort Fairfield) (Cosponsored by President JACKSON of Aroostook and Representatives: EVANGELOS of Friendship, GROHOSKI of Ellsworth, HARNETT of Gardiner, McCREIGHT of Harpswell, MEYER of Eliot, MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth, WARREN of Hallowell, Senator: KEIM of Oxford)

Bill "An Act Regarding the Membership of the Board of Trustees of the Maine Criminal Justice Academy and Its Complaint Review Committee" (H.P. 376) (L.D. 513) (Sponsored by Representative RECKITT of South Portland) (Cosponsored by Senator DESCHAMBAULT of York and Representatives: MORALES of South Portland, PLUECKER of Warren, WARREN of Hallowell)

Bill "An Act To Establish and Promote a System of Safe Disposal of Expired Marine Flares" (H.P. 377) (L.D. 514) (Sponsored by Representative McCREIGHT of Harpswell) (Cosponsored by Senator VITELLI of Sagadahoc and Representatives: MATLACK of St. George, McDONALD of Stonington, PICKETT of Dixfield, RECKITT of South Portland, TUELL of East Machias, WARREN of Hallowell)

Education and Cultural Affairs

Bill "An Act To Create New Models of Maine Manufacturing Employment and Education" (H.P. 378) (L.D. 515) (Sponsored by Representative SYLVESTER of Portland) (Cosponsored by President JACKSON of Aroostook and Representatives: CUDDY of Winterport, O'NEIL of Saco, Senator: CHIPMAN of Cumberland)

Resolve, Directing the Department of Education To Review Career and Technical Education Courses and Provide Guidance on High School Credit Equivalencies (H.P. 379) (L.D. 516) (Sponsored by Representative FECTEAU of Augusta) (Cosponsored by Senator WOODSOME of York and Representatives: ROCHE of Wells, SAMPSON of Alfred, STEARNS of Guilford, WHITE of Waterville, Senators: POULIOT of Kennebec, TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin)

Resolve, Directing the Department of Education To Review and Assess Existing Educational Mandates (H.P. 381) (L.D. 518) (Sponsored by Representative GROHOSKI of Ellsworth)

Energy, Utilities and Technology

Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 895: Underground Facility Damage Prevention Requirements, a Major Substantive Rule of the Public Utilities Commission (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 363) (L.D. 500) (Submitted by the Public Utilities Commission pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 8072)

Bill "An Act To Improve Consumer Protections for Community Solar Projects" (H.P. 370) (L.D. 507) (Sponsored by Representative BERRY of Bowdoinham) (Submitted by the Office of the Public Advocate pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act To Improve Regulation of Door-to-door Marketing of Retail Energy Supply" (H.P. 371) (L.D. 508) (Sponsored by Representative BERRY of Bowdoinham) (Submitted by the Office of the Public Advocate pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act To Require Telephone Service Providers To Provide at No Cost to Customers Services Designed To Reduce the Number of So-called Robocalls and Automatically Dialed Telephone Calls" (H.P. 374) (L.D. 511) (Sponsored by Representative DODGE of Belfast) (Cosponsored by Senator CURRY of Waldo and Representatives: BERRY of Bowdoinham, CLOUTIER of Lewiston, CUDDY of Winterport, DOUDERA of Camden, GROHOSKI of Ellsworth, MORIARTY of Cumberland, RISEMAN of Harrison, Senator: VITELLI of Sagadahoc)

Bill "An Act To Continue the Green Power Offer for Electricity" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 383) (L.D. 520) (Sponsored by Representative BERRY of Bowdoinham)

Environment and Natural Resources

Bill "An Act To Broaden the Definition of 'Working Waterfront' with Respect to Land Use Planning" (H.P. 365) (L.D. 502) (Sponsored by Representative McDONALD of Stonington)

Health and Human Services

Bill "An Act To Clear Waiting Lists for and Ensure Timely Access to Mental Health Services for Maine Children" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 359) (L.D. 496) (Sponsored by Representative GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach) (Cosponsored by Senator BAILEY of York and Representatives: CRAVEN of Lewiston, MADIGAN of Waterville, McCREIGHT of Harpswell, PEBWORTH of Blue Hill, PERRY of Calais, SACHS of Freeport, STOVER of Boothbay, WHITE of Waterville)

Bill "An Act To Strengthen Supports for Families and Children through a Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention and Early Intervention Program" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 360) (L.D. 497) (Sponsored by Representative MADIGAN of Waterville) (Cosponsored by Senator LIBBY of Androscoggin and Representatives: COLLINGS of Portland, CRAVEN of Lewiston, HARNETT of Gardiner, MEYER of Eliot, TALBOT ROSS of Portland, WARREN of Hallowell, WHITE of Waterville, Senator: BALDACCI of Penobscot)

Bill "An Act To Eliminate the Waiting Lists for Older and Disabled Residents Who Are Eligible To Receive Home-based Care" (H.P. 362) (L.D. 499) (Sponsored by Representative CRAVEN of Lewiston) (Cosponsored by Representatives: CLOUTIER of Lewiston, GROHOSKI of Ellsworth, MADIGAN of Waterville, PERRY of Calais, SACHS of Freeport, STOVER of Boothbay, Senator: BALDACCI of Penobscot)

Resolve, To Help Children in Therapeutic Foster Care Move toward Adoption (H.P. 366) (L.D. 503) (Sponsored by Representative KINNEY of Knox)

Resolve, To Reduce Stigma Regarding Substance Use Disorder by Requiring the Use of Respectful Language in the MaineCare Benefits Manual and Other Department of Health and Human Services Publications (H.P. 373) (L.D. 510) (Sponsored by Representative McCREIGHT of Harpswell) (Cosponsored by Senator DAUGHTRY of Cumberland and Representatives: CRAVEN of Lewiston, GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach, MEYER of Eliot, STOVER of Boothbay, Senators: CURRY of Waldo, MOORE of Washington)

Bill "An Act To Provide Intensive Case Managers to Counties That Do Not Have County Jails or Regional Jails" (H.P. 375) (L.D. 512) (Sponsored by Representative DODGE of Belfast) (Cosponsored by Representatives: CRAVEN of Lewiston, MADIGAN of Waterville, MORALES of South Portland, PERRY of Calais, RECKITT of South Portland, STOVER of Boothbay, WARREN of Hallowell, ZAGER of Portland)

Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services

Resolve, Regarding Certification for Certain Mental Health Rehabilitation Technicians (H.P. 367) (L.D. 504) (Sponsored by Representative SACHS of Freeport) (Cosponsored by Senator BREEN of Cumberland and Representatives: ARFORD of Brunswick, CRAVEN of Lewiston, FAY of Raymond, SHEEHAN of Biddeford, SUPICA of Bangor, TEPLER of Topsham)

Labor and Housing

Bill "An Act To Change the Compensation Structure of the Maine Labor Relations Board and the State Board of Arbitration and Conciliation" (H.P. 357) (L.D. 494) (Sponsored by Representative SYLVESTER of Portland) (Submitted by the Maine Labor Relations Board pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act To Protect Teachers from a Decrease in Retirement Benefits Arising from the COVID-19 Pandemic" (H.P. 372) (L.D. 509) (Sponsored by Representative DODGE of Belfast) (Cosponsored by Senator CURRY of Waldo and Representatives: CROCKETT of Portland, CUDDY of Winterport, HEPLER of Woolwich, McCREA of Fort Fairfield, PEBWORTH of Blue Hill, SALISBURY of Westbrook, Senator: RAFFERTY of York)

Taxation

Bill "An Act To Improve Income Tax Progressivity by Establishing New Top Individual Income Tax Rates" (H.P. 358) (L.D. 495) (Sponsored by Representative OSHER of Orono) (Cosponsored by Senator CHIPMAN of Cumberland and Representatives: COLLINGS of Portland, COPELAND of Saco, GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach, MORALES of South Portland, RECKITT of South Portland, ROEDER of Bangor, TEPLER of Topsham, WILLIAMS of Bar Harbor)

Bill "An Act To Reauthorize a 3 Percent Tax on Income over \$200,000 To Lift All Maine Workers out of Poverty" (H.P. 361) (L.D. 498) (Sponsored by Representative SYLVESTER of Portland)

Bill "An Act To Amend Maine's Corporate Income Tax by Increasing the Top Rate from 8.93 Percent to 12.4 Percent" (H.P. 364) (L.D. 501) (Sponsored by Representative BROOKS of Lewiston) (Cosponsored by Representatives: COLLINGS of Portland, CRAVEN of Lewiston, GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach, TERRY of Gorham, Senator: CHIPMAN of Cumberland)

Bill "An Act To Reduce the Tax Burden on Low-income Electricity Customers" (H.P. 369) (L.D. 506) (Sponsored by Representative BERRY of Bowdoinham) (Submitted by the Office of the Public Advocate pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Sincerely,

S/Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House

S/Darek M. Grant
Secretary of the Senate

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February 22, 2021

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

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

Dear Mr. Speaker and Mr. President:

On February 22, 2021, 52 bills were received by the Clerk of the House.

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, these bills were referred to the Joint Standing Committees on February 22, 2021, as follows:

Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

Resolve, Directing the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry To Study Alternative Cropping Systems for Farmers Affected by Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances Contamination (H.P. 403) (L.D. 558) (Sponsored by Representative PLUECKER of Warren) (Cosponsored by Senator MAXMIN of Lincoln and Representatives: GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach, LANDRY of Farmington, McCREA of Fort Fairfield, O'NEIL of Saco, OSHER of Orono, WHITE of Waterville, Senator: DILL of Penobscot)

Resolve, To Improve Standards for Animal Rescue Entities (H.P. 406) (L.D. 561) (Sponsored by Representative STEARNS of Guilford) (Cosponsored by Representatives: KINNEY of Knox, LANDRY of Farmington, Senators: BLACK of Franklin, DAVIS of Piscataquis)

Bill "An Act To Establish a Working Farmland Access and Protection Program within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry and a Working Farmland Access and Protection Fund within the Land for Maine's Future Program" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 413) (L.D. 568) (Sponsored by Representative PLUECKER of Warren) (Cosponsored by Representative: Speaker FECTEAU of Biddeford) (Submitted by the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act To Clarify the Maine Food Sovereignty Act" (H.P. 419) (L.D. 574) (Sponsored by Representative PLUECKER of Warren) (Cosponsored by Representatives: FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor, McCREA of Fort Fairfield, O'NEIL of Saco, OSHER of Orono, Senator: MAXMIN of Lincoln)

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry" (H.P. 429) (L.D. 586) (Sponsored by Representative O'NEIL of Saco)

Criminal Justice and Public Safety

Bill "An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Maine Juvenile Justice System Assessment and Reinvestment Task Force" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 391) (L.D. 546) (Sponsored by Representative BRENNAN of Portland)

Bill "An Act Concerning Records of the Employment of Law Enforcement Officers and Corrections Officers" (H.P. 418) (L.D. 573) (Sponsored by Representative COREY of Windham) (Cosponsored by Senator ROSEN of Hancock and Representatives: BRYANT of Windham, COSTAIN of Plymouth, FAY of Raymond, PICKETT of Dixfield, WARREN of Hallowell)

Education and Cultural Affairs

Bill "An Act To Include Community Service Hours in High School Graduation Standards" (H.P. 394) (L.D. 549) (Sponsored by Representative POIRIER of Skowhegan) (Cosponsored by Representative: DUCHARME of Madison)

Resolve, Directing the State Board of Education To Adopt Rules Prohibiting Teachers in Public Schools from Engaging in Political, Ideological or Religious Advocacy in the Classroom (H.P. 395) (L.D. 550) (Sponsored by Representative CARMICHAEL of Greenbush) (Cosponsored by Representatives: DOLLOFF of Milton Township, DUCHARME of Madison, GRIFFIN of Levant, MASON of Lisbon, POIRIER of Skowhegan)

Bill "An Act To Strengthen the Individualized Education Program Process" (H.P. 397) (L.D. 552) (Sponsored by Representative MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth) (Cosponsored by Representatives: CRAVEN of Lewiston, CROCKETT of Portland, DODGE of Belfast, McCREA of Fort Fairfield, WILLIAMS of Bar Harbor, Senator: RAFFERTY of York)

Bill "An Act To Address Labor Market Inequities in the School Funding Formula" (H.P. 411) (L.D. 566) (Sponsored by Representative TUELL of East Machias)

Bill "An Act To Assist Students in Preparing for Opportunities To Live and Work in Maine" (H.P. 417) (L.D. 572) (Sponsored by Representative STEARNS of Guilford) (Cosponsored by Senator POULIOT of Kennebec and Representatives: BRENNAN of Portland, CROCKETT of Portland, ROCHE of Wells, WHITE of Waterville, Senators: TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin, WOODSOME of York)

Energy, Utilities and Technology

Bill "An Act To Accelerate Weatherization Efforts in the State" (H.P. 396) (L.D. 551) (Sponsored by Representative KESSLER of South Portland) (Cosponsored by Senator POULIOT of Kennebec)

Bill "An Act To Repeal the Changes Made by Public Law 2019, Chapter 478, 'An Act To Promote Solar Energy Projects and Distributed Generation Resources in Maine'" (H.P. 426) (L.D. 583) (Sponsored by Representative HANLEY of Pittston) (Cosponsored by Senator FARRIN of Somerset)

Environment and Natural Resources

Bill "An Act To Restore Regular Eelgrass Mapping in the State" (H.P. 436) (L.D. 593) (Sponsored by Representative McCREIGHT of Harpswell) (Cosponsored by Representatives: O'CONNOR of Berwick, TUCKER of Brunswick, ZEIGLER of Montville, Senators: CARNEY of Cumberland, MAXMIN of Lincoln, VITELLI of Sagadahoc)

Health and Human Services

Bill "An Act To Improve the Rights and Basic Protections of Persons with Acquired Brain Injuries" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 404) (L.D. 559) (Sponsored by Representative HEPLER of Woolwich) (Cosponsored by Senator MOORE of Washington and Representatives: GROHOSKI of Ellsworth, MEYER of Eliot, PERRY of Calais, Senator: VITELLI of Sagadahoc)

Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 6: Crisis Prevention and Intervention Services, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Aging and Disability Services (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 420) (L.D. 577) (Submitted by the Department of Health and Human Services pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 8072.)

Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 113: Regulations Governing the Licensing and Functioning of Assisted Housing Programs: Infection Prevention and Control, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Licensing and Certification (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 421) (L.D. 578) (Submitted by the Department of Health and Human Services pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 8072.)

Bill "An Act To Support the Fidelity and Sustainability of Assertive Community Treatment" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 425) (L.D. 582) (Sponsored by Representative MADIGAN of Waterville)

Bill "An Act To Require MaineCare Coverage for Ostomy Equipment" (H.P. 433) (L.D. 590) (Sponsored by Representative LEMELIN of Chelsea) (Cosponsored by Senator MOORE of Washington and Representatives: CONNOR of Lewiston, GRIFFIN of Levant, JAVNER of Chester)

Bill "An Act To Ensure Access to Outpatient Mental Health Services by Increasing Reimbursement for Outpatient Therapists" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 435) (L.D. 592) (Sponsored by Representative GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach) (Cosponsored by Senator BAILEY of York and Representatives: CRAVEN of Lewiston, MADIGAN of Waterville, STOVER of Boothbay)

Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services

Bill "An Act To Promote Safety and Protect Consumers Using Peer-to-peer Car Sharing Programs" (H.P. 385) (L.D. 540) (Sponsored by Representative TEPLER of Topsham) (Cosponsored by Representatives: ARFORD of Brunswick, BRENNAN of Portland, BROOKS of Lewiston)

Bill "An Act To Improve Health Care Data Analysis" (H.P. 386) (L.D. 541) (Sponsored by Representative PERRY of Calais)

Bill "An Act Regarding Copayment and Coinsurance Issues for Chiropractors" (H.P. 401) (L.D. 556) (Sponsored by Representative DOORE of Augusta)

Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

Bill "An Act To Eliminate Moose Permits for Hunting Lodges" (H.P. 389) (L.D. 544) (Sponsored by Representative ANDREWS of Paris) (BY REQUEST)

Bill "An Act Regarding Nuisance Beavers" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 392) (L.D. 547) (Sponsored by Representative KINNEY of Knox) (Cosponsored by Senator MOORE of Washington and Representatives: DOLLOFF of Milton Township, KRYZAK of Acton, MASON of Lisbon, SKOLFIELD of Weld, STEARNS of Guilford, TUELL of East Machias)

Bill "An Act To Prohibit Hunting with a Bow within 100 Yards of a Building or Residence" (H.P. 414) (L.D. 569) (Sponsored by Representative TUELL of East Machias) (Cosponsored by Representatives: CARMICHAEL of Greenbush, LANDRY of Farmington, MASON of Lisbon, McCREA of Fort Fairfield)

Judiciary

Bill "An Act To Combat the Sexual Exploitation of Minors in Maine" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 390) (L.D. 545) (Sponsored by Representative ANDREWS of Paris) (Cosponsored by Senator DIAMOND of Cumberland and Representatives: ROBERTS of South Berwick, WARREN of Hallowell)

Bill "An Act To Amend the Safe Haven Laws" (H.P. 405) (L.D. 560) (Sponsored by Representative COREY of Windham) (Cosponsored by Senator ROSEN of Hancock and Representatives: ARATA of New Gloucester, COSTAIN of Plymouth, KINNEY of Knox, MADIGAN of Waterville, WHITE of Waterville, Senator: DIAMOND of Cumberland)

Bill "An Act To Enhance Tribal-State Collaboration in the Enforcement of Child Support" (H.P. 407) (L.D. 562) (Sponsored by Representative TALBOT ROSS of Portland)

Resolve, To Create the Criminal Records Review Committee (H.P. 408) (L.D. 563) (Sponsored by Representative TALBOT ROSS of Portland)

Resolve, To Conduct an Independent Examination of the Protection Order System To Determine whether There Is Systemic Misuse by Applicants (H.P. 422) (L.D. 579) (Sponsored by Representative HANLEY of Pittston)

Bill "An Act To Restore to the Penobscot Nation and Passamaquoddy Tribe the Authority To Exercise Jurisdiction under the Federal Tribal Law and Order Act of 2010" (H.P. 428) (L.D. 585) (Sponsored by Representative TALBOT ROSS of Portland) (Cosponsored by Representatives: HARNETT of Gardiner, NEWELL of the Passamaquoddy Tribe, PERRY of Calais, ZAGER of Portland)

Bill "An Act To Provide Access to Justice for Victims of Child Sexual Abuse" (H.P. 432) (L.D. 589) (Sponsored by Representative GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach) (Cosponsored by Senator CARNEY of Cumberland and Representatives: Speaker FECTEAU of Biddeford, HARNETT of Gardiner, RECKITT of South Portland, Senators: BAILEY of York, President JACKSON of Aroostook)

Labor and Housing

Bill "An Act To Provide That the Minimum Wage Increases by the Cost of Living Every 3 Years" (H.P. 388) (L.D. 543) (Sponsored by Representative BRADSTREET of Vassalboro) (Cosponsored by Representatives: ARATA of New Gloucester, HAGGAN of Hampden, MORRIS of Turner)

Bill "An Act Regarding Penalties for Early Retirement for Certain Members of the Maine Public Employees Retirement System" (H.P. 393) (L.D. 548) (Sponsored by Representative DOORE of Augusta)

Bill "An Act To End At-will Employment" (H.P. 398) (L.D. 553) (Sponsored by Representative SYLVESTER of Portland)

Bill "An Act To Expand the Rights of Public Sector Employees" (H.P. 400) (L.D. 555) (Sponsored by Representative SYLVESTER of Portland)

Bill "An Act To Amend the Penalty for Early Retirement for Certain Members of the Maine Public Employees Retirement System" (H.P. 412) (L.D. 567) (Sponsored by Representative HANLEY of Pittston)

Resolve, To Expedite Processing of Applications for Certification under the Federal Work Opportunity Tax Credit (H.P. 424) (L.D. 581) (Sponsored by Representative TALBOT ROSS of Portland)

State and Local Government

Bill "An Act To Save Money by Eliminating the Requirement That the Annual Reports of State Agencies Be Printed" (H.P. 409) (L.D. 564) (Sponsored by Representative CONNOR of Lewiston) (Cosponsored by Representatives: COLLAMORE of Pittsfield, DUCHARME of Madison, LEMELIN of Chelsea, NADEAU of Winslow, ROCHE of Wells)

Resolve, To Establish the Commission To Study the Reduction of Unfunded and Outdated Municipal Mandates (H.P. 427) (L.D. 584) (Sponsored by Representative TUELL of East Machias) (Cosponsored by Senator ROSEN of Hancock and Representatives: DOWNES of Bucksport, DUCHARME of Madison, ROCHE of Wells, SKOLFIELD of Weld, Senator: MOORE of Washington)

Taxation

Bill "An Act To Provide for Fairness in the Taxation of Extraordinary and Unearned Income by Establishing a 3 Percent Surcharge on Net Capital Gains and Dividends Income over \$250,000 for Taxpayers Filing Single or Married Separate Returns and over \$500,000 for Taxpayers Filing Joint Returns" (H.P. 415) (L.D. 570) (Sponsored by Representative BERRY of Bowdoinham) (Cosponsored by Senator CHIPMAN of Cumberland and Representatives: CARDONE of Bangor, COLLINGS of Portland, DUNPHY of Old Town, KESSLER of South Portland, TALBOT ROSS of Portland, Senator: SANBORN of Cumberland)

Transportation

Bill "An Act To Study the Fee Structure for Motor Vehicle Inspections as It Relates to the Viability of Inspection Stations" (H.P. 410) (L.D. 565) (Sponsored by Representative HARRINGTON of Sanford) (BY REQUEST)

Resolve, To Name a Bridge in the Town of Veazie the Hayward Carl Spencer Memorial Bridge (H.P. 416) (L.D. 571) (Sponsored by Representative LYFORD of Eddington)

Veterans and Legal Affairs

Bill "An Act To Provide Support Services for Military Members Transitioning to Civilian Life in Maine" (H.P. 387) (L.D. 542) (Sponsored by Representative TERRY of Gorham)

Bill "An Act To Create Gaming Equity and Fairness for the Native American Tribes in Maine" (H.P. 399) (L.D. 554) (Sponsored by Representative COLLINGS of Portland) (Cosponsored by Representatives: NEWELL of the Passamaquoddy Tribe, PERRY of Calais, Senator: MOORE of Washington)

Bill "An Act To Require Photographic Identification for the Purpose of Voting" (H.P. 402) (L.D. 557) (Sponsored by Representative JOHANSEN of Monticello)

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine Regarding Early Voting (H.P. 423) (L.D. 580) (Sponsored by Representative MORIARTY of Cumberland)

Bill "An Act Regarding the Licensing of Persons To Conduct Advance Deposit Wagering" (H.P. 430) (L.D. 587) (Sponsored by Representative MILLETT of Waterford)

Resolve, To Study Veterans' Benefits in Maine (H.P. 431) (L.D. 588) (Sponsored by Representative GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach) (Cosponsored by Representatives: CAIAZZO of Scarborough, DRINKWATER of Milford, EVANS of Dover-Foxcroft, MARTIN of Sinclair, O'CONNELL of Brewer, WHITE of Waterville, Senator: DAVIS of Piscataquis)

Bill "An Act Regarding Agency Liquor Store Licensing" (H.P. 434) (L.D. 591) (Sponsored by Representative CAIAZZO of Scarborough) (Cosponsored by Representatives: CLOUTIER of Lewiston, CROCKETT of Portland, Speaker FECTEAU of Biddeford, LIBBY of Auburn, McCREIGHT of Harpswell, SUPICA of Bangor, WARREN of Scarborough, Senator: LUCHINI of Hancock)

Sincerely,

S/Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House

S/Darek M. Grant
Secretary of the Senate

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

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

The Following Communication: H.P. 466

**STATE OF MAINE
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February 25, 2021

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

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

Dear Mr. Speaker and Mr. President:

On February 25, 2021, 26 bills were received by the Clerk of the House.

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, these bills were referred to the Joint Standing Committees on February 25, 2021, as follows:

Education and Cultural Affairs

Bill "An Act To Promote Accountability in Maine's Charter Schools" (H.P. 440) (L.D. 604) (Sponsored by Representative BRENNAN of Portland)

Environment and Natural Resources

Bill "An Act Regarding the Outdoor Release or Abandonment of Balloons" (H.P. 454) (L.D. 618) (Sponsored by Representative BLUME of York)

Health and Human Services

Bill "An Act Regarding the Child Protection System" (H.P. 442) (L.D. 606) (Sponsored by Representative HYMANSON of York) (Cosponsored by Senator BRENNER of Cumberland and Representatives: MADIGAN of Waterville, MEYER of Eliot)

Resolve, To Extend Funding to Maine Veterans' Homes during the COVID-19 Pandemic (H.P. 450) (L.D. 614) (Sponsored by Representative TUELL of East Machias) (Cosponsored by Senator MOORE of Washington and Representatives: ALLEY of Beals, BERNARD of Caribou, MARTIN of Eagle Lake, MILLETT of Waterford, PERRY of Calais, Senators: FARRIN of Somerset, President JACKSON of Aroostook, LUCHINI of Hancock)

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Tobacco Specialty Stores" (H.P. 460) (L.D. 624) (Sponsored by Representative HARRINGTON of Sanford)

Resolve, To Establish the Task Force To Study Improving Safety and Provide Protection from Violence for Health Care Workers in Hospitals and Mental Health Care Providers (H.P. 465) (L.D. 629) (Sponsored by Representative RISEMAN of Harrison) (Cosponsored by Representatives: BAILEY of Gorham, DOUDERA of Camden, EVANGELOS of Friendship, PLUECKER of Warren, RECKITT of South Portland, WARREN of Scarborough)

Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services

Bill "An Act To Remove the Advanced Cardiac Life Support Certification Requirement for Dental Therapists" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 451) (L.D. 615) (Sponsored by Representative GROHOSKI of Ellsworth)

Bill "An Act Concerning Prior Authorizations for Prescription Drugs" (H.P. 453) (L.D. 617) (Sponsored by Representative BROOKS of Lewiston) (Cosponsored by Representatives: ARFORD of Brunswick, TEPLER of Topsham, Senators: BRENNER of Cumberland, SANBORN of Cumberland)

Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

Bill "An Act To Clarify Temporary Mooring Privileges for Moorings on Inland Waters" (H.P. 462) (L.D. 626) (Sponsored by Representative STEARNS of Guilford) (Cosponsored by Senator DAVIS of Piscataquis and Representatives: COREY of Windham, FAY of Raymond, LANDRY of Farmington, MARTIN of Eagle Lake, ORDWAY of Standish)

Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business

Bill "An Act To Recognize Occupational Licenses and Certifications from Other States To Attract New Residents and Businesses to Maine" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 448) (L.D. 612) (Sponsored by Representative ANDREWS of Paris)

Judiciary

Bill "An Act To Prohibit Marriage of Any Person under 18 Years of Age" (H.P. 458) (L.D. 622) (Sponsored by Representative O'CONNELL of Brewer) (Cosponsored by Senator ROSEN of Hancock and Representatives: GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach, OSHER of Orono, Senators: BALDACCI of Penobscot, DIAMOND of Cumberland)

Bill "An Act Relating to the Statute of Limitations for Injuries or Harm Resulting from Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances" (H.P. 463) (L.D. 627) (Sponsored by Representative PARRY of Arundel) (Cosponsored by Senator CYRWAY of Kennebec and Representatives: COREY of Windham, Speaker FECTEAU of Biddeford, KINNEY of Knox, O'CONNOR of Berwick, RUDNICKI of Fairfield, THERIAULT of China, TUELL of East Machias, Senator: DIAMOND of Cumberland)

Labor and Housing

Bill "An Act To Restore Overtime Protections for Maine Workers" (H.P. 443) (L.D. 607) (Sponsored by Representative TALBOT ROSS of Portland)

Resolve, To Establish a Commission To Increase Housing Opportunities in Maine by Studying Zoning and Land Use Restrictions (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 445) (L.D. 609) (Sponsored by Speaker FECTEAU of Biddeford) (Cosponsored by Senator VITELLI of Sagadahoc and Representatives: BERRY of Bowdoinham, BRADSTREET of Vassalboro, CROCKETT of Portland, DOUDERA of Camden, MORALES of South Portland, STOVER of Boothbay, WARREN of Scarborough, Senator: LIBBY of Androscoggin)

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Employer Recovery of Overcompensation Paid to an Employee" (H.P. 446) (L.D. 610) (Sponsored by Representative DOORE of Augusta)

Bill "An Act To Increase Accountability for Wage Violations" (H.P. 452) (L.D. 616) (Sponsored by Representative COLLINGS of Portland)

Resolve, To Develop a Plan for Teachers To Collect Social Security (H.P. 456) (L.D. 620) (Sponsored by Representative TUTTLE of Sanford)

State and Local Government

Bill "An Act Regarding the Governor's Emergency Powers" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 444) (L.D. 608) (Sponsored by Representative JOHANSEN of Monticello) (Cosponsored by Senator STEWART of Aroostook and Representatives: QUINT of Hodgdon, STANLEY of Medway, UNDERWOOD of Presque Isle)

Bill "An Act To Increase the Number of Franklin County Commissioners" (H.P. 457) (L.D. 621) (Sponsored by Representative LANDRY of Farmington) (Cosponsored by Representative: SKOLFIELD of Weld, Senator: BLACK of Franklin)

Bill "An Act To Protect Businesses and Civic and Religious Organizations from Actions Taken Pursuant to an Emergency Proclamation" (H.P. 464) (L.D. 628) (Sponsored by Representative CARMICHAEL of Greenbush) (Cosponsored by Representatives: DILLINGHAM of Oxford, DUCHARME of Madison, GIFFORD of Lincoln, GRIFFIN of Levant, MASON of Lisbon, O'CONNOR of Berwick, WADSWORTH of Hiram)

Taxation

Bill "An Act To Exempt Long-term Lodging from the 9 Percent Sales Tax on Lodging" (H.P. 447) (L.D. 611) (Sponsored by Representative RUDNICKI of Fairfield)

Veterans and Legal Affairs

Bill "An Act To Amend the Marijuana Legalization Act" (H.P. 441) (L.D. 605) (Sponsored by Representative PIERCE of Falmouth)

Bill "An Act To Amend the Adult Use Marijuana Program Rules and Make Other Technical Changes" (H.P. 449) (L.D. 613) (Sponsored by Representative PIERCE of Falmouth)

Bill "An Act To Allow Christine Pratt To Be Buried at the Southern Maine Veterans Cemetery" (H.P. 455) (L.D. 619) (Sponsored by Representative TUTTLE of Sanford)

Bill "An Act To Amend the Advance Deposit Wagering Laws" (H.P. 459) (L.D. 623) (Sponsored by Representative McCREIGHT of Harpswell) (Cosponsored by Representative: DILLINGHAM of Oxford, Senators: CLAXTON of Androscoggin, President JACKSON of Aroostook, LIBBY of Androscoggin)

Resolve, Directing a Review of Crucial Needs and Lapses in Responding to and Preventing Sexual Trauma in the Maine National Guard (H.P. 461) (L.D. 625) (Sponsored by Representative RIELLY of Westbrook) (Cosponsored by Senator FARRIN of Somerset and Representatives: CAIAZZO of Scarborough, McCREIGHT of Harpswell, SUPICA of Bangor, WOOD of Portland, Senator: LUCHINI of Hancock)

Sincerely,

S/Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House

S/Darek M. Grant
Secretary of the Senate

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

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The Following Communication: H.P. 498

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March 1, 2021

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

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

Dear Mr. Speaker and Mr. President:

On March 1, 2021, 30 bills were received by the Clerk of the House.

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, these bills were referred to the Joint Standing Committees on March 1, 2021, as follows:

Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

Bill "An Act To Clarify the Law Enforcement Powers of the Bureau of Parks and Lands" (H.P. 484) (L.D. 657) (Sponsored by Representative SKOLFIELD of Weld) (Cosponsored by Senator BLACK of Franklin and Representatives: FAY of Raymond, KINNEY of Knox, LANDRY of Farmington, PICKETT of Dixfield, TUELL of East Machias, Senators: DAVIS of Piscataquis, FARRIN of Somerset)

Criminal Justice and Public Safety

Bill "An Act To Ensure Equity in Petitions for Rulemaking under the Maine Administrative Procedure Act" (H.P. 488) (L.D. 661) (Sponsored by Representative TALBOT ROSS of Portland)

Bill "An Act To Make Comprehensive Substance Use Disorder Treatment Available to Maine's Incarcerated Population" (H.P. 490) (L.D. 663) (Sponsored by Representative WARREN of Hallowell)

Education and Cultural Affairs

Bill "An Act To Improve Professional Training for School Counselors" (H.P. 470) (L.D. 639) (Sponsored by Representative CRAFTS of Newcastle) (Cosponsored by Representatives: DODGE of Belfast, HEPLER of Woolwich, STOVER of Boothbay, Senator: MAXMIN of Lincoln)

Bill "An Act To Direct the Department of Education To Establish a Working Group To Determine Best Practices and Accountability Standards for School Boards To Manage the Performance of Superintendents" (H.P. 474) (L.D. 643) (Sponsored by Representative GERE of Kennebunkport) (Cosponsored by Senator DAUGHTRY of Cumberland and Representatives: BAILEY of Gorham, CUDDY of Winterport, EVANS of Dover-Foxcroft, McDONALD of Stonington, MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth, ROEDER of Bangor, SUPICA of Bangor, TEPLER of Topsham)

Bill "An Act To Increase Funding for School Construction Projects" (H.P. 477) (L.D. 650) (Sponsored by Representative BAILEY of Gorham) (Cosponsored by Representatives: CARLOW of Buxton, DODGE of Belfast, PIERCE of Falmouth, TERRY of Gorham, Senator: BRENNER of Cumberland)

Bill "An Act To Stabilize Student Count in Maine's School Funding Formula" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 478) (L.D. 651) (Sponsored by Representative MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth) (Cosponsored by Senator DAUGHTRY of Cumberland and Representatives: BRENNAN of Portland, McCREA of Fort Fairfield, PIERCE of Falmouth, WOOD of Portland, Senator: LIBBY of Androscoggin)

Bill "An Act To Require at Least a 30-minute Lunch Period for Students" (H.P. 482) (L.D. 655) (Sponsored by Representative DODGE of Belfast) (Cosponsored by Representatives: McCREA of Fort Fairfield, McCREIGHT of Harpswell, MORALES of South Portland, PEBWORTH of Blue Hill, PERRY of Calais, SALISBURY of Westbrook, Senators: MOORE of Washington, VITELLI of Sagadahoc)

Energy, Utilities and Technology

Bill "An Act To Create Synergy between Maine Industry and Maine's Energy Goals in the Use of Certain Funds by the Efficiency Maine Trust" (H.P. 494) (L.D. 667) (Sponsored by Representative KESSLER of South Portland) (Cosponsored by Representatives: DUCHARME of Madison, DUNPHY of Old Town)

Environment and Natural Resources

Bill "An Act To Ban Single-serving, Disposable Plastic Water Bottles" (H.P. 471) (L.D. 640) (Sponsored by Representative GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach) (Cosponsored by Representatives: DOUDERA of Camden, GROHOSKI of Ellsworth, KESSLER of South Portland, ZEIGLER of Montville, Senator: MAXMIN of Lincoln)

Health and Human Services

Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 21: Rules for the Provision of Room and Board Payments for Residential Programs Serving Children, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Child and Family Services (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 468) (L.D. 637) (Submitted by the Department of Health and Human Services pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 8072.)

Bill "An Act To Include an Emergency Reimbursement Rate Review Process in Rate Setting by the Department of Health and Human Services" (H.P. 479) (L.D. 652) (Sponsored by Representative SACHS of Freeport) (Cosponsored by Representatives: HYMANSON of York, PERRY of Calais, STOVER of Boothbay, TALBOT ROSS of Portland, WOOD of Portland)

Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services

Bill "An Act To Provide Maine Residents Losing Employer-based Health Coverage with Information about Other Coverage" (H.P. 480) (L.D. 653) (Sponsored by Representative ARFORD of Brunswick) (Cosponsored by Senator SANBORN of Cumberland and Representatives: BROOKS of Lewiston, EVANS of Dover-Foxcroft, MATHIESON of Kittery, TEPLER of Topsham, Senators: CARNEY of Cumberland, KEIM of Oxford, STEWART of Arostook)

Bill "An Act To Promote Better Dental Care for Cancer Survivors" (H.P. 492) (L.D. 665) (Sponsored by Representative CRAVEN of Lewiston) (Cosponsored by Representatives: BROOKS of Lewiston, STOVER of Boothbay, TALBOT ROSS of Portland, WHITE of Waterville, Senator: LIBBY of Androscoggin)

Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

Bill "An Act To Lower the Youth Hunting Age" (H.P. 493) (L.D. 666) (Sponsored by Representative WHITE of Mars Hill) (Cosponsored by Representatives: MARTIN of Eagle Lake, MASON of Lisbon, ORDWAY of Standish, Senators: President JACKSON of Aroostook, POULIOT of Kennebec, TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin)

Judiciary

Bill "An Act To Ensure That Children Receive Behavioral Health Services" (H.P. 473) (L.D. 642) (Sponsored by Representative GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach) (Cosponsored by Representatives: MADIGAN of Waterville, PEBWORTH of Blue Hill, WARREN of Hallowell, Senators: BALDACCI of Penobscot, MOORE of Washington)

Bill "An Act Regarding Protection from Power Outages for Tenants 65 Years of Age and Older in Subsidized Housing" (H.P. 487) (L.D. 660) (Sponsored by Representative HEAD of Bethel)

Bill "An Act To Ensure Public Accountability While Implementing a Practical Approach to Remote Participation" (H.P. 495) (L.D. 668) (Sponsored by Representative BABBIDGE of Kennebunk)

Labor and Housing

Bill "An Act To Create a 24-hour Shelter Capital Project Funding Program" (H.P. 481) (L.D. 654) (Sponsored by Representative ARFORD of Brunswick) (Cosponsored by Senator DAUGHTRY of Cumberland and Representatives: BELL of Yarmouth, CLOUTIER of Lewiston, CUDDY of Winterport, KESSLER of South Portland, MORALES of South Portland, SACHS of Freeport, SYLVESTER of Portland)

Taxation

Bill "An Act To Ease the Property Tax Burden by Authorizing Municipalities To Require Payments in Lieu of Taxes from Certain Exempt Organizations" (H.P. 486) (L.D. 659) (Sponsored by Representative TUELL of East Machias) (Cosponsored by Senator MOORE of Washington and Representatives: PICKETT of Dixfield, RUDNICKI of Fairfield, STANLEY of Medway)

Transportation

Bill "An Act Regarding Motor Vehicle Registration Violations" (H.P. 475) (L.D. 644) (Sponsored by Representative CLOUTIER of Lewiston) (Cosponsored by Senator SANBORN of Cumberland and Representatives: BRENNAN of Portland, CONNOR of Lewiston, CRAVEN of Lewiston, LOOKNER of Portland, MORALES of South Portland, PLUECKER of Warren, WARREN of Hallowell, Senator: LIBBY of Androscoggin)

Resolve, To Create an Electronic Titling Work Group (H.P. 476) (L.D. 645) (Sponsored by Representative WHITE of Waterville) (Cosponsored by Senator SANBORN of Cumberland and Representatives: BRADSTREET of Vassalboro, COSTAIN of Plymouth, MARTIN of Greene, WARREN of Scarborough)

Bill "An Act To Provide Chiefs of Police the Discretion To Allow the Use of Light Bars on Emergency Vehicles" (H.P. 489) (L.D. 662) (Sponsored by Representative WADSWORTH of Hiram)

Bill "An Act To Ensure Public Ways Are Compliant with the Federal Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990" (H.P. 496) (L.D. 669) (Sponsored by Representative MORALES of South Portland)

Veterans and Legal Affairs

Bill "An Act To Ensure the Timely and Transparent Delivery of Unofficial Election Results in Maine" (H.P. 469) (L.D. 638) (Sponsored by Representative TUELL of East Machias)

Bill "An Act To Prohibit Contributions, Expenditures and Participation by Foreign Nationals To Influence Referenda" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 472) (L.D. 641) (Sponsored by Representative RISEMAN of Harrison)

Bill "An Act To Strengthen the Integrity of the Office of Marijuana Policy" (H.P. 483) (L.D. 656) (Sponsored by Representative COLLINGS of Portland)

Bill "An Act To Provide Funding for 3 Veterans Services Officers in the Maine Bureau of Veterans' Services" (H.P. 485) (L.D. 658) (Sponsored by Representative FECTEAU of Augusta) (Cosponsored by Representatives: CAIAZZO of Scarborough, CONNOR of Lewiston, COSTAIN of Plymouth, DRINKWATER of Milford, O'CONNELL of Brewer, STETKIS of Canaan, WHITE of Waterville, Senator: DAVIS of Piscataquis)

Bill "An Act To Strengthen the Integrity of the Maine Clean Election Program" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 491) (L.D. 664) (Sponsored by Representative COLLINGS of Portland)

Bill "An Act To Increase the Lobbyist Registration Fee" (H.P. 497) (L.D. 670) (Submitted by the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 1, section 1009.)

Sincerely,

S/Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House

S/Darek M. Grant
Secretary of the Senate

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

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

The Following Communication: H.P. 522

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March 2, 2021

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

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

Dear Mr. Speaker and Mr. President:

On March 2, 2021, 23 bills were received by the Clerk of the House.

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, these bills were referred to the Joint Standing Committees on March 2, 2021, as follows:

Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

Bill "An Act To Support Farms and Address Food Insecurity" (H.P. 503) (L.D. 691) (Sponsored by Representative PLUECKER of Warren) (Cosponsored by Representatives: McCREA of Fort Fairfield, O'NEIL of Saco, TALBOT ROSS of Portland, Senators: BRENNER of Cumberland, DILL of Penobscot, MAXMIN of Lincoln)

Bill "An Act To Promote Economic Development and Outdoor Recreation through Investment in State Parks" (H.P. 512) (L.D. 700) (Sponsored by Representative O'NEIL of Saco) (Cosponsored by Representatives: DUNPHY of Old Town, SKOLFIELD of Weld)

Appropriations and Financial Affairs

Bill "An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Promote the Conservation of Land, Working Waterfronts, Water Access and Outdoor Recreation" (H.P. 499) (L.D. 687) (Sponsored by Representative COREY of Windham) (Cosponsored by Senator BREEN of Cumberland and Representatives: HALL of Wilton, KINNEY of Knox, MILLETT of Waterford, MORRIS of Turner, ROCHE of Wells, THORNE of Carmel, Senator: BENNETT of Oxford)

Bill "An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Recapitalize the School Revolving Renovation Fund" (H.P. 514) (L.D. 702) (Sponsored by Representative MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth) (Cosponsored by Senator BREEN of Cumberland and Representatives: BELL of Yarmouth, CROCKETT of Portland, Speaker FECTEAU of Biddeford, PIERCE of Falmouth)

Criminal Justice and Public Safety

Bill "An Act To Prohibit Solitary Confinement in Maine's Corrections System" (H.P. 508) (L.D. 696) (Sponsored by Representative LOOKNER of Portland) (Cosponsored by Representatives: MORALES of South Portland, RECKITT of South Portland, TALBOT ROSS of Portland, WARREN of Hallowell, Senator: CHIPMAN of Cumberland)

Education and Cultural Affairs

Bill "An Act To Require the Education of High School Students in Certain Life Skills" (H.P. 513) (L.D. 701) (Sponsored by Representative O'NEIL of Saco) (Cosponsored by Representatives: COPELAND of Saco, WHITE of Waterville, Senator: BAILEY of York)

Resolve, To Improve Air Quality and Ventilation in Maine's Public Schools (H.P. 517) (L.D. 705) (Sponsored by Representative MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth) (Cosponsored by Senator CLAXTON of Androscoggin and Representatives: BRENNAN of Portland, GROHOSKI of Ellsworth, McCREA of Fort Fairfield, SALISBURY of Westbrook, Senator: BRENNER of Cumberland)

Bill "An Act To Promote Student Health by Requiring School Administrative Units To Offer Extracurricular Sports as a Requirement of Receiving State Education Funds" (H.P. 519) (L.D. 707) (Sponsored by Representative FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor)

Energy, Utilities and Technology

Bill "An Act To Allow Municipal Utility Expansion under Certain Conditions" (H.P. 507) (L.D. 695) (Sponsored by Representative BERRY of Bowdoinham)

Bill "An Act To Enhance the Energy Security of Maine Residents" (H.P. 509) (L.D. 697) (Sponsored by Representative BERRY of Bowdoinham)

Resolve, To Provide a Brief Moratorium on Certain New Net Energy Billing Arrangements and To Examine the Costs and Benefits of Net Energy Billing (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 521) (L.D. 709) (Sponsored by Representative BERRY of Bowdoinham)

Health and Human Services

Bill "An Act To Provide Stable Funding and Support for Child Care Providers" (H.P. 510) (L.D. 698) (Sponsored by Representative PEBWORTH of Blue Hill) (Cosponsored by Senator BENNETT of Oxford and Representative: MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth)

Bill "An Act To Create a Kinship Care Navigator Program within the Department of Health and Human Services" (H.P. 511) (L.D. 699) (Sponsored by Representative STOVER of Boothbay) (Cosponsored by Representatives: BERRY of Bowdoinham, COREY of Windham, GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach, MADIGAN of Waterville, MATLACK of St. George, MEYER of Eliot, TALBOT ROSS of Portland)

Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services

Bill "An Act Concerning Business Interruption Insurance" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 506) (L.D. 694) (Sponsored by Representative GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach) (Cosponsored by Senator BAILEY of York and Representatives: MATHIESON of Kittery, TEPLER of Topsham)

Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

Bill "An Act To Establish the Operation Game Thief Fund and Allow an Applicant for a State Hunting or Fishing License To Make a Donation To Prevent Illegal Hunting and Fishing" (H.P. 504) (L.D. 692) (Sponsored by Representative ORDWAY of Standish)

Judiciary

Bill "An Act To Promote Justice for Victims of Childhood Sexual Abuse" (H.P. 500) (L.D. 688) (Sponsored by Representative BRENNAN of Portland)

Bill "An Act To Ensure That Victims of Assault, Battery and False Imprisonment, Including Victims of Domestic Violence, Have Parity under Tort Law" (H.P. 502) (L.D. 690) (Sponsored by Representative O'NEIL of Saco) (Cosponsored by Senator CARNEY of Cumberland and Representative: CARDONE of Bangor, Senator: KEIM of Oxford)

Labor and Housing

Bill "An Act To Increase the Amount to Which a State Employee or Teacher Retiree's Cost-of-living Adjustment Is Applied from \$20,000 to the Retiree's Actual Retirement Benefit" (H.P. 515) (L.D. 703) (Sponsored by Representative PICKETT of Dixfield) (Cosponsored by Representatives: COSTAIN of Plymouth, NEWMAN of Belgrade, SKOLFIELD of Weld, TUELL of East Machias, UNDERWOOD of Presque Isle)

Taxation

Bill "An Act To Increase the Homestead Exemption to \$50,000" (H.P. 520) (L.D. 708) (Sponsored by Representative FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor) (Cosponsored by Representatives: CARMICHAEL of Greenbush, GIFFORD of Lincoln, GRIGNON of Athens, MASON of Lisbon, O'CONNOR of Berwick, PARRY of Arundel, THORNE of Carmel, TUELL of East Machias)

Transportation

Bill "An Act To Allow Trucks To Use the Leftmost Lane of a Three-lane Interstate Highway To Safely Accommodate Entering and Exiting Vehicles" (H.P. 501) (L.D. 689) (Sponsored by Representative KINNEY of Knox) (Cosponsored by Representative GRIGNON of Athens)

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Culvert Replacement" (H.P. 516) (L.D. 704) (Sponsored by Representative HARNETT of Gardiner)

Veterans and Legal Affairs

Bill "An Act To Make the Pilot Program Providing Mental Health Case Management Services to Veterans a Permanent Program" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 505) (L.D. 693) (Sponsored by Representative ROBERTS of South Berwick) (Cosponsored by Representatives: CAIAZZO of Scarborough, Speaker FECTEAU of Biddeford, McCREIGHT of Harpswell, PIERCE of Falmouth, RIELLY of Westbrook, WHITE of Waterville, Senators: President JACKSON of Aroostook, LUCHINI of Hancock)

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Lower the Voting Age to 16 Years of Age (H.P. 518) (L.D. 706) (Sponsored by Representative O'NEIL of Saco) (Cosponsored by Senator DAUGHTRY of Cumberland and Representatives: MORALES of South Portland, TALBOT ROSS of Portland)

Sincerely,

S/Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House

S/Darek M. Grant
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March 3, 2021

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

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

Dear Mr. Speaker and Mr. President:

On March 3, 2021, 15 bills were received by the Clerk of the House.

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, these bills were referred to the Joint Standing Committees on March 3, 2021, as follows:

Appropriations and Financial Affairs

Bill "An Act To Make Certain Appropriations and Allocations and Changing Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 525) (L.D. 715) (Sponsored by Representative PIERCE of Falmouth)

Criminal Justice and Public Safety

Bill "An Act Regarding the Maine Criminal Code" (H.P. 523) (L.D. 710) (Submitted by the Criminal Law Advisory Commission pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 17-A, section 1354, subsection 2.)

Education and Cultural Affairs

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Establishing Regional School Units" (H.P. 534) (L.D. 723) (Sponsored by Representative MARTIN of Eagle Lake)

Energy, Utilities and Technology

Bill "An Act To Allow the Efficiency Maine Trust To Own Electricity Facilities" (H.P. 527) (L.D. 717) (Sponsored by Representative BERRY of Bowdoinham)

Bill "An Act To Provide Funds to Aroostook County for Broadband Development" (H.P. 531) (L.D. 720) (Sponsored by Representative MARTIN of Eagle Lake)

Environment and Natural Resources

Resolve, To Study the Establishment of the Maine Climate Corps (H.P. 533) (L.D. 722) (Sponsored by Representative RIELLY of Westbrook) (Cosponsored by Representatives: GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach, O'NEIL of Saco, TUCKER of Brunswick, Senators: BRENNER of Cumberland, CARNEY of Cumberland)

Bill "An Act To Combat Climate Change and Address Its Impact in Maine" (H.P. 537) (L.D. 726) (Sponsored by Representative TALBOT ROSS of Portland)

Health and Human Services

Bill "An Act To Enhance and Improve the Maine Developmental Services Oversight and Advisory Board and To Establish the Aging and Disability Mortality Review Panel" (H.P. 526) (L.D. 716) (Sponsored by Representative MADIGAN of Waterville)

Bill "An Act To Improve the Health of Maine Residents by Closing Coverage Gaps in the MaineCare Program and the Children's Health Insurance Program" (H.P. 529) (L.D. 718) (Sponsored by Representative TALBOT ROSS of Portland) (Cosponsored by Representatives: CRAVEN of Lewiston, DUNPHY of Old Town, Speaker FECTEAU of Biddeford, MEYER of Eliot, TEPLER of Topsham, Senator: CLAXTON of Androscoggin)

Resolve, To Ensure the Health and Wellness of Older Residents of the State (H.P. 538) (L.D. 727) (Sponsored by Representative TALBOT ROSS of Portland)

Judiciary

Resolve, To Establish the Commission To Create a Plan To Incorporate the Probate Courts into the Judicial Branch (H.P. 530) (L.D. 719) (Sponsored by Representative CARDONE of Bangor)

Bill "An Act To Improve Transparency in State Code and License Violations by Making Public the Names of Complainants" (H.P. 536) (L.D. 725) (Sponsored by Representative DILLINGHAM of Oxford)

State and Local Government

Bill "An Act To Increase Transparency in Certain Expenditures of the Governor" (H.P. 532) (L.D. 721) (Sponsored by Representative TUELL of East Machias) (Cosponsored by Senator MOORE of Washington and Representatives: CARMICHAEL of Greenbush, DOLLOFF of Milton Township)

Taxation

Bill "An Act To Base the Vehicle and Mobile Home Excise Tax on Actual Value" (H.P. 535) (L.D. 724) (Sponsored by Representative ORDDWAY of Standish)

Veterans and Legal Affairs

Bill "An Act To Support the Recovery of Maine's Craft Spirits Industry" (H.P. 524) (L.D. 714) (Sponsored by Representative PIERCE of Falmouth)

Sincerely,

S/Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House

S/Darek M. Grant
Secretary of the Senate

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

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

SENATE PAPERS

Bill "An Act To Protect Public Lands"
S.P. 343 L.D. 1075

Presented by Senator BENNETT of Oxford.
Cosponsored by Representative O'NEIL of Saco and Senators: BLACK of Franklin, BRENNER of Cumberland, MAXMIN of Lincoln, Representatives: GROHOSKI of Ellsworth, LANDRY of Farmington, SKOLFIELD of Weld.

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 Make Assault on a Person 50 Years of Age or Older with a Preexisting Serious Medical Condition a Class C Crime"

S.P. 338 L.D. 1070

Presented by Senator CYRWAY of Kennebec.
Cosponsored by Representative WHITE of Waterville and Representative: PICKETT of Dixfield.

Bill "An Act To Promote Traffic Safety in Emergency Situations"
S.P. 346 L.D. 1078

Presented by Senator BREEN of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative PIERCE of Falmouth and Senator: DESCHAMBAULT of York, Representative: WARREN of Hallowell.

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 Regarding Career and Technical Education and Memoranda of Understanding with Community Colleges"
S.P. 340 L.D. 1072

Presented by Senator POULIOT of Kennebec.

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 Provide Program Solvency, Clarity, Consistency and Flexibility in Routine Public Health Licensing Activities"
S.P. 337 L.D. 1069

Presented by Senator CLAXTON of Androscoggin.
Submitted by the Department of Health and Human Services pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Bill "An Act To Permit the Conduct of Open Air Cremation at Designated Scattering Sites"

S.P. 342 L.D. 1074

Presented by Senator VITELLI of Sagadahoc. (BY REQUEST)
Cosponsored by Representative HEPLER of Woolwich.

Bill "An Act To Support the Operations of Youth Shelters in Maine"

S.P. 344 L.D. 1076

Presented by Senator LIBBY of Androscoggin.
Cosponsored by Representative MORALES of South Portland and Senators: CLAXTON of Androscoggin, DAUGHTRY of Cumberland, Representatives: ARFORD of Brunswick, CLOUTIER of Lewiston, COREY of Windham, CRAVEN of Lewiston, STOVER of Boothbay, TALBOT ROSS of Portland.

Resolve, To Promote Equity in COVID-19 Immunizations (EMERGENCY)

S.P. 345 L.D. 1077

Presented by Senator LIBBY of Androscoggin.
Cosponsored by Representative TALBOT ROSS of Portland and Senators: CLAXTON of Androscoggin, DAUGHTRY of Cumberland, President JACKSON of Aroostook, VITELLI of Sagadahoc, Representatives: BROOKS of Lewiston, CLOUTIER of Lewiston, CRAVEN of Lewiston, MEYER of Eliot.

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 To Clarify the Definition of 'Mortgage Servicer' in the Laws Governing Mortgage Foreclosures"

S.P. 334 L.D. 1066

Presented by Senator BAILEY of York.
Cosponsored by Senator: CARNEY of Cumberland, Representative: HARNETT of Gardiner.

Bill "An Act To Restrict Access to Weapons Pursuant to Court Order in Cases of Harassment"

S.P. 336 L.D. 1068

Presented by Senator CARNEY of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative DOUDERA of Camden and Senator: BREEN of Cumberland, Representatives: TALBOT ROSS of Portland, ZAGER of Portland.

On motion by Senator **CARNEY** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Resolve, Establishing the Commission To Research Effective Strategies and Efficiencies of Legislatures

S.P. 341 L.D. 1073

Presented by Senator STEWART of Aroostook.
Cosponsored by Representative BAILEY of Gorham and Senators: BENNETT of Oxford, TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin, Representative: WHITE of Waterville.

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 Institute a State Tax Amnesty Program To Increase General Revenue Collections"

S.P. 335 L.D. 1067

Presented by Senator **BALDACCI** of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Senators: **CURRY** of Waldo, President **JACKSON** of Aroostook, Representatives: **COLLINGS** of Portland, **SACHS** of Freeport.

Bill "An Act To Reduce Property Taxes for Maine Residents"

S.P. 339 L.D. 1071

Presented by Senator **POULIOT** of Kennebec.

On motion by Senator **CHIPMAN** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TAXATION** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

House

Report of the Chair - Pursuant to Joint Order S.P. 9

The Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** on Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Post-conviction Review in Order To Facilitate the Fair Hearing of All Newly Discovered Evidence"

H.P. 20 L.D. 54

Reported a recommendation of **CHANGE OF COMMITTEE REFERENCE**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY**.

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

On motion by Senator **DESCHAMBAULT** of York, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY**, in concurrence.

The Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** on Bill "An Act Regarding the Northeastern Interstate Forest Fire Protection Compact" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 29 L.D. 63

Reported a recommendation of **CHANGE OF COMMITTEE REFERENCE**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **REFERRED** to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY**.

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

On motion by Senator **DESCHAMBAULT** of York, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY**, in concurrence.

The Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** on Bill "An Act To Prohibit Aerial Application of Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances"

H.P. 185 L.D. 264

Reported a recommendation of **CHANGE OF COMMITTEE REFERENCE**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **REFERRED** to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY**.

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

On motion by Senator **BRENNER** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY**, in concurrence.

Change of Committee

The Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Bill "An Act To Allow the Reduction of a MaineCare Lien"

H.P. 337 L.D. 461

Reported that the same be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY**.

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

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

Ought to Pass

The Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act To Protect Minority Religious Groups by Eliminating the Prior Approval Requirement for a School Absence for a Recognized Religious Holiday"

H.P. 21 L.D. 55

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

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

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

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

The Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** on Bill "An Act To Enact the Maine Insurance Data Security Act"

H.P. 17 L.D. 51

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

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

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

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

The Committee on **JUDICIARY** on Bill "An Act Concerning Name Changes for Minors"

H.P. 144 L.D. 209

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

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

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

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

The Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** on Bill "An Act To Update the Maine Uniform Accounting and Auditing Practices Act for Community Agencies"

H.P. 57 L.D. 91

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

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

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

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

The Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** on Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 305: Rules and Regulations Pertaining to Traffic Movement Permits, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Transportation (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 6 L.D. 40

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

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

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

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

The Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** on Resolve, To Name Bridge 2267 in the Town of Embden and the Town of Solon the Jotham and Emma Stevens Bridge

H.P. 110 L.D. 154

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

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

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

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

The Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** on Resolve, To Name a Bridge in the Town of Veazie the Hayward Carl Spencer Memorial Bridge

H.P. 416 L.D. 571

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

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

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

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

Ought to Pass As Amended

The Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** on Bill "An Act To Clarify the Minimum Amount of Emergency Refills of Insulin"

H.P. 26 L.D. 60

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-5)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-5)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-5) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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

The Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** on Bill "An Act To Modify Requirements for Multiple-party Accounts, Limited Purpose Financial Institutions and Mergers"

H.P. 159 L.D. 224

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-1)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-1)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-1) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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

The Committee on **JUDICIARY** on Bill "An Act To Amend the Maine Uniform Probate Code" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 101 L.D. 145

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-8)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-8)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-8) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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

The Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** on Bill "An Act To Amend the Retirement Laws Pertaining to Certain Educational Technicians" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 191 L.D. 275

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-6)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-6)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-6) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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

The Committee on **MARINE RESOURCES** on Bill "An Act To Authorize the Department of Marine Resources To Charge an Application Fee for Entering a Lottery for a Scallop License"

H.P. 43 L.D. 77

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-7)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-7)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-7) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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

The Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** on Bill "An Act To Authorize Municipalities To Allow Harbor Masters and Deputy Harbor Masters To Use Red and White Auxiliary Lights and Sirens When Responding to Emergencies"

H.P. 39 L.D. 73

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-2)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-2)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-2) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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

The Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** on Bill "An Act To Make Supplemental Allocations from the Highway Fund and Other Funds 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. 118 L.D. 162

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-4)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-4)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-4) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** on Bill "An Act To Include Grandparents under Maine's Family Medical Leave Laws" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 27 L.D. 61

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

Signed:

Senators:

RAFFERTY of York
MIRAMANT of Knox

Representatives:

SYLVESTER of Portland
CUDDY of Winterport
GERE of Kennebunkport
PEBORTH of Blue Hill
ROEDER of Bangor
WARREN of Scarborough

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

Signed:

Senator:

GUERIN of Penobscot

Representatives:

BRADSTREET of Vassalboro
DRINKWATER of Milford
MORRIS of Turner
PRESCOTT of Waterboro

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**.

Reports **READ**.

Senator **RAFFERTY** of York moved the Senate **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS** Report, in concurrence.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from York, Senator Rafferty.

Senator **RAFFERTY:** Thank you, Mr. President. I rise today in support of the pending motion to pass L.D. 61, An Act to Include Grandparents Under Maine's Family Medical Leave Laws. Two weeks ago this was a law just sitting on my desk, like many others, and I was not the sponsor. It wasn't as relevant as it is today due to the fact that a week ago I became a grandparent for the first time. My new granddaughter is named Evelyn Grace. I think about my role as a grandfather. I know I would want to have the opportunity to step in and care for my grandchild if she was stricken with a serious health condition. I support L.D. 61 because it lets families take care of family. How to care for a child facing a serious medical situation is a difficult decision for anyone to make. What a predicament it would be for any family in Maine if a grandparent could not take time off for a seriously ill grandchild. As a grandparent, I would want to have that opportunity to be with my grandchild. The bill is simple. The Maine Family Medical Leave Act already allows an employee who meets all the other eligibility criteria to take time off to care for a seriously ill child. L.D. 61 adds grandchild to the Act. It only applies to a serious health condition of the grandchild, an illness or injured that requires a hospital stay or ongoing medical treatment. It is limited to medical only. It does not give

grandparents time off to provide daycare while parents work. When a grandchild has a serious medical condition we'd all want to take that pain ourselves, to trade places with a grandchild. I imagine anyone in that role would say 'I wish it was me instead.' I know I would be on my knees asking to take that child's place. We can't take the place of a grandchild's illness but L.D. 61 will let grandparents care for a grandchild in the most difficult of family situations. It lets families take care of family. Please vote in favor of the pending Ought to Pass motion on L.D. 61. Thank you.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Penobscot, Senator Guerin.

Senator **GUERIN:** Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, grandparent's family medical leave bill is a heart wrenching bill for many of us. All of us have heard from grandparents who care for their grandchildren. I was a co-sponsor of this bill because at first blush it sounded like a good idea. As a grandmother of four, I would want the opportunity to care for my serious ill grandchildren if I was needed. Sadly, this bill is not crafted in a functionally and forceful way. The ambiguous language of a child 'residing' with the grandparents is a verification nightmare. If the grandparent does not have legal custody, how can an employer verify the leave request is valid? Grandparents who have legal custody are already covered by family medical leave. Maine's small businesses have no way to verify the more vague status of 'resides'. For these reasons, I urge you to vote against the pending motion. Thank you.

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

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

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#54)

YEAS: Senators: BAILEY, BALDACCI, BREEN, BRENNER, CARNEY, CHIPMAN, CLAXTON, CURRY, DAUGHTRY, DESCHAMBAULT, DIAMOND, DILL, HICKMAN, LAWRENCE, LIBBY, LUCHINI, MAXMIN, MIRAMANT, RAFFERTY, SANBORN, VITELLI, PRESIDENT JACKSON

NAYS: Senators: BENNETT, BLACK, CYRWAY, DAVIS, FARRIN, GUERIN, MOORE, POULIOT, ROSEN, STEWART, TIMBERLAKE, WOODSOME

EXCUSED: Senator: KEIM

22 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 12 Senators having voted in the negative, with 1 Senator being excused, the motion by Senator **RAFFERTY** of York to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS** Report, in concurrence, **PREVAILED**.

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

Senate at Ease.

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:

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act To Extend the Time Frame for Processing Absentee Ballots"

H.P. 68 L.D. 102

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-3)**.

Signed:

Senator:
LUCHINI of Hancock

Representatives:
CAIAZZO of Scarborough
MC CREIGHT of Harpswell
RIELLY of Westbrook
SUPICA of Bangor
TUTTLE of Sanford
WOOD of Portland

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

Signed:

Senator:
FARRIN of Somerset

Representatives:
COREY of Windham
DOLLOFF of Milton Township
HARRINGTON of Sanford
KINNEY of Knox

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-3)**.

Reports **READ**.

Senator **LUCHINI** of Hancock moved the Senate **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report, in concurrence.

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

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#55)

YEAS: Senators: BAILEY, BALDACCI, BENNETT, BREEN, BRENNER, CARNEY, CHIPMAN, CLAXTON, CURRY, DAUGHTRY, DESCHAMBAULT, DIAMOND, DILL, HICKMAN, LAWRENCE, LIBBY, LUCHINI, MAXMIN, MIRAMANT, MOORE, RAFFERTY, SANBORN, TIMBERLAKE, VITELLI, WOODSOME, PRESIDENT JACKSON

NAYS: Senators: BLACK, CYRWAY, DAVIS, FARRIN, GUERIN, POULIOT, ROSEN, STEWART

EXCUSED: Senator: KEIM

26 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 8 Senators having voted in the negative, with 1 Senator being excused, the motion by Senator **LUCHINI** of Hancock to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report, in concurrence, **PREVAILED**.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-3) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** on Bill "An Act To Restore the Former State of Maine Flag"

H.P. 81 L.D. 115

Reported that the same **Ought Not to Pass**.

Signed:

Senators:

CLAXTON of Androscoggin
ROSEN of Hancock

Representatives:

BRYANT of Windham
DOWNES of Bucksport
GREENWOOD of Wales
HEAD of Bethel
TUELL of East Machias

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass**.

Signed:

Senator:

BALDACCI of Penobscot

Representatives:

MATLACK of St. George
COPELAND of Saco
DOORE of Augusta
PAULHUS of Bath
RISEMAN of Harrison

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

Reports **READ**.

Senator **BALDACCI** of Penobscot moved the Senate **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report, in concurrence.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Penobscot, Senator Baldacci.

Senator **BALDACCI:** Thank you, Mr. President. I moved Ought Not to Pass because I think that, from listening to many people over the course of weeks before, and particularly after, our committee vote, I think that really the discussion about changing the flag really needs to be broadly engaged with the public before we just do it. I like the design of the new flag. I think it represents a lot of great ideas and it sends out a great message, but I think the public needs to be better engaged before we change the flag. Thank you.

At the request of Senator **BENNETT** of Oxford a Division was had. 27 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 7 Senators having voted in the negative, the motion by Senator **BALDACCI** of Penobscot to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS**, in concurrence, **PREVAILED**.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

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

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later Assigned (3/10/21) matter:

Bill "An Act To Protect Endangered Species Whose Life Cycles Include Maine Land or Waters"

S.P. 298 L.D. 883

Tabled - March 10, 2021 by Senator **DILL** of Penobscot

Pending - **REFERENCE**

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

On motion by Senator **DILL** of Penobscot, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE AND MARINE RESOURCES**.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later Assigned (3/10/21) matter:

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

Tabled - March 10, 2021 by Senator **CARNEY** of Cumberland

Pending - **REFERENCE**

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

On motion by Senator **CARNEY** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY**.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later Assigned (3/10/21) matter:

Bill "An Act To Require Joint Use Entities To Establish Permanent Liaisons with All County Emergency Management Agencies"

H.P. 746 L.D. 1008

Tabled - March 10, 2021 by Senator **DESCHAMBAULT** of York

Pending - **REFERENCE**

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

(In House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY**.)

On motion by Senator **DESCHAMBAULT** of York, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later Assigned (3/10/21) matter:

Bill "An Act To Protect Teachers' Privacy While Delivering Remote Instruction"

H.P. 632 L.D. 864

Tabled - March 10, 2021 by Senator **DAUGHTRY** of Cumberland

Pending - **REFERENCE**

(In 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 **JUDICIARY**, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later Assigned (3/10/21) matter:

Bill "An Act To Balance Renewable Energy Development with Natural and Working Lands Conservation"

H.P. 624 L.D. 856

Tabled - March 10, 2021 by Senator **LAWRENCE** of York

Pending - **REFERENCE**

(Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** suggested and ordered printed.)

(In House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY**.)

On motion by Senator **LAWRENCE** of York, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later Assigned (3/10/21) matter:

Bill "An Act To Increase the Value of Property Exempt from Attachment and Execution"

H.P. 542 L.D. 737

Tabled - March 10, 2021 by Senator **CARNEY** of Cumberland

Pending - **REFERENCE**

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

(In House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES.**)

On motion by Senator **CARNEY** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** and ordered printed, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later Assigned (3/10/21) matter:

Bill "An Act To Promote Benefit Corporations"
H.P. 614 L.D. 846

Tabled - March 10, 2021 by Senator **CARNEY** of Cumberland

Pending - **REFERENCE**

(In House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** and ordered printed.)

On motion by Senator **CARNEY** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TAXATION**, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later Assigned (3/10/21) matter:

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

Tabled - March 10, 2021 by Senator **CARNEY** of Cumberland

Pending - **REFERENCE**

(In House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** and ordered printed.)

On motion by Senator **CARNEY** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS**, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later Assigned (3/10/21) matter:

Bill "An Act To Make a Vehicle Registration Violation a Secondary Offense"
H.P. 613 L.D. 845

Tabled - March 10, 2021 by Senator **DIAMOND** of Cumberland

Pending - **REFERENCE**

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

(In House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY.**)

On motion by Senator **DIAMOND** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** and ordered printed, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Off Record Remarks

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Oxford, Senator Bennett.

Senator **BENNETT:** Thank you, Mr. President. Friends and colleagues of the Senate, on March 15th of 2020, just four days shy of a full year ago, Governor Mills proclaimed a State of Emergency. Since then she's extended the Emergency eleven times. This, in turn, has meant effectively surrendering many legislative powers to the Executive Branch. This Joint Resolution before you at long last will end the State of Emergency. But more important, this is not about ending as much as it is about a beginning. This is about restoring the functioning of our democracy and I believe it is absolutely critical that we do so. Our country has seen dark days in our history and we've seen some over the past months here in Maine and across the nation with the COVID pandemic. For sensible reasons, in the early days of the pandemic we relied on robust Executive leadership, as we often must do during an emergency. But a central tenet of our fragile democracy is separation of powers. The Legislature has a unique role in being the ears, the eyes, and the voice of the people, as I think we all will agree there's been pernicious degradations of our democratic traditions over these past months and, indeed, over these past few years. The continued violation of our doctrine of separation of powers compounds this. As James Madison wrote in Federalists 51, separation of powers is admitted on all hands to be essential to the preservation of liberty. We've experienced national emergencies in the past and we've persevered in keeping our democracy functioning. In World War II President Franklin Roosevelt provided vigorous leadership but Congress kept meeting, passing laws, debating policy, providing necessary oversight for Executive decision making. Operating in the fashion we have been must be the exception, not the rule. We cannot shut off democracy because it is inconvenient, because it's easier to let someone else do it. Now some have suggested that our State may lose money, federal funding, if this Resolution passes, as if money could accommodate the abnegation of bedrock constitutional principles. Even if you want to argue that, you know the National Conference of State Legislatures, the flyer says on your desk, 'A state's Emergency Declaration does not impact eligibility for federal funding under

the Cares Act.' Furthermore, regardless of what we do in this Legislature with our State of Emergency, there already exists already a Federal Disaster Declaration for Maine for COVID in a nationwide federal emergency declaration. Friends, it's time that we do our full jobs as elected representatives of the people. The Governor has her job to do and I, for one, want to support those actions that I think we need. But we also have our job to do. It's time to end this State of Emergency. Thank you for your attention, Mr. President. I ask for the yeas and nays.

THE PRESIDENT: Did the Senator from Oxford intend to present a Joint Order?

Senator **BENNETT:** Apologies, I thought that we had already presented it. I present the Joint Order and move it's adoption.

ORDERS

Joint Resolution

On motion by Senator **BENNETT** of Oxford, the following Joint Resolution:

S.P. 333

JOINT RESOLUTION TO TERMINATE THE STATE OF EMERGENCY PROCLAIMED BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, Governor Janet T. Mills has recently extended, for the 11th time, her March 15, 2020 proclamation declaring a state of emergency; and

WHEREAS, the Governor has done this without consulting the Legislature, a coequal branch of State Government, for nearly a year; and

WHEREAS, emergency orders were originally based on the then-known science and designed to reduce the rate of increase in COVID-19 infections over a 2-week period but have been extended for months without providing the Legislature with a sufficient scientific rationale or justification; and

WHEREAS, executive authority over executive orders has been delegated to unelected officials in the executive branch of State Government; and

WHEREAS, the lives of Maine citizens, local jobs and small businesses and activities that promote health and well-being have been lost without due consideration; and

WHEREAS, the over 1.3 million citizens of Maine continue to be denied a voice in policies that affect their health and well-being; and

WHEREAS, the public health and well-being must be protected and enhanced; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature has the authority to terminate a state of emergency at any time; 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 and pursuant to the authority granted in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 37-B, section 743, subsection 2, terminate the state of emergency first proclaimed by Governor Janet T. Mills on March 15, 2020.

On motion by Senator **BENNETT** of Oxford, the Joint Resolution was **READ**.

On further motion by same Senator, 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 Knox, Senator Miramant.

Senator **MIRAMANT:** (Due to technical difficulties, some remarks on this matter are not audible.)

Thank you, Mr. President. Men and women of the Senate, the eruption of our Corona virus-based illness is not unprecedented and the previous versions, SARS, MERS, and others, had allowed the WHO, the World Health Organization, to develop procedures to follow in case of a greater emergency. What happened with this current situation developed was the instant rejection of procedures that had been readied and the adoption of the actions of autocratic government that had nothing in place and no evidence that taking away the rights of their people would solve the problem. They don't care. We do. At the begging of the challenge we are facing our leaders had good intentions. I believe they always do and in an emergency they have to exercise judgment and have special powers and for a few months that was enough. As time passed we moved to the next phase where those leaders had the responsibility to seek out information from a wide range of voices. Over this year the response to the virus has destroyed businesses that represented the work of a lifetime, caused the confusion and depression of our children and the vulnerable who need programs to have any quality of life and basic health.

At the beginning of my former career as an airline pilot, you didn't question the captain. Many people died over the years from that type of autocratic thinking and our leaders sought a way to change it. The result was to gather trained professionals with different strengths and perspectives and then listen to them while forming and activating the solution. This has been a model that many organizations have found to be effective and inclusive. With regard to the way we have dealt with the challenges of the past year, we have gone in the opposite direction.

It's been a challenge in many ways, a challenge to not let fear control us, a challenge to bring people together to solve problems even when what they say is different, and a challenge not to shame and ostracize our community members who are working in different ways to protect those who need it. We've heard other voices from folks who are grateful that we learned and then practiced the ways to protect our most vulnerable and then expected our leaders to move forward. We waited and waited. Our voices as representatives of the people of Maine have been ignored for too long after that reasonable period. When we gave over the power of our democratic process we expected it to last a short time and then to reengage. The ability to extend the Emergency Order when we've moved out of the emergency and into the challenging recovery phases is not justified. We need to be brought into the discussion and the solution. As leaders ourselves, we need to make sure that every voice is heard and respected, not ignored and rejected. We need to collaborate, not isolate. The United States of America has remained the beacon for people from the world over who come here to develop ideas and learn and contribute to solutions to unsolvable problems. Closing down this country and removing the inclusion of the people who would dare anything to help humanity is cynical and cruel. We need to invite those pioneers of new ideas to the table. We need to gather research on every

aspect of the science to make sure we're not setting policies based on misinformation, whether from laziness, ignorance, or self-interest based on greed. We need to stop the censoring of ideas on social media and the press that are now controlled by a handful of people and we need to let freedom ring. This is what we stand for and it isn't always easy. It's time to return control of this challenge and this state to a democracy. That's what we fight for, it's what we stand for, and it's what the people of this state demand and deserve. Please join me in passing this Resolution by voting yes.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from York, Senator Lawrence.

Senator **LAWRENCE:** Thank you, Mr. President. May I pose a question through the Chair?

THE PRESIDENT: You may.

Senator **LAWRENCE:** Thank you. I appreciate the information that was passed out pursuant to the Cares Act but my question is specifically regarding the Stafford Act. My question is: my understanding is qualification under the Stafford Act are declaration of emergency allows us to qualify under the Stafford Act and if we remove that are we no longer able to qualify under the Stafford Act?

THE PRESIDENT: The Senator from York, Senator Lawrence, poses a question through the Chair to anyone who may answer. The Chair recognizes the Senator from Oxford, Senator Bennett.

Senator **BENNETT:** There is, as I understand it, some requirements for meeting the needs of the Stafford Act but they do not require a State of Emergency. We can accommodate the needs of that, provide that funding, without having a State of Emergency declared as such.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from York, Senator Lawrence.

Senator **LAWRENCE:** Thank you, Mr. President. Men and women of the Senate, unfortunately that conflicts with the information I get that taking away this declaration would disqualify us, or make it harder for us to qualify, under the Stafford Act. But more than anything else, I oppose this Resolution because it's simply not true. We are still in a State of Emergency and nothing, passing this Act, will not change one thing about what we can do as a Legislature. Now we can legislate as much as we want regarding COVID. We can. We tried to do it. It's taken us almost three months to make a decision on whether on the tax status of PPP, we still can't make that decision. We are in a State of Emergency. We need Executive authority to act quickly and swiftly and, thank God, we have, I know I wake up every morning and thank God we have a strong, decisive woman as Governor of this state who has led us through this crisis.

Twenty minutes south from where I live is the state of Massachusetts. If we had the rate of death of the state of Massachusetts, Essex County, there would be approximately 4,000 more people in Maine dead. That's virtually every man, woman, and child in the town of Oxford, Maine, would be dead if we didn't have this emergency power. We have about eight or nine months left to go. How many more people are we going to

allow to die if we don't have a State of Emergency? If we don't have a clear and decisive Executive that can take the actions quickly that the Legislature can't? This virus is morphing every day. It's changing every day. It's becoming different. What's happening on the federal level is becoming different and we, as a Legislature, cannot act quickly enough. We're great at making long-term policy but if you think, and if my good friend from Oxford thinks that he can get two-thirds of the Senate to agree upon something and two-thirds of the House to agree upon something and act within a day or even two days, I would suggest he's living in a different world than I'm living in because we cannot get this Legislature, let alone to make a decision on whether or not to exempt PPP from taxation. There's no way we can possibly react the way a Governor needs to react in a State of Emergency. So, I will not be voting for this because a State of Emergency still exists and it's going to exist probably for the next eight or nine months, until we defeat this virus. Thank you.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Penobscot, Senator Guerin.

Senator **GUERIN:** Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, I have heard from constituents every time I open my computer, check my messages, or go to the grocery store. Overwhelmingly, they're insisting that I return to being their voice in the decisions being made for their state. Our representative government needs to return immediately. We are the voice of Maine people and we have had our voices, and their voices, silenced for long enough.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Kennebec, Senator Pouliot.

Senator **POULIOT:** Thank you very much, Mr. President. I just want to clear something up. The good Senator from York had asked about funding and the National Conference of State Legislatures did say back in June of last year that we do, in fact, not need to have a State of Emergency in place to receive federal funds. However, a state does need to have a Presidentially or federally declared disaster in place to receive certain FEMA or SPA funds. So that's been in place since March of last year.

I'll never forget the night that we were sitting around the legislative session last year, on what today marks the one year anniversary of the date that we really kind of began this lock-down and it was kind of an Apocalyptic feeling. None of us really knew what was going on or what to expect and we were asked at that time to grant some pretty extraordinary powers to the Chief Executive. I recall sitting in our caucus, having a discussion with our members about, you know, just how much power we were giving to one individual and at that time we all agreed that, given the circumstances, it was the best course of action. However, one of the fatal mistakes of that discussion was that we didn't assert that the Legislature should be a part of the process in renewing those Emergency Proclamations and continuing the State of Emergency. There's some legislation that will be dealt with this session to discuss that. Unfortunately, all those bills have been held up and not had a public hearing yet. However, the fact remains that the Legislature has not been involved in this process and I think it's unfortunate that the good Senator from York, who has a tremendous amount of experience and time serving in the Legislature, essentially just asserted that the Maine State Legislature is not competent to help in solving some of

these problems, and that we ought to instead abdicate that responsibility to the Chief Executive. I think that flies in the face of separation of powers and I believe that now is the time for us to be a part of this process. At the very least, the Maine State Legislature should be a part of whether or not to extend these Emergency Proclamations and what the substance of some of these decisions that have been made by the Chief Executive should be. So, Mr. President, men and women of the Senate, I ask that you follow me in supporting this Resolution. Thank you.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Sanborn.

Senator **SANBORN:** Thank you, Mr. President. I had not intended to rise but one of the comments that was made by one of my colleagues was that now is the time for us to start governing and I just wanted to remind all of our colleagues that we've been holding public hearings, we've been doing work sessions, and over the last 24 hours we've passed dozens of bills. The thing we're not very good at is passing bills as an emergency. We did manage in this Chamber to get to two-thirds on a Supplemental Budget. That is us, as Legislators, deciding that we are going to do things in the normal order. We're going to approve budgets. We're going to change them. We're going to change what the Governor has proposed. We're going to add back in certain elements that were left out and we're going to get to two-thirds. But that is an enormous, enormously heavy lift. It's been something that we have been wrestling with late into the night last night and we're still not there with our colleagues in the other Chamber. Imagine if every single action necessary to address a deadly virus: who gets the vaccine, how quickly, where, how to set up Northern Lights on-line registration system. All those things have to come to the Legislature and pass by two-thirds? Not a chance, guys. We need to continue doing our work as Legislators and we need to continue letting the Governor deal with one of the biggest emergencies our state has ever faced, our country has ever faced. Certainly, in our lifetime, even those in this Chamber who are a lot older than I am, none of us have ever seen an emergency like this one and so I am really proud to be legislating, to be doing my job, to be representing the people in my district, and I plan to do that and this Resolution would not help me do that. Thank you.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Somerset, Senator Farrin.

Senator **FARRIN:** (Due to technical difficulties, some remarks on this matter are not audible.)

Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, yesterday I stood in front of you and spoke about an issue that was near and dear to my heart. At the end of the day many of you thanked me for standing up for what I believed in, for pushing back on some of my fellow caucus members, and I really appreciate that support. Today I ask that you flip that mirror around and look back at yourself. Forget if you have an R or a D or an I, if you're in leadership, a chairperson of a committee, or a newly elected member and listen to your heart and your constituents. We are an equal but separate branch of government and we deserve a seat at the table while this is going on. It's been a year, folks, and I'm sorry. There have been some good things along the way and there's been some things (?). Leadership is always hindsight 20-20. Everybody thinks they can

do it better than the others. All this is doing is removing that emergency power so that we have a seat at the table and discussions in those pieces. Maine emergency management system, the State Police, the CDC, all of those folks are going to continue to do their jobs. Your communities are going to have oversight on how some of those conversations and we have input into it. That's all it is. That's what my constituents are asking for, for me to do, and that's what I'm asking you to do. Take a look at your constituents. Forget about the party or where you stand and I'm asking you to follow along and please pass this Joint Resolution. Thank you, Mr. President.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Breen.

Senator **BREEN:** Thank you, Mr. President. I spoke yesterday about those final days of last session when we put that Emergency Supplemental Budget together and we also passed, unanimously, we passed legislation granting the Governor powers that we thought were short-lived but, of course, as the emergency grew in scope and time, it turns out that, you know, we needed those powers in place for much longer. However, we also made an agreement at that time that we would try to come back into special session. We left behind \$190 million in the General Fund. Thank goodness we did because it turns out we needed it for, you know, lost revenues. But, you know, we had an agreement. We left so many bills on the table that we would come back and we would finish our job in the 129th and we could not even come to an agreement to come back and do our work. We could not even get consensus, enough people, a simple majority of each of the four caucuses, to come back and do our work. So I'm thankful that those orders, that those powers, were in place all those months. Did I like sitting on the sidelines? Absolutely not. Was it comfortable? Absolutely not. But I would be very much more uncomfortable if I was relying on the 186 of us to come together, even to meet. So that's while I'll be voting against this order. Thank you.

THE PRESIDENT: The pending question before the Senate is Adoption of this Joint Resolution. Is the Senate ready for the question?

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#56)

YEAS: Senators: BENNETT, BLACK, CYRWAY, DAVIS, FARRIN, GUERIN, HICKMAN, MAXMIN, MIRAMANT, MOORE, POULIOT, ROSEN, STEWART, TIMBERLAKE, WOODSOME

NAYS: Senators: BAILEY, BALDACCI, BREEN, BRENNER, CARNEY, CHIPMAN, CLAXTON, CURRY, DAUGHTRY, DESCHAMBAULT, DIAMOND, DILL, LAWRENCE, LIBBY, LUCHINI, RAFFERTY, SANBORN, VITELLI, PRESIDENT JACKSON

EXCUSED: Senator: KEIM

15 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 19 Senators having voted in the negative, with 1 Senator being excused, the motion by Senator **BENNETT** of Oxford to **ADOPT FAILED**.

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

Senate at Ease.

The Senate was called to order by the President.

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

SENATE PAPERS

Resolve, To Review the Effects of the Deregulation of Maine Utilities

S.P. 348 L.D. 1079

Presented by Senator STEWART of Aroostook.
Cosponsored by Representatives: FOSTER of Dexter, WADSWORTH of Hiram.

On motion by Senator **LAWRENCE** of York, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

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

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: S.C. 270

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

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

L.D. 237 An Act To Allow Veterans To Opt Out of Jury Duty

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Anne Carney
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Thom Harnett
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

Senator CURRY for the Committee on **INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS** on Bill "An Act To Amend the Maine Education Savings Program" (EMERGENCY)
S.P. 26 L.D. 19

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

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

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Senator CARNEY for the Committee on **JUDICIARY** on 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

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

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

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Off Record Remarks

RECESSED until the sound of the bell.

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

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 Provide Substance Use Disorder Treatment to Adolescents"

H.P. 788 L.D. 1059

Bill "An Act To Advance Palliative Care Utilization in the State"

H.P. 793 L.D. 1064

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 Support Universal Health Care"

H.P. 773 L.D. 1045

Bill "An Act To Allow a Qualifying Religious Organization To Self-insure for Automobile Insurance"

H.P. 792 L.D. 1063

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 Promote Hunting by Persons with Disabilities"

H.P. 777 L.D. 1048

Bill "An Act To Allow Hunting on Sundays with Written Consent on Private Property"

H.P. 783 L.D. 1054

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.

Resolve, To Automatically Seal the Criminal History Records Relating to Any Crimes Decriminalized in the 130th Legislature

H.P. 784 L.D. 1055

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

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

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

House Papers

Bill "An Act Concerning the Unannounced Execution of Search Warrants"

H.P. 771 L.D. 1043

Bill "An Act To Protect the Rights of Certain Incarcerated Individuals"

H.P. 772 L.D. 1044

Bill "An Act To Protect the Firearm Use and Possession Rights of Maine Citizens during an Emergency" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 781 L.D. 1052

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.

Resolve, To Promote the Education of Students Who Participate in Sex Education Classes Regarding Common Cancer Symptoms, the Bone Marrow Registry and Organ Donation

H.P. 778 L.D. 1049

Bill "An Act Regarding the Duties of School Boards Pursuant to the Laws Governing Attendance at Elementary and Secondary Schools"

H.P. 779 L.D. 1050

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

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

Bill "An Act To Allow Microgrids That Are in the Public Interest"

H.P. 782 L.D. 1053

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

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

Bill "An Act To Create an Alternate Minimum Wage Applicable to Student Employees Who Are under 20 Years of Age and to Employees Who Are under 18 Years of Age"
H.P. 775 L.D. 1047

Comes 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 Protect State Workers from Exposure to Harmful Substances"
H.P. 770 L.D. 1042

Bill "An Act To Promote Civic Engagement and Voter Participation for Young People by Lowering the Voting Age for Municipal Elections to 16 Years of Age"
H.P. 780 L.D. 1051

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Provide for the Popular Election of the Attorney General
H.P. 785 L.D. 1056

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Provide for the Popular Election of the Secretary of State
H.P. 786 L.D. 1057

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Provide for the Popular Election of the Treasurer of State
H.P. 787 L.D. 1058

Bill "An Act To Clarify the Qualifications and Oversight of Sheriffs"
H.P. 794 L.D. 1065

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 Create an Income Tax Return Checkoff for Hunger Prevention"
H.P. 774 L.D. 1046

Bill "An Act To Phase Out the Insurance Premium Tax on Annuities"
H.P. 791 L.D. 1062

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 Increase the State Revenue from Casino Net Income, Reallocate the State Distribution and Provide Tax Uniformity"
H.P. 789 L.D. 1060

Bill "An Act To Protect Minor Political Parties That Seek Official Party Status"
H.P. 790 L.D. 1061

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.

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

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

Joint Resolution

The following Joint Resolution:

H.P. 776

**JOINT RESOLUTION
RECOGNIZING FEBRUARY 2021
AS BLACK HISTORY MONTH**

WHEREAS, Maine's Black history and the story of Maine's role in the Atlantic world slave economy have been largely effaced from our narratives and from our collective consciousness; and

WHEREAS, from the earliest arrivals of people from Europe and Africa in the Americas, Africans and African Americans have been part of the story of this land, and researchers have identified over 1,600 people of color who lived in what is now called the state of Maine prior to the year 1800; and

WHEREAS, Africans who were brought involuntarily to these shores suffered generations of enslavement and their descendants faced the injustices of lynch mobs, segregation and the denial of basic, fundamental rights; and

WHEREAS, Maine merchants were deeply entangled in the Atlantic world slave economy, as were the banks that handled their accounts and the insurance firms that secured their investments, and at a time when Havana, Cuba was the hub of the illicit slave trade, Portland was that city's number one trading partner; and

WHEREAS, it was not only Maine's coastal towns that were complicit in the global economy of enslavement through shipbuilding and merchant trading activities, but its inland regions as well: crops and livestock were routinely shipped in the "coastwise" trade to provision the sugar plantations of the West Indies, along with salted fish and even ice from this region; and

WHEREAS, great quantities of Maine timber were processed into barrel staves and shipped throughout the 18th and 19th centuries to the West Indies, where enslaved Africans were forced to fashion them into barrels; they then filled these barrels with the sugar and molasses that were shipped back to Portland and distilled into rum, which was used as currency in purchasing more captive Africans; and

WHEREAS, African Americans in all walks of life have shown resilience despite suffering under slavery and injustice and have made significant contributions throughout the history of the State and across the United States; and

WHEREAS, from the Revolutionary War through the abolitionist movement, to marches from Selma to Montgomery and across America today, and in this State, African Americans have remained devoted to the proposition that all of us are created equal, even when their own rights were denied; and

WHEREAS, the month of February is officially celebrated as Black History Month, which dates back to 1926 when Dr. Carter G. Woodson set aside a special period of time in February to recognize the heritage and achievements of African Americans; 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 significance of Black History Month as an important time to honor the contributions of African Americans in the nation's history and encourage all people in the State to learn more about the past and to better understand the experiences that have shaped the State and the nation.

Comes from the House, **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

READ and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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 **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act To Protect the Health of Student Athletes by Requiring the Establishment of Procedures To Report Concussions"

H.P. 70 L.D. 104

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-32)**.

Signed:

Senators:

DAUGHTRY of Cumberland
RAFFERTY of York
WOODSOME of York

Representatives:

BRENNAN of Portland
CROCKETT of Portland
DODGE of Belfast
McCREA of Fort Fairfield
MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth
SALISBURY of Westbrook

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

Signed:

Representatives:

LYMAN of Livermore Falls
ROCHE of Wells
SAMPSON of Alfred
STEARNS of Guilford

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-32)**.

Reports **READ**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-32) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

House

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act To Increase Student Reading Proficiency"

H.P. 94 L.D. 138

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-25)**.

Signed:

Senators:

DAUGHTRY of Cumberland
RAFFERTY of York
WOODSOME of York

Representatives:

BRENNAN of Portland
CROCKETT of Portland
DODGE of Belfast
McCREA of Fort Fairfield
MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth
SALISBURY of Westbrook
STEARNS of Guilford

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

Signed:

Representatives:

LYMAN of Livermore Falls
ROCHE of Wells
SAMPSON of Alfred

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-25)**.

Reports **READ**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-25) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

House

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act To Increase the State's Share of the Cost of Health Insurance for Retired Teachers" (EMERGENCY)
H.P. 206 L.D. 293

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-27)**.

Signed:

Senators:

DAUGHTRY of Cumberland
RAFFERTY of York
WOODSOME of York

Representatives:

BRENNAN of Portland
CROCKETT of Portland
DODGE of Belfast
LYMAN of Livermore Falls
McCREA of Fort Fairfield
MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth
ROCHE of Wells
SALISBURY of Westbrook
STEARNS of Guilford

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

Signed:

Representative:

SAMPSON of Alfred

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-27)**.

Reports **READ**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-27) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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

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

RECESSED until the sound of the bell.

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Senate

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** on Bill "An Act To Establish the COVID-19 Patient Bill of Rights" (EMERGENCY) S.P. 29 L.D. 1

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-16)**.

Signed:

Senators:

SANBORN of Cumberland
BRENNER of Cumberland

Representatives:

TEPLER of Topsham
ARFORD of Brunswick
BROOKS of Lewiston
EVANS of Dover-Foxcroft
MATHIESON of Kittery
MELARAGNO of Auburn

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "B" (S-17)**.

Signed:

Senator:

STEWART of Aroostook

Representatives:

BLIER of Buxton
CONNOR of Lewiston
MORRIS of Turner
QUINT of Hodgdon

Reports **READ**.

On motion by Senator **SANBORN** of Cumberland, the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-16)** Report **ACCEPTED**.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-16) **READ**.

On motion by Senator **STEWART** of Aroostook, Senate Amendment "C" (S-22) to Committee Amendment "A" (S-16) **READ**.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Aroostook, Senator Stewart.

Senator **STEWART:** Thank you, Mr. President. Men and women of the Senate, I rise today to present this Senate Amendment to

L.D. 1, which has become known as the COVID Patient Bill of Rights. There's been a number of discussions at the committee level and here today in session with my colleagues across the aisle and we've come to a point of mutual agreement and just to sort of share with folks the position of my caucus is really that the biggest issue with the bill to begin with was with the title and that, from our perspective, a Bill of Rights is supposed to be protecting you from the government and enumerating what things the government can't do to you. So the common ground we were able to find in this regard is specifically baked into this amendment, saying essentially that when there is a State of Emergency that the government cannot get between you and your medical provider for important things like providing healthcare services, and specifically surgeries, and dictate that they are non-essential services. I know that I certainly have had a number of constituents who, throughout the course of the pandemic and the Executive Orders that followed suit, had really a lot of problems with that component in the Executive Orders and it's something that I think, and I appreciate, my colleagues on the other side of the aisle being willing to recognize that need and work here to address it and fix it because I do think it's something that's going to benefit all of Maine. With that, I appreciate the support of this Body and would yield at that. Thank you, Mr. President.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Sanborn.

Senator **SANBORN:** Thank you, Mr. President. I just wanted to speak as well in support of the amendment and in support of the bill itself. I think one of the things that this shows is that when we do work together, listen to each other, and work together to really refine the language, we can come to a place where we can get bi-partisan agreement on how to deal with COVID. One of the things that this bill does that I'm extremely proud of is that it goes beyond the Governor's Emergency Orders in terms of the protections that it will give Mainers with regard to not receiving surprise bills for COVID tests. It's something that I've heard from my constituents about, thinking that their COVID test was going to be covered by their insurance and then finding that it wasn't. For some reason that they failed to understand and that, really frankly, was not legal, but because there is some gray area in terms of medical necessity right now as to whether the COVID test will be covered. Insurance companies are just routinely denying that coverage when they can and so this bill will really tighten up the language and goes beyond the Governor's Executive Orders to ensure that Mainers can feel comfortable getting COVID tests and, thereby, keeping all of us safe by ensuring that they know if they're infected and can take appropriate quarantine and isolation measures. So, I am pleased that we were able to find an agreement on this bill and I'm very proud of the work that we did and I urge you to follow my light.

On motion by Senator **STEWART** of Aroostook, Senate Amendment "C" (S-22) to Committee Amendment "A" (S-16) **ADOPTED**.

On motion by Senator **BENNETT** of Oxford, Senate Amendment "B" (S-21) to Committee Amendment "A" (S-16) **READ**.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Oxford, Senator Bennett.

Senator **BENNETT**: Thank you, Mr. President. When I read the title of this bill I was heartened that this bill would address the many anxieties Maine people have about the loss of decision making, the loss of freedom, the loss of personal sovereignty that the pandemic has brought upon them. I've heard from many constituents on the particular concern that this amendment addresses, that they may be forced or coerced through a mandate or penalization to receive the COVID vaccine. I support taking vaccines but I do not support requiring people to do so. If you share that view, I would encourage you to support this amendment. Thank you.

Senator **DAUGHTRY** of Cumberland moved to **INDEFINITELY POSTPONE** Senate Amendment "B" (S-21) to Committee Amendment "A" (S-16).

On motion by Senator **POULIOT** of Kennebec, 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 Cumberland, Senator Brenner.

Senator **BRENNER**: Thank you, Mr. President. Thank you, Senate colleagues. I just want to speak to the amendment. We had great robust discussions at HCIFS about this bill and, for me, this is really a bill about public health. This is a bill about expanding capacity for anybody who needs a test to get a test without any concern about a financial barrier and we want to be able to fully open our economy and in order to do that we need robust testing and we need access to the vaccine without any limitations. We did not discuss any kind of mandate for the vaccine and we did not discuss adding that into this bill. I feel like there is room for that discussion, but I believe that we have already moved beyond that in terms of the place and the public hearing space during the time that we had the bill hearing. So, I feel like we should address that but at a different time. So, I move that we not have that amendment be part of this bill. Thank you.

THE PRESIDENT: The pending question before the Senate is Indefinite Postponement of Senate Amendment "B". Is the Senate ready for the question?

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#57)

YEAS: Senators: BAILEY, BALDACCI, BREEN, BRENNER, CARNEY, CHIPMAN, CLAXTON, CURRY, DAUGHTRY, DESCHAMBAULT, DIAMOND, HICKMAN, LAWRENCE, LIBBY, LUCHINI, MAXMIN, RAFFERTY, SANBORN, VITELLI, PRESIDENT JACKSON

NAYS: Senators: BENNETT, BLACK, CYRWAY, DAVIS, DILL, FARRIN, GUERIN, MIRAMANT, MOORE, POULIOT, ROSEN, STEWART, WOODSOME

EXCUSED: Senators: KEIM, TIMBERLAKE

20 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 13 Senators having voted in the negative, with 2 Senators being excused, the motion by Senator **DAUGHTRY** of Cumberland to **INDEFINITELY POSTPONE** Senate Amendment "B" (S-21) to Committee Amendment "A" (S-16) **PREVAILED**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-16) as Amended by Senate Amendment "C" (S-22) thereto, **ADOPTED**.

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

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

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#58)

YEAS: Senators: BAILEY, BALDACCI, BENNETT, BLACK, BREEN, BRENNER, CARNEY, CHIPMAN, CLAXTON, CURRY, CYRWAY, DAUGHTRY, DAVIS, DESCHAMBAULT, DIAMOND, DILL, FARRIN, GUERIN, HICKMAN, LAWRENCE, LIBBY, LUCHINI, MAXMIN, MIRAMANT, MOORE, POULIOT, RAFFERTY, ROSEN, SANBORN, STEWART, VITELLI, WOODSOME, PRESIDENT JACKSON

NAYS: Senators: NONE

EXCUSED: Senators: KEIM, TIMBERLAKE

No Senators having voted in the affirmative and 33 Senators having voted in the negative, with 2 Senators being excused, was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-16) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "C" (S-22)** thereto.

Ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

Senate at Ease.

The Senate was called to order by the President.

Off Record Remarks

RECESSED until the sound of the bell.

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

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

House

Ought to Pass

The Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act To Restore Honor to Certain Service Members"
H.P. 126 L.D. 173

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

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

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

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

Ought to Pass As Amended

The Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** on Bill "An Act To Invest in the Stewardship and Management of Properties Acquired with the Proceeds from the Land for Maine's Future Fund or the Public Access to Maine Waters Fund"
H.P. 31 L.D. 65

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-34)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-34)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-34) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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

The Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** on Bill "An Act To Amend the Removal Process Applicable to the Position of State Supervisor of the Forest Protection Unit of the Bureau of Forestry"
H.P. 56 L.D. 90

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-33)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-33)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-33) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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

The Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act To Establish the Summer Success Pilot Program Fund"
H.P. 10 L.D. 44

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-15)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-15)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-15) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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

The Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** on Bill "An Act To Improve Prescription Information Access"
H.P. 125 L.D. 172

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-13)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-13)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-13) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-12)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-12) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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

The Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** on Bill "An Act To Allow Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists To Bill for Their Services"
H.P. 175 L.D. 254

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-14)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-14)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-14) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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

The Committee on **TAXATION** on Bill "An Act To Make Sales to Area Agencies on Aging Tax-exempt"
H.P. 52 L.D. 86

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-28)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-28)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-28) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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

The Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** on Resolve, Directing the Maine Health Data Organization To Determine the Best Methods and Definitions To Use in Collecting Data To Better Understand Racial and Ethnic Disparities in the Provision of Health Care in Maine
H.P. 190 L.D. 274

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-26)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-26)**.

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

Resolve **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-26) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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

The Committee on **TAXATION** on Resolve, Authorizing the State Tax Assessor To Convey the Interest of the State in Certain Real Estate in the Unorganized Territory
H.P. 102 L.D. 146

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-36)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-36)**.

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

Resolve **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-36) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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

The Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** on Bill "An Act To Eliminate Inactive Boards and Commissions"
H.P. 114 L.D. 158

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-12)**.

The Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** on Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapters 33 to 43, Concerning the Regulation of Fantasy Gambling, Major Substantive Rules of the Department of Public Safety, Gambling Control Unit (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 95 L.D. 139

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-16)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-16)**.

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

Resolve **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-16) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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

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

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

House

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **JUDICIARY** on Bill "An Act To Provide State Recognition for the Kineo Band of Maliseet Indians" H.P. 37 L.D. 71

Reported that the same **Ought Not to Pass**.

Signed:

Senators:

CARNEY of Cumberland
SANBORN of Cumberland

Representatives:

HARNETT of Gardiner
BABBIDGE of Kennebunk
DOWNES of Bucksport
EVANGELOS of Friendship
LIBBY of Auburn
MORIARTY of Cumberland
NEWELL of the Passamaquoddy Tribe

RECKITT of South Portland
SHEEHAN of Biddeford

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass**.

Signed:

Representative:

POIRIER of Skowhegan

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

Reports **READ**.

On motion by Senator **CARNEY** of Cumberland, the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

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 **LABOR AND HOUSING** on Bill "An Act To Allow Career Educators To Retire without Penalty" H.P. 77 L.D. 111

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-11)**.

Signed:

Senators:

RAFFERTY of York
MIRAMANT of Knox

Representatives:

SYLVESTER of Portland
CUDDY of Winterport
GERE of Kennebunkport
PEBORTH of Blue Hill
ROEDER of Bangor
WARREN of Scarborough

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

Signed:

Senator:

GUERIN of Penobscot

Representatives:

BRADSTREET of Vassalboro
DRINKWATER of Milford
MORRIS of Turner
PRESCOTT of Waterboro

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-11)**.

Reports **READ**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-11) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

House

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** on Bill "An Act To Require the Inclusion of Racial Impact Statements in the Legislative Process"

H.P. 5 L.D. 2

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-30)**.

Signed:

Senators:

BALDACCI of Penobscot
CLAXTON of Androscoggin

Representatives:

MATLACK of St. George
BRYANT of Windham
COPELAND of Saco
DOORE of Augusta
PAULHUS of Bath
RISEMAN of Harrison

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "B" (H-31)**.

Signed:

Senator:

ROSEN of Hancock

Representatives:

DOWNES of Bucksport
GREENWOOD of Wales
HEAD of Bethel
TUELL of East Machias

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-30)** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-30)**.

Reports **READ**.

Senator **BALDACCI** of Penobscot moved the Senate **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-30)** Report, in concurrence.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Penobscot, Senator Baldacci.

Senator **BALDACCI**: Thank you, Mr. President. I proudly rise in support of L.D. 2. We all know, or should know, the long history of racism that has existed for many centuries and that is what we stand against as a people and L.D. 2 is an affirmation, not a negation. It is an affirmation that policy makers must better consider the implications of proposed state laws on all of our fellow citizens. It is an affirmation that Maine is looking towards the future as a hopeful, confident, and inclusive state and that affirmation, like Senator Robert Kennedy once said, crossing each other from a million different centers of hope and daring can create a wave that can bring down the mightiest walls of oppression and resistance. I proudly ask the Senate to join me in supporting this L.D. Thank you.

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.

On further motion by same Senator, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending the motion by Senator **BALDACCI** of Penobscot to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-30)** Report, in concurrence. (Roll Call Ordered)

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 **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** on Bill "An Act To Establish the General Election Date in United States Presidential Election Years as a State Holiday"

H.P. 66 L.D. 100

Reported that the same **Ought Not to Pass.**

Signed:

Senators:

BALDACCI of Penobscot
CLAXTON of Androscoggin
ROSEN of Hancock

Representatives:

MATLACK of St. George
BRYANT of Windham
DOORE of Augusta
DOWNES of Bucksport
GREENWOOD of Wales
HEAD of Bethel
PAULHUS of Bath
RISEMAN of Harrison
TUELL of East Machias

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-29).**

Signed:

Representative:

COPELAND of Saco

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

Reports **READ**.

On motion by Senator **BALDACCI** of Penobscot, the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

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 **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** on RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Change the Number of Legislators Required To Approve a Constitutional Amendment

H.P. 109 L.D. 153

Reported that the same **Ought Not to Pass.**

Signed:

Senator:

BALDACCI of Penobscot

Representatives:

MATLACK of St. George
BRYANT of Windham
COPELAND of Saco
DOORE of Augusta
PAULHUS of Bath
RISEMAN of Harrison

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-17).**

Signed:

Senator:

ROSEN of Hancock

Representatives:

DOWNES of Bucksport
GREENWOOD of Wales
HEAD of Bethel
TUELL of East Machias

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

Reports **READ**.

On motion by Senator **BALDACCI** of Penobscot, the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

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 **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** on Bill "An Act To Recognize 'My Sweet Maine' as Maine's Song of the 21st Century"

H.P. 162 L.D. 232

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

Signed:

Senators:

BALDACCI of Penobscot
CLAXTON of Androscoggin
ROSEN of Hancock

Representatives:

MATLACK of St. George
BRYANT of Windham
COPELAND of Saco
DOORE of Augusta
DOWNES of Bucksport
PAULHUS of Bath
RISEMAN of Harrison

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

Signed:

Representatives:

GREENWOOD of Wales
HEAD of Bethel
TUELL of East Machias

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**.

Reports **READ**.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Penobscot, Senator Baldacci.

Senator **BALDACCI:** Mr. President, I want to assure everyone that I will not be singing the song. It's been provided to you graciously by Senator Bennett and has been approved by our committee. I would ask, Mr. President, that the reading of 5-1 be dispensed with and the Senate accept our Majority Ought to Pass report.

Senator **BALDACCI** of Penobscot moved the Senate **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS** Report, in concurrence.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Oxford, Senator Bennett.

Senator **BENNETT:** Thank you, Mr. President. Fear not, faithful colleagues, you will not hear me sing this song. I did want to just say just a couple of words. This does not replace the 'Grand State of Maine' which is the song of the State of Maine that was adopted in 1937, written by Roger Vinton Snow. It is, however, the 21st Century song. It was written by a fellow named Terry Swett who is a constituent of mine. He's a wonderful man, a great contributor to our community in western Maine, and a terrific musician, and this song, I encourage you to go to the YouTube channel and listen to the song because I think it will inspire you and I think that, you know, on the way home or if you're staying over tonight and you can listen to that song it will maybe make a nice ending to these long two days. So thank you very much. I would very much appreciate your support on this measure.

On motion by Senator **BALDACCI** of Penobscot, the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS** Report **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

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

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 **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** on RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Specify the Qualifications of Electors H.P. 73 L.D. 107

Reported that the same **Ought Not to Pass**.

Signed:

Senator:

DESCHAMBAULT of York

Representatives:

CAIAZZO of Scarborough
McCREIGHT of Harpswell
RIELLY of Westbrook
SUPICA of Bangor
TUTTLE of Sanford
WOOD of Portland

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-37)**.

Signed:

Senator:

FARRIN of Somerset

Representatives:

COREY of Windham
DOLLOFF of Milton Township
HARRINGTON of Sanford
KINNEY of Knox

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

Reports **READ**.

On motion by Senator **LUCHINI** of Hancock, the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

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 **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act To Facilitate Fair Ballot Representation for All Candidates By Allowing a Candidate's Nickname To Appear on the Ballot"

H.P. 75 L.D. 109

Reported that the same **Ought Not to Pass**.

Signed:

Senator:

DESCHAMBAULT of York

Representatives:

CAIAZZO of Scarborough
McCREIGHT of Harpswell
RIELLY of Westbrook
SUPICA of Bangor
TUTTLE of Sanford
WOOD of Portland

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-38)**.

Signed:

Senator:

FARRIN of Somerset

Representatives:

COREY of Windham
DOLLOFF of Milton Township
HARRINGTON of Sanford
KINNEY of Knox

Comes from the House with the Minority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-38)**.

Reports **READ**.

On motion by Senator **LUCHINI** of Hancock, the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **ACCEPTED**, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

(See action later today.)

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Senate

Ought to Pass As Amended

Senator DILL for the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** on 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

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-24)**.

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

Resolve **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-24) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Senator DILL for the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** on Bill "An Act To Amend the Definition of 'Timber Harvesting'"
S.P. 44 L.D. 36

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-25)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-25) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Senator DILL for the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** on 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

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-23)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-23) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Senator **BENNETT** of Oxford moved the Senate **RECONSIDER** whereby it **ACCEPTED** the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**, on the following:

Bill "An Act To Facilitate Fair Ballot Representation for All Candidates By Allowing a Candidate's Nickname To Appear on the Ballot"

H.P. 75 L.D. 109

(In House, March 11, 2021, the Minority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-38)**.)

(In Senate, March 11, 2021, Reports **READ**. On motion by Senator **LUCHINI** of Hancock, the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **ACCEPTED**, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.)

Senate at Ease.

The Senate was called to order by the President.

Senator **BENNETT** of Oxford requested and received leave of the Senate to withdraw his motion to **RECONSIDER** whereby the Senate **ACCEPTED** the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report, in **NON-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 Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Create Energy-efficient and Affordable Homes for Maine People"
H.P. 799 L.D. 1084

Bill "An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Upgrade Customs Facilities at the Portland International Jetport and the Bangor International Airport To Promote International Tourism and Commerce"

H.P. 801 L.D. 1086

Come 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 To Improve Educational Opportunities by Exempting Children Who Attend Virtual Public Charter Schools from Immunization Requirements and Expanding Enrollment at Virtual Public Charter Schools"

H.P. 797 L.D. 1082

Comes 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.

Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services To Update the Rights of Recipients of Mental Health Services
H.P. 795 L.D. 1080

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 Relating to the Use of Genetic Information for Insurance Purposes"

H.P. 800 L.D. 1085

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 Regarding the Special Guides Permit Drawings"
H.P. 796 L.D. 1081

Comes 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.

ENACTORS

Bill "An Act To Save Maine Businesses"
H.P. 802 L.D. 1087

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 To Create a Voter Identification System"
H.P. 798 L.D. 1083

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

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

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

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

House

Ought to Pass

The Committee on **JUDICIARY** on Bill "An Act To Amend the Maine Revised Unclaimed Property Act"
H.P. 304 L.D. 420

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

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

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

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

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

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

Emergency Measure

An Act To Clarify the Minimum Amount of Emergency Refills of Insulin

H.P. 26 L.D. 60
(C "A" H-5)

This being an Emergency Measure and having received the affirmative vote of 31 Members of the Senate, with no Senators having voted in the negative, and 31 being more than two-thirds of the entire elected Membership of the Senate, was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED** and, having been signed by the President, was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for approval.

Emergency Measure

An Act To Amend the Maine Uniform Probate Code

H.P. 101 L.D. 145
(C "A" H-8)

This being an Emergency Measure and having received the affirmative vote of 32 Members of the Senate, with no Senators having voted in the negative, and 32 being more than two-thirds of the entire elected Membership of the Senate, was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED** and, having been signed by the President, was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for approval.

Emergency Measure

An Act To Make Supplemental Allocations from the Highway Fund and Other Funds 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. 118 L.D. 162
(C "A" H-4)

This being an Emergency Measure and having received the affirmative vote of 33 Members of the Senate, with no Senators having voted in the negative, and 33 being more than two-thirds of the entire elected Membership of the Senate, was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED** and, having been signed by the President, was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for approval.

Emergency Measure

An Act To Modify Requirements for Multiple-party Accounts, Limited Purpose Financial Institutions and Mergers

H.P. 159 L.D. 224
(C "A" H-1)

This being an Emergency Measure and having received the affirmative vote of 33 Members of the Senate, with no Senators having voted in the negative, and 33 being more than two-thirds of the entire elected Membership of the Senate, was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED** and, having been signed by the President, was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for approval.

Emergency Measure

An Act To Amend the Retirement Laws Pertaining to Certain Educational Technicians

H.P. 191 L.D. 275
(C "A" H-6)

This being an Emergency Measure and having received the affirmative vote of 33 Members of the Senate, with no Senators having voted in the negative, and 33 being more than two-thirds of the entire elected Membership of the Senate, was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED** and, having been signed by the President, was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for approval.

Emergency Measure

An Act To Temporarily Waive Certain Requirements for Relicensing for Restaurants That Serve Liquor

S.P. 132 L.D. 306
(C "A" S-2; S "A" S-9)

This being an Emergency Measure and having received the affirmative vote of 33 Members of the Senate, with no Senators having voted in the negative, and 33 being more than two-thirds of the entire elected Membership of the Senate, was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED** and, having been signed by the President, was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for approval.

Emergency Measure

An Act To Include Grandparents under Maine's Family Medical Leave Laws

H.P. 27 L.D. 61

Comes from the House, **FAILED ENACTMENT**.

On motion by Senator **VITELLI** of Sagadahoc, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending **ENACTMENT**, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

Emergency Resolve

Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 305: Rules and Regulations Pertaining to Traffic Movement Permits, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Transportation

H.P. 6 L.D. 40

This being an Emergency Measure and having received the affirmative vote of 33 Members of the Senate, with no Senators having voted in the negative, and 33 being more than two-thirds of the entire elected Membership of the Senate, was **FINALLY PASSED** and, having been signed by the President, was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for approval.

Acts

An Act To Enact the Maine Insurance Data Security Act
H.P. 17 L.D. 51

An Act To Protect Minority Religious Groups by Eliminating the Prior Approval Requirement for a School Absence for a Recognized Religious Holiday
H.P. 21 L.D. 55

An Act To Authorize Municipalities To Allow Harbor Masters and Deputy Harbor Masters To Use Red or Combination Red and White Auxiliary Lights When Responding to Watercraft Emergencies

H.P. 39 L.D. 73
(C "A" H-2)

An Act To Authorize the Department of Marine Resources To Charge an Application Fee for Entering a Lottery for a Scallop License

H.P. 43 L.D. 77
(C "A" H-7)

An Act To Update the Maine Uniform Accounting and Auditing Practices Act for Community Agencies

H.P. 57 L.D. 91

An Act To Extend the Time Frame for Processing Absentee Ballots

H.P. 68 L.D. 102
(C "A" H-3)

An Act Concerning Name Changes for Minors

H.P. 144 L.D. 209

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

Resolves

Resolve, To Name Bridge 2267 in the Town of Embden and the Town of Solon the Jotham and Emma Stevens Bridge
H.P. 110 L.D. 154

Resolve, To Name a Bridge in the Town of Veazie the Hayward Carl Spencer Memorial Bridge

H.P. 416 L.D. 571

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

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

House

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** on Bill "An Act Regarding Collective Bargaining Negotiations by Public Employers of Teachers"

H.P. 18 L.D. 52

Reported that the same be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS**.

Signed:

Senators:

RAFFERTY of York
MIRAMANT of Knox

Representatives:

SYLVESTER of Portland
CUDDY of Winterport
GERE of Kennebunkport
PEBORTH of Blue Hill
ROEDER of Bangor
WARREN of Scarborough

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

Signed:

Representatives:

BRADSTREET of Vassalboro
MORRIS of Turner
PRESCOTT of Waterboro

Comes from the House with the Majority Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **REFERRED** to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS**.

Reports **READ**.

On motion by Senator **RAFFERTY** of York, the Majority Report **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence, and the Bill **REFERRED** to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS**, in concurrence.

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

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

Non-Concurrent Matter

An Act To Make a Vehicle Registration Violation a Secondary Offense

H.P. 613 L.D. 845

In Senate, March 11, 2021, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

Comes from the House, that Body having **ADHERED** to its former action whereby the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY**.

On motion by Senator **DIAMOND** of Cumberland, the Senate **INSISTED**.

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

Senate at Ease.

The Senate was called to order by the President.

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

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

Non-Concurrent Matter

Emergency Measure

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 (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 155 L.D. 220
(S "A" S-18; S "B" S-19
to C "A" H-9)

In Senate, March 10, 2021, on motion by Senator **BREEN** of Cumberland, 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) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENTS "A" (S-18) AND "B" (S-19)** thereto, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

Comes from the House, **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-9) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENTS "A" (S-18) AND "B" (S-19) AND HOUSE AMENDMENT "H" (H-41)** thereto, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

On motion by Senator **BREEN** of Cumberland, the Senate **RECEDED** and **CONCURRED**.

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

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

House

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** on Bill "An Act To Continue the Green Power Electricity Offer" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 218 L.D. 314

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

Signed:

Senators:

LAWRENCE of York
VITELLI of Sagadahoc

Representatives:

BERRY of Bowdoinham
CARLOW of Buxton
CUDDY of Winterport
GROHOSKI of Ellsworth
KESSLER of South Portland
WOOD of Portland

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

Signed:

Senator:

STEWART of Aroostook

Representatives:

FOSTER of Dexter
GRIGNON of Athens
WADSWORTH of Hiram

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" (H-40)**.

Reports **READ**.

On motion by Senator **LAWRENCE** of York, the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS** Report **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

House Amendment "A" (H-40) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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

On motion by Senator **LAWRENCE** of York, Senate Amendment "A" (S-26) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" (H-40) AND SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-26), in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

Ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

House

Ought to Pass

The Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Bill "An Act To Clarify Maine's Statutes Related to the Licensing of Child Care Providers"

H.P. 64 L.D. 98

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

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

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

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

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

Senate at Ease.

The Senate was called to order by the President.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

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

HOUSE REPORTS – from the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** on Bill "An Act To Require the Inclusion of Racial Impact Statements in the Legislative Process"
H.P. 5 L.D. 2

Majority - **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-30)** (8 members)

Minority - **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "B" (H-31)** (5 members)

Tabled – March 11, 2021, by Senator **VITELLI** of Sagadahoc

Pending - motion by Senator **BALDACCI** of Penobscot to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-30)** Report, in concurrence (Roll Call Ordered)

(In House, March 11, 2021, the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-30)** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-30)**.)

(In Senate, March 11, 2021, Reports **READ**. Senator **BALDACCI** of Penobscot moved the Senate **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-30)** Report, in concurrence.)

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

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#59)

YEAS: Senators: BAILEY, BALDACCI, BENNETT, BREEN, BRENNER, CARNEY, CHIPMAN, CLAXTON, CURRY, DAUGHTRY, DAVIS, DESCHAMBAULT, DIAMOND, DILL, HICKMAN, LAWRENCE, LIBBY, LUCHINI, MAXMIN, MIRAMANT, RAFFERTY, ROSEN, SANBORN, VITELLI, PRESIDENT JACKSON

NAYS: Senators: BLACK, CYRWAY, FARRIN, GUERIN, MOORE, POULIOT, STEWART

EXCUSED: Senators: KEIM, TIMBERLAKE, WOODSOME

25 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 7 Senators having voted in the negative, with 3 Senators being excused, the motion by Senator **BALDACCI** of Penobscot to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-30)** Report, in concurrence, **PREVAILED**.

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-30) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-30)**, in concurrence.

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

The following proceedings were conducted after 12:01a.m., Friday, March 12, 2021.

Off Record Remarks

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

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

S.P. 347

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

READ and **PASSED.**

Ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

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

ENACTORS

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

Emergency Measure

An Act Concerning the Reporting of Health Care Information or Records to the Emergency Medical Services' Board
S.P. 12 L.D. 5
(C "A" S-4)

This being an Emergency Measure and having received the affirmative vote of 31 Members of the Senate, with no Senators having voted in the negative, and 31 being more than two-thirds of the entire elected Membership of the Senate, was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED** and, having been signed by the President, was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for approval.

Emergency Measure

An Act To Revise Certain Financial Regulatory Provisions of the Maine Insurance Code
S.P. 13 L.D. 6
(C "A" S-3)

This being an Emergency Measure and having received the affirmative vote of 32 Members of the Senate, with no Senators having voted in the negative, and 32 being more than two-thirds of the entire elected Membership of the Senate, was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED** and, having been signed by the President, was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for approval.

Emergency Measure

An Act To Amend the Maine Education Savings Program
S.P. 26 L.D. 19

This being an Emergency Measure and having received the affirmative vote of 33 Members of the Senate, with no Senators having voted in the negative, and 33 being more than two-thirds of the entire elected Membership of the Senate, was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED** and, having been signed by the President, was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for approval.

Emergency Measure

An Act To Provide for the 2021 and 2022 Allocations of the State Ceiling on Private Activity Bonds
S.P. 27 L.D. 20
(C "A" S-10)

This being an Emergency Measure and having received the affirmative vote of 33 Members of the Senate, with no Senators having voted in the negative, and 33 being more than two-thirds of the entire elected Membership of the Senate, was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED** and, having been signed by the President, was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for approval.

Emergency Measure

An Act To Authorize Early Payment of Anticipated Funds to the Loring Job Increment Financing Fund
S.P. 30 L.D. 22
(C "A" S-5)

This being an Emergency Measure and having received the affirmative vote of 33 Members of the Senate, with no Senators having voted in the negative, and 33 being more than two-thirds of the entire elected Membership of the Senate, was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED** and, having been signed by the President, was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for approval.

Emergency Measure

An Act To Amend the Laws Concerning the Retired County and Municipal Law Enforcement Officers and Municipal Firefighters Health Insurance Program
S.P. 45 L.D. 37
(C "A" S-7)

This being an Emergency Measure and having received the affirmative vote of 33 Members of the Senate, with no Senators having voted in the negative, and 33 being more than two-thirds of the entire elected Membership of the Senate, was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED** and, having been signed by the President, was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for approval.

Emergency Measure

An Act To Extend the Ability of Restaurants and Bars To Serve Alcohol To Go
S.P. 94 L.D. 205
(C "A" S-11)

This being an Emergency Measure and having received the affirmative vote of 33 Members of the Senate, with no Senators having voted in the negative, and 33 being more than two-thirds of the entire elected Membership of the Senate, was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED** and, having been signed by the President, was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for approval.

Emergency Measure

An Act To Expand the Market for Maine Liquor Manufacturers
S.P. 133 L.D. 307
(C "A" S-12)

This being an Emergency Measure and having received the affirmative vote of 33 Members of the Senate, with no Senators having voted in the negative, and 33 being more than two-thirds of the entire elected Membership of the Senate, was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED** and, having been signed by the President, was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for approval.

Emergency Measure

An Act To Allow Public Members of the Maine-Canadian Legislative Advisory Commission To Receive Reimbursement for Travel Expenses
S.P. 165 L.D. 377

This being an Emergency Measure and having received the affirmative vote of 33 Members of the Senate, with no Senators having voted in the negative, and 33 being more than two-thirds of the entire elected Membership of the Senate, was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED** and, having been signed by the President, was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for approval.

Emergency Measure

An Act To Temporarily Waive Renewal Fees for On-premises Retail Liquor Licenses
S.P. 166 L.D. 378
(C "A" S-14)

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

Emergency Resolve

Resolve, To Direct Funds to the Tourism Marketing Promotion Fund
S.P. 107 L.D. 246
(C "A" S-8)

This being an Emergency Measure and having received the affirmative vote of 33 Members of the Senate, with no Senators having voted in the negative, and 33 being more than two-thirds of the entire elected Membership of the Senate, was **FINALLY PASSED** and, having been signed by the President, was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for approval.

Acts

An Act To 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
(C "A" S-1)

An Act To Provide an Immediate Opportunity To Appeal for a Juvenile Bound Over into Criminal Court
S.P. 35 L.D. 27
(C "A" S-15)

An Act To Protect the Health of Student Athletes by Requiring the Department of Education To Report on the Incidence of Concussions
H.P. 70 L.D. 104
(C "A" H-32)

An Act To Define the Responsibilities of Residential Property Owners for the Maintenance and Repair of Private Roads
S.P. 80 L.D. 192

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

An Act To Increase Funding for the St. Croix International Waterway Commission
S.P. 92 L.D. 203
(C "A" S-13)

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

An Act To Support the Maine Fire Protection Services Commission
S.P. 103 L.D. 242
(C "A" S-6)

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

Resolve

Resolve, Regarding Reading Proficiency Data Analysis
H.P. 94 L.D. 138
(C "A" H-25)

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

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

S "B" S-19 to C "A" H-9)

Senate at Ease.

The Senate was called to order by the President.

This being an Emergency Measure and having received the affirmative vote of 33 Members of the Senate, with no Senators having voted in the negative, and 33 being more than two-thirds of the entire elected Membership of the Senate, was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED** and, having been signed by the President, was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for approval.

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

ENACTORS

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

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

Emergency Measure

An Act To Establish the COVID-19 Patient Bill of Rights and To Amend the Governor's Emergency Powers

S.P. 29 L.D. 1
(S "C" S-22 to C "A" S-16)

Off Record Remarks

On motion by Senator **DAUGHTRY** of Cumberland, **ADJOURNED**, pursuant to the Joint Order, until the call of the President.

This being an Emergency Measure and having received the affirmative vote of 33 Members of the Senate, with no Senators having voted in the negative, and 33 being more than two-thirds of the entire elected Membership of the Senate, was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED** and, having been signed by the President, was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for approval.

Act

An Act To Require the Inclusion of Racial Impact Statements in the Legislative Process

H.P. 5 L.D. 2
(C "A" H-30)

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

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

ENACTORS

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

Emergency Measure

An Act To 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
(H "H" H-41, S "A" S-18;