

**STATE OF MAINE
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In Senate Chamber
Wednesday
September 29, 2021

September 27, 2021

Dear Members of the 130th Legislature,

On Monday, September 20, 2021, the Speaker of the House and I directed the Clerk of the House and the Secretary of the Senate to conduct a poll, pursuant to the Maine Constitution, Article 4, Part Third, Section 1, to see if membership was in favor of returning for a special session.

The results of the poll were as follows:

Democratic Party – 102 votes in favor (52 necessary)
Republican Party – 54 votes in favor (40 necessary)

Based on the results, the question prevailed. Therefore, the House and Senate will convene on Wednesday, September 29, 2021 for the Second Special Session of the 130th Legislature.

Sincerely,

S/Troy D. Jackson
President of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

QUORUM CALL

31 Senators having answered the Call, the Chair declared a quorum present.

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

S.O. 22

Ordered, that a message be sent to Governor Janet T. Mills, informing her that a quorum of Senators is assembled in the Senate Chamber for the consideration of such business as may come before the Senate.

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.

On motion by Senator **DAUGHTRY** of Cumberland, the following Senate Order:

S.O. 23

Pursuant to the provisions of Article IV, Part Third, Section 1 of the Constitution and the laws of the State of Maine, the Senate convened in the Senate Chamber at ten o'clock in the morning and was called to order by President **TROY D. JACKSON** of Aroostook County.

Prayer by Senator Nathan L. Libby of Androscoggin County.

SENATOR LIBBY: Good morning. This year marks 20 years since Lewiston has served as home for a large number of new Americans. About 20 years ago a large number of Muslim/Somali refugees, once they'd been settled by the government in Atlanta, decided they wanted to strike out and find a new home that provided good schools, safe neighborhoods, economic opportunities, and Lewiston was one of the communities they selected and our city is better for it. We have a very peaceful, thriving, vibrant local community and so this morning I wanted to share a prayer from the Muslim tradition. So please let us pray.

In the name of God, the Compassionate, look down upon the whole human family. Take away the divisions and hatreds which have infected our hearts. Break down the walls that separate us. Reunite us in bonds of love so Your purpose may be accomplished, that all nations and all races serve You in justice, peace, and harmony. Amen.

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

Off Record Remarks

At this point a message was received from the House of Representatives, borne by Representative TALBOT ROSS of Portland, informing the Senate that the House that a quorum of Representatives was assembled for the consideration of such business as may come before that Body.

S.C. 756

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

Ordered, that a message be sent to the House of Representatives informing that Body that a quorum of Senators is present for the consideration of such business as may come before the Senate.

READ and PASSED.

The Chair appointed the Senator from Cumberland, Senator **DAUGHTRY**, to deliver the message to the House of Representatives. The Senator was escorted to the House of Representatives.

Subsequently, the Senator from Cumberland, Senator **DAUGHTRY**, reported that she had delivered the message with which she was charged.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: S.C. 725

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

July 21, 2021

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

Dear Secretary Grant:

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

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

Sincerely,

S/Ryan M. Fecteau
Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 726

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

July 21, 2021

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

Dear Secretary Grant:

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

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

Sincerely,

S/Ryan M. Fecteau
Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 727

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

July 21, 2021

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

Dear Secretary Grant:

Pursuant to my authority under House Rule 201.1 (I) (a), I am reappointing Representative Sherman Hutchins of Penobscot to the Joint Standing Committee on Marine Resources, replacing Representative Holly Stover of Boothbay, effective immediately.

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

Sincerely,

S/Ryan M. Fecteau
Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 728

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

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 730

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

July 21, 2021

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

Dear Secretary Grant:

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

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

S/Ryan M. Fecteau
Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 731

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

July 21, 2021

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

Dear Secretary Grant:

Pursuant to my authority under House Rule 201.1 (I) (a), I am reappointing Representative Heidi Sampson of Alfred to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs, replacing Representative Allison Hepler of Woolwich, effective immediately.

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

July 21, 2021

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

Dear Secretary Grant:

Pursuant to my authority under House Rule 201.1 (I) (a), I am reappointing Representative John Andrews of Paris to the Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business, replacing Representative Genevieve McDonald of Stonington, effective immediately.

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

Sincerely,

S/Ryan M. Fecteau
Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 729

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

July 21, 2021

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

Dear Secretary Grant:

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

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

Sincerely,

S/Ryan M. Fecteau
Speaker of the House

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S/Ryan M. Fecteau
Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 732

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

July 21, 2021

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

Dear Secretary Grant:
Pursuant to my authority under House Rule 201.1 (I) (a), I am reappointing Representative Laurel Libby of Auburn to the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary, replacing Representative Barbara Cardone of Bangor, effective immediately.

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

Sincerely,

S/Ryan M. Fecteau
Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 733

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

August 5, 2021

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

Dear Secretary Grant,

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,

S/Ryan M. Fecteau
Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 734

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

August 5, 2021

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

Dear Secretary Grant,

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

Dr. Ruth Kermish-Allen of Appleton, seat 15

Bonnie Porta of Cape Elizabeth, seat 16

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

Sincerely,

S/Ryan M. Fecteau
Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 735

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

August 5, 2021

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

Dear Secretary Grant,

Pursuant to my authority under Resolves 2021, Chapter 104, I have appointed the following to the Commission To Create a Plan To Incorporate the Probate Courts into the Judicial Branch, effective immediately:

Honorable Barbara Cardone of Bangor, as House chair
Honorable Erin Sheehan of Biddeford, as a member of the House
Honorable David Haggan of Hampden, as a member of the House
Honorable William Avantaggio of Damariscotta, as a member of the Probate Judges Assembly
Ms. Tudor Goldsmith of Portland, as a member of the Maine State Bar Association
Mr. Leo Delicata of Augusta, as a member of the Maine State Bar Association and a member of a nonprofit organization providing statewide free legal services
Ms. Kathy Ayers of Augusta, as a Register of Probate

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

Sincerely,

S/Ryan M. Fecteau
Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 736

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

August 6, 2021

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

Dear Secretary Grant,

Pursuant to my authority under Resolves 2021, Chapter 116, I have appointed the following House members to the Task Force To Study the Coordination of Services and Expansion of Educational Programs for Young Adults with Intellectual or Developmental Disabilities or Acquired Brain Injury, Effective immediately:

Honorable Rebecca Millett of Cape Elizabeth, as a member of the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs.

Honorable Samuel Zager of Portland, as a member of the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services.

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

Sincerely,

S/Ryan M. Fecteau
Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 737

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

August 6, 2021

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

Dear Secretary Grant,

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

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,

S/Ryan M. Fecteau
Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 738

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

August 10, 2021

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

Dear Secretary Grant:

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

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

Sincerely,

S/Ryan M. Fecteau
Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 739

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

August 18, 2021

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

Dear Secretary Grant,

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

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

Sincerely,

S/Ryan M. Fecteau
Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 740

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

August 19, 2021

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

Dear Secretary Grant,

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,

S/Ryan M. Fecteau
Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 741

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

August 26, 2021

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

Dear Secretary Grant,

Pursuant to my authority under Resolves 2021, Chapter 104, I have appointed Judge Jarrod Crockett of South Paris to the *Commission To Create a Plan To Incorporate the Probate Courts into the Judicial Branch* as a member of the Probate Judges Assembly, effective immediately.

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

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

Sincerely,

S/Ryan M. Fecteau
Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 742

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

August 19, 2021

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

Dear Secretary Grant:

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

Senator Donna Bailey of York
Senator Rick Bennett of Oxford

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

Sincerely,

S/Troy D. Jackson
President of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 743

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

August 19, 2021

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

Dear Secretary Grant:

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

Senator Nate Libby of Androscoggin
Senator Matthew Pouliot of Kennebec

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

Sincerely,

S/Troy D. Jackson
President of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 744

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

August 20, 2021

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

Dear Secretary Grant:

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

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

Sincerely,

S/Troy D. Jackson
President of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 745

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

August 20, 2021

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

Dear Secretary Grant:

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

Senator Brad Farrin of Somerset
Lenny Sharon of Auburn

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

Sincerely,

S/Troy D. Jackson
President of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 747

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

August 27, 2021

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

Dear Secretary Grant:

Pursuant to my authority under Resolves, Chapter 108 of the 130th Maine Legislature, I am pleased to appoint Christi Theriault to the Registration Plate Working Group, effective the date of this letter. With this appointment, she will be serving as a member representing a state agency that is a recipient of funds generated by the sale of specialty license plates.

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

Sincerely,

S/Troy D. Jackson
President of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 748

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

August 27, 2021

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

Dear Secretary Grant:

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

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

Sincerely,

S/Troy D. Jackson
President of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 749

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

August 27, 2021

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

Dear Secretary Grant:

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

Senator Anne Carney of Cumberland
Senator Lisa Keim of Oxford

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

Sincerely,

S/Troy D. Jackson
President of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 750

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

September 2, 2021

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

Dear Secretary Grant,

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

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

Sincerely,

S/Ryan M. Fecteau
Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 751

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

September 2, 2021

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

Dear Secretary Grant,

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

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

Honorable Amy Roeder of Bangor as a House member of the Joint Standing Committee on Labor and Housing;

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,

S/Ryan M. Fecteau
Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 752

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

September 3, 2021

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

Dear Secretary Grant,

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,

S/Ryan M. Fecteau
Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 753

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

September 8, 2021

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

Dear Secretary Grant,

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

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

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

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

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

Barbara Taylor of Peaks Island will serve as a representative of an organization that provides free civil legal assistance to citizens of the State with low incomes;

Hannah Longley of Hallowell will serve as a representative of a mental health advocacy organization;

Michael Kebede of Portland will serve as a representative of a civil liberties organization whose primary mission is the protection of civil liberties;

Dee Clarke of Portland will serve as a representative of nonprofit organization whose primary mission is to advocate for victims and survivors of sexual exploitation and sex trafficking;

Jill Ward of Portland will serve as a representative of an organization involved in advocating for juvenile justice reform; and

Judith Meyer of Lewiston will serve as a representative of a public records access advocacy organization.

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

Sincerely,

S/Ryan M. Fecteau
Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 754

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

September 14, 2021

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

Dear Secretary Grant:

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

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

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

Sincerely,

S/Troy D. Jackson
President of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 755

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

September 14, 2021

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

Dear Secretary Grant:

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

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

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

Sincerely,

S/Troy D. Jackson
President of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 746

**MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF PROGRAM EVALUATION AND
GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY**

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

FROM: Lucia Nixon, Director

DATE: August 11, 2021

RE: Evaluation of the Maine Seed Capital Tax Credit

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

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

READ and with accompanying papers ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 757

S.P. 596

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

September 27, 2021

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

Dear Clerk Hunt and Secretary Grant

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

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

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

Sincerely,

S/Donald G. Alexander
Chairman

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

Senate at Ease.

The Senate was called to order by the President.

ORDERS
Joint Order

On motion by Senator **VITELLI** of Sagadahoc, under unanimous consent on behalf of President **JACKSON** of Aroostook, the following Joint Order:

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

READ and PASSED.

Sent down for concurrence.

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

Off Record Remarks

Joint Resolutions

Joint Resolutions in Memoriam:

WHEREAS, the Legislature has learned with deep regret of the death of:

Melanie Stewart, of Presque Isle. Ms. Stewart was an accomplished businesswoman, co-owning and managing car dealerships and real estate agencies and operating Mojo, the local shop where she was able to combine her passions for entrepreneurship and an active lifestyle and pass her energy on to all who entered her store. She was well-known for her intelligence and business acumen and for her vibrant personality: she had the ability to make every customer feel they were special because she truly believed they were. Active in her community, she was involved in many initiatives, groups, activities and fundraisers, especially when they involved promoting outdoor

recreation and empowering others. Ms. Stewart will be long remembered and sadly missed by her family and friends and all those whose lives she touched;

SLS 512

Sponsored by Senator **TIMBERLAKE** of Androscoggin.
Cosponsored by Senators: **POULIOT** of Kennebec, **STEWART** of Aroostook, Representatives: **McCREA** of Fort Fairfield, **UNDERWOOD** of Presque Isle.

The Joint Resolution was **READ**.

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

Senator **TIMBERLAKE:** Mr. President, ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, we can all read and maybe heard about the many accomplishments Melanie Stewart had in her various pursuits from owning a car dealership to real estate. You could find her at community events, always with her signature smile. Her positive attitude was contagious and will certainly not be forgotten. As a parent myself, what I think is more important though is the legacy that is left and lived on through our children. Melanie's three children, Meredith, Grant, and, yes, our very own Senator Stewart, no doubt made her very proud. Her strength and drive was unmatched. While maybe the Senator could give her a run for her money and we have no doubt in the years to come he will continue to do just that. The Stewart family, Aroostook County, and the state of Maine have all lost a tremendous person and a powerful and positive influence and I couldn't let this day pass without recognizing the many gifts that Melanie has left behind. Thank you, Mr. President.

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 to convey my strong condolences to not only the family of Ms. Stewart but to our good colleague sitting here in this chamber. Often times there aren't the right words for moments like this and for the loss of someone so incredible. I just want to rise and say that our thoughts, our prayers, and our hearts are with you.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair would definitely like to convey his condolences to the Senator from Aroostook, Senator Stewart. I would not know what to say that could make it better for you but certainly I'm very, very sorry for your loss and it's a tragedy for everyone. Whatever we can do as a family to make it better we certainly will try. Thank you very much, Senator Stewart. I'm very sorry for your loss.

The Joint Resolution was **ADOPTED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

WHEREAS, the Legislature has learned with deep regret of the death of:

The Honorable Robert James Tardy, of Palmyra. Out of college, Mr. Tardy worked as a teacher and coached the Newport Junior

High School girls basketball team to an undefeated season. Later, he joined the faculty at Nokomis Regional High School, where he helped create the school's agri-business program. As well as teaching and coaching, he sold real estate, raised replacement heifers, managed his father's business, Lewis Brothers, after his father's passing and obtained an auctioneer license. He also worked as a grassroots community organizer and served as a Palmyra town selectman for a decade before running for the Maine House of Representatives and winning in 1984. He was a member of the House from 1985 to 1994, serving on the agriculture, banking and insurance and taxation committees, and earning a reputation as an unapologetic centrist, a consensus builder and an outspoken champion for Maine agriculture. Following his legislative service, he worked as a lobbyist. Mr. Tardy will be long remembered and sadly missed by his wife of nearly 55 years, Marilyn, his family and friends and all those whose lives he touched;

SLS 523

Sponsored by Senator **DAVIS** of Piscataquis.
Cosponsored by Senators: **BAILEY** of York, **BALDACCI** of Penobscot, **BENNETT** of Oxford, **BLACK** of Franklin, **BREEN** of Cumberland, **BRENNER** of Cumberland, **CARNEY** of Cumberland, **CHIPMAN** of Cumberland, **CLAXTON** of Androscoggin, **CURRY** of Waldo, **CYRWAY** of Kennebec, **DAUGHTRY** of Cumberland, **DESCHAMBAULT** of York, **DIAMOND** of Cumberland, **DILL** of Penobscot, **FARRIN** of Somerset, **GUERIN** of Penobscot, **HICKMAN** of Kennebec, President **JACKSON** of Aroostook, **KEIM** of Oxford, **LAWRENCE** of York, **LIBBY** of Androscoggin, **LUCHINI** of Hancock, **MAXMIN** of Lincoln, **MIRAMANT** of Knox, **MOORE** of Washington, **POULIOT** of Kennebec, **RAFFERTY** of York, **ROSEN** of Hancock, **SANBORN** of Cumberland, **STEWART** of Aroostook, **TIMBERLAKE** of Androscoggin, **VITELLI** of Sagadahoc, **WOODSOME** of York, Representatives: **ALLEY** of Beals, **ANDREWS** of Paris, **ARATA** of New Gloucester, **ARFORD** of Brunswick, **AUSTIN** of Gray, **BABBIDGE** of Kennebunk, **BAILEY** of Gorham, **BELL** of Yarmouth, **BERNARD** of Caribou, **BERRY** of Bowdoinham, **BICKFORD** of Auburn, **BLIER** of Buxton, **BLUME** of York, **BRADSTREET** of Vassalboro, **BRENNAN** of Portland, **BROOKS** of Lewiston, **BRYANT** of Windham, **CAIAZZO** of Scarborough, **CARDONE** of Bangor, **CARLOW** of Buxton, **CARMICHAEL** of Greenbush, **CEBRA** of Naples, **CLOUTIER** of Lewiston, **COLLAMORE** of Pittsfield, **COLLINGS** of Portland, **CONNOR** of Lewiston, **COPELAND** of Saco, **COREY** of Windham, **COSTAIN** of Plymouth, **CRAFTS** of Newcastle, **CRAVEN** of Lewiston, **CROCKETT** of Portland, **CUDDY** of Winterport, **DILLINGHAM** of Oxford, **DODGE** of Belfast, **DOLLOFF** of Milton Township, **DOORE** of Augusta, **DOUDERA** of Camden, **DOWNES** of Bucksport, **DRINKWATER** of Milford, **DUCHARME** of Madison, **DUNPHY** of Old Town, **EVANGELOS** of Friendship, **EVANS** of Dover-Foxcroft, **FAULKINGHAM** of Winter Harbor, **FAY** of Raymond, Speaker **FECTEAU** of Biddeford, **FOSTER** of Dexter, **GEIGER** of Rockland, **GERE** of Kennebunkport, **GIFFORD** of Lincoln, **GRAMLICH** of Old Orchard Beach, **GREENWOOD** of Wales, **GRIFFIN** of Levant, **GRIGNON** of Athens, **GROHOSKI** of Ellsworth, **HAGGAN** of Hampden, **HALL** of Wilton, **HANLEY** of Pittston, **HARNETT** of Gardiner, **HARRINGTON** of Sanford, **HASENFUS** of Readfield, **HEAD** of Bethel, **HEPLER** of Woolwich, **HUTCHINS** of Penobscot, **HYMANSON** of York, **JAVNER** of Chester, **JOHANSEN** of Monticello, **KESSLER** of South Portland, **KINNEY** of Knox,

KRYZAK of Acton, LANDRY of Farmington, LEMELIN of Chelsea, LIBBY of Auburn, LOOKNER of Portland, LYFORD of Eddington, LYMAN of Livermore Falls, MADIGAN of Waterville, MARTIN of Eagle Lake, MARTIN of Sinclair, MARTIN of Greene, MASON of Lisbon, MATHIESON of Kittery, MATLACK of St. George, McCREA of Fort Fairfield, McCREIGHT of Harpswell, McDONALD of Stonington, MELARAGNO of Auburn, MEYER of Eliot, MILLETT of Waterford, MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth, MORALES of South Portland, MORIARTY of Cumberland, MORRIS of Turner, NADEAU of Winslow, NEWELL of the Passamaquoddy Tribe, NEWMAN of Belgrade, O'CONNELL of Brewer, O'CONNOR of Berwick, O'NEIL of Saco, ORDWAY of Standish, OSHER of Orono, PARRY of Arundel, PAULHUS of Bath, PEBWORTH of Blue Hill, PERKINS of Oakland, PERRY of Calais, PERRY of Bangor, PICKETT of Dixfield, PIERCE of Falmouth, PLUECKER of Warren, POIRIER of Skowhegan, PRESCOTT of Waterboro, QUINT of Hodgdon, RECKITT of South Portland, RIELLY of Westbrook, RISEMAN of Harrison, ROBERTS of South Berwick, ROCHE of Wells, ROEDER of Bangor, RUDNICKI of Fairfield, SACHS of Freeport, SALISBURY of Westbrook, SAMPSON of Alfred, SHARPE of Durham, SHEEHAN of Biddeford, SKOLFIELD of Weld, STANLEY of Medway, STEARNS of Guilford, STETKIS of Canaan, STOVER of Boothbay, SUPICA of Bangor, SYLVESTER of Portland, TALBOT ROSS of Portland, TEPLER of Topsham, TERRY of Gorham, THERIAULT of China, THORNE of Carmel, TUCKER of Brunswick, TUELL of East Machias, TUTTLE of Sanford, UNDERWOOD of Presque Isle, WADSWORTH of Hiram, WARREN of Hallowell, WARREN of Scarborough, WHITE of Waterville, WHITE of Mars Hill, WILLIAMS of Bar Harbor, WOOD of Portland, ZAGER of Portland, ZEIGLER of Montville.

The Joint Resolution was **READ**.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Piscataquis, Senator Davis.

Senator **DAVIS:** Thank you, Mr. President. I very briefly want to speak of my relationship with Bob Tardy. I knew him fairly well. The first time I met him was in 1986. I was looking to buy a lawn tractor. There was a dealership in Milo and there was a dealership in Newport and I got the better deal in Newport and he delivered. He brought the tractor up to my house and Bob Tardy and my son and him we talked for an hour and a half that day. I went from the State Police to be Chief Deputy over in Somerset County and Palmyra, of course, is in Somerset County and I received several calls over the three years that I was there from Bob Tardy and most of them were very interesting, to say the very least. I got to know him even better when I came down to the Senate. He and I auctioneered at the Scholarship Auction. We worked together. He was my constituent. I also - two of his grandchildren and their father is here, Jason. I played Santa Claus for them for nearly 30 years and Bob was just a great guy and wonderful man and I was very saddened when I learned of his death. Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator **DAUGHTRY:** Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, I wanted to rise and speak about the late Bob Tardy, who was certainly one of a kind. When I first got

into the Legislature I was 25 and definitely a little bit wet behind the ears and I had big dreams and big legislative ideas and I immediately ran to put in a bill about chicken slaughter. I know a really glamorous, really exciting topic for most people to talk about on their first day in the Legislature. As I was navigating this brand new world, a very kind man came and talked to me and was very excited to, also, talk about chicken slaughter and egg laying and, honestly, all things chicken and that's how I met the Honorable Bob Tardy and I have to say that one thing I always appreciated is he could tell when someone was having a bad day and would come and just literally joke about things related to all things chicken, all things farming and he was someone I could ask for advice and count on and he's someone who will be greatly missed. I just wanted to pass on my condolences to his family and can't really imagine the halls without him. Thank you.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Franklin, Senator Black.

Senator **BLACK:** Thank you, Mr. President. Men and women of the House, I met Bob Tardy in 2011 as a freshman Representative and he became a great friend and a mentor to me. We shared the love of agriculture and we talked many times about bills and concerns in agriculture, but I will say that he didn't make many brownie points with my wife. The first year we were here he had a couple of hogs that he had picked up in Pennsylvania and, while my wife was at work one day, he brought them up to the farm and left them. But she got over it and she really enjoyed Bob and his wit and his many visits to the farm and the sugar house and though she did never forget the day that she found those hogs in the barn. I will miss the many calls and emails I received from Bob over the years on many, many bills and not just agricultural bills but many bills of concern to him and to our constituents. Agriculture has lost a champion. Definitely has lost a champion, a man that loved agriculture and rural Maine. I've learned a lot from Bob and I will not forget him.

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

Senator **CYRWAY:** Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, I just wanted to stand up a little bit about Bob Tardy and I first came on here he came up to me and said 'Boy, I remember your father.' He said, 'He'd take a corn planter and it was probably 20 or 30 years old, all rusty and everything, and he'd bring it back like brand new.' He said, 'I was just so impressed with your father.' Just out of the blue moon, you know, I mean in agriculture he was Mr. Agriculture, I think anyway. He just loved to work on agricultural bills and whatever and, anyway, one day, just out of the blue moon, he brings a sheet to me and he says, 'What goes on this sheet?' and it was my father's signature speaking here at the Legislature about pesticides and he says, 'I remember him coming up and signing that and giving the speech and stuff.' He said, 'I want you to have this.' He just would do certain things that you just never expected. So, I just thought he was a great guy. Thank you.

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

Senator **TIMBERLAKE:** Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, this is hard. Bob and I met back in

2010 when I first got elected. He wanted me to put a bill in to appeal the spray bill and Bob has a passion for agriculture that equals mine and Rusty's and a few others in here. But the thing I remember most about Bob was when you walked around the corner and he was sitting by the fireplace in his chair with his arms crossed, in that big, excuse me, Mr. President, but that big shit eating grin on his face and you knew he was up to something and usually it was to get me in trouble, to get me to come in and say something to the Senate President or the Speaker of the House. But it was always in good nature. And sitting on my desk is two apples. One of the stories he loved to tell about is the day he came to the farm and he walked up to the counter and he put two apples on the counter and the cashier says, 'That'll be \$5.' Well, I want you guys to all picture Bob Tardy for 30 seconds. The words that came out of his mouth were beyond belief and he talked about forever of paying \$5 for two apples and he could tell that story. These are my token back for the smile and enjoyment that I got in my life out of Bob. But that one thing that Bob taught us more than anything else was how to get along and he worked at no matter what he does to try to find consensus and figure a way to get through every farm bill there was and it's going to be something that I miss. I'm going to miss his random telephone calls out of the blue, out of the middle of the night sometimes, or his emails and he always ended his email with the Senior Tardy or the Elder Tardy. Well, Elder Tardy, rest in peace, my friend, and I'll miss you.

THE PRESIDENT: Well said. The Chair would also just like to quickly, many of you probably wouldn't know but when I first got elected and sat in the House, I had the good fortune of having Representative Josh Tardy sit directly behind me and that's probably how I first met Bob Tardy and I used to kid with him a lot that, you know, what happened to Josh. But, as everything has been said, I mean, Bob was very passionate about his family, agriculture, about the state of Maine. One of the things that, you know, over the years he had relatives that lived in the St. John Valley and he talked a lot about wanting to come. I think he did at times wanted to understand that more and I wish we would have had that time to, you know, research the way that he wanted to but, again, for the family, Marilyn and all the family, I'm really, really sorry for the loss because he was really a nice man to be around, fun to be around, and, you know, the institution has lost a really great person that thought extremely highly of the Legislature. With that, I'd like to pass this Joint Resolution for Bob Tardy.

The Joint Resolution was **ADOPTED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

THE PRESIDENT: I'd like to recognize in the rear of the Chamber his son, Josh; his other son, Jason Tardy. Would they please rise and accept the condolences of the Maine Senate.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Senate

Ought to Pass Pursuant to Constitution

President JACKSON for the **Apportionment Commission**, pursuant to the Constitution of Maine, Article IV, Part Second, Section 2 asked leave to report that the accompanying Bill "An Act To Reapportion the Districts of the State Senate"
S.P. 595 L.D. 1741

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass**, pursuant to the Constitution of Maine, Article IV, Part Second, Section 2.

Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**, without reference to a committee.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ TWICE** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**, without reference to a committee.

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:

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

House

Ought to Pass Pursuant to Constitution

The **Apportionment Commission**, pursuant to the Constitution of Maine, Article IV, Part First, Section 3 asked leave to report that the accompanying Bill "An Act To Reapportion the Districts of the State House of Representatives"
H.P. 1304 L.D. 1738

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass**, pursuant to the Constitution of Maine, Article IV, Part First, Section 3.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**, without reference to a Committee.

Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**, without reference to a Committee, in concurrence.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ TWICE**.

On motion by Senator **MIRAMANT** of Knox, Senate Amendment "A" (S-407) **READ**.

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

Senator **MIRAMANT**: Thank you, Mr. President. Again, I'd like to acknowledge the good work of the Commission for coming up with the redistricting that they have and for what I understand was, other than some tense moments, very well done and with consideration of fair voting districts. One of the goals I heard from the very beginning was to try not to divide towns as much as possible and the Town of Owls Head, after having been whole for 10 years, is now being considered for division by 10% of their residents. It seemed that that was unnecessary and cumbersome, inconvenient and confusing for the folks in town and they requested that something be done, in particular that their voice be heard but it seemed to be after the opportunity for it. That's the way it goes. Sometimes at the end the information gets out and then the window is closed for comment. So, we tried to pass that on to the folks on the Apportionment Commission but they're looking at a margin of about 5% in either direction for what they can do for population. I also looked to see that this was not any kind of jerrymandering for advantage by any party. It was just simply trying to fill numbers to make it fit the formula. So, while understanding that, also knowing that it would be better for Owls Head if their town was whole and it be just a little outside the margin, you'll hear, maybe or maybe you won't hear, but anyways, it opens the door for someone to complain about it and sue over it. That would be the case if it was something where you're trying to gain advantage and one group felt like they were advantaged or disadvantaged. That's not the case here. It's just a little population thing that keeps the town whole. The other part of this is the House District that has traditionally had Vinalhaven and North Haven Islands, which are just divided by a narrow strip of water and everybody goes back and forth constantly for work, social, and everything else, and they work together so well that they feel like they're one community, and this just sent a rift down the middle and to have them both talking to me and their Representatives and just saying this just doesn't seem right. They seemed to take it harder than the town that was losing 10%. Again, it's a small number on North Haven so this amendment just has North Haven stay with Vinalhaven and keeps its residents whole. To have islanders just working together like this is always a great thing. They do join together against an outside cause now and then and they're doing it strongly. So, for those reasons, this amendment makes sense and I don't see any challenges coming because of it and I would appreciate your support. Thank you.

On motion by Senator **TIMBERLAKE** of Androscoggin, Senate Amendment "A" (S-407) **INDEFINITELY POSTPONED.**

PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED, without reference to a Committee, in concurrence.

Ordered sent forthwith.

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

The **Apportionment Commission**, pursuant to the Constitution of Maine, Article IX, Section 24 asked leave to report that the accompanying Bill "An Act To Reapportion Maine's Congressional Districts"

H.P. 1305 L.D. 1739

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass**, pursuant to the Constitution of Maine, Article IX, Section 24.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**, without reference to a Committee.

Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**, without reference to a Committee, in concurrence.

Bill **READ ONCE.**

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**, without reference to a Committee, in concurrence.

The **Apportionment Commission**, pursuant to the Constitution of Maine, Article IX, Section 25 asked leave to report that the accompanying Bill "An Act To Reapportion the County Commissioner Districts"

H.P. 1306 L.D. 1740

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass**, pursuant to the Constitution of Maine, Art. IX, Section 25.

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

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

Bill **READ ONCE.**

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

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

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. 1303

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

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

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

WHEREAS, in addition to his devotion to his professional duties, Deputy Gross had a passion for helping young people, serving as a camp leader at Camp POSTCARD and on the Hancock County School Board, working in local schools as part of the D.A.R.E. program and helping with the Deer Isle-Stonington High School Every 15 Minutes program, which educates students about the dangers of intoxicated and distracted driving; and

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

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

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

The Joint Resolution was **READ**.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Hancock, Senator Luchini.

Senator **LUCHINI:** Thank you, Mr. President. Mr. President, ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, last Friday morning, September 23rd, our community was shaken by the news of the death of Hancock County Sheriff's Deputy Luke Gross. As you just heard, Deputy Gross died while in service in the early morning hours as he was performing his duties, assisting a vehicle that went off the road. It was news that devastated our community and our state. On that day we lost a dedicated law enforcement officer and active community member and a devoted husband and father. Luke Gross was a Hancock County native, growing up in Bucksport. Football player. Had a lifelong goal of becoming a law enforcement officer and for the last 18 years we in Hancock County have been extremely fortunate to have Deputy Gross serve within the ranks of the Hancock County Sheriff's Office, honorably serving and protecting the very communities he grew up in. Luke's passion was in helping kids and he had a remarkable connection with young people in our community. As his friends would say, Luke was like a big kid himself, with a fun and engaging personality and, whether it was through the various charitable events, working with our schools, volunteer work with Camp Postcard, or working in the DARE program, Luke prioritized engaging with young people, ensuring they knew they were valued and were always safe within our community. We send our heartfelt condolences to the many friends of Luke, to his fellow officers, and especially his wife, Lauren, and their two children,

and will remain ever grateful to Deputy Gross for his selfless service and devotion to keeping us all safe. Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator **CYRWAY:** Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, I had a very good relationship with Deputy Luke Gross for many years. Worked with him in Winthrop when I was Kennebec County Sheriff and we did a lot of cases together and also in the DARE program. Him and I worked together at Camp Postcard and when he was at Camp Postcard - Camp Postcard stood for Police Officers Starting to Create and Reinforce Dreams and so what we would do is we'd work with the schools and for those kids that wouldn't have the privilege of getting to camp. The teachers would pick who they thought would benefit the most with the DARE program and they would go and we'd be camp counselors, volunteer for a week at different camps. In fact, years ago we used to do it at the State YMCA Camp and now it's being done in Casco at the camp out there. We used to be camp counselors and I worked with him and we have something kids that would get homesick or maybe they might act up because they didn't have the guidance of their families or whatever and Luke would take the time and really spend with them and get them back on track and just had a good way about him. Had a big heart. You know, when I hear people saying to take the DARE program away, this is a good reason why it shouldn't. Deputy Luke Gross was top notch. I spoke to him and asked him if he would be interested in the DARE program in his position when I gave it up and he was really interested in doing it. A great guy and I know that every time you'd ask him to do something he'd get it done. So, it is a great honor. Thank you.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Piscataquis, Senator Davis.

Senator **DAVIS:** Thank you, Mr. President. I can only say as far as Deputy Gross goes I didn't know him but by the grace of God go I. Mr. President, when you close the Senate down today I would ask that you do so in memory of Deputy Gross. Thank you.

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

Off Record Remarks

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.

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:

**Apportionment Plan
Pursuant to Constitution**

An Act To Reapportion the Districts of the State House of Representatives
H.P. 1304 L.D. 1738

The Chair noted the absence of the Senator from Cumberland, Senator **DIAMOND**, the Senator from Cumberland, Senator **CHIPMAN**, the Senator from Oxford, Senator **KEIM**, and the Senator from Kennebec, Senator **POULIOT**, and further excused the same Senators from today's Roll Call votes.

This being an Apportionment 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 those members of the Senate present and voting, was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED** and, having been signed by the President, was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for approval.

**Apportionment Plan
Pursuant to Constitution**

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

This being an Apportionment 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 those members of the Senate present and voting, was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED** and, having been signed by the President, was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for approval.

**Apportionment Plan
Pursuant to Constitution**

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

This being an Apportionment 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 those members of the Senate present and voting, was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED** and, having been signed by the President, was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for approval.

**Apportionment Plan
Pursuant to Constitution**

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

This being an Apportionment 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 those members of the Senate present and voting, 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:

ORDERS

Senate Order

On motion by Senator **VITELLI** of Sagadahoc, the following Senate Order:
S.O. 24

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 Senator **VITELLI** of Sagadahoc, to deliver the message to the House of Representatives. The Senator was escorted to the House of Representatives.

Subsequently, the Senator from Senator **VITELLI** of Sagadahoc, reported that she had delivered the message with which she was charged.

On motion by Senator **DAUGHTRY** of Cumberland, the following Senate Order:
S.O. 25

Ordered, that a message be sent to Governor Janet T. Mills informing her that the Senate has transacted all business before it and is ready to Adjourn Without Day.

READ and PASSED.

The Chair appointed the Senator from Senator **DAUGHTRY** of Cumberland, to deliver the message to the Governor. The Senator was escorted to the Governor's Office.

Subsequently, the Senator from Senator **DAUGHTRY** of Cumberland, reported that she had delivered the message with which she was charged.

Senate at Ease.

The Senate was called to order by the President.

On motion by Senator **VITELLI** of Sagadahoc, the Honorable **TROY D. JACKSON**, President of the Senate, declared the Second Special Session of the 130th Legislature, **ADJOURNED SINE DIE** at 1:46 in the afternoon in the morning in memory of and lasting tribute to Melanie Stewart of Presque Isle, the Honorable Robert James Tardy of Palmyra, and Deputy Sheriff Like Gross of Hancock.