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In Senate Room at the Augusta Civic Center
Tuesday
March 30, 2021

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

Prayer by Senator Mark W. Lawrence of York County.

SENATOR LAWRENCE: Let us be in a spirit of prayer and communion. Dear Lord, this morning as we get together and contemplate our work today let's strive to see each other's views and walk in each other's shoes, but let's also keep in mind the 50,000 Mainers who have been touched by this pandemic and the 738 families who have lost a loved one to this pandemic. Give us the strength to work together to guide our state through this crisis and to lead us to better times. Amen.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Senator Matthew G. Pouliot of Kennebec County.

Reading of the Journal of Thursday, March 11, 2021.

Off Record Remarks

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: S.P. 388

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

March 18, 2021

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

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

Dear Mr. President and Mr. Speaker:

On March 18, 2021, 37 bills were received by the Secretary of the Senate.

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, these bills were referred to the Joint Standing Committees on March 18, 2021, as follows:

Appropriations and Financial Affairs

Bill "An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Reduce Homeowner and Municipal Energy Bills through Increased Efficiency and Weatherization Projects" (S.P. 355) (L.D. 1094) (Sponsored by Senator POULIOT of Kennebec) (Cosponsored by Representative KESSLER of South Portland and Senator: MOORE of Washington, Representatives: HARNETT of Gardiner, WHITE of Waterville)

Bill "An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Purchase 4 Nursing Simulators for Use by the University of Maine System and the Maine Community College System" (S.P. 356) (L.D. 1095) (Sponsored by Senator POULIOT of Kennebec)

Criminal Justice and Public Safety

Bill "An Act To Expand the Board of Trustees of the Maine Criminal Justice Academy To Include 6 Members of the Public Who Are Not Employed as Any Type of Law Enforcement Personnel and To Require a Public Review of the Training Syllabus" (S.P. 353) (L.D. 1092) (Sponsored by Senator MIRAMANT of Knox) (Cosponsored by Representative EVANGELOS of Friendship and Representatives: WARREN of Hallowell, SYLVESTER of Portland, CAIAZZO of Scarborough, DOUDERA of Camden, PLUECKER of Warren, CUDDY of Winterport, WHITE of Waterville, McDONALD of Stonington)

Education and Cultural Affairs

Bill "An Act To Require the State To Meet the Mandatory 55 Percent Contribution to Schools" (S.P. 377) (L.D. 1114) (Sponsored by Senator MIRAMANT of Knox)

Energy, Utilities and Technology

Bill "An Act To Support Rural Maine Residents through the Winter by Providing Rebates for Backup Power Generators" (S.P. 359) (L.D. 1098) (Sponsored by Senator DAUGHTRY of Cumberland)

Bill "An Act To Support the Continued Access to Solar Energy and Battery Storage by Maine Homes and Businesses" (S.P. 361) (L.D. 1100) (Sponsored by Senator WOODSOME of York)

Bill "An Act To Create Needed Broadband Infrastructure in Rural Maine through the Establishment of a Satellite-based Broadband Grant Program" (S.P. 368) (L.D. 1107) (Sponsored by Senator STEWART of Aroostook) (Cosponsored by Senators: President JACKSON of Aroostook, MIRAMANT of Knox, LUCHINI of Hancock, Representatives: WADSWORTH of Hiram, CARLOW of Buxton)

Resolve, To Require Review of the Outcomes of Utility Restructuring and Electricity Generation Divestiture (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 379) (L.D. 1116) (Sponsored by Senator STEWART of Aroostook) (Cosponsored by Representatives: WADSWORTH of Hiram, FOSTER of Dexter)

Environment and Natural Resources

Bill "An Act To Increase Municipal Oversight in the Site Location of Development Laws" (S.P. 350) (L.D. 1089) (Sponsored by Senator KEIM of Oxford)

Bill "An Act Regarding the Definition of 'Development of State or Regional Significance That May Substantially Affect the Environment'" (S.P. 358) (L.D. 1097) (Sponsored by Senator KEIM of Oxford)

Health and Human Services

Resolve, To Equitably Fund Legal Fees for Progressive Treatment Programs (S.P. 351) (L.D. 1090) (Sponsored by Senator CLAXTON of Androscoggin)

Bill "An Act To Improve the Long-term Outcomes for Youth Transitioning from State Care by Raising the Upper Age Limit for Voluntary Support Eligibility" (S.P. 352) (L.D. 1091) (Sponsored by Senator CURRY of Waldo) (Cosponsored by Senators: CYRWAY of Kennebec, CLAXTON of Androscoggin)

Resolve, To Classify Employee Health Insurance as a Fixed Cost for MaineCare Reimbursement in Nursing Homes (S.P. 374) (L.D. 1112) (Sponsored by Senator TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin) (Cosponsored by Representative MORRIS of Turner and Senators: KEIM of Oxford, MOORE of Washington, CLAXTON of Androscoggin, Representatives: LYMAN of Livermore Falls, PERRY of Calais)

Resolve, To Direct the Permanent Commission on the Status of Racial, Indigenous and Maine Tribal Populations To Study and Propose Solutions to Disparities in Access to Prenatal Care in the State (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 376) (L.D. 1113) (Sponsored by Senator CARNEY of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by Representative TALBOT ROSS of Portland and Senators: BREEN of Cumberland, MOORE of Washington)

Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services

Bill "An Act To Improve Access to HIV Prevention Medications" (S.P. 378) (L.D. 1115) (Sponsored by Senator SANBORN of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by Speaker FECTEAU of Biddeford and Senators: LIBBY of Androscoggin, CLAXTON of Androscoggin)

Bill "An Act To Prevent Excessive Prices for Prescription Drugs" (S.P. 380) (L.D. 1117) (Sponsored by President JACKSON of Aroostook) (Cosponsored by Speaker FECTEAU of Biddeford and Senators: SANBORN of Cumberland, CLAXTON of Androscoggin, MAXMIN of Lincoln, RAFFERTY of York, Representatives: TEPLER of Topsham, DOUDERA of Camden, WHITE of Waterville)

Bill "An Act To Limit Credit Card Fees by Requiring Monthly Credit Card Billing" (S.P. 382) (L.D. 1119) (Sponsored by Senator MIRAMANT of Knox) (Cosponsored by Representative EVANGELOS of Friendship and Senator: CHIPMAN of Cumberland, Representatives: MATLACK of St. George, DOUDERA of Camden)

Bill "An Act To Allow Dentists To Receive Continuing Education Credits for Uncompensated Volunteer Work" (S.P. 383) (L.D. 1120) (Sponsored by Senator TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin) (Cosponsored by Senators: POULIOT of Kennebec, STEWART of Aroostook, DIAMOND of Cumberland, Representative: LYMAN of Livermore Falls)

Judiciary

Bill "An Act To Clarify the Rule-making Authority of the Supreme Judicial Court Concerning Electronic Records and Filing" (S.P. 357) (L.D. 1096) (Sponsored by Senator CARNEY of Cumberland) (Submitted by the Judicial Department pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act To Update the Law Governing Preliminary Injunctions in Judicial Separation and Divorce Actions" (S.P. 363) (L.D. 1102) (Sponsored by Senator BAILEY of York) (Cosponsored by Representative CARDONE of Bangor and Senator: CARNEY of Cumberland)

Labor and Housing

Bill "An Act To Expand the 1998 Special Retirement Plan To Include Civilian Employees Who Work for the Department of Public Safety Crime Lab and Computer Crimes Unit" (S.P. 362) (L.D. 1101) (Sponsored by Senator DIAMOND of Cumberland)

Bill "An Act To Allow a 5-year Open Enrollment in the Participating Local District Retirement Program for Certain Law Enforcement Officers, Firefighters and Other Municipal Employees" (S.P. 364) (L.D. 1103) (Sponsored by Senator BAILEY of York) (Cosponsored by Representative SYLVESTER of Portland and Senators: CLAXTON of Androscoggin, MAXMIN of Lincoln, BALDACCI of Penobscot, CURRY of Waldo, RAFFERTY of York, Representative: GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach)

Resolve, Directing the Maine Public Employees Retirement System To Convene a Working Group To Investigate Public Pension Options (S.P. 366) (L.D. 1105) (Sponsored by Senator MAXMIN of Lincoln) (Cosponsored by Senators: HICKMAN of Kennebec, STEWART of Aroostook, Representatives: McCREA of Fort Fairfield, FECTEAU of Augusta, BRENNAN of Portland)

Bill "An Act To Prohibit an Employer from Charging an Employee for Direct Deposit for Wages" (S.P. 367) (L.D. 1106) (Sponsored by Senator POULIOT of Kennebec)

State and Local Government

Bill "An Act To Allow Nonresidents Who Own Property To Speak at Town Meetings on Local Issues" (S.P. 349) (L.D. 1088) (Sponsored by Senator MOORE of Washington)

Bill "An Act To Promote Legislative Oversight of Federal COVID-19 Relief Funds" (S.P. 370) (L.D. 1108) (Sponsored by Senator BREEN of Cumberland)

Bill "An Act To Authorize a Memorial to the Victims of COVID-19" (S.P. 386) (L.D. 1123) (Sponsored by Senator CHIPMAN of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by Senators: President JACKSON of Aroostook, CLAXTON of Androscoggin, BALDACCI of Penobscot, ROSEN of Hancock, Representatives: Speaker FECTEAU of Biddeford, TALBOT ROSS of Portland, MATLACK of St. George, PLUECKER of Warren)

Taxation

Bill "An Act To Promote Reliable Rural High-speed Internet" (S.P. 381) (L.D. 1118) (Sponsored by Senator LAWRENCE of York)

Transportation

Bill "An Act To Increase the Time for Which a Temporary Motor Vehicle Registration Plate Is Valid" (S.P. 365) (L.D. 1104) (Sponsored by Senator FARRIN of Somerset) (Cosponsored by Representative PARRY of Arundel and Senators: CHIPMAN of Cumberland, DIAMOND of Cumberland, Representative: MARTIN of Sinclair)

Bill "An Act To Align Equipment Requirements for Electric Bicycles with National Manufacturing Standards" (S.P. 371) (L.D. 1109) (Sponsored by Senator DAUGHTRY of Cumberland)

Bill "An Act To Clarify the Authority To Manage Electric Bicycle Access to Off-road Trails" (S.P. 372) (L.D. 1110) (Sponsored by Senator DAUGHTRY of Cumberland)

Bill "An Act To Promote Public Safety by Allowing Lighted Signs on Certain Vehicles" (S.P. 385) (L.D. 1122) (Sponsored by Senator CHIPMAN of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by Senators: FARRIN of Somerset, DIAMOND of Cumberland, Representatives: MARTIN of Greene, MARTIN of Sinclair, PERKINS of Oakland, WHITE of Waterville, O'CONNELL of Brewer, WILLIAMS of Bar Harbor)

Bill "An Act To Change the Threshold for Creating a Specialty License Plate from 2,000 Prepaid Orders to 1,000 Prepaid Orders and To Extend by One Year the Time Allowed for Gathering Signatures" (S.P. 387) (L.D. 1124) (Sponsored by Senator POULIOT of Kennebec)

Veterans and Legal Affairs

Bill "An Act To Expand the Options for Shipping Wine Directly to Customers" (S.P. 354) (L.D. 1093) (Sponsored by Senator MIRAMANT of Knox) (Cosponsored by Representative PLUECKER of Warren and Representatives: EVANGELOS of Friendship, DOUDERA of Camden, CUDDY of Winterport, WHITE of Waterville, McDONALD of Stonington, GEIGER of Rockland)

Bill "An Act Regarding Election Reform" (S.P. 360) (L.D. 1099) (Sponsored by Senator MOORE of Washington)

Bill "An Act To Update the Statutes Governing Membership of the Board of Trustees of the Maine Veterans' Homes" (S.P. 373) (L.D. 1111) (Sponsored by Senator LUCHINI of Hancock) (Cosponsored by Senator: FARRIN of Somerset, Representative: CAIAZZO of Scarborough)

Bill "An Act To Create an Open and Streamlined Primary System" (S.P. 384) (L.D. 1121) (Sponsored by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot)

Sincerely,

S/Darek M. Grant
Secretary of the Senate

S/Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House

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

Sent down for concurrence.

The Following Communication: S.P. 401

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

March 22, 2021

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

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

Dear Mr. President and Mr. Speaker:

On March 22, 2021, 9 bills were received by the Secretary of the Senate.

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

Education and Cultural Affairs

Bill "An Act Regarding the Terms of Office of the Director of the Maine State Museum Commission, the State Librarian and the Director of the Maine Arts Commission" (S.P. 392) (L.D. 1206) (Sponsored by Senator DAUGHTRY of Cumberland) (GOVERNOR'S BILL)

Bill "An Act To Maintain the Current Level of Education Funding" (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 393) (L.D. 1207) (Sponsored by Senator RAFFERTY of York)

Environment and Natural Resources

Bill "An Act To Amend the State's Electronic Waste Recycling Law" (S.P. 394) (L.D. 1208) (Sponsored by Senator STEWART of Aroostook) (Cosponsored by Senator: BENNETT of Oxford)

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Health and Human Services

Bill "An Act To Address the Shortage of Direct Care Workers for Children with Disabilities in Maine" (S.P. 389) (L.D. 1204) (Sponsored by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot) (Cosponsored by Representative STETKIS of Canaan and Senator: DAVIS of Piscataquis, Representatives: MADIGAN of Waterville, PERRY of Calais, CRAVEN of Lewiston)

Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business

Bill "An Act To Allow Crematories Using Chemical Dissolution Processes in Facilities Other Than Cemeteries" (S.P. 396) (L.D. 1223) (Sponsored by Senator CARNEY of Cumberland)

Judiciary

Bill "An Act To Authorize Remote Participation in Maine State Cultural Affairs Council Meetings" (S.P. 397) (L.D. 1224) (Sponsored by Senator CARNEY of Cumberland)

Bill "An Act To Provide Dignity for Fetal Remains by Requiring Their Interment or Cremation" (S.P. 398) (L.D. 1225) (Sponsored by Senator CYRWAY of Kennebec) (Cosponsored by Representative ALLEY of Beals and Senators: DAVIS of Piscataquis, POULIOT of Kennebec, Representatives: BRADSTREET of Vassalboro, McCREA of Fort Fairfield, LANDRY of Farmington, DRINKWATER of Milford, NADEAU of Winslow)

Taxation

Bill "An Act To Reduce Property Taxes of Seniors in an Amount Equal to the Cost of Education" (S.P. 395) (L.D. 1222) (Sponsored by Senator BLACK of Franklin)

Veterans and Legal Affairs

Bill "An Act To Ensure Equitable Taxation of Off-track Betting Facilities" (S.P. 390) (L.D. 1205) (Sponsored by Senator DIAMOND of Cumberland)

Sincerely,

S/Darek M. Grant
Secretary of the Senate

S/Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House

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

Sent down for concurrence.

The Following Communication: S.P. 409

March 23, 2021

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

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

Dear Mr. President and Mr. Speaker:

On March 23, 2021, 6 bills were received by the Secretary of the Senate.

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, these bills were referred to the Joint Standing Committees on March 23, 2021, as follows:

Appropriations and Financial Affairs

Bill "An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Connect Maine with a World-class Internet Infrastructure" (S.P. 402) (L.D. 1235) (Sponsored by Senator BENNETT of Oxford) (Cosponsored by Representative BERRY of Bowdoinham and Senator: MAXMIN of Lincoln, Representative: SKOLFIELD of Weld)

Judiciary

Bill "An Act Authorizing the Attorney General To Enter into Contingent Fee Agreements" (S.P. 403) (L.D. 1236) (Sponsored by Senator CARNEY of Cumberland) (Submitted by the Department of the Attorney General pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act To Protect Women's Single-sex Shelters" (S.P. 406) (L.D. 1238) (Sponsored by Senator KEIM of Oxford) (Cosponsored by Representative TUTTLE of Sanford)

Labor and Housing

Bill "An Act Establishing Employers' Right To File a Complaint To Enforce Payment of Workers' Compensation Premiums" (S.P. 407) (L.D. 1239) (Sponsored by Senator MIRAMANT of Knox) (Cosponsored by Senator: President JACKSON of Aroostook, Representatives: CUDDY of Winterport, WARREN of Scarborough)

Resolve, To Review Barriers to Regional Solutions for Housing Choices (S.P. 408) (L.D. 1240) (Sponsored by Senator VITELLI of Sagadahoc) (Cosponsored by Senators: LIBBY of Androscoggin, HICKMAN of Kennebec, CURRY of Waldo, Representatives: TEPLER of Topsham, MORALES of South Portland, BAILEY of Gorham, SUPICA of Bangor)

State and Local Government

Bill "An Act To Allow the Governor To Declare a Limited State of Emergency for Federal Aid Purposes" (S.P. 404) (L.D. 1237) (Sponsored by Senator KEIM of Oxford) (Cosponsored by Representative FECTEAU of Augusta)

Sincerely,

S/Darek M. Grant
Secretary of the Senate

S/Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House

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

Sent down for concurrence.

The Following Communication: S.P. 411

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

March 24, 2021

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

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

Dear Mr. President and Mr. Speaker:

On March 24, 2021, 1 bill was received by the Secretary of the Senate.

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, this bill was referred to a Joint Standing Committee on March 24, 2021, as follows:

Taxation

Bill "An Act To Place a Moratorium on Property Revaluations for Tax Purposes during a State of Emergency" (S.P. 410) (L.D. 1247) (Sponsored by Senator DILL of Penobscot)

Sincerely,

S/Darek M. Grant
Secretary of the Senate

S/Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House

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

Sent down for concurrence.

The Following Communication: S.P. 421

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

March 25, 2021

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

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

Dear Mr. President and Mr. Speaker:

On March 25, 2021, 7 bills were received by the Secretary of the Senate.

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

Energy, Utilities and Technology

Bill "An Act To Allow Owners and Renters To Use Future Electric Bill Payments To Finance Heat Pumps" (S.P. 415) (L.D. 1264) (Sponsored by Senator LAWRENCE of York)

Health and Human Services

Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services To Develop a Comprehensive Statewide Strategic Plan To Serve Maine People with Behavioral Health Needs throughout Their Lifespans (S.P. 412) (L.D. 1262) (Sponsored by Senator BREEN of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by Representative WARREN of Hallowell and Representatives: MADIGAN of Waterville, TALBOT ROSS of Portland, FAY of Raymond)

Bill "An Act To Create a Separate Department of Child and Family Services" (S.P. 414) (L.D. 1263) (Sponsored by Senator DIAMOND of Cumberland)

Resolve, To Provide Medicaid Rate Increases for Professionals Working with Individuals with Intellectual or Developmental Disabilities (S.P. 418) (L.D. 1267) (Sponsored by Senator STEWART of Aroostook) (Cosponsored by Representative DILLINGHAM of Oxford and Senator: MOORE of Washington, Representative: LEMELIN of Chelsea)

Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services

Bill "An Act To Improve the Value of Dental Insurance" (S.P. 417) (L.D. 1266) (Sponsored by Senator SANBORN of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by Senators: POULIOT of Kennebec, STEWART of Aroostook, CLAXTON of Androscoggin, MAXMIN of Lincoln, Representatives: MADIGAN of Waterville, BROOKS of Lewiston, DUNPHY of Old Town)

Bill "An Act To Provide Greater Access to Treatment for Serious Mental Illness by Prohibiting an Insurance Carrier from Requiring Prior Authorization or Step Therapy Protocol" (S.P. 420) (L.D. 1268) (Sponsored by Senator STEWART of Aroostook) (Cosponsored by Senators: SANBORN of Cumberland, DIAMOND of Cumberland, ROSEN of Hancock, Representatives: HYMANSON of York, MORRIS of Turner, WHITE of Waterville, COPELAND of Saco, EVANS of Dover-Foxcroft)

Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

Bill "An Act To Control the Means of Hunting Coyotes" (S.P. 416) (L.D. 1265) (Sponsored by Senator MIRAMANT of Knox) (Cosponsored by Representative WILLIAMS of Bar Harbor and Senators: VITELLI of Sagadahoc, CHIPMAN of Cumberland, Representatives: MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth, MATHIESON of Kittery, GEIGER of Rockland, OSHER of Orono)

Sincerely,

S/Darek M. Grant
Secretary of the Senate

S/Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House

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

Sent down for concurrence.

The Following Communication: S.C. 300

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

March 16, 2021

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

Dear Secretary Grant:

Pursuant to my authority under Senate Rule 201.3, I have appointed Senator Craig Hickman of Kennebec to serve as Chair of the Joint Standing Committee on Labor and Housing, replacing Senator Joseph Rafferty of York County. In addition, I have

appointed Senator Hickman to serve on the Veterans and Legal Affairs Committee, replacing Senator Susan Deschambault of York. These appointments are effective immediately.

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

Sincerely,

S/Troy Jackson
President of the Senate

READ and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**.

The Following Communication: S.C. 301

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

March 16, 2021

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

Dear Secretary Grant:

Pursuant to my authority under Joint Rule 371, I have appointed Senator Susan Deschambault of York to the Government Oversight Committee, replacing Senator Eloise Vitelli of Sagadahoc. This appointment is effective immediately.

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

Sincerely,

S/Troy Jackson
President of the Senate

READ and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**.

The Following Communication: S.C. 302

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

March 16, 2021

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

Dear Secretary Grant:

Pursuant to my authority under Senate Rule 201.3, I have appointed Senator Joseph Rafferty of York as the Chair of the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs, replacing Senator Matthea Daughtry of Cumberland. Senator Daughtry will remain on the committee but will no longer serve as Chair. This appointment is effective immediately.

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

Sincerely,

S/Troy Jackson
President of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 316

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

March 16, 2021

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

Dear Secretary Grant:

Pursuant to my authority under Title 10, MRSA, §11, I am pleased to appoint Senator Craig Hickman of Kennebec to the Citizen Trade Policy Commission. With this appointment, he will serve in seat number 1 representing a member of the majority party of the Senate. This appointment is effective the date of this letter.

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

Sincerely,

S/Troy D. Jackson
President of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 346

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

March 25, 2021

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

Dear Secretary Grant:

Pursuant to my authority under Title 38, MRSA, Ch. 3-A, §577-A, I am pleased to appoint Senator Craig Hickman of Kennebec to the Equity Subcommittee of the Maine Climate Council, replacing Senator Nathan Libby of Androscoggin. This appointment is effective the date of this letter.

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

Sincerely,

S/Troy D. Jackson
President of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 347

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

March 25, 2021

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

Dear Secretary Grant:

Pursuant to my authority under Title 20-A MRSA c. 437, I am pleased to appoint the following Senators to the State Education and Employment Outcomes Task Force, effective the date of this letter:

Senator Joseph Rafferty of York County
Senator David Woodsome of York County

Please let me know if you have any questions regarding these appointments.

Sincerely,

S/Troy D. Jackson
President of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 348

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

March 25, 2021

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

Dear Secretary Grant:

Pursuant to my authority under Title 20-A MRSA c. 437, I am pleased to appoint Rosa Redonnett to seat number three on the State Education and Employment Outcomes Task Force. With this appointment, she will be serving as a representative of the University of Maine system, effective the date of this letter.

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

Sincerely,

S/Troy D. Jackson
President of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 327

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

March 17, 2021

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

Dear Secretary Grant:

Pursuant to my authority under House Rule 201.1 (I) (a), I have rescinded my appointment of Representative Kathy Downes of Bucksport from the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary, effective immediately.

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

Sincerely,

S/Ryan M. Fecteau
Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 328

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

March 17, 2021

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

Dear Secretary Grant:

Pursuant to my authority under House Rule 201.1 (I) (a), I am appointing Representative James Thorne of Carmel to the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary, replacing Representative Kathy Downes of Bucksport, effective immediately.

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

Sincerely,

S/Ryan M. Fecteau
Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 257

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

March 10, 2021

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

RE: Reappointment of The Honorable Robert E. Mullen of Norridgewock as a Justice of the Maine Superior Court

Dear President Jackson:

This is to inform you that I am today nominating The Honorable Robert E. Mullen of Norridgewock for reappointment as a Justice of the Maine Superior Court.

Pursuant to Title 4, MRSA § 101, this reappointment is contingent on the Maine State Senate's confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 258

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

March 10, 2021

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

RE: Reappointment of The Honorable Daniel I. Billings of Southport as a Justice of the Maine Superior Court

Dear President Jackson:

This is to inform you that I am today nominating The Honorable Daniel I. Billings of Southport for reappointment as a Justice of the Maine Superior Court.

Pursuant to Title 4, MRSA § 101, this reappointment is contingent on the Maine Senate's confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 259

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

March 10, 2021

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

RE: Reappointment of The Honorable Andrew Benson of Athens as a Judge on the Maine District Court

Dear President Jackson:

This is to inform you that I am today nominating The Honorable Andrew Benson of Athens for reappointment as a Judge on the Maine District Court.

Pursuant to Title 4, MRSA § 157, this reappointment is contingent on the Maine State Senate's confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 260

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

March 10, 2021

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

RE: Reappointment of The Honorable Barbara Raimondi of Brunswick as a Judge on the Maine District Court

Dear President Jackson:

This is to inform you that I am today nominating The Honorable Barbara Raimondi of Brunswick for reappointment as a Judge on the Maine District Court.

Pursuant to Title 4, MRSA § 157, this reappointment is contingent on the Maine State Senate's confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 261

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

March 10, 2021

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

RE: Reappointment of The Honorable Eric Walker of Belmont as a Judge on the Maine District Court

Dear President Jackson:

This is to inform you that I am today nominating The Honorable Eric Walker of Belmont for reappointment as a Judge on the Maine District Court.

Pursuant to Title 4, MRSA § 157, this reappointment is contingent on the Maine State Senate's confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 262

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

March 10, 2021

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

RE: Appointment of Valerie Laure Bilogue Minkala Epse Tayong of Presque Isle to the Maine Community College System Board of Trustees as the Student Trustee

Dear President Jackson:

This is to inform you that I am today nominating Valerie Laure Bilogue Minkala Epse Tayong of Presque Isle for appointment to the Maine Community College System Board of Trustees as the Student Trustee.

Pursuant to Title 20-A, MRSA § 12705, this appointment is contingent on the Maine State Senate's confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 263

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

March 10, 2021

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

RE: Appointment of Kossi Gamedah of Falmouth to the Maine Community College System Board of Trustees

Dear President Jackson:

This is to inform you that I am today nominating Kossi Gamedah of Falmouth for appointment to the Maine Community College System Board of Trustees.

Pursuant to Title 20-A, MRSA § 12705, this appointment is contingent on the Maine State Senate's confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 299

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

March 12, 2021

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

RE: Appointment of Sarah LeClaire, Esquire of Woodland to the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices

Dear President Jackson:

This is to inform you that I am today nominating Sarah LeClaire, Esquire of Woodland for appointment to the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices.

Pursuant to Title 1 MRSA §1002, this Appointment is contingent on the Maine State Senate's confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 286

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

March 10, 2021

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

RE: Appointment of Sari S. Greene of South Portland to the Gambling Control Board

Dear President Jackson:

This is to inform you that I am today nominating Sari S. Greene of South Portland for appointment to the Gambling Control Board.

Pursuant to Title 8, MRSA §1002, this appointment is contingent on the Maine Senate confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 285

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

March 10, 2021

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

RE: Appointment of Joseph R. Hanslip of Sanford to the Gambling Control Board

Dear President Jackson:

This is to inform you that I am today nominating Joseph R. Hanslip of Sanford for appointment to the Gambling Control Board.

Pursuant to Title 8, MRSA §1002, this appointment is contingent on the Maine Senate confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 287

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

March 10, 2021

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

RE: Appointment of Noel C. March of Hampden to the Gambling Control Board

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

Dear President Jackson:

March 12, 2021

This is to inform you that I am today nominating Noel C. March of Hampden for appointment to the Gambling Control Board.

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

Pursuant to Title 8, MRSA §1002, this appointment is contingent on the Maine Senate confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs.

RE: Reappointment of Shawn J. Sage of Hollis to the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Advisory Council

Thank you.

Dear President Jackson:

Very truly yours,

This is to inform you that I am today nominating Shawn J. Sage of Hollis for reappointment to the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Advisory Council.

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

Pursuant to Title 12, MRSA §10151, this reappointment is contingent on the Maine State Senate's confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.

The Following Communication: S.C. 365

Thank you.

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

Very truly yours,

March 12, 2021

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

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

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

Re: Appointment of David Keaton of Caribou to the State Board of Education

The Following Communication: S.C. 322

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

Dear President Jackson:

March 17, 2021

This is to inform you that I am today nominating David Keaton of Caribou to the State Board of Education.

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

Pursuant to Title 20-A, MRSA §401, this appointment is contingent on the Maine Senate confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs.
Thank you.

RE: Appointment of Timothy Templet of Cumberland Foreside to the State Workforce Board

Very truly yours,

Dear President Jackson:

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

This is to inform you that I am today nominating for appointment to the State Workforce Board, Timothy Templet of Cumberland Foreside.

The Following Communication: S.C. 296

Pursuant to Title 26 MRSA §2006, this appointment is contingent on the Maine State Senate's confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Labor and Housing.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 366

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

March 24, 2021

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

Re: State Board of Education - Withdrawal of Nomination

Dear President Jackson:

This is to inform you that, pursuant to my authority under Title 3 M.R.S.A., §154, I am withdrawing my nomination of David Keaton of Caribou to the State Board of Education.

This nomination is currently pending before the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 367

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

March 24, 2021

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

Re: IF&W Advisory Council- Withdrawal of Nomination

Dear President Jackson:

This is to inform you that, pursuant to my authority under Title 3 M.R.S.A., §154, I am withdrawing my nomination of Shawn Sage of Hollis to the IF&W Advisory Council.

This nomination is currently pending before the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 368

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

March 24, 2021

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

Re: State Workforce Board-Withdrawal of Nomination

Dear President Jackson:

This is to inform you that, pursuant to my authority under Title 3 M.R.S.A., §154, I am withdrawing my nomination of Timothy Templet of Cumberland Foreside to the State Workforce Board.

This nomination is currently pending before the Joint Standing Committee on Labor and Housing.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 359

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

March 26, 2021

The Honorable Troy Dale Jackson
President of the Senate of Maine
130th Maine State Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333-0003

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Section 157, and with Joint Rule 505 of the Maine Legislature, the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs has had under consideration the nomination of Valerie Laure Bilogue Minkala Epse Tayong of Presque Isle, for appointment to the Maine Community College System, Board of Trustees.

After public hearing and discussion on this nomination, the Committee proceeded to vote on the motion to recommend to the Senate that this nomination be confirmed. The Committee Clerk called the roll with the following result:

YEAS	Senators	2	Rafferty, J. of York, Woodsome, D. of York
	Representatives	8	Brennan, M. of Portland, Crockett, E. of Portland, Dodge, J. of Belfast, Lyman, S. of Livermore Falls, McCrea, D. of Fort Fairfield, Roche, T. of Wells, Salisbury, S. of Westbrook, Stearns, P. of Guilford
NAYS		0	
ABSENT		3	Sen. Daughtry, M. of Cumberland, Rep. Millett, R. of Cape Elizabeth, Rep. Sampson, H. of Alfred

Ten members of the Committee having voted in the affirmative and zero in the negative, it was the vote of the Committee that the nomination of Valerie Laure Bilogue Minkala Epse Tayong of Presque Isle, for appointment to the Maine Community College System, Board of Trustees be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Joseph E. Rafferty
Senate Chair

S/Michael F. Brennan
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall the recommendation of the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** be overridden?"

The Chair noted the absence of the Senator from Penobscot, Senator **GUERIN**, and the Senator from York, Senator **LAWRENCE**, and further excused the same Senators from today's Roll Call votes.

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Chapter 6, Section 158, and with Joint Rule 506 of the 130th Legislature, the vote was taken by the Yeas and Nays.

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#60)

YEAS: Senators: None

NAYS: Senators: BAILEY, BALDACCI, BENNETT, BLACK, BREEN, BRENNER, CARNEY, CHIPMAN, CLAXTON, CURRY, CYRWAY, DAUGHTRY, DAVIS, DESCHAMBAULT, DIAMOND, DILL, FARRIN, HICKMAN, KEIM, LIBBY, LUCHINI, MAXMIN, MIRAMANT, MOORE, POULIOT, RAFFERTY, ROSEN, SANBORN, STEWART, TIMBERLAKE, VITELLI, WOODSOME, PRESIDENT JACKSON

EXCUSED: Senators: GUERIN, LAWRENCE

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 33 Senators having voted in the negative, with 2 Senators being excused, and none being less than two-thirds of the Membership present and voting, it was the vote of the Senate that the Committee's recommendation be **ACCEPTED** and the nomination of **Valerie Laure Bilogue Minkala Epse Tayong** of Presque Isle for appointment to the Maine Community College System, Board of Trustees was **CONFIRMED**.

The Secretary has so informed the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

The Following Communication: S.C. 360

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

March 26, 2021

The Honorable Troy Dale Jackson
President of the Senate of Maine
130th Maine State Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333-0003

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Section 157, and with Joint Rule 505 of the Maine Legislature, the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs has had under consideration the nomination of Kossi Gamedah of Falmouth, for appointment to the Maine Community College System, Board of Trustees.

After public hearing and discussion on this nomination, the Committee proceeded to vote on the motion to recommend to the Senate that this nomination be confirmed. The Committee Clerk called the roll with the following result:

YEAS	Senators	2	Rafferty, J. of York, Woodsome, D. of York
	Representatives	8	Brennan, M. of Portland, Crockett, E. of Portland, Dodge, J. of Belfast, Lyman, S. of Livermore Falls, McCrea, D. of Fort Fairfield, Roche, T. of Wells, Salisbury, S. of Westbrook, Stearns, P. of Guilford
NAYS		0	
ABSENT		3	Sen. Daughtry, M. of Cumberland, Rep. Millett, R. of Cape Elizabeth, Rep. Sampson, H. of Alfred

Ten members of the Committee having voted in the affirmative and zero in the negative, it was the vote of the Committee that the nomination of Kossi Gamedah of Falmouth, for appointment to the Maine Community College System, Board of Trustees be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Joseph E. Rafferty
Senate Chair

S/Michael F. Brennan
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall the recommendation of the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** be overridden?"

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Chapter 6, Section 158, and with Joint Rule 506 of the 130th Legislature, the vote was taken by the Yeas and Nays.

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#61)

YEAS: Senators: None

NAYS: Senators: BAILEY, BALDACCI, BENNETT, BLACK, BREEN, BRENNER, CARNEY, CHIPMAN, CLAXTON, CURRY, CYRWAY, DAUGHTRY, DAVIS, DESCHAMBAULT, DIAMOND, DILL, FARRIN, HICKMAN, KEIM, LIBBY, LAWRENCE, LUCHINI, MAXMIN, MIRAMANT, MOORE, POULIOT, RAFFERTY, ROSEN, SANBORN, STEWART, TIMBERLAKE, VITELLI, WOODSOME, PRESIDENT JACKSON

EXCUSED: Senators: GUERIN

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 34 Senators having voted in the negative, with 1 Senator being excused, and none being less than two-thirds of the Membership present and voting, it was the vote of the Senate that the Committee's recommendation be **ACCEPTED** and the nomination of **Kossi Gamedah** of Falmouth for appointment to the Maine Community College System, Board of Trustees was **CONFIRMED**.

The Secretary has so informed the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

The Following Communication: S.C. 350

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

March 23, 2021

The Honorable Troy Dale Jackson
President of the Senate of Maine
130th Maine State Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333-0003

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Section 157, and with Joint Rule 505 of the Maine Legislature, the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary has had under consideration the nomination of Andrew Benson of Athens, for reappointment as a District Court Judge.

After public hearing and discussion on this nomination, the Committee proceeded to vote on the motion to recommend to the Senate that this nomination be confirmed. The Committee Clerk called the roll with the following result:

YEAS Senators 2 Carney, A. of Cumberland,
Keim, L. of Oxford

Representatives 9 Harnett, T. of Gardiner,
Babbidge, C. of Kennebunk,
Evangelos, J. of Friendship,
Libby, L. of Auburn, Moriarty,
S. of Cumberland, Poirier, J.
of Skowhegan, Reckitt, L. of
South Portland, Sheehan, E.
of Biddeford, Thorne, J. of
Carmel, Newell, R. of
Passamaquoddy Tribe

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 34 Senators having voted in the negative, with 1 Senator being excused, and none being less than two-thirds of the Membership present and voting, it was the vote of the Senate that the Committee's recommendation be **ACCEPTED** and the nomination of **Barbara L. Raimondi** of Brunswick for reappointment as a District Court Judge was **CONFIRMED**.

The Secretary has so informed the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

The Following Communication: S.C. 352

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

March 24, 2021

The Honorable Troy Dale Jackson
President of the Senate of Maine
130th Maine State Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333-0003

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Section 157, and with Joint Rule 505 of the Maine Legislature, the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary has had under consideration the nomination of Eric J. Walker of Belmont, for reappointment as a District Court Judge.

After public hearing and discussion on this nomination, the Committee proceeded to vote on the motion to recommend to the Senate that this nomination be confirmed. The Committee Clerk called the roll with the following result:

YEAS	Senators	1	Carney, A. of Cumberland
	Representatives	7	Harnett, T. of Gardiner, Babbidge, C. of Kennebunk, Evangelos, J. of Friendship, Moriarty, S. of Cumberland, Poirier, J. of Skowhegan, Reckitt, L. of South Portland, Sheehan, E. of Biddeford, Newell, R. of Passamaquoddy Tribe
NAYS		0	
ABSENT		5	Sen. Keim, L. of Oxford, Sen. Sanborn, H. of Cumberland, Rep. Haggan, D. of Hampden, Rep. Libby, L. of Auburn, Rep. Thorne, J. of Carmel

NAYS 0

ABSENT 2 Sen. Sanborn, H. of
Cumberland, Rep. Haggan,
D. of Hampden

Eleven members of the Committee having voted in the affirmative and zero in the negative, it was the vote of the Committee that the nomination of Barbara L. Raimondi of Brunswick, for reappointment as a District Court Judge be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Anne Carney
Senate Chair

S/Thom Harnett
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall the recommendation of the Committee on **JUDICIARY** be overridden?"

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Chapter 6, Section 158, and with Joint Rule 506 of the 130th Legislature, the vote was taken by the Yeas and Nays.

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#63)

YEAS: Senators: None

NAYS: Senators: BAILEY, BALDACCI, BENNETT, BLACK,
BREEN, BRENNER, CARNEY, CHIPMAN,
CLAXTON, CURRY, CYRWAY, DAUGHTRY,
DAVIS, DESCHAMBAULT, DIAMOND, DILL,
FARRIN, HICKMAN, KEIM, LIBBY, LAWRENCE,
LUCHINI, MAXMIN, MIRAMANT, MOORE,
POULIOT, RAFFERTY, ROSEN, SANBORN,
STEWART, TIMBERLAKE, VITELLI, WOODSOME,
PRESIDENT JACKSON

EXCUSED: Senators: GUERIN

Eight members of the Committee having voted in the affirmative and zero in the negative, it was the vote of the Committee that the nomination of Eric J. Walker of Belmont, for reappointment as a District Court Judge be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Anne Carney
Senate Chair

S/Thom Harnett
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall the recommendation of the Committee on **JUDICIARY** be overridden?"

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Chapter 6, Section 158, and with Joint Rule 506 of the 130th Legislature, the vote was taken by the Yeas and Nays.

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#64)

YEAS: Senators: None

NAYS: Senators: BAILEY, BALDACCI, BENNETT, BLACK, BREEN, BRENNER, CARNEY, CHIPMAN, CLAXTON, CURRY, CYRWAY, DAUGHTRY, DAVIS, DESCHAMBAULT, DIAMOND, DILL, FARRIN, HICKMAN, KEIM, LIBBY, LAWRENCE, LUCHINI, MAXMIN, MIRAMANT, MOORE, POULIOT, RAFFERTY, ROSEN, SANBORN, STEWART, TIMBERLAKE, VITELLI, WOODSOME, PRESIDENT JACKSON

EXCUSED: Senators: GUERIN

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 34 Senators having voted in the negative, with 1 Senator being excused, and none being less than two-thirds of the Membership present and voting, it was the vote of the Senate that the Committee's recommendation be **ACCEPTED** and the nomination of **Eric J. Walker** of Belmont for reappointment as a District Court Judge was **CONFIRMED**.

The Secretary has so informed the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

The Following Communication: S.C. 349

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

March 23, 2021

The Honorable Troy Dale Jackson
President of the Senate of Maine
130th Maine State Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333-0003

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Section 157, and with Joint Rule 505 of the Maine Legislature, the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary has had under consideration the nomination of Robert E. Mullen of Norridgewock, for reappointment as a Superior Court Justice.

After public hearing and discussion on this nomination, the Committee proceeded to vote on the motion to recommend to the Senate that this nomination be confirmed. The Committee Clerk called the roll with the following result:

YEAS	Senators	2	Carney, A. of Cumberland, Keim, L. of Oxford
	Representatives	9	Harnett, T. of Gardiner, Babbidge, C. of Kennebunk, Evangelos, J. of Friendship, Libby, L. of Auburn, Moriarty, S. of Cumberland, Poirier, J. of Skowhegan, Reckitt, L. of South Portland, Sheehan, E. of Biddeford, Thorne, J. of Carmel, Newell, R. of Passamaquoddy Tribe
NAYS		0	
ABSENT		2	Sen. Sanborn, H. of Cumberland, Rep. Haggan, D. of Hampden

Eleven members of the Committee having voted in the affirmative and zero in the negative, it was the vote of the Committee that the nomination of Robert E. Mullen of Norridgewock, for reappointment as a Superior Court Justice be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Anne Carney
Senate Chair

S/Thom Harnett
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall the recommendation of the Committee on **JUDICIARY** be overridden?"

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Chapter 6, Section 158, and with Joint Rule 506 of the 130th Legislature, the vote was taken by the Yeas and Nays.

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#65)

YEAS: Senators: None

NAYS: Senators: BAILEY, BALDACCI, BENNETT, BLACK, BREEN, BRENNER, CARNEY, CHIPMAN, CLAXTON, CURRY, CYRWAY, DAUGHTRY, DAVIS, DESCHAMBAULT, DIAMOND, DILL, FARRIN, HICKMAN, KEIM, LIBBY, LAWRENCE, LUCHINI, MAXMIN, MIRAMANT, MOORE, POULIOT, RAFFERTY, ROSEN, SANBORN, STEWART, TIMBERLAKE, VITELLI, WOODSOME, PRESIDENT JACKSON

EXCUSED: Senators: GUERIN

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 34 Senators having voted in the negative, with 1 Senator being excused, and none being less than two-thirds of the Membership present and voting, it was the vote of the Senate that the Committee's recommendation be **ACCEPTED** and the nomination of **Robert E. Mullen** of Norridgewock for reappointment as a Superior Court Justice was **CONFIRMED**.

The Secretary has so informed the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

The Following Communication: S.C. 353

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

March 23, 2021

The Honorable Troy Dale Jackson
President of the Senate of Maine
130th Maine State Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333-0003

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Section 157, and with Joint Rule 505 of the Maine Legislature, the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary has had under consideration the nomination of Daniel I. Billings of Southport, for reappointment as a Superior Court Justice.

After public hearing and discussion on this nomination, the Committee proceeded to vote on the motion to recommend to the Senate that this nomination be confirmed. The Committee Clerk called the roll with the following result:

YEAS Senators 2 Carney, A. of Cumberland,
Keim, L. of Oxford

Representatives 9 Harnett, T. of Gardiner, Babbidge, C. of Kennebunk, Evangelos, J. of Friendship, Libby, L. of Auburn Moriarty, S. of Cumberland, Poirier, J. of Skowhegan, Reckitt, L. of South Portland, Sheehan, E. of Biddeford, Rep. Thorne, J. of Carmel, Newell, R. of Passamaquoddy Tribe

NAYS 0

ABSENT 2 Sen. Sanborn, H. of Cumberland, Rep. Haggan, D. of Hampden

Eleven members of the Committee having voted in the affirmative and zero in the negative, it was the vote of the Committee that the nomination of Daniel I. Billings of Southport, for reappointment as a Superior Court Justice be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Anne Carney
Senate Chair

S/Thom Harnett
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall the recommendation of the Committee on **JUDICIARY** be overridden?"

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Chapter 6, Section 158, and with Joint Rule 506 of the 130th Legislature, the vote was taken by the Yeas and Nays.

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#66)

YEAS: Senators: None

NAYS: Senators: BAILEY, BALDACCI, BENNETT, BLACK, BREEN, BRENNER, CARNEY, CHIPMAN, CLAXTON, CURRY, CYRWAY, DAUGHTRY, DAVIS, DESCHAMBAULT, DIAMOND, DILL, FARRIN, HICKMAN, KEIM, LIBBY, LAWRENCE, LUCHINI, MAXMIN, MIRAMANT, MOORE, POULIOT, RAFFERTY, ROSEN, SANBORN, STEWART, TIMBERLAKE, VITELLI, WOODSOME, PRESIDENT JACKSON

EXCUSED: Senators: GUERIN

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 34 Senators having voted in the negative, with 1 Senator being excused, and none being less than two-thirds of the Membership present and voting, it was the vote of the Senate that the Committee's recommendation be **ACCEPTED** and the nomination of **Daniel I. Billings** of Southport for reappointment as a Superior Court Justice was **CONFIRMED**.

The Secretary has so informed the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

The Following Communication: S.C. 361

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

March 26, 2021

The Honorable Troy Dale Jackson
President of the Senate of Maine
130th Maine State Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333-0003

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Section 157, and with Joint Rule 505 of the Maine Legislature, the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs has had under consideration the nomination of Sarah LeClaire, Esq. of Woodland, for appointment to the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices.

After public hearing and discussion on this nomination, the Committee proceeded to vote on the motion to recommend to the Senate that this nomination be confirmed. The Committee Clerk called the roll with the following result:

YEAS	Senators	3	Luchini, L. of Hancock, Farrin, B. of Somerset, Hickman, C. of Kennebec
	Representatives	8	Caiazzo, C. of Scarborough, Harrington, M. of Sanford, Kinney, M. of Knox, McCreight, J. of Harpswell, Rielly, M. of Westbrook, Supica, L. of Bangor, Tuttle, J. of Sanford, Wood, B. of Portland
NAYS		0	
ABSENT		2	Rep. Corey, P. of Windham, Rep. Dolloff, J. of Milton Township

Eleven members of the Committee having voted in the affirmative and zero in the negative, it was the vote of the Committee that the nomination of Sarah LeClaire, Esq. of Woodland, for appointment to the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Louis J. Luchini
Senate Chair

S/Chris Caiazzo
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall the recommendation of the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** be overridden?"

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Chapter 6, Section 158, and with Joint Rule 506 of the 130th Legislature, the vote was taken by the Yeas and Nays.

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#67)

YEAS: Senators: None

NAYS: Senators: BAILEY, BALDACCI, BENNETT, BLACK, BREEN, BRENNER, CARNEY, CHIPMAN, CLAXTON, CURRY, CYRWAY, DAUGHTRY, DAVIS, DESCHAMBAULT, DIAMOND, DILL, FARRIN, HICKMAN, KEIM, LIBBY, LAWRENCE, LUCHINI, MAXMIN, MIRAMANT, MOORE, POULIOT, RAFFERTY, ROSEN, SANBORN, STEWART, TIMBERLAKE, VITELLI, WOODSOME, PRESIDENT JACKSON

EXCUSED: Senators: GUERIN

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 34 Senators having voted in the negative, with 1 Senator being excused, and none being less than two-thirds of the Membership present and voting, it was the vote of the Senate that the Committee's recommendation be **ACCEPTED** and the nomination of **Sarah LeClaire**, Esq. of Woodland for appointment to the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices was **CONFIRMED**.

The Secretary has so informed the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

The Following Communication: S.C. 362

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

March 26, 2021

The Honorable Troy Dale Jackson
President of the Senate of Maine
130th Maine State Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333-0003

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Section 157, and with Joint Rule 505 of the Maine Legislature, the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs has had under consideration the nomination of Sari S. Greene of South Portland, for appointment to the Gambling Control Board.

After public hearing and discussion on this nomination, the Committee proceeded to vote on the motion to recommend to the Senate that this nomination be confirmed. The Committee Clerk called the roll with the following result:

YEAS	Senators	3	Luchini, L. of Hancock, Farrin, B. of Somerset, Hickman, C. of Kennebec
	Representatives	8	Caiazza, C. of Scarborough, Harrington, M. of Sanford, Kinney, M. of Knox, McCreight, J. of Harpswell, Rielly, M. of Westbrook, Supica, L. of Bangor, Tuttle, J. of Sanford, Wood, B. of Portland
NAYS		0	
ABSENT		2	Rep. Corey, P. of Windham, Rep. Dolloff, J. of Milton Township

Eleven members of the Committee having voted in the affirmative and zero in the negative, it was the vote of the Committee that the nomination of Sari S. Greene of South Portland, for appointment to the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Louis J. Luchini
Senate Chair

S/Chris Caiazza
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall the recommendation of the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** be overridden?"

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Chapter 6, Section 158, and with Joint Rule 506 of the 130th Legislature, the vote was taken by the Yeas and Nays.

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#68)

YEAS: Senators: None

NAYS: Senators: BAILEY, BALDACCI, BENNETT, BLACK, BREEN, BRENNER, CARNEY, CHIPMAN, CLAXTON, CURRY, CYRWAY, DAUGHTRY, DAVIS, DESCHAMBAULT, DIAMOND, DILL, FARRIN, HICKMAN, KEIM, LIBBY, LAWRENCE, LUCHINI, MAXMIN, MIRAMANT, MOORE, POULIOT, RAFFERTY, ROSEN, SANBORN, STEWART, TIMBERLAKE, VITELLI, WOODSOME, PRESIDENT JACKSON

EXCUSED: Senators: GUERIN

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 34 Senators having voted in the negative, with 1 Senator being excused, and none being less than two-thirds of the Membership present and voting, it was the vote of the Senate that the Committee's recommendation be **ACCEPTED** and the nomination of **Sari S. Greene** of South Portland for appointment to the Gambling Control Board was **CONFIRMED**.

The Secretary has so informed the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

The Following Communication: S.C. 363

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

March 26, 2021

The Honorable Troy Dale Jackson
President of the Senate of Maine
130th Maine State Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333-0003

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Section 157, and with Joint Rule 505 of the Maine Legislature, the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs has had under consideration the nomination of Joseph R. Hanslip of Sanford, for appointment to the Gambling Control Board.

After public hearing and discussion on this nomination, the Committee proceeded to vote on the motion to recommend to the Senate that this nomination be confirmed. The Committee Clerk called the roll with the following result:

Eleven members of the Committee having voted in the affirmative and zero in the negative, it was the vote of the Committee that the nomination of Noel C. March of Hampden, for appointment to the Gambling Control Board be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Louis J. Luchini
Senate Chair

S/Chris Caiazzo
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall the recommendation of the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** be overridden?"

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Chapter 6, Section 158, and with Joint Rule 506 of the 130th Legislature, the vote was taken by the Yeas and Nays.

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#70)

YEAS: Senators: None

NAYS: Senators: BAILEY, BALDACCI, BENNETT, BLACK, BREEN, BRENNER, CARNEY, CHIPMAN, CLAXTON, CURRY, CYRWAY, DAUGHTRY, DAVIS, DESCHAMBAULT, DIAMOND, DILL, FARRIN, HICKMAN, KEIM, LIBBY, LAWRENCE, LUCHINI, MAXMIN, MIRAMANT, MOORE, POULIOT, RAFFERTY, ROSEN, SANBORN, STEWART, TIMBERLAKE, VITELLI, WOODSOME, PRESIDENT JACKSON

EXCUSED: Senators: GUERIN

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 34 Senators having voted in the negative, with 1 Senator being excused, and none being less than two-thirds of the Membership present and voting, it was the vote of the Senate that the Committee's recommendation be **ACCEPTED** and the nomination of **Noel C. March** of Hampden for appointment to the Gambling Control Board was **CONFIRMED**.

The Secretary has so informed the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

The Following Communication: S.C. 330

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

March 16, 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 we have approved the request by the bill sponsor Sen. Deschambault of York, to report the following bill Leave to Withdraw:

L.D. 15 An Act To Amend the Intelligence and Investigative Record Information Act To Ensure Government Transparency and To Protect the Privacy and Safety of the Public

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Susan Deschambault
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Charlotte May Warren
House Chair

READ and with accompanying papers ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 345

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

March 25, 2021

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

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Fecteau,

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

L.D. 279 An Act To Protect Persons Detained or Committed in a Correctional or Detention Facility from Excessive Telephone or Video Charges

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Susan Deschambault
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Charlotte May Warren
House Chair

READ and with accompanying papers ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 329

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

March 18, 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 we have approved the request by the bill sponsor Rep. Tucker of Brunswick, to report the following bill Leave to Withdraw:

L.D. 92 An Act To Amend the Waste Motor Oil Disposal Site Remediation Program (EMERGENCY)

Sincerely,

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

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 339

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

March 23, 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 we have approved the request by the bill sponsor Rep. Grohoski of Ellsworth, to report the following bill Leave to Withdraw:

L.D. 260 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

Sincerely,

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

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 344

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

March 24, 2021

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

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Fecteau:

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

L.D. 1000 An Act To Change Licensure Requirements for Foreign-Trained Dentists

Sincerely,

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

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 336

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

March 19, 2021

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

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Fecteau:

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

L.D. 457 An Act To Provide Free State Park Passes to Persons with Disabilities

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

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

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 356

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

March 26, 2021

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

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Fecteau:

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

L.D. 324 An Act To Limit Public Land Ownership in Maine

L.D. 561 Resolve, To Improve Standards for Animal Rescue Entities

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

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

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 325

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

March 17, 2021

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

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Fecteau:

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

L.D. 390 An Act Regarding the Mapping of Shoreland Zones

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

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

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 342

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

March 23, 2021

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

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Fecteau:

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

L.D. 637 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)

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Ned Claxton
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Michele Meyer
House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 354

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

March 25, 2021

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

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Fecteau:

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

- L.D. 396 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
- L.D. 510 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
- L.D. 699 An Act To Create a Kinship Care Navigator Program within the Department of Health and Human Services

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Ned Claxton
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Michele Meyer
House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 355

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

March 26, 2021

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

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Fecteau:

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

- L.D. 302 An Act To Eliminate the Working Cars for Working Families Program
- L.D. 357 An Act To Repeal the Working Cars for Working Families Program

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Ned Claxton
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Michele Meyer
House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 338

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

March 19, 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 Inland Fisheries and Wildlife has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 212 An Act To Support Senior Hunting by Allowing Lifetime Licensed Hunters over 65 Years of Age To Automatically Receive an Antlerless Deer Permit

L.D. 294 An Act To Simplify the Any-deer Permit Distribution System by Including the Ability To Purchase Additional Permits

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Jim Dill
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Scott Landry
House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 343

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

March 24, 2021

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

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Fecteau:

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

L.D. 10 An Act To Allow Resident Hunters To Harvest 2 Bears per Bear Hunting Season

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Jim Dill
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Scott Landry
House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 335

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

March 18, 2021

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

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Fecteau:

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

L.D. 531 An Act To Help More Students Attain a College Credential by Strengthening the Maine State Grant Program

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Chip Curry
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Tiffany Danielle Roberts
House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 357

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

March 26, 2021

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

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Fecteau:

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

L.D. 124 An Act To Clarify the Law Concerning the Priority of Appointment of Personal Representatives under the Maine Uniform Probate Code

L.D. 310 An Act To Establish Equitable Education Requirements for Judges

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.**

The Following Communication: S.C. 341

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

March 23, 2021

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

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Fecteau:

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

- L.D. 354 An Act To Require Motor Vehicle Inspections Every 2 Years
- L.D. 431 An Act To Repeal the Requirement That Certain Motor Vehicles Be Inspected
- L.D. 490 An Act To Eliminate Certain Motor Vehicle Inspections in the State
- L.D. 565 An Act To Study the Fee Structure for Motor Vehicle Inspections as It Relates to the Viability of Inspection Stations
- L.D. 712 An Act To Eliminate the Requirement for an Inspection for a Noncommercial Vehicle Less Than 20 Years Old

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Bill Diamond
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Danny Martin
House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 340

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

March 23, 2021

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

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Fecteau:

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

- L.D. 664 An Act To Strengthen the Integrity of the Maine Clean Election Program (EMERGENCY)

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Louis J. Luchini
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Chris Caiazzo
House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 358

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

March 26, 2021

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

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Fecteau:

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

- L.D. 732 An Act To Refund 50 Percent of 2020 State Liquor Licensing Fees to Nonprofit Organizations (EMERGENCY)
- L.D. 823 An Act To Reduce State Licensing Fees for Maine Bars and Restaurants by 50 Percent for a 12-month Period
- L.D. 1037 An Act To Enable Nonprofit Organizations To Offer Raffle Tickets by Mail

On motion by Senator **LAWRENCE** of York, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Improve Access to Certain Injectable Medications for Treatment of Mental Illness and Substance Use Disorder"
S.P. 413 L.D. 1293

Presented by Senator CLAXTON of Androscoggin.

Bill "An Act To Regulate Insurance Carrier Concurrent, Prepayment and Postpayment Review"
S.P. 423 L.D. 1317

Presented by Senator BRENNER of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Senators: CLAXTON of Androscoggin, KEIM of Oxford, POULIOT of Kennebec, SANBORN of Cumberland, Representatives: BROOKS of Lewiston, MEYER of Eliot, PERRY of Calais, QUINT of Hodgdon.

Bill "An Act To Allow Maine Shareholders of Banks and Members and Corporators of Credit Unions To Hold Virtual Meetings"
S.P. 426 L.D. 1320

Presented by Senator SANBORN of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative: WHITE of Waterville.

Bill "An Act To Make Individual and Small Group Health Insurance More Affordable in Certain High-premium Counties"
S.P. 428 L.D. 1331

Presented by Senator STEWART of Aroostook.
Cosponsored by Senators: President JACKSON of Aroostook, LUCHINI of Hancock, MOORE of Washington, Representatives: FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor, PERRY of Calais.

Bill "An Act To Clarify That Commercial Service Contracts Are Excluded from the Service Contracts Act"
S.P. 429 L.D. 1347

Presented by President JACKSON of Aroostook.
Cosponsored by Senator: DAVIS of Piscataquis, Representative: MARTIN of Sinclair.

On motion by Senator **SANBORN** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act Regarding the Parental Right To Direct the Health Care of Children"
S.P. 405 L.D. 1292

Presented by Senator KEIM of Oxford.
Cosponsored by Senator: MIRAMANT of Knox.

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Louis J. Luchini
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Chris Caiazzo
House Chair

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

SENATE PAPERS

Bill "An Act To Amend the Statement of Purpose of the Maine Emergency Medical Services Act of 1982 To Include Emergency Responses That Do Not Require Transportation"
S.P. 391 L.D. 1290

Presented by Senator FARRIN of Somerset.
On motion by Senator **DESCHAMBAULT** of York, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Increase High School Graduation Rates for Students Experiencing Education Disruption"
S.P. 424 L.D. 1318

Presented by Senator LIBBY of Androscoggin.
Cosponsored by Representative BRENNAN of Portland.

On motion by Senator **RAFFERTY** of York, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Reduce Fire Response Time by Eliminating Standardized Dispatch Protocols for Fire 9-1-1 Calls"
S.P. 399 L.D. 1291

Presented by Senator WOODSOME of York.
Cosponsored by Representative: WADSWORTH of Hiram.

Bill "An Act To Prevent Discrimination against Domestic Violence Victims"

S.P. 422 L.D. 1294

Presented by Senator BAILEY of York.
Cosponsored by Senator: CARNEY of Cumberland,
Representative: RECKITT of South Portland.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act Regarding Registered Dispensaries and Rules under the Maine Medical Use of Marijuana Act and the Definition of 'Resident' in the Marijuana Legalization Act" (EMERGENCY)

S.P. 425 L.D. 1319

Presented by Senator POULIOT of Kennebec.
Cosponsored by Representative KINNEY of Knox and Senators: FARRIN of Somerset, HICKMAN of Kennebec, President JACKSON of Aroostook, TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin, Representatives: COREY of Windham, HARRINGTON of Sanford, TALBOT ROSS of Portland, WADSWORTH of Hiram.

Bill "An Act To Join the National Popular Vote Compact"
S.P. 427 L.D. 1330

Presented by Senator MIRAMANT of Knox.
Cosponsored by Representatives: DOUDERA of Camden, EVANGELOS of Friendship, LOOKNER of Portland.

On motion by Senator **LUCHINI** of Hancock, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

ORDERS

Joint Resolutions

On motion by Senator **VITELLI** of Sagadahoc, under unanimous consent on behalf of President **JACKSON** of Aroostook (Cosponsored by Speaker FECTEAU of Biddeford), the following Joint Resolution:

S.P. 369

**JOINT RESOLUTION
REAFFIRMING THE FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN
MAINE AND TAIWAN AND SUPPORTING
BILATERAL TRADE RELATIONS AND
TAIWAN'S INTERNATIONAL PARTICIPATION**

WHEREAS, the United States and the Republic of China (Taiwan) share a vibrant bilateral relationship marked by a mutually beneficial partnership, supported by our common values of freedom, democracy, rule of law and a free market economy, and our countries now enjoy the strongest relations ever; and **WHEREAS**, President Tsai Ing-wen has worked tirelessly to ensure the prosperity of Taiwan's 23.5 million people and promote international standing and has expressed commitment to peace and stability in the Indo-Pacific region; and **WHEREAS**, the United States Department of State, Department of Commerce and Department of Agriculture clarified United States policy regarding Taiwan in a formal letter sent to governors of all 50 states dated November 21, 2019 stating that "expanding relations with Taiwan in areas such as trade, education, investment, and tourism is fully compatible with and supports U.S. policy and can be beneficial to your state or municipality"; and **WHEREAS**, President Tsai has expressed Taiwan's desire to reach a bilateral trade agreement with the United States, and the 116th United States Congress's Public Law 116-135, "Taiwan Allies International Protection and Enhancement Initiative (TAIPEI) Act of 2019," affirms that the United States should engage in strengthening bilateral trade and economic relations with Taiwan; and **WHEREAS**, New England exported more than \$1 billion in goods to Taiwan in 2020, of which Maine exported \$52 million in goods, mostly in computer and electronic products, fish and other marine products, machinery and chemicals, making Taiwan Maine's 12th largest export market in the world and the 7th largest export market in Asia in 2019, and Taiwan and the United States seek to increase trade and investment through a bilateral trade agreement, resulting in even greater Maine exports to Taiwan, educational and cultural exchange, scientific and technological interests and tourism; and **WHEREAS**, Taiwan is a key transport hub in the Asia-Pacific region, making its inclusion in international organizations such as the World Health Organization, the International Criminal Police Organization and the International Civil Aviation Organization imperative for the best interests and safety of the international community. In addition, Taiwan's inclusion in the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change is important to the global effort to combat climate change; 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, reaffirm the friendship between Maine and the Republic of China (Taiwan), and we continue to support efforts to further strengthen United States-Taiwan and Maine-Taiwan trade and investment relations and support Taiwan's participation in international organizations and agreements, including the World Health Organization, the International Criminal Police Organization, the International Civil Aviation Organization and the United States Framework Convention on Climate Change, and encourage the further exploration of ways to strengthen and promote bilateral exchange between Maine and Taiwan, including the possibility of signing a driver's license reciprocity agreement with Taiwan, which would lead to a further increase in trade and people-to-people exchanges; and be it further

RESOLVED: That suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the Honorable Joseph R. Biden, President of the United States, the members of the Maine Congressional Delegation, the Honorable Janet Mills, Governor of Maine, the Honorable Tsai Ing-wen, President of the Republic of China (Taiwan) and Jonathan Sun, Director-General of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Boston, Massachusetts.

READ and ADOPTED.

Sent down for concurrence.

Senate at Ease.

The Senate was called to order by the President.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Senate

Ought to Pass

Senator CLAXTON for the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Bill "An Act To Prohibit Smoking in Bus Shelters"
S.P. 120 L.D. 269

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 DILL for the Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** on Bill "An Act To Amend Certain Fish and Wildlife Laws and Related Provisions"

S.P. 88 L.D. 199

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 BALDACCI for the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** on Resolve, To Name a Mountain in Oxford County

S.P. 81 L.D. 193

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.

Ought to Pass As Amended

Senator DILL for the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** on Bill "An Act To Eliminate Online Burn Permit Fees for All Areas of the State"
S.P. 118 L.D. 268

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-37).**

Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED.**

Bill **READ ONCE.**

Committee Amendment "A" (S-37) **READ** and **ADOPTED.**

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Senator CLAXTON for the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Bill "An Act Regarding Certificates of Birth, Marriage and Death"

S.P. 32 L.D. 24

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-38).**

Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED.**

Bill **READ ONCE.**

Committee Amendment "A" (S-38) **READ** and **ADOPTED.**

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Senator CURRY for the Committee on **INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS** on Bill "An Act To Expand the Membership of the Board of Directors of the Maine International Trade Center"
S.P. 14 L.D. 7

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-34)**.

Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-34) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Senator CURRY for the Committee on **INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS** on Bill "An Act To Clarify the Laws Regarding Reciprocity for Licensure of Professional Engineers"
S.P. 18 L.D. 11

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-33)**.

Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-33) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Senator CURRY for the Committee on **INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS** on Bill "An Act To Clarify the American Sign Language Interpreters Licensing Laws"
S.P. 25 L.D. 18

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-32)**.

Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-32) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Senator MIRAMANT for the Committee on **MARINE RESOURCES** on Bill "An Act To Amend the Law Governing the Maine Lobster Marketing Collaborative"
S.P. 145 L.D. 338

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-31)**.

Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-31) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Senator BALDACCI for the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** on Bill "An Act To Amend the Composition of the Piscataquis County Budget Committee"
S.P. 104 L.D. 243

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-35)**.

Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-35) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

All matters thus acted upon were ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **TAXATION** on Bill "An Act To Improve Maine's Tax Laws by Providing a Property Tax Exemption for Central Labor Councils"
S.P. 86 L.D. 198

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-36)**.

Signed:

Senators:
CHIPMAN of Cumberland
LIBBY of Androscoggin

Representatives:

TERRY of Gorham
BICKFORD of Auburn
COLLINGS of Portland
GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach
MATLACK of St. George
PERRY of Bangor
SACHS of Freeport

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

Signed:

Senator:

POULIOT of Kennebec

Representatives:

CARMICHAEL of Greenbush
HANLEY of Pittston
KRYZAK of Acton

Reports **READ**.

Senator **CHIPMAN** of Cumberland moved the Senate **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report.

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 (#71)

YEAS: Senators: BAILEY, BALDACCI, BREEN, BRENNER, CARNEY, CHIPMAN, CLAXTON, CURRY, DAUGHTRY, DAVIS, DESCHAMBAULT, DIAMOND, DILL, HICKMAN, LAWRENCE, LIBBY, LUCHINI, MAXMIN, MIRAMANT, RAFFERTY, SANBORN, VITELLI, PRESIDENT JACKSON

NAYS: Senators: BENNETT, BLACK, CYRWAY, FARRIN, KEIM, MOORE, POULIOT, ROSEN, STEWART, TIMBERLAKE, WOODSOME

EXCUSED: Senators: GUERIN

23 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 11 Senators having voted in the negative, with 1 Senator being excused, the motion by Senator **CHIPMAN** of Cumberland to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report, **PREVAILED**.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-36) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** on Bill "An Act To Create the Maine Lighthouse Trust Registration Plate" S.P. 115 L.D. 266

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-30)**.

Signed:

Senators:

DIAMOND of Cumberland
CHIPMAN of Cumberland
FARRIN of Somerset

Representatives:

MARTIN of Sinclair
BRYANT of Windham
MARTIN of Greene
O'CONNELL of Brewer
PARRY of Arundel
PERKINS of Oakland
WHITE of Waterville
WILLIAMS of Bar Harbor

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

Signed:

Representatives:

CEBRA of Naples
WHITE of Mars Hill

Reports **READ**.

On motion by Senator **DIAMOND** of Cumberland, the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **ACCEPTED**.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-30) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** on Resolve, Directing the Department of Transportation To Erect and Maintain Markers To Commemorate and Recognize the Lafayette Trail

S.P. 116 L.D. 267

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-29)**.

Signed:

Senators:

DIAMOND of Cumberland
CHIPMAN of Cumberland

Representatives:

MARTIN of Sinclair
BRYANT of Windham
O'CONNELL of Brewer
WHITE of Waterville
WILLIAMS of Bar Harbor

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

Signed:

Senator:

FARRIN of Somerset

Representatives:

CEBRA of Naples
MARTIN of Greene
PARRY of Arundel
PERKINS of Oakland
WHITE of Mars Hill

Reports **READ**.

On motion by Senator **DIAMOND** of Cumberland, the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **ACCEPTED**.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-29) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** on Bill "An Act To Require Third-party Certification for Persons Undertaking Corrosion Prevention and Mitigation Projects for Public Water Supply and Wastewater Infrastructure and Bridges"

S.P. 137 L.D. 311

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-39)**.

Signed:

Senators:

CHIPMAN of Cumberland
DIAMOND of Cumberland
FARRIN of Somerset

Representatives:

MARTIN of Sinclair
CEBRA of Naples
MARTIN of Greene
O'CONNELL of Brewer
PARRY of Arundel
PERKINS of Oakland
WHITE of Mars Hill
WHITE of Waterville
WILLIAMS of Bar Harbor

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

Signed:

Representative:

BRYANT of Windham

Reports **READ**.

On motion by Senator **DIAMOND** of Cumberland, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending **ACCEPTANCE OF EITHER REPORT**.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** on Bill "An Act To Extend the Use of Maine Bicentennial Registration Plates through 2021" (EMERGENCY)

S.P. 138 L.D. 312

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-28)**.

Signed:

Senators:

DIAMOND of Cumberland
CHIPMAN of Cumberland
FARRIN of Somerset

Representatives:

MARTIN of Sinclair
BRYANT of Windham
CEBRA of Naples
MARTIN of Greene
O'CONNELL of Brewer
PARRY of Arundel
PERKINS of Oakland
WHITE of Waterville
WILLIAMS of Bar Harbor

(In House, Report **READ** and **REJECTED** and Bill and accompanying papers **REFERRED** to the Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS**.)

On motion by Senator **VITELLI** of Sagadahoc, Report **REJECTED** and Bill and accompanying papers **REFERRED** to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT**, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

Sent down for concurrence.

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

Signed:

Representative:

WHITE of Mars Hill

Reports **READ**.

On motion by Senator **DIAMOND** of Cumberland, the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **ACCEPTED**.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-28) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

All matters thus acted upon were ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

Off Record Remarks

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:

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

House

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** on 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

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-55)**.

Signed:

Senators:

BREEN of Cumberland
BAILEY of York

Representatives:

PIERCE of Falmouth
CARDONE of Bangor
CLOUTIER of Lewiston
FAY of Raymond
HYMANSON of York
MARTIN of Eagle Lake

Senate at Ease.

The Senate was called to order by the President.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Unfinished Business

The following matters in the consideration of which the Senate was engaged at the time of Adjournment had preference in the Orders of the Day and continued with such preference until disposed of as provided by Senate Rule 516.

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later Assigned (3/10/21) matter:

Bill "An Act To Provide Funding To Support the Permanent Commission on the Status of Racial, Indigenous and Maine Tribal Populations"

H.P. 768 L.D. 1034

Tabled - March 10, 2021 by Senator **VITELLI** of Sagadahoc

Pending - **CONSIDERATION**

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

Signed:

Senator:

DAVIS of Piscataquis

Representatives:

ARATA of New Gloucester

COREY of Windham

FECTEAU of Augusta

MILLETT of Waterford

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-52) AS AMENDED BY HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" (H-55)** thereto.

Reports **READ**.

NAYS:

Senator **BREEN** of Cumberland 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.

Senator **DAVIS** of Piscataquis moved the Bill and accompanying papers be **COMMITTED** to the Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS**, in **NON-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 PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Piscataquis, Senator Davis.

Senator **DAVIS:** Thank you, Mr. President. Mr. President, I believe very strongly that this bill should go back to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs. I don't think this bill was properly vetted. I don't think that it went through the normal budgetary process. Joint Rule 314 lays out the procedure for budget hearings and work sessions. The Appropriations and Financial Affairs Committee did not hear the usual report back that we get from the committees. Nothing was considered from the committees, all the work that was done. We just moved on. As a matter of fact, Mr. President, we had our vote and then one committee reported in after the vote. There was no way we could talk about what they had done in their committee. I believe that's just plain wrong, Mr. President. We showed during the supplemental that we can work together, that we can come to a conclusion, that we can have a two-thirds budget. Representative government and democracy, Mr. President, is never easy. It's always messy. It's difficult. It's hard to do and sometimes I think, you know, this is the best we've got. This is the best form of government, sometimes I wonder about that, but it is. It is the best and we should follow the procedures and what is laid out for

us to do. We can have the two-thirds budget. I believe we can do it and I believe there'll be some gnashing of teeth, there'll be some wrangling, but that's the way it is, that's the way it goes. We should do that, Mr. President. As a matter of institutional preservation, it is, in my belief, the best interest for the State of Maine. Let L.D. 715 be committed back to the Committee of Appropriations and Financial Affairs. Thank you, Mr. President.

THE PRESIDENT: The pending question before the Senate is recommitting L.D. 715. Is the Senate ready for the question?

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#72)

Senators: BENNETT, BLACK, CYRWAY, DAVIS, DILL, FARRIN, KEIM, MOORE, POULIOT, ROSEN, STEWART, TIMBERLAKE, WOODSOME

Senators: BAILEY, BALDACCI, BREEN, BRENNER, CARNEY, CHIPMAN, CLAXTON, CURRY, DAUGHTRY, DESCHAMBAULT, DIAMOND, HICKMAN, LAWRENCE, LIBBY, LUCHINI, MAXMIN, MIRAMANT, RAFFERTY, SANBORN, VITELLI, PRESIDENT JACKSON

Senators: GUERIN

13 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 21 Senators having voted in the negative, with 1 Senator being excused, the motion by Senator **DAVIS** of Piscataquis to **COMMIT** the Bill and accompanying papers to the Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS**, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**, **FAILED**.

THE PRESIDENT: The pending question before the Senate is Acceptance of L.D. 715. A roll call has been ordered. The Chair recognizes the Senator from Androscoggin, Senator Timberlake.

Senator **TIMBERLAKE:** (Due to technical difficulties, some remarks on this matter are not audible.)

(?) There's a part of me that wonders what we're doing here today, at this point in time, voting on an incomplete budget. The discussion of this budget has been said that it would avoid another cliffhanger, implying that the vote on the Supplemental Budget was a last-minute vote. It didn't need to be. The Supplemental Budget could have been run in January, it could have been run in February, it could have been run the very beginning of March. We didn't get to set the date of when it was run, but when it was run we came to an agreement. This process that has worked for 100 years or better has come to an agreement. I believe that moving this budget forward at this point in time with a majority vote is not what's good for the people of the state of Maine. I don't believe it's good for any of us. On Wednesday, March 17th, the Chairs and Leads started laying out the schedule, including the Revenue Forecasting Committee report in a month. They reached an agreement on a timeline and a timeframe. We met that agreement. We knew where we was heading.

Over the weekend, there was a telephone call made, that they wanted to meet with our Chairs and with our Leads. We said sure. We went down and met. They were told that they were

going to report out a back to the basics budget on March 25th. This was news to everyone of us, on our side of the aisle, and when we were told that our Leads said we need to go tell our leaders what's happening. This is how good the communication is in this place because I didn't know it was happening. But before they could get to us, the press releases had already gone out. The Governor's Office had released their press release and our attempt at bi-partisanship was slowing slipping away. By halting the report with the process, our report backs, this new process ignores the work of both parties and the committee. This process has been set up and for basically 100 years this majority rule budget has only been run twice and the last time, under Governor Baldacci, it was called back because the process was so bad that it had to be called back. Now why was it called back? Because a People's Veto was put in place and forced this budget to a place. Now you, on the other side, say that you don't want to shut down government.

If you take a chance and put this budget through a majority vote, the potential for a People's Veto is out there and that potentially puts this budget in jeopardy because once that is filed it's going to be the first of June, or thereabouts, before the signatures have to be gathered and in and this process can move forward. Mr. President, I don't think that's good for the people of Maine because then you will shut down state government. We won't have to shut down state government. It will be on your shoulders, Mr. President. This process that we're moving forward here today in total partisanship is bad. It's bad.

I've been a State Legislator, this is going on to my 12th year, and at no time have I thought that this Body would ever work in the way it's working today. I look around this room and I see many friends from the other side of the aisle, close friends, people that I respect and still will respect today after the vote, by the way. But we're looking, folks, at a real problem. What's going to happen is we create partisanship for the rest of the way and this is not what the people of the state of Maine expect out of us. They expect better than this. They don't expect Washington politics. They don't expect us to bicker and fight all the time. They expect us to sit down, have a cup of tea, have a cold beer or something, and find a solution to this problem. This doesn't have to happen. At no time have any one of us ever talked about shutting down state government. There's no reason that this budget couldn't be passed by the end of May. You don't have to wait until the last day to do it. There's a process and the process in the State of Maine needs to work. We're better than this. My Dad and my grandfather told me a long time ago two wrongs don't make a right and what we're about to do is a wrong and I hope every one of you in this room really think of where we're at because I mean it, we're all friends. You have now basically by pushing this through, almost 50% of the people in the state of Maine their representative doesn't get a say in how the continuation of this budget goes. Mr. President, ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, that's not right. You all know it's not right. I believe every one of you deep down believe the right thing to do is to vote this down and send the Appropriations Committee back to the table and we all work together to create a really good bill and do what the people of the state of Maine expect us to do. This bill hasn't been deliberated, hasn't had any conversation. There's no part of the process that's supposed to happen that's happened in this bill. Forty minutes from the time it was given, the two page document was given, to our leaders, forty minutes a five hundred and some page document was passed. Forty minutes. I think we can do better than that. I think we need to

hear back from what the other committees have to say. This budget, Mr. President, you said there were no changes from the last budget. That's not true. There's almost \$250 million worth of holes of one-time money that was in the last budget that aren't in this budget. We've taken money to back fill from the Federal Cares Act money to do this. This is not the same budget, Mr. President. This isn't. There's a lot of other differences in this budget. Representative Millett stated this morning, and I consider him, like a lot of you, one of the greatest statesmen here in this state, but that man has done more budgets than anybody else I know, and when Representative Millett believes that this is wrong all of us want to sit back in our seat and think about it, and think about it, because it's wrong. It's not the same budget. It's not the same thing we voted on two years ago. It's not and, by the way, the budget two years ago didn't get a unanimous review. It did get two-thirds but the majority of my caucus voted against that budget and I'm going to tell you today that I'll be voting against this budget because I think we need to go to a two-thirds budget that gets what the people of state of Maine expects and we need to move forward. I thank you and just remember two wrongs don't make a right.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Breen.

Senator **BREEN:** Thank you, Mr. President. Men and women of the Senate, I rise today to speak in support of the Back to Basics budget. 2020 unleashed chaos, tragedy, uncertainty, and hardship into the lives of thousands of Maine people, communities, businesses, and organizations. With more Mainers getting vaccinated daily, warmer weather on the horizon, and COVID 19 restrictions loosening, lawmakers have the opportunity to ensure that 2021 isn't more of the same. Today all of us in this room have the opportunity to vote for a budget that has already earned strong bi-partisan support in both Chambers of the Maine Legislature. This is a budget that provides Maine families, school, municipalities, and small businesses with stability as we begin to put this public health crisis behind us and rebuild our lives. In 2019, my colleagues and I on the Legislature's Appropriations and Financial Affairs Committee put in six months to come up with a budget that earned unanimous support on 99% of the line items. Of 1,154 straw votes, 1,146 were unanimous. That is something we can and should be proud of. Too often the biennial budget passes in the final hours of the fiscal year, often flirting with a State shutdown in the middle of the tourist season. After a year of uncertainty, Maine people, small businesses, schools, and municipalities don't need that extra anxiety this summer. We need to put politics aside and pass a sustainable budget now.

Maine recorded its first case of COVID 19 on March 12, 2020. A week later our lives changed dramatically. Children began remote learning as teachers and parents adapted in heroic ways. Parents were stuck either working from home while also watching their kids or desperately searching for childcare so they could go to work. Small business owners were forced to overhaul their business models overnight just to keep their doors open. It's been a difficult year and many families and businesses only just barely made it through.

Now there's finally light at the tunnel, at the end of the tunnel. More than 250,000 Mainers are fully vaccinated and more than 1 in 4 Mainers has received at least one dose of the COVID 19 vaccine. The upcoming tourist season looks promising. Many businesses are increasing capacity and moving towards

normalcy. Lawmakers shouldn't do anything that jeopardizes this recovery. By passing the Back to Basics budget Maine lawmakers can fund essential services now and keep the government running while debating any new spending or policies. Let me be clear, this budget includes no new programs or new initiatives. It simply extends the current 2019 biennial budget and the two supplemental budgets that came after it into the next biennium. Those budgets passed with two-thirds support in both the House and the Senate.

The Back to Basics budget keeps our children safe and supports Maine's schools. It keeps our commitment to General Purpose Aide to Education at 51.83%, which is just what we did in the last biennium. School districts across the state are crafting their budgets now so that they can plan to fully return to in-person instruction five days a week in the fall. The Back to Basics budget provides the certainty and predictability that schools need to fully reopen.

After a tough year, Maine seniors and families shouldn't have to worry about whether they can continue to count on property tax relief. The Back to Basics budget keeps our promises to Maine people and municipalities on property tax relief. It leaves municipal revenue sharing right where it is today. This budget includes millions in property tax relief through the Property Tax Fairness Credit, the Homestead Exemption, and municipal revenue sharing, all of which has had two-thirds support over the past two years.

Finally, the Back to Basics budget supports rural hospitals and the health of Maine people. It invests in our rural hospitals, nursing homes, and health clinics so Maine people can continue to rely on them in this public health crisis. In 2019, lawmakers increased funding for services to support survivors of sexual assault and domestic violence for the first time in nearly two decades. This budget continues that vital funding at the same rate. We simply moved the funding from the Fund for a Healthy Maine into the General Fund. Same services, different revenue stream. Last March the Maine Legislature came together and rose to the moment by passing a supplemental budget that prioritized Maine workers, families, and businesses in the face of an impending crisis. This year, as Maine continues to grapple with an unprecedented public health crisis, lawmakers must do that same. We need to put politics aside and provide Maine people with leadership that this crisis demands. The Back to Basics budget is a budget that meets the unprecedented needs of this moment. Our constituents sent us here to get Maine through this crisis. This budget is about supporting every business, every teacher, every healthcare worker, every student that's been working so hard to get their lives back on track. We've had this budget document since January 8th. We've had three weeks of public hearings and we have just begun to get feedback from our colleagues on new initiatives. We have much more time and much more work to do on new policies, new spending priorities. That's not what this is about. This is about the baseline and moving it forward to give everybody some peace of mind that they so desperately need. The time to pass it is today. Thank you.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from York, Senator Bailey.

Senator **BAILEY:** Thank you, Mr. President. Respected colleagues of the Senate, I rise today to speak in favor of the budget proposal before us today. The proposal before us is a continuation of the budget the Legislature passed with bi-partisan

support two years ago. It is a predictable budget for unpredictable times. Passing this no-frills proposal will give us the stability Maine needs while we see how the tail end of the COVID 19 pandemic unfolds. We've all seen how quickly things can change. Trying to predict what Maine workers, families, and businesses will need months from now just doesn't seem rational to me. This Back to Basics budget proposal maintains stable funding for the programs our constituents rely on. One of the most important among them is funding for sexual assault and domestic violence services, an issue that I care very deeply about. As mentioned by the good Senator from Cumberland, in 2019 the Legislature increased funding for sexual assault and domestic violence services for the first time in nearly two decades. It was a momentous decision and one that was long overdue. Because of COVID 19, many people in our state became more isolated. Without a job to find respite from an unsafe home or family and friends to check on them easily, many abuse victims found themselves in increasingly dangerous and volatile situations. Calls to statewide domestic violence helplines increased nearly 50% in 2020 over the previous year. Shelters across the state have reported a spike in people reaching out for help. To cut or jeopardize state funding for these truly vital services would, without question, put lives in danger. By passing this budget now we offer reassurance to the organizations that help domestic violence and sexual assault victims that our commitment to supporting them and their work remains strong. Just as we came together two years ago to support this budget, I hope we can all band together today to pass the budget before us. Thank you, Mr. President.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Aroostook, Senator Stewart.

Senator **STEWART:** Thank you very much, Mr. President. I'd like to note for the record, which has been done earlier this morning, that this is day four of the 130th Legislature and if you include Swearing-In Day this is really our third day of actually working together as a Body. Now, in the first two days we got a lot done. We passed a supplemental budget and we passed dozens of bills, large policy bills I might add, with bi-partisan support. So, the fact that we're here today discussing a specter of a potential government shutdown three months from now is pretty unfounded to me. This doesn't make any sense at all and I'm not sure where it's coming from, outside of the e-mails from special interest groups who have been saying 'Don't let Republicans run the show.' From the Minority, I might add. This doesn't make any sense. The Republicans aren't in control. We have 13 members in the Senate, quite a few shy of a majority in the House, and yet, for whatever reason, that seems to be the thing that's dominating the dialog here today. This doesn't make sense to me. What also doesn't make sense to me is what I'm sure you've heard out on the campaign trail as well, this isn't what folks want. This is the opposite of that. What I hear more than anything is that they want us to work together. In Aroostook County, 60% of the folks there are represented by Republicans, as you well know, Mr. President, and yet 60% are going to be shut out from this process entirely in just a few minutes when the vote closes. I hope that isn't the case and I hope that we can change this protectory and I'd like to set the record straight on a few things. It's been a very busy week and I'm sure you've all heard a lot and some of the things that I've heard include the fact that Republicans have done this in the past, so it's only fair.

That's simply not true. Republicans have never passed a biennial budget with a simple majority. That has not happened and yet it has happened before and the two times that it did the Democrats were in control. Now, politically that might seem like a good idea to you. It doesn't to me and I think the record will reflect that. But the point is we haven't done that to you folks in the past and we would appreciate an opportunity to continue to work with you all as we move forward in crafting this budget, the single most important thing that we will do in the two years that we have together.

March 30th, today, is a day that we can decide one of two things. We can either decide that it's the day that bi-partisanship ended in this Chamber and in this Legislature, the 130th, or it's the day that we decided to come together and work with one collective voice as we craft a budget and continue to work towards a two-thirds majority, not a majority, two-thirds. I also say this, I've heard a lot of talk about what is actually in this budget. Well, first and foremost, this is the largest budget that has ever been passed in the history of the State of Maine and yet we're rushing forward with this under the guise that we need to do this because of COVID. Well, here's the thing, folks. There's really not much in this budget that actually addresses COVID in the way the Governor had originally proposed. In fact, we've taken a number of initiatives out that actually deal with COVID. So to suggest that we have to do this now, here today, because of the pandemic, that just doesn't pass the straight face test. What it does accomplish is it effectively neuters the Minority Party from being involved in any of the negotiations going forward. Now, if that's what you want to do that's your choice and we all have a choice to make here today. I would discourage you from doing that and I would ask that you respect all of the voices in this Chamber because we all represent folks in Maine that need help and that want to see us work together in a way that incorporates the voice of the minority. Thank you very much, Mr. President.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Androscoggin, Senator Timberlake.

Senator **TIMBERLAKE:** Yes, Mr. President. I keep getting text messages that the video is not going out to the public for the public to see in here and that concerns me because they're not allowed in the building and if we can't get it out to them. I don't know that. I've received three text messages in the last five minutes.

THE PRESIDENT: We'll check on that. So, the reports that we have is that everything is working. IT says it's working. The people back in the State House can see it. Every indication is that it's working on our end so if there is something that somebody can't see then it's quite possibly in their system. The pending question before the Senate is Acceptance of the Majority Ought to Pass as Amended Report. The Chair recognizes the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Diamond.

Senator **DIAMOND:** Mr. President, ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, I stand before you this afternoon not necessarily in the most comfortable position I've been in many times as I've spoken. But I stand here as a matter of principle for me. I don't believe that any political party, either way in this Senate, has all the right answers or the best answers. I think we need diversity in our discussions and I think that diversity brings out the best product and I don't think we should be giving up on each other three

months away from the deadline. The deadline does not scare me. I have a lot of faith in the people in this room, and the question I have to myself is why would we give up now? I'd ask you to look around the room. Look at the skilled, talented, dedicated people we have here and nobody, and I know everybody here, some better than others, but nobody wants to do anything but what's best for your constituents and what's best for the state of Maine. I think that is the key for me. If I did not know you all, as again some better than others, if I did not believe in you all and that your purposes and intent are exactly the best they can be, then I wouldn't be standing up. I'd say, 'You know what? We should take the safe way out.' There are ten of us that are not coming back, at least, and we all came away better. We know how you all can come together. We've seen it. We've done it. We've proven it. The first time Senators, on both sides of the aisle, are amazing. I've seen a lot of first time Senators, myself being one, that didn't have half the ability that this class does. That gives me a great deal of confidence that we could come to an agreement. If you've got that little gnawing feeling in your gut that this may not be quite right trust it because it may not be. Mr. President, members of the Senate, I would ask us let's push the pause button, give ourselves a chance, give this talented group, dedicated group a chance. Just because we can does not mean we should and I think we can show that we believe in each other, that we all want to do what is best for the state of Maine. Thank you, ladies and gentlemen.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Knox, Senator Miramant.

Senator **MIRAMANT:** Thank you, Mr. President. Men and women of the Senate, just briefly rise to one of my colleagues, one of our colleagues, pointed out that this budget reflects what we've seen in the past and then pointed out that revenue sharing and aide to education would continue. I felt guilty and bad every time I've voted for a budget that didn't meet our obligation to the schools and to the municipalities by shorting what we are supposed to be paying them and it offends me again to do that if I do that and I just don't know how we can have that system in place and then ignore it even against referendums that have come up. I don't understand that but maybe it will be made clear. We're forced into that situation every time so that it's become business as usual. I have progressive ideas that I want to see happen that haven't happened under this Administration, this majority, the previous one, and in the minority.

I'm getting tired of making excuses for that with the people around the state, not just in my district but I may have more than some, but who are looking for things that bring people up out of poverty and not just with the most basic program and I'm glad we're going to continue funding some but some are falling short, that help to defend those were we keep pumping money into law enforcement even as we identify that that system does not work, that we have more overdose deaths with an ever increasing budget for fighting drugs, when we fund failures like that instead of moving towards those that would help our people.

I agree with my colleague who said knowing the intentions of every person in this room, even if some of you are new and I don't know you as well as I would in a normal year, I know how much you care about the people of this state, even when I don't understand what you're trying to do with a bill or policy. So, these things are making me very sad about what we're doing here and I wish we could do better and I wish we could do better for the

future so we don't ignore certain things that are really important. I don't feel, whatever way I go, I don't feel like I'm cutting off part of our elected leaders any more than when we're in committee and there's a majority and a minority in that committee. I love that we have every voice in my committee, all my committees. I love hearing them. It changes the way we move forward with bills. It's such a pleasure because I could absolutely not believe that there is going to be a way to change the way I thought about something and my fellow party members did, or maybe some Independents, and suddenly some new piece comes out. So it's never an exclusion of people in that process, even though a majority may win the vote. It may not be perfect, but it's still there and your voice is still heard. So, I don't want anyone here to leave feeling like they're not going to be included moving forward, no matter how this vote goes, and that's enough. Thank you very much.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from York, Senator Deschambault.

Senator **DESCHAMBAULT:** Thank you, Mr. President. Colleagues, I rise today to speak in favor of the Back to Basics budget. I'm not going to talk about the budget. I don't know where you were 30 years ago, but in 1991 I was a State employee for the first, and longest, shut down. This is a budget that will give Maine people and businesses stability as we get this virus under control. After a year like no other, the last thing Maine people and businesses need is a government shut down, or just the threat of one, as our state is beginning to open up. Too often the idea of a state government shut down is farfetched. It could be a disaster. It's overblown. But as a State worker who lived through the State's longest shut down, I would vehemently disagree. The damage is real, so are the people whose lives are deeply impacted. In 1991 I was a single Mom working as a case worker in the Maine Department of Corrections, an institution. I was considered non-essential. How can you be non-essential when you put people in prisons or mental institutions and say that those employees are non-essential? I was trying to make ends meet while raising my 6-year-old son. Wasn't always easy but I was passionate about my work, believed in my team, and loved my son. I did not think in 1991 that I would be in a position today in the Maine Senate to vote to avert a State shut down. For many it was deeply painful. People are angry and trying to understand how our leaders had gotten us to this point. For families living paycheck to paycheck, it was especially tough. Not only did we go without our normal pay but we were also shut out of unemployment compensation. People don't understand that. You were laid off. You should have unemployment. Oh no, the State had a better idea. There were furlough days, discretionary days. Furlough days were unpaid. Discretionary days said if we were laid off for three weeks we could get unemployment but they said, 'No, you've got discretionary days. We want you to come in to work two or three days a week.' We got paid for that but it also did not allow us to claim any unemployment. We were also told that when you retired 'don't worry, we'll make it better'. I retired five years ago. I haven't seen it. More importantly, it was felt that our lives and our work didn't matter to the people who represented us. As State employees, we dedicate our career to serving people living and working in the state.

Again, this summer marks 30 years since the 1991 state government shut down. After the year Maine people and businesses have had, I can only imagine how devastating a state shutdown would be when it seems we're on the brink of recovery.

For those of you who don't recall, a simple thing like July 1st shut down, State parks shut down, State parks not cleaned. This is vacationland, that's just one incident, but you remember those vivid pictures.

We owe it to the Maine people, especially State employees, to pass a budget that gives our state security and stability during these difficult times. The Back to Basics budget is the right move at the right moment.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Oxford, Senator Bennett.

Senator **BENNETT:** Thank you, Mr. President. Fellow members of the Senate, I was reminded by the previous speaker's comments. She asked where was I in 1991. Well, I was in the first term in the Maine House and I witnessed and participated unhappily in that horrible experience, and it was horrible for everybody involved and it was, quite simply, a failure of leadership. In 1997, my first term in the Senate, I served on the Appropriations Committee. It was the first time that this particular move was done to pass a Majority budget. That was a failure of leadership.

Here we are, as the Senator from Aroostook points out, on the fourth day of our legislative session working together, already deciding that we will fail. We've decided, apparently, that our processes don't work. We have decided that our own rules should be obviated because, I believe, if you look up Joint Rule 314.6 our action on this budget will violate that. We've decided that we cannot collaborate on the most important bill that comes before us in this entire Legislature. But really the only thing that is failing here, once again, is leadership. I hope that you understand that I am one Senator who will work with anyone and all of you, collaboratively, to realize our common goal of making Maine better for all the people who sent us here. This move will disempower nearly every person in this room. It says to my 40,000 constituents that their Senator's voice is muzzled. But it doesn't just affect the minority. This move doesn't treat those in the majority much better. It takes you for granted. I am deeply saddened, like the Senator from Knox.

You know, as quirky and frustrating and as dysfunctional as the Maine Legislature can be, for some reason I love this institution. I really do, and I love serving here. I love being back. I love the relationships I have established with many of you. As the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Diamond, said, this is an amazing group of people here in this room. Really great. Comes from all walks of life, different backgrounds, different experiences, different life journeys, and it's amazing to have this group here. I've been telling my family how much I've enjoyed working with each of you and how this is a special group of people. That's why I'm particularly saddened to see this maneuver because I don't think it says it's about failure. This is about failure, not about success. I had the opportunity 20 years ago to work in a situation where nobody thought anything was going to work. We had a divided Senate, 17 Republicans, 17 Democrats, 1 Independent, and everybody expected failure, and we decided, however, Senator Michaud, who was the leader of the Democratic caucus, and myself, leader of the Republican caucus, we decided to take a different approach and we made it work. We had magnificent collaboration. We didn't agree on a lot of stuff but we had chairs meetings to set the agenda for the day in the morning before session where everybody was there. Everybody knew what was going on. It was full information. We could represent our

constituents, even produce our own budget. It was an amazing success of leadership, but it was the leadership of everybody in the Senate, not any one of us. I'd like to return to those days. When we expect the best of ourselves then we can demand a fully functioning, lovely, collaborative, messy process that will get us to a point where the people of Maine are served the best. I just implore all of you. Let's not go down this path. Let's demand better of ourselves. Let's go to the better angels of our nature and let's put this budget back to the committee where it should be. So, I would encourage you, please, vote no in accepting this Majority report. Thank you.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from York, Senator Lawrence.

Senator **LAWRENCE:** Thank you, Mr. President. Men and women of the Senate, I just want to make one thing perfectly clear. Voting for this budget doesn't prevent us from working through to that quirky, messy, dysfunctional process after we vote for the budget. We're still able to do that and I've done it many times with the good Senator from Oxford. We can still reach a two-thirds to do alterations to the budget, to do reductions, additions. That can easily be done. What this guarantees is that our quirky, messy process does not cause the people of Maine pain, does not shut down the tourism industry in a summer when they need to be functioning at full force. We've seen it happen before and it happens in the Legislature not because the people of Maine ever once said 'we want the budget to be passed by a two-thirds vote.'

Let's look at, historically, how we got here. Budgets were always passed, and in fact they're passed in virtually every Legislature in the country, by a majority vote. Maine's budget cycle used to go from October to October, in coordination with the federal budget. A hundred years ago, as it was pointed out, Maine passed a Constitutional Amendment that says laws of the State of Maine don't go into effect until 90 days after the Legislature adjourned. Sometime later Maine changed its budget process to July 1st and a small minority in the Legislature figured out 'hey, if we all hold together we can force them now to have to have a two-thirds vote on a budget to get what we want or we can shut down state government.' It's been done twice and I've seen it done and it is awful and it hurts the people of Maine.

Let me make it clear, this is not a majority budget we're passing. This is not the entire budget. We can still go on and continue to work on the budget. What this is is effectively a continuing resolution. It says the State is going to continue to function while the good Senator from Oxford and I work out our quirky, messy, dysfunctional differences, that those differences will not harm the people of Maine, that we will continue to function. What this bill will do is allow us to get schools open five days a week and to guarantee that they're going to be opened. What this bill will do is to allow seniors to get the prescription drugs they need, allow nursing homes funding to know what's going on, allow Mainers to know they're going to property tax relief. If you vote against this budget you're voting against guaranteeing the people of Maine that schools will be opened five days a week, seniors to get their drugs, nursing homes to be funded, and property tax relief to go to Maine people. We're guaranteeing that we're taking action prospectively to deal with the pandemic, to guarantee Maine will continue to function while we work out our differences. That's what this budget is about. Thank you.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Sanborn.

Senator **SANBORN:** Thank you, Mr. President. While I don't remember the 1991 shut down very well because I was still in high school, I do remember the shut down that we experienced in the 128th. I was a first year member of the House and part of the reason I remember it so well is because of the beauty of Facebook, so every year on that weekend I see a picture of myself wearing this very dress, which I'm wearing today, and my son hugging me on the porch of his grandparent's house in Raymond. I had taken, I don't know, a three hour, three and a half hour, drive to get there. I spent five hours with my family on that holiday weekend and then I drove back to Augusta to continue the game of brinksmanship that we were calling the normal budget process. This year, after the year that my family has had and after the year that Mainers all over this state have had, small businesses all over this state, municipal officials all over this state who have had to lay off their workers because they couldn't make their own municipal budgets work. After that year to imagine that I might find myself in that same position, being able to visit with my family for just a few hours over a holiday weekend, because we value somehow the idea that brinksmanship, that shutting down the State of Maine, is part of the normal leverage that the minority party deserves. It isn't fair to the people of Maine and it isn't fair to Maine families, municipalities, or school districts. So what a vote in favor of this budget today means, and I do hope, I wish, that this could pass as a two-thirds vote today, to say 'you know what guys? We're not playing that particular game this year.' That is all. The brinksmanship, the threat of shut down, is all a yes vote today takes off the table. We still are going to have some incentive to work together because if we want to spend other money and want it to go into effect immediately so that we can get relief or new programs or even lower some of the spending in the budget, any of those things we want to do, if we want them to go into effect immediately our Constitution says they have to pass by two-thirds. Any emergency bill we want to pass has to pass by two-thirds, so there's still plenty of incentive for us to continue to work for things to pass by two-thirds. But what this takes off the table is the threat of a shut down and in this unique year, this year unlike any year in the last century, with the level of uncertainty, frankly, the level of exhaustion that Mainers have experienced, this is the year we should say 'no, we're not playing brinksmanship, we're not threatening to shut down vital services of Maine's government to play this political game.' Instead, we're going to pass this continuing services budget and then we're going to continue to talk, to work, to hear about other spending, other changes, other programs, and other bills that we need to pass as a Legislature but without this threat of a shut down and, Mr. President, I was really dismayed today to hear one of our leaders talk about the threat of a People's Veto because what I haven't heard is it is substantive disagreement with anything in this current services budget, this is a budget that garnered two-thirds support two years ago, we haven't added a whole bunch of initiatives, pet projects, additional spending, tax increases. We haven't added any of that. All we've said is let's agree to keep the baseline and then keep working so that we're sure that we don't have a shut down this year as we get ourselves out of this pandemic. Mr. President, I urge folks to vote ought to pass on this budget.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from York, Senator Rafferty.

Senator **RAFFERTY:** Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, I'd like to start off first by saying that I'm one of the newbies, the rookies, obviously, but I will say that, like many of you, I've been working many more than just the four days that have been referenced here a couple of times today but, like you, it's been in committee and it's been with people I didn't know and with issues that I had differing opinions on and each day there were times we argued, fought, or whatever you want to call it, but we may or may not have reached agreements but nothing prevented us from coming back ten minutes later on a new bill, or potentially the next day. I often worked in two committees at the time, but I'm going to go back into my comfort zone, which speaks to the education piece and literally I believe that it's no secret that Maine kids have really struggled throughout the COVID 19 pandemic. Overnight Maine students went from learning in the classroom to learning virtually. Many went from preparing for their next game to learning that the entire season had been canceled. Worst, hanging out with their friends in person became a health risk. Nothing about the situation has been ideal but the threat to public health and safety was just too high. Now we're in the position to give our kids their lives back. This starts with ensuring that schools can reopen in a way which is safe for every student and teacher who walks through the school doors. That's why passing the Back to Basics budget today is so important. Maine schools need to know what they're receiving for funding now so that they can safely open schools to teachers and students. The Back to Basics budget will help schools plan to transition back to in-person learning this fall. It provides \$45 million in additional funding for Maine schools and, although Maine is doing better than other states, students have fallen behind during this pandemic. We know that teachers are doing everything they can to keep students connected and on track. At the same time, Maine students are struggling with mental health after a year like no other. By passing this budget today, we can give Maine students and teachers, schools and parents, a chance for some normalcy down the road. I'm voting for the Back to Basics budget because, as a parent, grandparent, retired teacher, and coach, I know it's the right thing to do for our kids. I hope you all join me. I also have learned along the way that words in any bill are important and I see none in this one that prevents us from working together down the road. Thank you very much.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Penobscot, Senator Baldacci.

Senator **BALDACC:** Thank you, Mr. President. Men and women of the Senate, I rise today to speak in favor of the budget proposal before us. In the middle of a pandemic, in the middle of a recession, what the people of this state want, regardless of party, is stability, forward movement, and forward growth. I see this budget as a victory for the vast majority of Mainers and a defeat for any kind of extremist politics to be tolerated. Even before the pandemic, one of the biggest issues facing my constituents, when they were still just my neighbors, has been property taxes. I know this is true for almost every other member of this esteemed Body. For years revenue sharing was cut, as was aide to education and more and more, in the name of fiscal responsibility. But the reality is that, with the State's supports cut,

local property taxes had to grow in order to maintain basic police, fire, public works, public health, roads. As a city councilor for Bangor for 12 years, I had the honor of serving twice as the Mayor, I served six years under the previous Administration and every year was a challenge to maintain basic services for police, fire, teachers, roads, public health. This is the daily conversation. This is our daily work. I wasn't here in the Legislature. I was at the city council trying to make sure the City of Bangor had adequate public services. This victory is a victory for town councils, city councils, school boards, school administrators, students. This victory is a victory, this budget passing will be a victory for the vast majority of the people of this state.

I was happy to see lawmakers vote two years ago to increase revenue sharing, giving much needed, long overdue, relief for taxpayers. The proposal before us continues that relief. Now, more than ever, Maine families need that relief and Maine families need stability, they need a forward movement, forward growth. They don't need, as Senator Sanborn said, more games played. Thank you.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Daughtry.

Senator **DAUGHTRY:** Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, I rise in support of the motion in front of us. I have to say we've heard a lot of comments today and we've heard a lot of mentions of the State shut down or a potential for State shut down. We've heard mentions of the past and other budgets from times long, long ago and, while I have to say that my age may be shorter than the total legislative service of some of my fellow colleagues, joking aside, this is not about the past. We're not here to rehash what happened yesterday. What we're doing today is a vote about the future. We can't compare what we're going through right now to any other time in history. I mean, think about the fact that I'm talking to all of you in the Augusta Civic Center and I have a mask on. We're in the middle of a pandemic. The moments that we're discussing now are things that I will be telling my grandchildren about and they'll be asking questions: what was it like? What was going on? We can't compare what's before us to what came before. It just simply doesn't work. But I have to say the conversation about this budget in front of us is not the end of the discussion. It's just the beginning. What we're doing today is taking a vote to build a strong foundation that builds on the work that we did last session. It builds a Back to Basics foundation, is the way I see it, and from there we can just build right back up.

For me, what I'm personally very excited about with this vote today, is it helps align our State action with our local and municipal budgets. For the last eight years that I've been an elected official, I've worked with my communities as they have struggled to be able to align their school budgets, guessing and wondering and hoping that what they're discussing is going to align with what we all vote on, which always seems to happen at the very last moment. This gives our schools and our municipalities the certainty to know what's coming down the line.

Also, for me, what I'm really, really excited about, is it enables us to just sort of start from here and build up. It lets us focus on policies. For those of you who have been elected before, I'm sure we all have our stories about the end of session, about, you know, waiting for the budget vote. Long, long nights. I know we've had some very, very long nights since we've all been elected, even for those of us in this session. But what always

seems to happen in these last moments is so many policies, so many bills, so many items that we have spent the months and weeks and days and hours working on get lost in translation. They get lost in the shuffle. What happens in the budget really sucks the oxygen out of the room. By passing this Back to Basics budget, not only does it build a foundation but it enables us to focus on the policies that many of us ran for, and the things that we are passionate, in order to make change for our communities. The good Senator from Knox mentioned the need to fully fund our schools and I think that's honestly the thing I am the most excited about voting for this today. This gets us the closest that we ever have to our commitment to fully funding our schools. It's a strong vote to make sure that our schools have what they need to transition out of this pandemic. But I also want to remind my colleagues here today that that amount of funding isn't the end of the conversation for our schools. We're in a position with the money that's coming from the federal funding portion to see over \$414 million come to our K-12 schools. This will fully fund our schools and put them in a position to be able to safely welcome students back.

What I hope is that after we're able to pass this important budget we can refocus our energy. We can focus on the policies that are ahead of us and why we're all passionate to be here. This is just a launch pad. This is just the beginning. It is honestly our first step and I hope you'll all join with me to stop thinking about the past, questioning what had happened then, and take a strong vote for all of our future. Thank you.

The pending question before the Senate was the motion by Senator **BREEN** of Cumberland to **ACCEPT** the Majority **UGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report, in concurrence.

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#73)

YEAS: Senators: BAILEY, BALDACCI, BREEN, BRENNER, CARNEY, CHIPMAN, CLAXTON, CURRY, DAUGHTRY, DESCHAMBAULT, DILL, HICKMAN, LAWRENCE, LIBBY, LUCHINI, MAXMIN, MIRAMANT, RAFFERTY, SANBORN, VITELLI, PRESIDENT JACKSON

NAYS: Senators: BENNETT, BLACK, CYRWAY, DAVIS, DIAMOND, FARRIN, KEIM, MOORE, POULIOT, ROSEN, STEWART, TIMBERLAKE, WOODSOME

EXCUSED: Senators: GUERIN

21 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 13 Senators having voted in the negative, with 1 Senator being excused, the motion by Senator **BREEN** of Cumberland to **ACCEPT** the Majority **UGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report, in concurrence, **PREVAILED**.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-52) **READ**.

House Amendment "A" (H-55) to Committee Amendment "A" (H-52) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-52) as Amended by House Amendment "A" (H-55) thereto, **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-52) AS AMENDED BY HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" (H-55)** thereto, 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.

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:

ENACTORS

The Committee on **Engrossed Bills** reported as truly and strictly engrossed the following:

Act

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, 2022 and June 30, 2023

H.P. 525 L.D. 715
(H "A" H-55 to C "A" H-52)

On motion by Senator **TIMBERLAKE** of Androscoggin, 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 Somerset, Senator **FARRIN**, and further excused the same Senator from today's Roll Call votes.

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#74)

YEAS: Senators: BAILEY, BALDACCI, BREEN, BRENNER, CARNEY, CHIPMAN, CLAXTON, CURRY, DAUGHTRY, DESCHAMBAULT, DILL, HICKMAN, LAWRENCE, LIBBY, LUCHINI, MIRAMANT, RAFFERTY, SANBORN, VITELLI, PRESIDENT JACKSON

NAYS: Senators: BENNETT, BLACK, CYRWAY, DAVIS, DIAMOND, GUERIN, KEIM, MAXMIN, MOORE, POULIOT, ROSEN, STEWART, TIMBERLAKE, WOODSOME

EXCUSED: Senators: FARRIN

20 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 14 Senators having voted in the negative, with 1 Senator being excused, was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED** 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.

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

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

House Papers

Bill "An Act To Provide Funds for Community-based Substance Use Disorder Treatment and Recovery Services and To Reduce by Half the Funding for the Maine Drug Enforcement Agency"
H.P. 954 L.D. 1298

Bill "An Act To Restrict the Sale, Purchase and Use of Fireworks in the State"
H.P. 963 L.D. 1307

Bill "An Act To Clarify Who Signs and Swears to a Certificate Stating the Results of a Breath-alcohol Test"
H.P. 969 L.D. 1313

Bill "An Act To Protect Firearm Use and Possession Rights during a State of Emergency and Require a Two-thirds Vote by the Legislative Council To Declare or Extend a State of Emergency"
H.P. 971 L.D. 1315

Bill "An Act To Provide Funding for the Maine Length of Service Award Program"
H.P. 972 L.D. 1316

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

On motion by Senator **DESCHAMBAULT** of York, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Maximize Service to Students by Adopting Conditional Allowances for Participation by Families of School Board Members in School Activities"
H.P. 975 L.D. 1323

Bill "An Act To Establish the Career Advancement and Navigation Initiative in the Department of Education To Lower Barriers to Career Advancement"
H.P. 981 L.D. 1329

Bill "An Act To Create Education Choices by Creating Education Savings Accounts for Maine Students"
H.P. 994 L.D. 1343

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

On motion by Senator **RAFFERTY** of York, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Include Crisis Response Services in Emergency Services Offered through the E-9-1-1 System"
H.P. 962 L.D. 1306

Bill "An Act To Require Dispatch Units To Employ a Person with a Social Work Background"
H.P. 970 L.D. 1314

Bill "An Act To Protect Maine Electricity Customers from Threats of Disconnection in the Wintertime"
H.P. 980 L.D. 1328

Bill "An Act Regarding Net Energy Billing Limits"
H.P. 983 L.D. 1332

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

On motion by Senator **LAWRENCE** of York, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Support Transitional Housing for Persons Experiencing Abuse, Dangerous Living Conditions, Economic Insecurity Due to Divorce or Separation, Chronic Homelessness, Substance Use Disorder or Mental Disorders"
H.P. 957 L.D. 1301

Bill "An Act To Streamline Requests for Housing Assistance"
H.P. 961 L.D. 1305

Bill "An Act To Provide Relief from Audit Requirements for Certain Health Care Facilities during a State of Emergency" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 977 L.D. 1325

Bill "An Act Concerning the Dispensation of Naloxone Hydrochloride by Emergency Medical Services Providers"
H.P. 984 L.D. 1333

Bill "An Act To Clarify the Authority of the Department of Health and Human Services during a Public Health Emergency"
H.P. 995 L.D. 1344

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 Protect Medicare Beneficiaries from Surprise Medical Billing"

H.P. 992 L.D. 1341

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

On motion by Senator **SANBORN** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Provide Educational Opportunities for Family Members of Deceased Veterans, First Responders and Health Care Workers"

H.P. 953 L.D. 1297

Bill "An Act To Address Systemic Racism and Improve Economic Prosperity"

H.P. 965 L.D. 1309

Bill "An Act To Create the Maine Health Care Provider Loan Repayment Program"

H.P. 979 L.D. 1327

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

On motion by Senator **CURRY** of Waldo, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Guarantee Housing Rights during a State of Civil Emergency" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 952 L.D. 1296

Bill "An Act To Ensure Judicial Discretion in Sentencing"
H.P. 959 L.D. 1303

Bill "An Act Regarding Criminal Records"
H.P. 966 L.D. 1310

Bill "An Act To Provide Funding for the Maine Civil Legal Services Fund"
H.P. 978 L.D. 1326

Bill "An Act To Discontinue the Use of the Terms 'Handicap,' 'Handicapped' and 'Hearing Impaired' in State Laws, Rules and Official Documents"
H.P. 987 L.D. 1336

Come from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** and ordered printed.

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

Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services To Conduct an Assessment of Human Trafficking in the State
H.P. 976 L.D. 1324

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator **CARNEY** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Ensure Municipal Compliance with Federal Immigration Laws"
H.P. 991 L.D. 1340

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator **CARNEY** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT**, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Resolve, Directing the Maine State Housing Authority To Allow Rental Housing Owners To Apply for Emergency Rental Relief Assistance (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 974 L.D. 1322

Bill "An Act To Protect Employees' Exercise of Workplace Rights"
H.P. 989 L.D. 1338

Bill "An Act To Clarify That Municipal Firefighters, Volunteer First Responders and Substitute Teachers Are Excluded from Maine Earned Paid Leave"

H.P. 990 L.D. 1339

Come from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator **HICKMAN** of Kennebec, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Require County Governments To Coordinate with Municipalities To Create Plans To Address Homelessness"

H.P. 956 L.D. 1300

Comes 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 Promote Economic Development through Increased Film Incentives"

H.P. 985 L.D. 1334

Bill "An Act To Provide for Exemption from the Sales Tax for Basic Needs Products and Offset the Loss of Revenue"

H.P. 986 L.D. 1335

Bill "An Act To Increase Affordable Housing and Reduce Property Taxes through an Impact Fee on Vacant Residences"

H.P. 988 L.D. 1337

Bill "An Act To Authorize a Local Option Sales Tax on Lodging and Other Goods and Provide Funding for Tax Abatement and Rental Relief"

H.P. 993 L.D. 1342

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 Create the Career and Technical Education Workforce Fund"

H.P. 960 L.D. 1304

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TAXATION** and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator **CHIPMAN** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS**, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**

Sent down for concurrence.

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

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: S.C. 370

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

March 29, 2021

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

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Fecteau:

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

L.D. 728 Resolve, Directing State Agencies That Maintain Public Lands for Recreation To Make Certain Information Readily Accessible to the General Public

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Jim Dill
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Maggie O'Neil
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:

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

House Papers

Bill "An Act To Permit Emergency Funding for Food Banks When a State of Emergency is Declared"

H.P. 955 L.D. 1299

Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** suggested and ordered printed.

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY**.

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

Bill "An Act To Allow the Adjutant General of the Maine National Guard To Request Quick Response Funds from the Maine Budget Stabilization Fund after Receiving Authorization from the Governor"

H.P. 964 L.D. 1308

Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** suggested and ordered printed.

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS**.

On motion by Senator **BREEN** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Resolve, To Change the Educational Requirements of Certain Behavioral Health Professionals (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 958 L.D. 1302

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

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**.

On motion by Senator **SANBORN** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Provide Protection for Tractors When Using Public Ways" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 973 L.D. 1321

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

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION**.

On motion by Senator **SANBORN** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act Regarding the State Employee Health Commission" H.P. 967 L.D. 1311

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

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES**.

On motion by Senator **BALDACCI** of Penobscot, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Remove Barriers to Accessory Dwelling Units and Allow Accessory Dwelling Units where Single-family Houses Are Allowed"

H.P. 968 L.D. 1312

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

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING**.

On motion by Senator **BALDACCI** of Penobscot, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

House

Pursuant to Statute

The Committee on **JUDICIARY** on Bill "An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Right To Know Advisory Committee" H.P. 996 L.D. 1345

Reported that the same be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY**, pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 1, section 411, subsection 6, paragraph G.

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.

Bill and accompanying papers **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY**, in concurrence.

Pursuant to Statute

The Committee on **JUDICIARY** on Bill "An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Right To Know Advisory Committee Concerning Fees Charged for Responding to Public Records Requests"

H.P. 997 L.D. 1346

Reported that the same be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY**, pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 1, section 411, subsection 6, paragraph G.

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.

Bill and accompanying papers **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY**, in 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 **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** on Bill "An Act Regarding the Production and Sale of Birch Syrup and Birch Syrup Products" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 300 L.D. 416

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 **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** on Bill "An Act To Assist in the Restoration of Atlantic Salmon"

H.P. 33 L.D. 67

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 **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** on Bill "An Act To Reduce Duplicative Permitting Review for Projects under the Site Location of Development Laws"

H.P. 35 L.D. 69

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 AND HUMAN SERVICES** on 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

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 AND HUMAN SERVICES** on 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

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.

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 Remove the Advanced Cardiac Life Support Certification Requirement for Dental Therapists" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 451 L.D. 615

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 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

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.

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 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

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-44)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-44)**.

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

Resolve **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-44) **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 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

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-42)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-42)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-42) **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 AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Bill "An Act Concerning MaineCare Coverage for Donor Breast Milk"

H.P. 51 L.D. 85

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-45)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-45)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-45) **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 AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Bill "An Act To Improve Maine's Quality Rating System for Child Care Services"

H.P. 59 L.D. 93

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-51)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-51)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-51) **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 AND HUMAN SERVICES** on 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

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-53)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-53)**.

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

Resolve **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-53) **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 Amend Maine's Aquaculture Leasing and Licensing Statutes"
H.P. 72 L.D. 106

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-47)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-47)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-47) **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 Address Training Requirements for Harbor Masters"
H.P. 108 L.D. 152

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-49)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-49)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-49) **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 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

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-43)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-43)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-43) **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:

ORDERS

Joint Order

**STATE OF MAINE
SECRETARY OF STATE**

On motion by Senator **VITELLI** of Sagadahoc, the following Joint Order:

S.P. 435

ORDERED, the House concurring, that all matters not finally disposed of at the time of adjournment of the First Regular Session of the 130th Legislature in the possession of the Legislature, including working papers and drafts in the possession of nonpartisan staff offices, gubernatorial nominations and all determinations of the Legislative Council regarding after-deadline bill requests and policies be held over to a subsequent special or regular session of the 130th Legislature in the posture in which they were at the time of adjournment of the First Regular Session of the 130th Legislature; and be it further

ORDERED, that any public hearing, work session or other meeting to conduct the business of the Legislature that is scheduled at the time this order is passed is hereby authorized to occur.

READ and PASSED.

Sent down for concurrence.

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

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: H.P. 982

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

March 11, 2021

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

Dear Clerk Hunt,

Enclosed please find my official certification to the 130th Legislature of the citizen initiative petition entitled "An Act To Require Legislative Approval of Certain Transmission Lines, Require Legislative Approval of Certain Transmission Lines and Facilities and Other Projects on Public Reserved Lands and Prohibit the Construction of Certain Transmission Lines in the Upper Kennebec Region".

Sincerely,

S/Shenna Bellows
Secretary of State

I, Shenna Bellows, Secretary of State, hereby certify that written petitions bearing valid signatures of 80,506 electors of this State were addressed to the Legislature of the State of Maine and were filed in the office of the Secretary of State on January 21, 2021, requesting that the Legislature consider an act entitled, "An Act To Require Legislative Approval of Certain Transmission Lines, Require Legislative Approval of Certain Transmission Lines and Facilities and Other Projects on Public Reserved Lands and Prohibit the Construction of Certain Transmission Lines in the Upper Kennebec Region".

I further certify that the number of signatures submitted is in excess of ten percent of the total votes cast in the last gubernatorial election preceding the filing of such petitions, as required by Article IV, Part Third, Section 18 of the Constitution of Maine, that number being 63,067.

I further certify this initiative petition to be valid and attach herewith the text of the legislation circulated on the petition's behalf.

In testimony whereof, I have caused the Great Seal of the State of Maine to be hereunto affixed. Given under my hand at Augusta on the eleventh day of March in the year two thousand and twenty-one.

S/Shenna Bellows
Secretary of State

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

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

The accompanying Bill:

An Act To Require Legislative Approval of Certain Transmission Lines, Require Legislative Approval of Certain Transmission Lines and Facilities and Other Projects on Public Reserved Lands and Prohibit the Construction of Certain Transmission Lines in the Upper Kennebec Region

I.B. 1 L.D. 1295

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

Senator **LAWRENCE** of York moved to **REFER** to the Committees on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY AND ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY**, in **NON-CONCURRENCE.**

Senate at Ease.

The Senate was called to order by the President.

On motion by Senator **LAWRENCE** of York, **REFERRED** to the Committees on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY AND ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY**, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

Sent down for 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

Joint Resolutions

On motion by Senator **GUERIN** of Penobscot (Cosponsored by Senator **TIMBERLAKE** of Androscoggin and Senators: **CLAXTON** of Androscoggin, President **JACKSON** of Aroostook, **POULIOT** of Kennebec, Representative: **MEYER** of Eliot), the following Joint Resolution:

S.P. 375

**JOINT RESOLUTION
RECOGNIZING MARCH 2021 AS
BLEEDING DISORDERS AWARENESS MONTH**

WHEREAS, bleeding disorders, which are distinguished by the inability to form a proper blood clot, are characterized by extended bleeding after injury, surgery, trauma or menstruation and can lead to significant morbidity and can be fatal if not treated effectively; and

WHEREAS, many individuals with hemophilia became infected with HIV and hepatitis C in the 1980s due to the contamination of the blood supply and blood products; and

WHEREAS, Bleeding Disorders Awareness Month will generate greater awareness and understanding of not only hemophilia but all inheritable bleeding disorders, including von Willebrand disease, which alone affects an estimated one percent of the U.S. population, or more than 3.2 million individuals; and

WHEREAS, Bleeding Disorders Awareness Month will foster a greater sense of community and shared purpose among all individuals with inheritable bleeding disorders; and

WHEREAS, Bleeding Disorders Awareness Month will elevate awareness of and engagement in the inheritable bleeding disorders journey for the general public, enabling the prevention of illness, unnecessary procedures and disability; 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 Bleeding Disorders Awareness Month.

READ and ADOPTED.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Senator **GUERIN** of Penobscot (Cosponsored by Senators: **DAVIS** of Piscataquis, **FARRIN** of Somerset, Representatives: **COREY** of Windham, **HARRINGTON** of Sanford, **KINNEY** of Knox, **RIELLY** of Westbrook, **WOOD** of Portland), the following Joint Resolution:

S.P. 400

**JOINT RESOLUTION
URGING THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES
TO DESIGNATE A STATE FUNERAL FOR THE LAST
LIVING WORLD WAR II MEDAL OF HONOR
RECIPIENT**

WE, your Memorialists, the Members of the One Hundred and Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Maine now assembled in the First Regular Session, most respectfully present and petition the President of the United States and the United States Congress as follows:

WHEREAS, World War II, the most widespread war in history, lasted from 1939 until 1945; and

WHEREAS, the United States entered the war in 1941, following an attack on Pearl Harbor by Japanese fighter planes; and

WHEREAS, over 16 million Americans served their country and the Allied powers over the course of the war; and

WHEREAS, the men and women who served our country in World War II have been collectively called the "greatest generation" for their selfless sacrifice; and

WHEREAS, the Medal of Honor is the highest military decoration that is awarded by the United States Government; and

WHEREAS, the Medal of Honor is presented by the President of the United States in the name of the Congress of the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Medal of Honor is conferred only upon members of the Armed Forces of the United States who distinguished themselves through conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of their lives above and beyond the call of duty while engaged in action against an enemy of the United States, while engaged in military operations involving conflict with an opposing foreign force or while serving with friendly forces engaged in an armed conflict against an opposing armed force in which the United States was not a belligerent party; and

WHEREAS, more than 3,400 Medals of Honor have been awarded since its creation in 1861; the Medal of Honor was awarded to 473 Americans during World War II; and only 2 of those 473 Americans are still alive today; and

WHEREAS, each of these courageous servicemen, Charles H. Coolidge of Tennessee and Hershel Woodrow Williams of West Virginia, risked his life while serving his country with conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity and therefore deserves the gratitude of the American people; and

WHEREAS, the President of the United States has the sole authority to designate a state funeral for a person who has rendered distinguished service to the Nation; and

WHEREAS, historically, the President of the United States has designated state funerals for former presidents, generals and other extraordinary Americans; and

WHEREAS, our Nation is currently divided and yearns for a unifying national event; and
WHEREAS, holding a state funeral for the last surviving World War II Medal of Honor recipient would provide a deeply meaningful way for the American people to unite and honor all 16 million members of the Armed Forces of the United States who served from 1941 to 1945; 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, respectfully urge and request that the President of the United States designate a state funeral for the last surviving Medal of Honor recipient from World War II; and be it further

RESOLVED: That suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the Honorable Joseph R. Biden, President of the United States, to the President of the United States Senate, to the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives and to each Member of the Maine Congressional Delegation.

READ and ADOPTED.

Sent down for 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.

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. 882

**JOINT RESOLUTION
RECOGNIZING THE WORK OF TEACHERS
DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

WHEREAS, education and knowledge are the foundation of the current and future strength of Maine; and

WHEREAS, teachers and other education staff have earned and deserve the respect of their students and communities for their selfless dedication to community service and the futures of the children of Maine; and

WHEREAS, it is important to recognize the extraordinary role teachers and other education staff play in the lives of Maine students; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has increased and dramatically changed the duties of teachers and other education staff; and

WHEREAS, despite school closures due to the COVID-19 pandemic, teachers and other education staff have stepped up in new ways to support their students and communities, including by coordinating remote learning, supporting the mental health of students, providing meals to students in need and distributing technology to students; and

WHEREAS, this implementation of adaptive responses to the emerging education challenges serves to protect young people's educational opportunities during and following the COVID-19 pandemic; 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 roles and contributions of the teachers and other education staff in building and enhancing the civic, cultural and economic well-being of Maine and in supporting students' opportunity to learn during the challenging crisis of the COVID-19 pandemic.

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

The Joint Resolution was **READ.**

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from York, Senator Rafferty.

Senator **RAFFERTY**: Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and gentlemen of the 130th Legislature and specifically our Senate tonight. I just want to speak to this Joint Resolution in recognition of educators throughout our state. It is with great pride that I do so, having been one myself for many, many years and being married to one currently. In any case, I think before I do I just want us to all keep in mind that many, many times throughout our day in some capacity we are all teachers and for us to cherish those opportunities, whether it was a dad, a mom, a friend, a brother or sister, or whatever it be, keep that in mind. In today's world someone's watching, someone's listening, and quite possibly somebody's recording, so our behaviors and our actions are critical. Education, our teachers, you can often hear, 'We're here. What's important is that we're doing it for the kids,' and that's often what drives things. Tonight the Legislature is doing this for you and today we are honoring the teachers that have been in the trenches for a little bit over a year, doing all the heavy lifting. This isn't specifically for classroom teachers, it's for all teachers, all educators. It didn't matter to us if you're driving the bus, the school nurse, in the cafeteria feeding, or you're chasing around the school as a maintenance person or potentially cleaning with the custodial staff. Some of these jobs that have taken place inside our schools that often go unrecognized and this is our opportunity tonight to thank and recognize each and every one of you.

I know that the Zoom process is very difficult. I know in my own committee we often have one button to push, either mike on or mike off, and sometimes we struggle. We don't have some kids in our room, some kids at home. We see faces, sometimes we see initials. Sometimes we're teaching to initials and when the camera comes on that kids might be just rolling out of bed, but you made it happen. We want to thank you for each and every thing you've done. You've adjusted. You've moved forward. No

two minutes in education this past year have been alike. So, we just want to take this opportunity tonight in terms of recognizing you, thanking you from the bottoms of our hearts in recognition of all you have done and all that you will continue to do on behalf of the students and families in our state. Thank you all very much.

The Joint Resolution was **ADOPTED**, in 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:

Acts

An Act To Require the Department of Education To Report Annually on Summer Educational Programs

H.P. 10 L.D. 44
(C "A" H-15)

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
(C "A" H-34)

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
(C "A" H-33)

An Act To Clarify Maine's Statutes Related to the Licensing of Child Care Providers

H.P. 64 L.D. 98

An Act To Eliminate Inactive Boards and Commissions

H.P. 114 L.D. 158
(C "A" H-12)

An Act To Restore Honor to Certain Service Members

H.P. 126 L.D. 173

An Act To Recognize "My Sweet Maine" as Maine's Song of the 21st Century

H.P. 162 L.D. 232

An Act To Allow Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists To Bill for Their Services

H.P. 175 L.D. 254
(C "A" H-14)

An Act To Continue the Green Power Electricity Offer

H.P. 218 L.D. 314
(S "A" S-26)

An Act To Amend the Maine Revised Unclaimed Property Act
H.P. 304 L.D. 420

PASSED TO BE ENACTED and, having been signed by the President, were presented by the Secretary to the Governor for approval.

An Act To Make Sales to Area Agencies on Aging Tax-exempt
H.P. 52 L.D. 86
(C "A" H-28)

On motion by Senator **BREEN** of Cumberland, placed on the **SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS TABLE** pending **ENACTMENT**, in concurrence.

An Act To Allow Career Educators To Retire without Penalty
H.P. 77 L.D. 111
(C "A" H-11)

On motion by Senator **BREEN** of Cumberland, placed on the **SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS TABLE** pending **ENACTMENT**, in concurrence.

Resolves

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
(C "A" H-36)

Resolve, Directing the Maine Board of Pharmacy To Evaluate Existing Accommodations Available to Persons Who Are Visually Impaired To Access Prescription Information

H.P. 125 L.D. 172
(C "A" H-13)

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:

ENACTORS

The Committee on **Engrossed Bills** reported as truly and strictly engrossed the following:

Emergency Measure

An Act To Amend the Definition of "Timber Harvesting"
S.P. 44 L.D. 36
(C "A" S-25)

The Chair noted the absence of the Senator from York, Senator **WOODSOME**, the Senator from Cumberland, Senator **DIAMOND**, and the Senator from Cumberland, Senator **DAUGHTRY**, and further excused the same Senators from today's Roll Call votes.

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 Law Regarding the Interest Rate for State Loans under the Potato Marketing Improvement Fund
S.P. 93 L.D. 204
(C "A" S-23)

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 Resolve

Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapters 33 to 43, Concerning the Regulation of Fantasy Contests, Major Substantive Rules of the Department of Public Safety, Gambling Control Unit

H.P. 95 L.D. 139
(C "A" H-16)

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 **FINALLY PASSED** and, having been signed by the President, was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for approval.

**Pursuant to Constitution
Public Land**

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
(C "A" S-24)

In accordance with the provisions of Article IX, Section 23 of the Constitution, passage requires the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the entire elected Membership of the Senate. 31 Senators having voted in the affirmative and no Senators having voted in the negative, and 31 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.

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:

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: H.P. 883

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

March 18, 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 18, 2021, 79 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 18, 2021, as follows:

Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

Bill "An Act Regarding the Application of Certain Pesticides for Nonagricultural Use" (H.P. 836) (L.D. 1158) (Sponsored by Representative COLLINGS of Portland)

Bill "An Act To Amend the Membership Requirements of the Board of Pesticides Control" (H.P. 837) (L.D. 1159) (Sponsored by Representative OSHER of Orono) (Cosponsored by Representatives: GROHOSKI of Ellsworth, O'NEIL of Saco, SACHS of Freeport, WARREN of Scarborough, Senators: BRENNER of Cumberland, MAXMIN of Lincoln)

Criminal Justice and Public Safety

Bill "An Act To Prohibit the Use of 'No-knock' Warrants" (H.P. 805) (L.D. 1127) (Sponsored by Representative ROEDER of Bangor) (Cosponsored by Representatives: DUNPHY of Old Town, GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach, LOOKNER of Portland, OSHER of Orono, SUPICA of Bangor, TALBOT ROSS of Portland, WARREN of Hallowell)

Bill "An Act Relating to Personnel Working in Public Safety" (H.P. 806) (L.D. 1128) (Sponsored by Representative COREY of Windham) (Cosponsored by Representatives: COSTAIN of Plymouth, FAY of Raymond, NEWMAN of Belgrade, PICKETT of Dixfield, RUDNICKI of Fairfield, Senators: CYRWAY of Kennebec, DIAMOND of Cumberland)

Bill "An Act To Ensure the Right to Self-defense Exists outside the Home by Removing the Requirement To Retreat" (H.P. 816) (L.D. 1138) (Sponsored by Representative ANDREWS of Paris)

Bill "An Act To Improve the Safety of Prisoners and Jail Staff by Limiting Work Hours of Jail Employees" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 832) (L.D. 1154) (Sponsored by Representative COLLINGS of Portland)

Bill "An Act Regarding Unauthorized Possession of a Firearm in a Correctional Facility" (H.P. 848) (L.D. 1170) (Sponsored by Representative COSTAIN of Plymouth) (Cosponsored by Representatives: NEWMAN of Belgrade, PICKETT of Dixfield, RUDNICKI of Fairfield)

Bill "An Act To Curtail No-knock Warrants" (H.P. 849) (L.D. 1171) (Sponsored by Representative FECTEAU of Augusta) (Cosponsored by Representatives: ANDREWS of Paris, FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor, Senators: MAXMIN of Lincoln, POULIOT of Kennebec)

Bill "An Act To Prohibit Excessive Telephone, Video and Commissary Charges in Maine Jails and Prisons" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 853) (L.D. 1175) (Sponsored by Representative KINNEY of Knox) (Cosponsored by Representative: TUCKER of Brunswick)

Bill "An Act To Restrict Maine Law Enforcement Participation in Federal Firearm Confiscation or Buy-back Programs without Legislative Approval" (H.P. 857) (L.D. 1179) (Sponsored by Representative COREY of Windham) (Cosponsored by Senator DIAMOND of Cumberland and Representatives: ALLEY of Beals, CONNOR of Lewiston, COSTAIN of Plymouth, LANDRY of Farmington, MARTIN of Eagle Lake, MARTIN of Sinclair, O'CONNOR of Berwick, PICKETT of Dixfield)

Bill "An Act Concerning the Composition of the Criminal Law Advisory Commission" (H.P. 870) (L.D. 1192) (Sponsored by Representative TUELL of East Machias)

Education and Cultural Affairs

Bill "An Act To Provide Exemptions from Certain Teacher Certification Examination Requirements" (H.P. 827) (L.D. 1149) (Sponsored by Representative FECTEAU of Augusta) (Cosponsored by Representatives: LYMAN of Livermore Falls, ROCHE of Wells, SAMPSON of Alfred, STEARNS of Guilford, Senator: RAFFERTY of York)

Resolve, To Require Maine Postsecondary Educational Institutions To Review the Level of Student Debt and Develop Plans To Limit Student Debt (H.P. 830) (L.D. 1152) (Sponsored by Representative CROCKETT of Portland)

Bill "An Act To Improve Teacher Certification during Staffing Shortages" (H.P. 847) (L.D. 1169) (Sponsored by Representative SAMPSON of Alfred)

Bill "An Act To Delay State-mandated Teacher and Principal Evaluation" (H.P. 850) (L.D. 1172) (Sponsored by Representative McCREA of Fort Fairfield) (Cosponsored by Senator STEWART of Aroostook and Representatives: DOORE of Augusta, HALL of Wilton, HARNETT of Gardiner, HEPLER of Woolwich, MARTIN of Sinclair, MELARAGNO of Auburn, PIERCE of Falmouth, TUCKER of Brunswick)

Bill "An Act To Require a Course Regarding the United States Constitution and the Constitution of Maine To Be Taught to High School Seniors" (H.P. 864) (L.D. 1186) (Sponsored by Representative CEBRA of Naples) (Cosponsored by Representatives: GRIGNON of Athens, HARRINGTON of Sanford, JOHANSEN of Monticello, O'CONNOR of Berwick, ORDWAY of Standish, WADSWORTH of Hiram)

Bill "An Act To Include Librarians and Career and Technical Education Teachers in the Minimum \$40,000 Salary Initiative" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 866) (L.D. 1188) (Sponsored by Representative MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth) (Cosponsored by Representatives: GEIGER of Rockland, OSHER of Orono, SALISBURY of Westbrook)

Bill "An Act To Amend the Teacher Certification Statutes" (H.P. 867) (L.D. 1189) (Sponsored by Representative BRENNAN of Portland)

Bill "An Act Authorizing an Increase to the Maximum Annual Fund Balance for Public School Districts" (H.P. 876) (L.D. 1198) (Sponsored by Representative CARLOW of Buxton) (Cosponsored by Representative: BAILEY of Gorham)

Energy, Utilities and Technology

Bill "An Act To Establish a Public Registry for Automated Telephone Calls and So-called Robocalls" (H.P. 808) (L.D. 1130) (Sponsored by Representative O'NEIL of Saco)

Bill "An Act To Support the Provision of Universal, Affordable Broadband Internet" (H.P. 868) (L.D. 1190) (Sponsored by Representative BERRY of Bowdoinham)

Resolve, To Study the Feasibility of Time-of-use Rates (H.P. 869) (L.D. 1191) (Sponsored by Representative KESSLER of South Portland)

Bill "An Act To Establish a Wood-fired Combined Heat and Power Program" (H.P. 880) (L.D. 1202) (Sponsored by Representative WADSWORTH of Hiram) (Cosponsored by Representatives: DUNPHY of Old Town, ZEIGLER of Montville)

Environment and Natural Resources

Bill "An Act Concerning Marina-based Restaurants in the Shoreland Zone" (H.P. 839) (L.D. 1161) (Sponsored by Representative CEBRA of Naples)

Bill "An Act To Reduce Pollution by Prohibiting Metallic Mineral Mining" (H.P. 841) (L.D. 1163) (Sponsored by Representative O'NEIL of Saco) (Cosponsored by Senator MAXMIN of Lincoln and Representatives: GROHOSKI of Ellsworth, PEBWORTH of Blue Hill, Senators: BAILEY of York, MIRAMANT of Knox)

Health and Human Services

Bill "An Act Regarding Substance Use Disorder Treatment Services and Increasing Reimbursement Rates for Those Services" (H.P. 813) (L.D. 1135) (Sponsored by Representative STOVER of Boothbay)

Bill "An Act To Authorize and Regulate Visitation of Essential Caregivers at Long-term Care Facilities" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 817) (L.D. 1139) (Sponsored by Representative LIBBY of Auburn) (Cosponsored by Representatives: EVANGELOS of Friendship, FAY of Raymond, HASENFUS of Readfield, MORALES of South Portland, PERRY of Calais, WARREN of Hallowell, WHITE of Waterville)

Resolve, To Enhance Access to Medication Management for Individuals with Serious and Persistent Mental Illness (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 825) (L.D. 1147) (Sponsored by Representative MADIGAN of Waterville) (Cosponsored by Representatives: BRENNAN of Portland, MEYER of Eliot, STOVER of Boothbay, WARREN of Hallowell, Senator: CLAXTON of Androscoggin)

Resolve, To Increase Broadband Access in Private Nonmedical Institutions (H.P. 826) (L.D. 1148) (Sponsored by Representative McCREIGHT of Harpswell) (Cosponsored by Representatives: BERRY of Bowdoinham, STOVER of Boothbay, Senators: DAUGHTRY of Cumberland, MOORE of Washington, VITELLI of Sagadahoc)

Bill "An Act To Ensure MaineCare Reimbursement Rates for Home and Community-based Services for Persons with Intellectual Disabilities or Autism Are Adjusted in Accordance with Increases in State and Municipal Minimum Wage" (H.P. 835) (L.D. 1157) (Sponsored by Representative LIBBY of Auburn) (Cosponsored by President JACKSON of Aroostook and Representatives: CRAVEN of Lewiston, MADIGAN of Waterville, POIRIER of Skowhegan, SYLVESTER of Portland, Senators: DESCHAMBAULT of York, MAXMIN of Lincoln)

Resolve, To Develop a Plan To Treat in Maine Those Children with Behavioral Health Needs Currently Treated Outside the State (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 851) (L.D. 1173) (Sponsored by Representative GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach) (Cosponsored by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot and Representatives: CRAVEN of Lewiston, MADIGAN of Waterville, PERRY of Calais, STOVER of Boothbay)

Bill "An Act To Increase Access to Intranasal Naloxone Hydrochloride for Syringe Services Programs" (H.P. 855) (L.D. 1177) (Sponsored by Representative McDONALD of Stonington) (Cosponsored by Representatives: COLLINGS of Portland, ROEDER of Bangor, SUPICA of Bangor, TALBOT ROSS of Portland, WARREN of Scarborough, Senator: CLAXTON of Androscoggin)

Resolve, To Require Continued MaineCare Reimbursement to Nursing Facilities for Bed Hold Days during Hospitalizations and Therapeutic Leaves of Absence (H.P. 875) (L.D. 1197) (Sponsored by Representative CRAVEN of Lewiston) (Cosponsored by Representatives: JAVNER of Chester, PERRY of Calais, STOVER of Boothbay)

Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services

Bill "An Act To Amend the Service Contracts Act To Include Motor Vehicle Theft Protection Programs and Warranties" (H.P. 819) (L.D. 1141) (Sponsored by Representative MORRIS of Turner)

An Act To Eliminate Insurance Rating Based on Age, Geographic Location or Smoking History and To Reduce Rate Variability Due to Group Size (H.P. 828) (L.D. 1150) (Sponsored by Representative BROOKS of Lewiston) (Cosponsored by Representatives: ARFORD of Brunswick, CRAVEN of Lewiston, EVANS of Dover-Foxcroft, Senators: BRENNER of Cumberland, LIBBY of Androscoggin)

Bill "An Act To Lower Out-of-pocket Prescription Medicine Costs by Requiring Health Insurers To Offer Plans with No Deductibles" (H.P. 829) (L.D. 1151) (Sponsored by Representative COLLINGS of Portland)

Bill "An Act To Improve Fairness in Auto Insurance Claims" (H.P. 854) (L.D. 1176) (Sponsored by Representative FAY of Raymond)

Bill "An Act To Reduce Health Care Worker Shortages" (H.P. 872) (L.D. 1194) (Sponsored by Representative LIBBY of Auburn) (Cosponsored by Representatives: EVANS of Dover-Foxcroft, GEIGER of Rockland, PERRY of Calais, WHITE of Waterville, Senator: CLAXTON of Androscoggin)

Bill "An Act Regarding Targets for Health Plan Investments in Primary Care and Behavioral Health" (H.P. 874) (L.D. 1196) (Sponsored by Representative ZAGER of Portland) (Cosponsored by Senator CLAXTON of Androscoggin and Representatives: CONNOR of Lewiston, Speaker FECTEAU of Biddeford, MEYER of Eliot, TEPLER of Topsham, Senators: President JACKSON of Aroostook, MOORE of Washington, SANBORN of Cumberland)

Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

Bill "An Act To Restrict Combustion Engines on Webber Pond in Bremen" (H.P. 831) (L.D. 1153) (Sponsored by Representative CRAFTS of Newcastle) (BY REQUEST)

Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business

Bill "An Act To Allow Reciprocity for Licensed Workers from Out of State" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 809) (L.D. 1131) (Sponsored by Representative HUTCHINS of Penobscot)

Bill "An Act To License Operators of Personnel Hoists" (H.P. 846) (L.D. 1168) (Sponsored by Representative ROBERTS of South Berwick) (Cosponsored by Representatives: BAILEY of Gorham, CUDDY of Winterport)

Judiciary

Bill "An Act To Amend the Maine Bail Code Regarding Certain Conditions of Release and the Maine Criminal Code Regarding Warrantless Arrests" (H.P. 812) (L.D. 1134) (Sponsored by Representative TALBOT ROSS of Portland)

Bill "An Act To Protect Tenants from Unnecessary Evictions" (H.P. 821) (L.D. 1143) (Sponsored by Representative HARNETT of Gardiner) (Cosponsored by Senator MIRAMANT of Knox and Representatives: EVANGELOS of Friendship, KESSLER of South Portland, MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth)

Bill "An Act To Amend the Law Regarding Advance Health Care Directives" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 822) (L.D. 1144) (Sponsored by Representative ROEDER of Bangor)

Bill "An Act To Reduce the Burden on Courts and Promote the Resolution of Civil Cases" (H.P. 838) (L.D. 1160) (Sponsored by Representative HARNETT of Gardiner) (Cosponsored by Representatives: EVANGELOS of Friendship, TALBOT ROSS of Portland, Senators: BAILEY of York, MIRAMANT of Knox, SANBORN of Cumberland)

Bill "An Act To Prohibit Discrimination in Housing Based on a Person's Participation in a Rental Assistance Program" (H.P. 858) (L.D. 1180) (Sponsored by Representative COLLINGS of Portland) (Cosponsored by Senator MIRAMANT of Knox and Representatives: COPELAND of Saco, MORALES of South Portland, OSHER of Orono, Senator: BALDACCI of Penobscot)

Bill "An Act To Bring Gender Parity to Corporate Boards" (H.P. 878) (L.D. 1200) (Sponsored by Representative RECKITT of South Portland)

Labor and Housing

Bill "An Act Relating to Fair Chance in Employment" (H.P. 845) (L.D. 1167) (Sponsored by Representative TALBOT ROSS of Portland)

Resolve, Directing the Maine State Housing Authority To Engage Stakeholders in an Examination of Fair Chance Housing Policy Options (H.P. 879) (L.D. 1201) (Sponsored by Representative TALBOT ROSS of Portland)

Marine Resources

Bill "An Act To Protect Maine's Ocean Waters and Support Regulatory Oversight and the Long-term Health of the Aquaculture Industry" (H.P. 824) (L.D. 1146) (Sponsored by Representative ALLEY of Beals) (Cosponsored by Representative: WILLIAMS of Bar Harbor, Senator: President JACKSON of Aroostook)

Bill "An Act To Allow Commercial Lobster License Holders To Possess a Marine Harvesting Demonstration License" (H.P. 860) (L.D. 1182) (Sponsored by Representative FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor)

State and Local Government

Bill "An Act To Limit the Governor's Emergency Powers by Requiring a Two-thirds Vote of the Legislature To Continue an Emergency after 90 Days" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 815) (L.D. 1137) (Sponsored by Representative LEMELIN of Chelsea)

Bill "An Act To Prohibit the Unequal Restriction of Essential Businesses during a State of Civil Emergency" (H.P. 820) (L.D. 1142) (Sponsored by Representative FECTEAU of Augusta) (Cosponsored by Senator TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin and Representatives: COSTAIN of Plymouth, DRINKWATER of Milford, JAVNER of Chester, POIRIER of Skowhegan, WADSWORTH of Hiram, Senators: KEIM of Oxford, POULIOT of Kennebec)

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine Amending the Pardon Powers of the Governor (H.P. 865) (L.D. 1187) (Sponsored by Representative MARTIN of Eagle Lake)

Bill "An Act To Require Education and Training Regarding Media Literacy for Legislators and Legislative Staff" (H.P. 877) (L.D. 1199) (Sponsored by Representative KESSLER of South Portland)

Taxation

Bill "An Act Relating to the Valuation of Retail Sales Facilities" (H.P. 807) (L.D. 1129) (Sponsored by Representative MATLACK of St. George) (Cosponsored by Senator CHIPMAN of Cumberland and Representative: GROHOSKI of Ellsworth)

Bill "An Act To Encourage the Renovation of Available Housing Stock" (H.P. 810) (L.D. 1132) (Sponsored by Representative MORALES of South Portland)

Bill "An Act To Promote Fairness in Income Tax Rates by Making Them More Progressive" (H.P. 814) (L.D. 1136) (Sponsored by Representative HARNETT of Gardiner) (Cosponsored by Senator MIRAMANT of Knox and Representatives: COLLINGS of Portland, EVANGELOS of Friendship, MORALES of South Portland, PEBWORTH of Blue Hill)

Bill "An Act To Establish a Sales Tax Exemption for the Purchase of Firearm Safety Devices" (H.P. 818) (L.D. 1140) (Sponsored by Representative COREY of Windham)

Bill "An Act To Eliminate the State Income Tax on Maine Public Employees Retirement System Pensions" (H.P. 823) (L.D. 1145) (Sponsored by Representative WARREN of Hallowell) (Cosponsored by Senator MIRAMANT of Knox and Representatives: CUDDY of Winterport, DUNPHY of Old Town, ROEDER of Bangor, WARREN of Scarborough, Senator: RAFFERTY of York)

Bill "An Act To Reduce Errors in Employment Tax Increment Financing Benefits" (H.P. 834) (L.D. 1156) (Sponsored by Representative ARATA of New Gloucester) (Cosponsored by Senator LIBBY of Androscoggin and Senators: POULIOT of Kennebec, TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin)

Bill "An Act To Dedicate a Percentage of the Sales and Use Tax on Motor Vehicles and Motor Vehicle Parts to the Highway Fund" (H.P. 840) (L.D. 1162) (Sponsored by Representative CEBRA of Naples) (Cosponsored by Senator DIAMOND of Cumberland and Representatives: BRYANT of Windham, MARTIN of Sinclair, MARTIN of Greene, ORDWAY of Standish, PARRY of Arundel, PERKINS of Oakland, WHITE of Mars Hill)

Bill "An Act To Increase the Property Tax Exemption for Veterans by 50 Percent" (H.P. 844) (L.D. 1166) (Sponsored by Representative DODGE of Belfast) (Cosponsored by Representatives: ALLEY of Beals, CUDDY of Winterport, DOORE of Augusta, DOUDERA of Camden, GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach, ZEIGLER of Montville)

Bill "An Act To Allow Municipalities To Send Separate Tax Bills for Municipal, County and School Taxes" (H.P. 852) (L.D. 1174) (Sponsored by Representative ORDWAY of Standish)

Bill "An Act To Reduce Property Taxes on the Primary Residence of Veterans Who Are 100 Percent Disabled Due to Service-connected Disabilities" (H.P. 859) (L.D. 1181) (Sponsored by Representative WADSWORTH of Hiram)

Bill "An Act To Exempt from Taxation Certain Out-of-state Pensions" (H.P. 862) (L.D. 1184) (Sponsored by Representative WADSWORTH of Hiram)

Bill "An Act To Distribute Tax Revenue To Offset Costs Incurred by Adult Use Marijuana Host Municipalities" (H.P. 863) (L.D. 1185) (Sponsored by Representative PERRY of Bangor)

Bill "An Act To Exempt Certain Disabled Veterans from the Motor Vehicle Excise Tax" (H.P. 871) (L.D. 1193) (Sponsored by Representative BROOKS of Lewiston) (Cosponsored by Senator LIBBY of Androscoggin and Representatives: CLOUTIER of Lewiston, CRAVEN of Lewiston, DOORE of Augusta, FAY of Raymond, O'NEIL of Saco, Senator: CLAXTON of Androscoggin)

Bill "An Act To Increase Funding to Qualifying Municipalities by Sharing Adult Use Marijuana Sales and Excise Tax Revenue" (H.P. 873) (L.D. 1195) (Sponsored by Representative ROBERTS of South Berwick) (Cosponsored by Senator HICKMAN of Kennebec and Representatives: JOHANSEN of Monticello, MEYER of Eliot, WARREN of Hallowell)

Bill "An Act To Amend the Application of the Excise Tax on Noncommercial Watercraft Temporarily in the State" (H.P. 881) (L.D. 1203) (Sponsored by Representative FAY of Raymond)

Transportation

Bill "An Act To Amend the Transportation Laws" (H.P. 811) (L.D. 1133) (Sponsored by Representative MARTIN of Sinclair) (Submitted by the Department of Transportation pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act To Establish a License Plate in Support of Multiple Sclerosis Programs" (H.P. 861) (L.D. 1183) (Sponsored by Representative WADSWORTH of Hiram)

Veterans and Legal Affairs

Bill "An Act To Define 'Leadership Political Action Committee'" (H.P. 803) (L.D. 1125) (Submitted by the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 1, section 1009.)

Bill "An Act To Update the Voter Registration Process" (H.P. 804) (L.D. 1126) (Sponsored by Representative PIERCE of Falmouth) (Cosponsored by Senator BREEN of Cumberland and Representatives: CAIAZZO of Scarborough, Speaker FECTEAU of Biddeford, MARTIN of Eagle Lake, MORIARTY of Cumberland, WOOD of Portland, Senators: HICKMAN of Kennebec, LUCHINI of Hancock)

Bill "An Act To Require Election Transparency and Audits" (H.P. 833) (L.D. 1155) (Sponsored by Representative GROHOSKI of Ellsworth) (Cosponsored by Senator FARRIN of Somerset and Representatives: CAIAZZO of Scarborough, COREY of Windham, FECTEAU of Augusta, PEBWORTH of Blue Hill, WARREN of Scarborough, WILLIAMS of Bar Harbor, Senator: MAXMIN of Lincoln)

Bill "An Act To Expand the Application Period for Absentee Ballot Requests and Allow Early Processing of Absentee Ballots" (H.P. 842) (L.D. 1164) (Sponsored by Representative BAILEY of Gorham) (Cosponsored by Representatives: BERRY of Bowdoinham, CRAFTS of Newcastle, GERE of Kennebunkport, HASENFUS of Readfield, LOOKNER of Portland, O'NEIL of Saco, OSHER of Orono, SHEEHAN of Biddeford)

Bill "An Act To Provide Secured Drop Boxes for Absentee Ballots" (H.P. 843) (L.D. 1165) (Sponsored by Representative BAILEY of Gorham) (Cosponsored by Representatives: CAIAZZO of Scarborough, McCREIGHT of Harpswell, RIELLY of Westbrook, SUPICA of Bangor, TUTTLE of Sanford)

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Prohibit the Consideration of a People's Veto at a Presidential Primary (H.P. 856) (L.D. 1178) (Sponsored by Representative COREY of Windham) (Cosponsored by Senator DIAMOND of Cumberland and Representatives: CONNOR of Lewiston, LIBBY of Auburn, WADSWORTH of Hiram, WARREN of Hallowell, WHITE of Waterville, Senators: CHIPMAN of Cumberland, LUCHINI of Hancock, ROSEN 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 with accompanying papers **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**.

READ and with accompanying papers **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**, in concurrence.

The Following Communication: H.P. 906

**STATE OF MAINE
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March 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 March 22, 2021, 22 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 22, 2021, as follows:

Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

Resolve, To Create the Study Group To Research Balancing Development and Conservation in Maine's Coastal Waters and Submerged Lands (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 886) (L.D. 1211) (Sponsored by Representative WILLIAMS of Bar Harbor) (Cosponsored by Senator CARNEY of Cumberland and Representatives: FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor, PEBWORTH of Blue Hill, PLUECKER of Warren, WARREN of Scarborough, Senators: CHIPMAN of Cumberland, MIRAMANT of Knox)

Energy, Utilities and Technology

Resolve, To Facilitate the Modernization and Streamlining of the Utility Pole Attachment Process (H.P. 894) (L.D. 1219) (Sponsored by Representative TUELL of East Machias)

Health and Human Services

Bill "An Act To Allow Lemonade Stands and Other Food and Nonalcoholic Beverage Sales by Minors" (H.P. 905) (L.D. 1234) (Sponsored by Representative FECTEAU of Augusta)

Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

Bill "An Act To Allow Sunday Hunting North of U.S. Route 2 from the New Hampshire Border to Bangor, North of Route 9 from Bangor to the Canadian Border and within That Portion of the White Mountain National Forest inside the State" (H.P. 887) (L.D. 1212) (Sponsored by Representative ORDWAY of Standish)

Bill "An Act To Provide the Option of Online or Telephonic Tagging of Harvested Big Game Animals" (H.P. 888) (L.D. 1213) (Sponsored by Representative MARTIN of Sinclair)

Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business

Bill "An Act To Require Vehicle Safety within the Funeral Industry" (H.P. 889) (L.D. 1214) (Sponsored by Representative HASENFUS of Readfield)

Bill "An Act To Require the Acceptance of Cash for In-person Retail Transactions" (H.P. 892) (L.D. 1217) (Sponsored by Representative DILLINGHAM of Oxford) (BY REQUEST)

Bill "An Act To Clarify Services Provided by Barbers and Master Barbers" (H.P. 903) (L.D. 1232) (Sponsored by Representative SALISBURY of Westbrook) (Cosponsored by Representative: RIELLY of Westbrook)

Judiciary

Bill "An Act To Remove Barriers to Employment by Sealing the Records of Persons Convicted of Certain Nonviolent Crimes" (H.P. 885) (L.D. 1210) (Sponsored by Representative FECTEAU of Augusta) (Cosponsored by Representatives: FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor, MORALES of South Portland, PICKETT of Dixfield, WARREN of Hallowell, Senator: POULIOT of Kennebec)

Resolve, To Require the Attorney General To Provide an Update on Maine's Implementation of the Federal Law Called 'Savanna's Act' (H.P. 893) (L.D. 1218) (Sponsored by Representative NEWELL of the Passamaquoddy Tribe)

Bill "An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Right To Know Advisory Committee Concerning Public Records Exceptions" (H.P. 896) (L.D. 1221) (Submitted by the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 1, section 411, subsection 6, paragraph G.)

Resolve, Directing the Permanent Commission on the Status of Racial, Indigenous and Maine Tribal Populations To Examine Restorative Justice (H.P. 897) (L.D. 1226) (Sponsored by Representative TALBOT ROSS of Portland) (Cosponsored by Representatives: HARNETT of Gardiner, PLUECKER of Warren, WARREN of Hallowell, Senator: CARNEY of Cumberland)

Bill "An Act To Require Certain Medical Providers To Administer Ultrasounds and Provide Information to Certain Pregnant Patients" (H.P. 900) (L.D. 1229) (Sponsored by Representative GRIFFIN of Levant) (Cosponsored by Representatives: CARMICHAEL of Greenbush, DUCHARME of Madison, KINNEY of Knox, O'CONNOR of Berwick)

Labor and Housing

Bill "An Act Concerning Climate and Community Investment Projects" (H.P. 902) (L.D. 1231) (Sponsored by Representative CUDDY of Winterport) (Cosponsored by Representatives: Speaker FECTEAU of Biddeford, SYLVESTER of Portland, WARREN of Scarborough, Senator: VITELLI of Sagadahoc)

Bill "An Act To Determine How Many Employees of Large Companies in Maine Receive Public Benefits" (H.P. 904) (L.D. 1233) (Sponsored by Representative MORALES of South Portland)

State and Local Government

Resolve, To Require the State Auditor To Report on Corrective Actions Regarding the Administration of Federal Grants (H.P. 890) (L.D. 1215) (Sponsored by Representative RISEMAN of Harrison)

Bill "An Act To Require a Two-thirds Vote of the Legislature Every 2 Weeks To Maintain a State of Emergency Declared by the Governor" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 895) (L.D. 1220) (Sponsored by Representative ANDREWS of Paris)

Bill "An Act To Promote Transparency and Public Safety When Public Servants Request Towing Services" (H.P. 899) (L.D. 1228) (Sponsored by Representative BRYANT of Windham) (Cosponsored by Senator DESCHAMBAULT of York and Representatives: PERKINS of Oakland, WHITE of Waterville)

Taxation

Bill "An Act To Establish Municipal Cost Components for Unorganized Territory Services To Be Rendered in Fiscal Year 2021-22" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 884) (L.D. 1209) (Submitted by the administrator of the unorganized territory pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36, section 1604.)

Bill "An Act To Amend the State Tax Laws" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 891) (L.D. 1216) (Sponsored by Representative TERRY of Gorham) (Submitted by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act To Provide Equity in the State Income Tax Deduction for Certain Public Employees Retirement System Pensions" (H.P. 898) (L.D. 1227) (Sponsored by Representative DODGE of Belfast) (Cosponsored by Representatives: BROOKS of Lewiston, COLLINGS of Portland, CUDDY of Winterport, WHITE of Waterville, WILLIAMS of Bar Harbor, Senator: DAUGHTRY of Cumberland)

Transportation

Bill "An Act To Enhance Traffic Safety with Regard to the Operation of Bicycles on Public Ways" (H.P. 901) (L.D. 1230) (Sponsored by Representative HEPLER of Woolwich)

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. 913

**STATE OF MAINE
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March 23, 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 23, 2021, 6 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 23, 2021, as follows:

Criminal Justice and Public Safety

Bill "An Act To Ensure the Provision of Adequate Personal Protective Equipment to Firefighters Who Are Women" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 911) (L.D. 1245) (Sponsored by Representative GROHOSKI of Ellsworth)

Health and Human Services

Bill "An Act To Establish More Transparency, Due Process, Education and Understanding between the Department of Health and Human Services and Certain Maine Businesses" (H.P. 907) (L.D. 1241) (Sponsored by Representative FECTEAU of Augusta) (Cosponsored by Representative: BRADSTREET of Vassalboro, Senators: KEIM of Oxford, TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin)

Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

Bill "An Act To Extend Electronic Proof of Registration to All-terrain Vehicles, Snowmobiles and Watercraft" (H.P. 910) (L.D. 1244) (Sponsored by Representative LANDRY of Farmington) (Cosponsored by Representative: THERIAULT of China)

Labor and Housing

Resolve, To Study Best Practices and Different Area Needs for Development of Affordable Homes and Expanding Home Ownership in Maine Communities (H.P. 912) (L.D. 1246) (Sponsored by Representative GERE of Kennebunkport) (Cosponsored by Representatives: ARFORD of Brunswick, BAILEY of Gorham, CLOUTIER of Lewiston, GEIGER of Rockland, MORALES of South Portland, OSHER of Orono, SACHS of Freeport, SYLVESTER of Portland)

Taxation

Bill "An Act To Exempt from Taxation Out-of-state Pensions" (H.P. 909) (L.D. 1243) (Sponsored by Representative SAMPSON of Alfred) (Cosponsored by Representatives: HARRINGTON of Sanford, MASON of Lisbon, Senator: WOODSOME of York)

Veterans and Legal Affairs

Bill "An Act To Ensure Appropriate Oversight of Maine's Medical Marijuana Program" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 908) (L.D. 1242) (Sponsored by Representative WILLIAMS of Bar Harbor) (Cosponsored by President JACKSON of Aroostook and Representatives: ANDREWS of Paris, DILLINGHAM of Oxford, TALBOT ROSS of Portland, Senators: CLAXTON of Androscoggin, FARRIN of Somerset, HICKMAN of Kennebec, MOORE of Washington, POULIOT of Kennebec)

Sincerely,

S/Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House

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Secretary of the Senate

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The Following Communication: H.P. 924

**STATE OF MAINE
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March 24, 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 24, 2021, 14 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 24, 2021, as follows:

Criminal Justice and Public Safety

Bill "An Act To Allow Law Enforcement Officers with Federal Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act Clearance To Carry a Concealed Weapon" (H.P. 916) (L.D. 1250) (Sponsored by Representative MORRIS of Turner) (Cosponsored by Representatives: KINNEY of Knox, STETKIS of Canaan)

Education and Cultural Affairs

Bill "An Act To Limit the Cost of a 4-year Degree Offered in this State and Implement Provisions Designed To Reduce Student Debt" (H.P. 914) (L.D. 1248) (Sponsored by Representative FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor) (Cosponsored by Senator MIRAMANT of Knox and Representatives: ANDREWS of Paris, EVANGELOS of Friendship, FECTEAU of Augusta, PLUECKER of Warren, Senators: BENNETT of Oxford, MAXMIN of Lincoln)

Bill "An Act To Add a Faculty Member and Nonfaculty Staff Member to the Board of Trustees of the University of Maine System" (H.P. 919) (L.D. 1253) (Sponsored by Representative MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth) (Cosponsored by Senator BREEN of Cumberland and Representatives: OSHER of Orono, PEBWORTH of Blue Hill, ROEDER of Bangor, Senators: DAUGHTRY of Cumberland, RAFFERTY of York, VITELLI of Sagadahoc)

Bill "An Act To Restore a School District's Ability To Authorize New Types of Schools and Programs" (H.P. 926) (L.D. 1259) (Sponsored by Representative SAMPSON of Alfred) (Cosponsored by Senator POULIOT of Kennebec and Representatives: DRINKWATER of Milford, FECTEAU of Augusta, MASON of Lisbon, STEARNS of Guilford)

Health and Human Services

Bill "An Act To Improve Family Day Care Providers by Increasing the Number of Children Allowed To Be Cared For without Obtaining Certification" (H.P. 918) (L.D. 1252) (Sponsored by Representative SAMPSON of Alfred) (Cosponsored by Senator MOORE of Washington and Representatives: CONNOR of Lewiston, DOLLOFF of Milton Township, GRIFFIN of Levant, JAVNER of Chester)

Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services

Bill "An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Stakeholder Group Convened by the Emergency Medical Services' Board Related to Reimbursement Rates for Ambulance Services by Health Insurance Carriers and To Improve Participation of Ambulance Service Providers in Carrier Networks" (H.P. 925) (L.D. 1258) (Submitted by the Joint Standing Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services pursuant to Public Law 2019, chapter 668, section 5.)

Judiciary

Bill "An Act Shielding Fire Departments That Install Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Detectors from Liability" (H.P. 920) (L.D. 1254) (Sponsored by Representative PEBWORTH of Blue Hill) (Cosponsored by Representatives: GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach, GROHOSKI of Ellsworth, MADIGAN of Waterville, McDONALD of Stonington, MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth, WILLIAMS of Bar Harbor, Senators: BAILEY of York, CARNEY of Cumberland)

Bill "An Act To Prohibit Evictions until 90 Days after the End of the Governor's Declaration of Emergency" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 921) (L.D. 1255) (Sponsored by Representative LOOKNER of Portland) (Cosponsored by Representatives: KESSLER of South Portland, MELARAGNO of Auburn, ROEDER of Bangor, SUPICA of Bangor, SYLVESTER of Portland, WARREN of Hallowell)

Labor and Housing

Bill "An Act To Promote the Sustainability of Unemployment Insurance by Linking the Duration of Benefits to the State's Average Unemployment Rate" (H.P. 927) (L.D. 1260) (Sponsored by Representative BRADSTREET of Vassalboro) (Cosponsored by Representatives: HALL of Wilton, HANLEY of Pittston, MORRIS of Turner, Senators: DAVIS of Piscataquis, GUERIN of Penobscot)

State and Local Government

Bill "An Act Requiring Climate Impact Notes on Proposed Legislation and Agency Rules" (H.P. 922) (L.D. 1256) (Sponsored by Representative LOOKNER of Portland) (Cosponsored by Senator MIRAMANT of Knox and Representatives: ARFORD of Brunswick, BAILEY of Gorham, BERRY of Bowdoinham, GROHOSKI of Ellsworth, RIELLY of Westbrook, WILLIAMS of Bar Harbor, Senator: CHIPMAN of Cumberland)

Taxation

Bill "An Act To Encourage Charitable Giving" (H.P. 917) (L.D. 1251) (Sponsored by Representative ARATA of New Gloucester) (Cosponsored by Senator POULIOT of Kennebec and Representatives: CARMICHAEL of Greenbush, HANLEY of Pittston, WHITE of Waterville)

Bill "An Act To Encourage Inclusionary Zoning in Municipalities by Increasing Revenue Sharing" (H.P. 923) (L.D. 1257) (Sponsored by Representative LOOKNER of Portland) (Cosponsored by Representatives: ARFORD of Brunswick, BAILEY of Gorham, GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach, KESSLER of South Portland, MORALES of South Portland, RIELLY of Westbrook)

Bill "An Act To Improve Camping Opportunities in Maine by Exempting Certain Campground Rental Fees from the Sales and Use Tax" (H.P. 928) (L.D. 1261) (Sponsored by Representative HEPLER of Woolwich) (Cosponsored by Representatives: PARRY of Arundel, WILLIAMS of Bar Harbor)

Veterans and Legal Affairs

Bill "An Act Regarding the Testing and Safety of Marijuana and Marijuana Products" (H.P. 915) (L.D. 1249) (Sponsored by Representative PERRY 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 with accompanying papers **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**.

READ and with accompanying papers **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**, in concurrence.

The Following Communication: H.P. 946

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

March 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 March 25, 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 March 25, 2021, as follows:

Criminal Justice and Public Safety

Bill "An Act To End the Maine Information and Analysis Center Program" (H.P. 938) (L.D. 1278) (Sponsored by Representative WARREN of Hallowell) (Cosponsored by Senator BENNETT of Oxford and Representatives: ANDREWS of Paris, EVANGELOS of Friendship, PLUECKER of Warren, TALBOT ROSS of Portland)

Education and Cultural Affairs

Bill "An Act To Bolster Rural Economies" (H.P. 940) (L.D. 1280) (Sponsored by Representative COLLINGS of Portland) (Cosponsored by Representatives: ALLEY of Beals, LANDRY of Farmington, PERRY of Calais, TUELL of East Machias, Senators: MOORE of Washington, STEWART of Aroostook)

Health and Human Services

Bill "An Act To Prevent Underage Tobacco and Nicotine Access and Use" (H.P. 942) (L.D. 1282) (Sponsored by Representative HARRINGTON of Sanford)

Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services

Bill "An Act To Prohibit Discriminatory Practices in Certain Health Insurance Policies" (H.P. 941) (L.D. 1281) (Sponsored by Representative COLLINGS of Portland)

Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business

Resolve, To Prevent Economic Hardship as a Result of COVID-19 Restrictions (H.P. 935) (L.D. 1275) (Sponsored by Representative STETKIS of Canaan) (Cosponsored by Senator FARRIN of Somerset and Representatives: CARLOW of Buxton, FOSTER of Dexter, GRIFFIN of Levant, HANLEY of Pittston, MORRIS of Turner, PICKETT of Dixfield, POIRIER of Skowhegan, WHITE of Mars Hill)

Judiciary

Bill "An Act To Establish Resentencing Units in the Attorney General's Office and All Maine Prosecutorial Districts" (H.P. 930) (L.D. 1270) (Sponsored by Representative EVANGELOS of Friendship) (Cosponsored by Senator MIRAMANT of Knox and Representatives: HARNETT of Gardiner, NEWELL of the Passamaquoddy Tribe, O'NEIL of Saco, PLUECKER of Warren, SHEEHAN of Biddeford, WARREN of Hallowell, Senator: MAXMIN of Lincoln)

Bill "An Act To Establish Conviction Integrity Units in Maine" (H.P. 933) (L.D. 1273) (Sponsored by Representative EVANGELOS of Friendship) (Cosponsored by Senator MIRAMANT of Knox and Representatives: HARNETT of Gardiner, O'NEIL of Saco, PLUECKER of Warren, WARREN of Hallowell, Senator: MAXMIN of Lincoln)

Labor and Housing

Bill "An Act To Preserve Fair Housing in Maine" (H.P. 929) (L.D. 1269) (Sponsored by Representative TALBOT ROSS of Portland) (Cosponsored by Representatives: FAY of Raymond, Speaker FECTEAU of Biddeford, PERRY of Calais, SYLVESTER of Portland, WARREN of Scarborough, Senator: MAXMIN of Lincoln)

Bill "An Act To Increase the Minimum Wage" (H.P. 939) (L.D. 1279) (Sponsored by Representative COLLINGS of Portland) (Cosponsored by Representatives: DUNPHY of Old Town, ROBERTS of South Berwick, TALBOT ROSS of Portland)

State and Local Government

Bill "An Act Regarding 2021 Municipal Elections and Town Meetings" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 934) (L.D. 1274) (Sponsored by Representative HEPLER of Woolwich) (Cosponsored by Representatives: BERRY of Bowdoinham, HARNETT of Gardiner, Senators: BREEN of Cumberland, MOORE of Washington)

Taxation

Bill "An Act To Remove Sales and Use Taxation on Monetary Metals" (H.P. 937) (L.D. 1277) (Sponsored by Representative FECTEAU of Augusta) (Cosponsored by Representatives: ANDREWS of Paris, FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor, LIBBY of Auburn, SAMPSON of Alfred)

Bill "An Act To Amend the Maine Tree Growth Tax Law To Encourage Public Access" (H.P. 943) (L.D. 1283) (Sponsored by Representative MARTIN of Eagle Lake)

Transportation

Bill "An Act To Improve Access to Automobile Insurance and Employment by Clarifying Driving Records" (H.P. 931) (L.D. 1271) (Sponsored by Representative ARATA of New Gloucester) (Cosponsored by Senator MAXMIN of Lincoln and Representatives: CARLOW of Buxton, FECTEAU of Augusta, O'NEIL of Saco, WHITE of Waterville, WHITE of Mars Hill, Senator: STEWART of Aroostook)

Veterans and Legal Affairs

Bill "An Act To Eliminate Limits on the Number of Taste-testing Events for Beer, Wine and Spirits" (H.P. 932) (L.D. 1272) (Sponsored by Representative SALISBURY of Westbrook) (Cosponsored by Representatives: CROCKETT of Portland, SHEEHAN of Biddeford, Senator: DAUGHTRY of Cumberland)

Bill "An Act To Ensure All Legal Voters Are Able To Participate in Elections" (H.P. 936) (L.D. 1276) (Sponsored by Representative ROBERTS of South Berwick) (Cosponsored by Representatives: MEYER of Eliot, RIELLY of Westbrook, STOVER of Boothbay, Senators: DAUGHTRY of Cumberland, LUCHINI of Hancock)

Bill "An Act To Amend the Maine Clean Election Act and Related Laws" (H.P. 944) (L.D. 1284) (Sponsored by Representative STETKIS of Canaan)

Bill "An Act To Require an Official Declaration of War or a Congressional Action To Call Out the State Militia before the Maine National Guard Is Released for Combat Duty" (H.P. 945) (L.D. 1285) (Sponsored by Representative SAMPSON of Alfred)

Sincerely,

S/Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House

S/Darek M. Grant
Secretary of the Senate

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**STATE OF MAINE
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March 26, 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 26, 2021, 4 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 26, 2021, as follows:

Criminal Justice and Public Safety

Resolve, Directing the Department of Public Safety To Apply for an Exemption from Background Checks for Holders of Concealed Weapons Permits (H.P. 947) (L.D. 1286) (Sponsored by Representative KINNEY of Knox)

Energy, Utilities and Technology

Bill "An Act Regarding Interconnectivity of Small Electric Distributed Generation Resources" (H.P. 949) (L.D. 1288) (Sponsored by Representative KINNEY of Knox)

Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business

Bill "An Act To Allow Unlicensed Persons To Sell Caskets To Bury Human Remains" (H.P. 948) (L.D. 1287) (Sponsored by Representative KINNEY of Knox)

Taxation

Bill "An Act To Cut Property Taxes for Maine Residential Homeowners" (H.P. 950) (L.D. 1289) (Sponsored by Representative PERRY of Bangor)
Sincerely,

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Clerk of the House

S/Darek M. Grant
Secretary of the Senate

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

ORDERS

Senate Orders

On motion by Senator **VITELLI** of Sagadahoc, the following Senate Order:

S.O. 14

Ordered, that a message be sent to Governor Janet T. Mills informing her that the Senate is ready to Adjourn Without Day, and invite her to attend and make such communications as pleases her.

READ and PASSED.

The Chair appointed the Senator from Sagadahoc, Senator **VITELLI** to deliver the message to the Governor. The Senator was escorted to the Governor's Office.

Subsequently, the Senator from Sagadahoc, Senator **VITELLI** reported that she had delivered the message with which she was charged.

Off Record Remarks

On motion by Senator **VITELLI** of Sagadahoc, the following Senate Order:

S.O. 15

Ordered, that a message be sent to the House of Representatives informing that Body that the Senate is ready to Adjourn Without Day.

READ and PASSED.

The Chair appointed the Senator from Sagadahoc, Senator **VITELLI**, to deliver the message to the House of Representatives. The Senator was escorted to the House of Representatives.

Subsequently, the Senator from Sagadahoc, Senator **VITELLI**, reported that she had delivered the message with which she was charged.

Senate at Ease.
The Senate was called to order by the President.

At this point a message was received from the House of Representatives, borne by Representative **DUNPHY** of Old Town, informing the Senate that the House had transacted all business before it and was ready to Adjourn Without Day.

Senator **VITELLI** of Sagadahoc moved the Senate **ADJOURN WITHOUT DAY.**

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Aroostook, Senator Stewart.

Senator **STEWART:** Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, good evening. You know, when we adjourn Sine Die it literally means without day, which is a really interesting thing because we were just polled a few minutes ago about which day we'll be back in and that date is actually the 28th of the next month. Additionally, our committees are moving ahead as scheduled. In fact, I've got a number of hearings that were scheduled for later this week and now that's changed. In fact, we've got a Joint Order that attests to as much on 4-1 that essentially says nothing has changed here, folks. You know, to suggest that this adjournment is a shame, I think, would be a bit of an understatement, frankly, because we're not really adjourning. We're continuing on, we're still even getting paid as usual. You know, institutional integrity should mean something, but institutional memory always does and maybe in two years you'll remember this moment. Things might look different then. Honor of process means more than a temporary opportunity and I'd like to leave you all with that impression this evening and, Mr. President, I would request a roll call.

On motion by Senator **STEWART** of Aroostook, 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 Penobscot, Senator **GUERIN**, and further excused the same Senator from today's Roll Call votes.

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#75)

YEAS: Senators: BAILEY, BALDACCI, BREEN, BRENNER, CARNEY, CHIPMAN, CLAXTON, CURRY, DESCHAMBAULT, DILL, HICKMAN, LAWRENCE, LIBBY, LUCHINI, MIRAMANT, RAFFERTY, SANBORN, VITELLI, PRESIDENT JACKSON

NAYS: Senators: BENNETT, BLACK, CYRWAY, DAVIS, KEIM, MAXMIN, MOORE, POULIOT, ROSEN, STEWART, TIMBERLAKE

EXCUSED: Senators: DAUGHTRY, DIAMOND, FARRIN, GUERIN, WOODSOME

19 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 11 Senators having voted in the negative, with 5 Senators being excused, the motion by Senator **VITELLI** of Sagadahoc to **ADJOURN WITHOUT DAY PREVAILED.**

On motion by Senator **VITELLI** of Sagadahoc, the Honorable **TROY D. JACKSON**, President of the Senate, declared the First Regular Session of the 130th Legislature, **ADJOURNED SINE DIE** at 8:33 in the evening.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair would also like to advise that pursuant to Article IV, part 3rd, section 1 of the Maine Constitution, the Legislature may convene at such other times when the call of the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House with the consent of the majority of the members of each Legislative political party, all members of the Legislature having been first polled. The results of the political party was as follows: 102 Democrats voted yes and 52 was needed, 42 Republicans voted yes and 40 were needed. The results of the polls is that the Legislature has called itself back into session for April 28th. With that, we have finished our work for the day. Thank you all very much and look forward to the work that we will continue in the upcoming weeks. Good night, everyone.