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STATE OF MAINE  
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SECOND REGULAR SESSION  
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In Senate Chamber  
Monday  
May 9, 2022

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

Prayer by Vice Chief Darrell J. Newell I, Wabanaki Elder.

**VICE CHIEF NEWELL:** Thank you. Good afternoon. I'm honored to be asked to come here and deliver a prayer but nobody drives to Augusta and comes to the Senate Chambers without offering a political statement first, right. Tribal/State relations are broken and irreparable until recognition of the sacred inherent sovereign rights of the Wabanaki People are recognized first. That's the extent of my political statement.

I speak the language of Wabanaki, Passamaquoddy, that has been spoken here for thousands of years and that's how I pray. So, bear with me. (The prayer was done in Wabanaki.) Thank you.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Senator Heather B. Sanborn of Cumberland County.

Reading of the Journal of Monday, April 25, 2022.

Off Record Remarks

**PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE**

**Non-Concurrent Matter**

An Act To Expand Maine's Clean Energy Economy  
S.P. 432 L.D. 1350

In Senate, April 15, 2022, on motion by Senator **LAWRENCE** of York, Report "A", **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-544)**, **READ and ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-544)**.

Comes from the House, Bill and accompanying papers **INDEFINITELY POSTPONED**, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

On motion by Senator **DAUGHTRY** of Cumberland, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending **FURTHER CONSIDERATION**.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

The Following Communication: S.C. 1286

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

May 5, 2022

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

Dear Secretary Grant,

Pursuant to my authority under Public Law, Chapter 593, I am pleased to appoint Representative Traci Gere of Kennebunkport to the *State Education and Employment Outcomes Task Force*, effective immediately.

Representative Gere will serve as one of the two members of the House of Representatives holding the largest number of seats in the Legislature.

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

Sincerely,

S/Ryan M. Fecteau  
Speaker of the House

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

The Following Communication: S.C. 1285

STATE OF MAINE  
OFFICE OF THE STATE AUDITOR  
AUGUSTA, MAINE

March 31, 2022

Honorable Members of the Legislative Council for the 130th Legislature

Honorable Janet T. Mills  
Governor of the State of Maine

I am pleased to submit the Single Audit of the State of Maine for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021. The audit was conducted in accordance with Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; the requirements of the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996; and Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, Uniform Administrative

Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (Uniform Guidance). Our audit complies with 5 MRSA §243 and is also a prerequisite for the receipt of Federal financial assistance. During fiscal year 2021, \$6.4 billion in Federal financial assistance was expended by the State of Maine.

This document contains the following reports and schedules:

- Independent Auditor's Report
- Basic Financial Statements, Management's Discussion and Analysis, Notes to the Financial Statements, and Required Supplementary Information
- Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters based on an Audit of Financial Statements performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards
- Independent Auditor's Report on Compliance for Each Major Program and on Internal Control over Compliance Required by the Uniform Guidance
- Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards
- Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs
- Financial Statement Findings
- Indexes to Federal Program Findings
- Federal Findings and Questioned Costs
- Corrective Action Plan
- Summary Schedule of Prior Audit Findings

On behalf of the Office of the State Auditor, I thank employees throughout Maine Government who assisted us during the audit.

Please contact me if you have questions or comments about the 2021 Single Audit of the State of Maine.

Respectfully submitted,

S/Jacob Norton  
State Auditor

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

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## ORDERS

### Joint Orders

Expressions of Legislative Sentiment recognizing:

Charlie Frizzle, of Brunswick, who has been named the Governor's Awards for Service and Volunteerism Maine Volunteer of the Year for his extensive volunteer service, including service

on the board of the Independence Association, the Mid Coast Health Services Board and the Brunswick Planning Board. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;  
SLS 1020

Sponsored by Senator DAUGHTRY of Cumberland.  
Cosponsored by Representatives: ARFORD of Brunswick, McCREIGHT of Harpswell, TUCKER of Brunswick.

The Joint Order was **READ**.

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

Senator **DAUGHTRY:** Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, throughout the pandemic we have recognized the heroic efforts of Maine's essential frontline workers, doctors, nurses and pharmacists, grocery store workers, EMS providers, government employees, teachers and professors, truck drivers, and anyone who's kept our state up and running. Today I rise to acknowledge the efforts of yet another hero who volunteers. In particular, I'm proud to recognize Mr. Charles Frizzle of my hometown of Brunswick. Mr. Frizzle is a Volunteer Maine 2022 Maine Volunteer of the Year. Mr. Frizzle earned this distinction throughout his decade-long service in volunteerism, including 23 years on the Independence Association Board, 10 years served on the Brunswick Planning Board, and many years served on the Mid-Coast Parkview Health Board. Congratulations to Mr. Frizzle and thanks for all of your dedication and devotion to our community. Like any effort, I am sure there were challenges to overcome, problems to solve, and new ideas to ponder. So, thank you for persisting and for showing up even while the state and the nation endured a devastating pandemic. We can't exaggerate how important volunteers are. They fill the gaps in our spaces in our communities that neither business nor government can fill alone. Maine non-profits, especially, thrive when they have strong, diverse, engaged, and creative volunteer bases that help them meet their mission to serve their communities across the state. These are the people who distribute food, build homes, connect people with resources, collect clothing, listen with empathy, and advocate for those who experience hardship or hopelessness. Often they are the first faces one sees when interacting with many of our organizations. Former President Jimmy Carter, who is a man well into his 90s, causes a little bit of sensation each time he shows up with a hardhat and a hammer at a Habitat for Humanities site and shares his thoughts on the power of service and volunteer work. It brings together people of different backgrounds and stations in life to create an environment in which everyone is equal. Isn't that the goal of all of life's best, noblest pursuits, to create a community and a society that is more equal. As we all continue to recover from the pandemic and all of the aloneness and isolation that accompanied it, let us instead turn our energy and attention to our communities and see how each of us may be able to give back a little and work along side someone that we wouldn't normally encounter in our daily lives. Everyone has the potential to contribute to something bigger than themselves. A spare Saturday at the food bank. A donated bin of clothes from adult daughter/son that has moved out. A litter clean up along rural dirt roads along the banks of Maine's beautiful rivers or trails. Maybe even stepping up and serving on a board, just like Mr. Frizzle, maybe a few. Again, to Mr. Frizzle, who I know is

watching at home, I say thank you so much for being who you are and for helping to strengthen our community. I'm so glad that you are able to - he was able to join us a little bit before we actually went into session today and it is my honor to recognize you before my colleagues in the Maine State Legislature. You've made our area and our state a better place with all of your work and service. Thank you.

The Joint Order was **PASSED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Bath Area Family YMCA Excel Platinum Gymnastics Team, which won First Place in its division at the 2022 Maine State Gymnastics Championships. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 1025

Sponsored by Senator VITELLI of Sagadahoc.  
Cosponsored by Representative: PAULHUS of Bath.

The Bath Area Family YMCA Excel Silver Gymnastics Team, which won First Place in its division at the 2022 Maine State Gymnastics Championships. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 1026

Sponsored by Senator VITELLI of Sagadahoc.  
Cosponsored by Representative: PAULHUS of Bath.

The Bath Area Family YMCA Excel Gold Gymnastics Team, which won First Place in its division at the 2022 Maine State Gymnastics Championships. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 1027

Sponsored by Senator VITELLI of Sagadahoc.  
Cosponsored by Representative: PAULHUS of Bath.

The Joint Orders were **READ**.

**THE PRESIDENT:** The Chair recognizes the Senator from Sagadahoc, Senator Vitelli.

Senator **VITELLI:** Thank you, Mr. President, and I would speak briefly to all three of these motions just to recognize that members of the Bath YMCA Gymnastics Team are here today and I just want to applaud them for their championships, their wins. My youngest son, who is now an older son, spent a good part of his youth, from about age 4 until he was probably 13, on the Bath Y Gymnastics Team, so I spent many an afternoon, Saturday, and evenings traveling around the state, and even as far as Vermont during the snowstorm, to watch these young gymnasts ply their trade and I just want to say how proud I was of him and how proud I am of the three - the two young women who are here today from the Bath Y; Callie and Ellie, and their coach, Chrissie, and their mother, Kirsten. I know from watching my son over all these years that gymnastics teaches, among other things, balance, determination, confidence, and, yes, bravery because some of the things they do are pretty amazing to think about. So, I just am pleased that they're here with us today. I applaud them

for their perseverance and their excellence in pursuing their sport and thank you, Mr. President.

The Joint Orders were **PASSED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

**THE PRESIDENT:** The Chair is pleased to recognize in the rear of the Chamber members of the Bath YMCA Gymnastics Team, joined by Callie Maney of Brunswick and Ellie Hayward of Bath. Would they please rise and accept the greetings of the Maine State Senate.

Amelia Rice, of South Bristol, an eighth grade student at South Bristol Elementary School, who won the Maine State Spelling Bee and will go on to represent Maine at the Scripps National Spelling Bee in Washington, D.C. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 1028

Sponsored by Senator MAXMIN of Lincoln.  
Cosponsored by Representatives: CRAFTS of Newcastle, STOVER of Boothbay.

The Joint Order was **READ**.

**THE PRESIDENT:** The Chair recognizes the Senator from Lincoln, Senator Maxmin.

Senator **MAXMIN:** Thank you, Mr. President. I'm so proud today to welcome Amelia Rice who won the Maine State Spelling Bee this March with her winning word 'venue.' This is something Amelia has been working for - towards for years and it's a tremendous accomplishment. Amelia will soon be traveling to Washington, D.C. to represent Maine in the National Spelling Bee. I'm so pleased to be able to welcome her to the Senate today.

The Joint Order was **PASSED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

**THE PRESIDENT:** The Chair is pleased to recognize in the rear of the Chamber Amelia Rice. She's from South Bristol. She's the guest today of the Senator from Lincoln, Senator Maxmin. Will she please rise and accept the greetings of the Maine Senate.

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Senate at Ease.

The Senate was called to order by the President.

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

## PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

### Joint Resolutions

The following Joint Resolution:

H.P. 1542

**JOINT RESOLUTION  
RECOGNIZING MAY 2022 AS MENTAL HEALTH  
AWARENESS MONTH**

WHEREAS, the mental health and well-being of all children, youth, adults and families in the State are of fundamental importance to the Legislature; and

WHEREAS, since 1999, the national suicide rate has increased more than 30%, with more than 10 million individuals experiencing suicidal thoughts and 1.4 million individuals attempting suicide annually in the United States; and

WHEREAS, approximately 129 individuals die by suicide in the United States each day; and

WHEREAS, suicide, opioid misuse and addiction and children's mental health issues are areas of concern in the State; and

WHEREAS, there are approximately 65,000 adults in the State who are living with a serious mental illness, including, but not limited to, bipolar disorder, severe depression and schizophrenia, and 27.2% of the children in the State have a mental illness, the highest rate of any state in the nation; and

WHEREAS, the effective treatment of mental health conditions is critical to reducing the number of individuals and families who find themselves in mental health crises, to breaking individual and generational cycles of mental illness and to promoting healing; and

WHEREAS, recovery from a mental illness requires access to professional services and involves families and caregivers as allies in recovery and as critical members of the care delivery team; and

WHEREAS, maintaining an open dialogue regarding mental health conditions encourages individuals struggling with mental illness to seek help and is an essential component to fighting the stigma associated with mental illness; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED:** That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Thirtieth Legislature now assembled in the Second Regular Session, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to recognize May 2022 as Mental Health Awareness Month in order to raise awareness of mental health conditions and services and to break the stigma surrounding mental illness in the State.

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

**READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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The following Joint Resolution:

H.P. 1543

**JOINT RESOLUTION  
RECOGNIZING MAY 5, 2022 AS  
MISSING AND MURDERED INDIGENOUS PERSONS  
AWARENESS DAY**

WHEREAS, there are thousands of unsolved cases of missing and murdered Native Americans, including high case rates involving women and girls, including transgender women and girls; and

WHEREAS, the number of these cases is disproportionately high compared to cases among the population of the United States as a whole; and

WHEREAS, failure to demonstrate the necessary commitment to addressing and preventing this ongoing tragedy fails to honor the dignity and humanity of each person who goes missing or is murdered; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to work with tribal nations to increase coordination among state and tribal entities to investigate and resolve these cases and ensure accountability; and

WHEREAS, it is also necessary to address the underlying causes of these cases, including sexual violence, human trafficking, domestic violence, violent crime, systemic racism, economic disparities and substance use and addiction, as well as to put in place a support system to bridge the gap for families in crisis and provide opportunities for healing through community-driven approaches; and

WHEREAS, the challenges in tribal communities are best met by solutions that are informed and shaped by tribal leaders and tribal governments; and

WHEREAS, an effective community response plan requires critical partnerships within and timely response from the community, tribal law enforcement and local, state and federal law enforcement; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED:** That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Thirtieth Legislature now assembled in the Second Regular Session, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to recognize May 5, 2022 as Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons Awareness Day in order to remember the indigenous people we have lost and commit to working to ensure that any incident of a missing or murdered person is met with swift and effective action.

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

The Joint Resolution was **READ**.

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

Senator **BAILEY:** Thank you, Mr. President. Colleagues in the Senate, I rise in support of this Joint Resolution and I would just like to take a moment to read into the record the words of Gloria Lewey-Cleaves, who is the mother of Kimberly Alice Neptune, who I believe you all know was recently murdered and these words were given at a ceremony to recognize and celebrate Kimberly's life. So, again, these are the words of Kimberly's mother.

"Thank you all for showing up today. Two weeks ago today our beautiful Kim was tragically taken away from us. Losing a loved one is devastating but losing a child of murder is traumatic and heartbreaking. Our lives will never be the same and our grief will never stop. This horrible act of violence has had a major emotional impact on our loved ones, family, friends, and community. Our baby girl was ripped from our hearts. A beautiful murdered indigenous woman, who touched so many lives with her humble and gentle soul, was ripped from our hearts. As we

struggle to find out why, this tragedy has shattered us. Many emotions have surfaced in more ways than one and finding the strength to cope with these feelings is going to take some time for us all. We have to remember by taking care of hearts, mind, and soul is important in the grieving process. I found this quote and I want to share with you. "Your tears are our tears and our tears are your tears." As we stand here honoring and remembering Kim; our daughter, a granddaughter, a sister, a niece, an aunt, and a friend; her kindness, generosity, and her love for all will forever hold a special place in our hearts. I strongly believe she has given me the strength to write this to you today as there were seven eagles flying high above our house at 1:30. Today we are raising awareness and to remember all the missing, murdered indigenous women who have lost their lives and to bring home the missing. Your love and support will be cherished forever and not forgotten. Our family extends our heartfelt thank you for your condolences, thoughts, kind words, generosity, and continued prayers.'

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

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

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

#### COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: H.C. 434

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

May 9, 2022

Honorable Darek M. Grant  
Secretary of the Senate  
130th Maine Legislature  
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Secretary Grant:

House Paper 123, Legislative Document 170, "An Act Pertaining to Transmission Lines Not Needed for Reliability or Local Generation," having been returned by the Governor, together with objections to the same, pursuant to Article IV, Part Third, Section 2 of the Constitution of the State of Maine, after reconsideration, the House proceeded to vote on the question: "Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?"

47 voted in favor and 73 against, and accordingly it was the vote of the House that the Bill not become a law and the veto was sustained.

House Paper 1353, Legislative Document 1820, "An Act To Strengthen the Governance of the University of Maine System," having been returned by the Governor, together with objections to the same, pursuant to Article IV, Part Third, Section 2 of the Constitution of the State of Maine, after reconsideration, the House proceeded to vote on the question: "Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?" 46 voted in favor and 67 against, and accordingly it was the vote of the House that the Bill not become a law and the veto was sustained.

House Paper 989, Legislative Document 1338, "An Act To Prohibit Employers from Retaliating against the Use of Earned Paid Leave," having been returned by the Governor, together with objections to the same, pursuant to Article IV, Part Third, Section 2 of the Constitution of the State of Maine, after reconsideration, the House proceeded to vote on the question: "Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?"

58 voted in favor and 59 against, and accordingly it was the vote of the House that the Bill not become a law and the veto was sustained.

House Paper 612, Legislative Document 844, "An Act To Examine and Amend the Conditions of Release and Probation," having been returned by the Governor, together with objections to the same, pursuant to Article IV, Part Third, Section 2 of the Constitution of the State of Maine, after reconsideration, the House proceeded to vote on the question: "Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?"

54 voted in favor and 64 against, and accordingly it was the vote of the House that the Bill not become a law and the veto was sustained.

House Paper 1425, Legislative Document 1919, "An Act To Encourage Job Growth in the Forest Products Sector through Tax Incentives," having been returned by the Governor, together with objections to the same, pursuant to Article IV, Part Third, Section 2 of the Constitution of the State of Maine, after reconsideration, the House proceeded to vote on the question: "Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?"

60 voted in favor and 62 against, and accordingly it was the vote of the House that the Bill not become a law and the veto was sustained.

Sincerely,

S/Robert B. Hunt  
Clerk of the House

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

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

**COMMUNICATIONS**

The Following Communication: S.C. 1287

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

May 9, 2022

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

Dear Secretary Grant,

Pursuant to my authority under Resolves 2022, Ch. 174, I am pleased to appoint the following to the *Task Force To Study the Creation of a Comprehensive Career and Technical Education System*, effective immediately:

Honorable David McCrea of Fort Fairfield as the first-named member of the House of Representatives;

Honorable Lester Ordway of Standish as a member of the House of Representatives;

Amanda Peterson as the member who is a current career and technical education high school administrator;

Paulette Bonneau of Biddeford as the member who is on the State Board of Education;

George Howe of Blue Hill as a member of a skilled trade union or representative of a skilled trades business or industry;

Ben Greenlaw of Presque Isle as a member who is a superintendent of a school administrative unit.

If 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.**

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Senate at Ease.

The Senate was called to order by the President.

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

**PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE**

**Non-Concurrent Matter**

An Act Concerning Nondisclosure Agreements in Employment  
H.P. 711 L.D. 965  
(S "A" S-610 to C "B" H-906)

In Senate, April 25, 2022, **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**, in concurrence.

In House, **RECALLED** from the Governor's Desk, pursuant to Joint Order H.P. 1541.

Comes from the House, **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" (H-1050)**, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

On motion by Senator **CARNEY** of Cumberland, the Senate **RECEDED** and **CONCURRED**.

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

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Off Record Remarks

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**RECESSED** until 2:00 in the afternoon.

After Recess the Senate was called to order by the President.

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Off Record Remarks

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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 Concerning Nondisclosure Agreements in Employment  
H.P. 711 L.D. 965  
(H "A" H-1050)

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

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

**PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE**

**Non-Concurrent Matter**

An Act To Improve the Laws Governing Hemp by Bringing Them into Compliance with Federal Law

S.P. 683 L.D. 1942  
(S "A" S-582 to C "A" S-557)

In Senate, April 19, 2022, the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-557)** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-557) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-582)** thereto.

Comes from the House, the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-557)** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-557)**, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

Senator **VITELLI** of Sagadahoc moved the Senate **RECEDE** and **CONCUR**.

On motion by Senator **HICKMAN** of Kennebec, supported by a Division of one-fifth of the members present and voting, a Roll Call was ordered.

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The Chair noted the absence of the Senator from Aroostook, Senator **STEWART**, and further excused the same Senator from today's Roll Call votes.

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The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

**ROLL CALL (#815)**

YEAS: Senators: **BALDACCI, BENNETT, BLACK, BREEN, BRENNER, CARNEY, CLAXTON, CURRY, CYRWAY, DAVIS, DESCHAMBAULT, DIAMOND, DILL, FARRIN, GUERIN, HICKMAN, KEIM, LAWRENCE, LIBBY, MOORE, POULIOT, RAFFERTY, ROSEN, SANBORN, TIMBERLAKE, VITELLI, WOODSOME, PRESIDENT JACKSON**

NAYS: Senators: **BAILEY, CHIPMAN, DAUGHTRY, MAXMIN, MIRAMANT**

EXCUSED: Senator: **STEWART**

28 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 5 Senators having voted in the negative, with 1 Senator being excused, the motion by Senator **VITELLI** of Sagadahoc to **RECEDE** and **CONCUR PREVAILED**.

(See action later today.)

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**Off Record Remarks**  
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Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, the Senate considered the following:

**PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE**

**Pursuant to Statute  
Revisor of Statutes**

The **Revisor of Statutes**, pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 1, section 94 asked leave to report that the accompanying Bill "An Act To Correct Errors in Recently Enacted Legislation"

H.P. 1544 L.D. 2041

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

Comes from the House, Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**, and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" (H-1051)**.

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

**READ ONCE.**

House Amendment "A" (H-1051) **READ.**

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ A SECOND TIME.**

On motion by Senator **DAUGHTRY** of Cumberland, Senate Amendment "A" (S-653) to House Amendment "A" (H-1051) **READ** and **ADOPTED.**

On motion by Senator **CARNEY** of Cumberland, Senate Amendment "B" (S-654) to House Amendment "A" (H-1051) **READ** and **ADOPTED.**

House Amendment "A" (H-1051) as Amended by Senate Amendments "A" (S-653) and "B" (S-654) **ADOPTED**, in **NON-CONCURRENCE.**

On motion by Senator **BAILEY** of York, Senate Amendment "A" (S-651) **READ.**

On further motion by same Senator, Senate Amendment "A" (S-655) to Senate Amendment "A" (S-651) **READ** and **ADOPTED.**

Senate Amendment "A" (S-651) as Amended by Senate Amendment "A" (S-655) thereto, **ADOPTED.**

**PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" (H-1051) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENTS "A" (S-653) AND "B" (S-654), thereto AND SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-651) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-655) thereto, in NON-CONCURRENCE.**

Ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

All matters thus acted upon, with the exception of those matters being held, were ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

Off Record Remarks

Senate at Ease.

The Senate was called to order by the President.

The Honorable Janet T. Mills, Governor of the State of Maine, entered and addressed the Senate.

**GOVERNOR MILLS:** It's no worse than my desk. A lot of paper, a lot of paper, and what does this represent. A lot of good stuff this session. Well, I just finished reading from 900 bills, I think, the last few months and was pleased to sign or allow into law without my signature about 97% of the bills you sent my way, primarily because they were the strong product of bi-partisanship, hard work, long hours, and despite the pandemic and the hardship that that placed on your schedules and hours, mind, and your ability to even to get together in person for so long, despite all that you and House Representatives took such major actions on such major measures as limiting out-of-state waste; managing recyclables; addressing the horrific effects of PFAS on our farms, on our milk products, on our deer and everything that moves; addressing the Maine Veterans' Homes and making sure that they didn't close in Caribou and Machias, thank you for that. Thank you for amending the Good Samaritan Law so that we save lives every day and make sure that if somebody's present when somebody else is dying they won't hesitate to pick up the phone or to administer Naloxone or CPR, first aid, and make sure that people's lives are the first and only thing that counts at that moment in time. Obviously, the budget, the supplemental budget of which you have to be so proud and I am so proud of you and the House and all the members of the Appropriations and Financial Affairs Committee for all the hard work that you engaged in. Senator Breen, Senator Bailey, Senator Davis. I cannot thank you enough. I just can't and the people of Maine cannot thank you enough for your work and the contributions of every single one of you to the words and measures and the work product of that bill which, amongst so many other things, allows us to offer universal free meals in the public schools, more money for hospitals and nursing homes who stood by us and suffered so much during this pandemic. Medicaid rates, increases for the

vital services for behavioral and mental health and physical health and providers who work so hard and labor to keep us safe and healthy during the pandemic and beyond. Increasing retiree's pension. Tax exemptions. I know that wasn't a simple thing to do but it's a laudable thing to do and you did it. Providing property tax relief, especially for those families who lived in their homes for generation upon generation and now are seeing an escalation of inflation and home values around them and then increases in property taxes that they cannot avoid. Student debt relief, and this was obviously a bi-partisan issue from a bi-partisan task force lead by Senator Pouliot. We are a welcoming state and we've shown it through opening the doors to those who graduated from schools out-of-state and in-state, to offer them the significant debt relief, to make sure they can live here, stay here, work here, raise their families here without the huge burden of student debt. Increasing the CHIP program so that our youngest children have the care they need and the medical attention they need, no matter what their zip code, no matter what their parent's income. Oh, increasing the Rainy Day Fund. What is it? About half a billion now. We're ready, no matter what comes in the coming months and years, we'll be ready as a state, as a people. Tightening our belts when necessary and having the resources to depend on that budget stabilization fund when we need it, if we should need it, be ready for anything that comes our way. And two years of tuition, free to our Community Colleges. This is a godsent to so many families, so many young people looking for the next step in their lives, the next thing to do, and for you to fund and implement and enact the budget that provides two years of free Community College our recent high school graduates. I can't thank you enough and on behalf of the 1.3 million people of the state of Maine, you have our undying gratitude, and my personal gratitude, my gratitude as the Chief Executive of this proud state, and all of that was amazingly bi-partisan. I know people started out in a corner here and a corner there, moved around over here, shuffled the deck a little bit more, but ultimately you got to the end product that is such a success. They say, you know, alone we can do so little but together we can do so much and you have proven that this session. Thank you so much. I wish you all a happy summer. I want to say especially though my thanks to Senator Cyrway, Senator Dill, Senator Davis, Senator Diamond. I'm the only one that didn't get roasted a few minutes ago, I guess. Senator Rosen, thank you. Senator Breen, thank you. Senator Miramant, thank you. Senator Deschambault and Senator Woodsome. All of you term limited. I know we'll see you again. Well, Libby, you know, Senator Libby. Thank you all for what you've done. Thank you so much. I appreciate the good work you've done. We've had some difficult conversations and that's the name of the game, isn't it. You listen to each other. You listen to me on occasion, that was great, it felt good, and you came and talked to me and I hope those of you who are back next year will continue to keep the dialogue open, keep the doors open so that we can move this state forward like never before. Thank you so much. Have a great summer.

The Governor withdrew from the Senate Chamber.

Off Record Remarks

On motion by Senator **TIMBERLAKE** of Androscoggin moved the Senate **RECONSIDER** whereby it **RECEDED** and **CONCURRED** on the following:

An Act To Improve the Laws Governing Hemp by Bringing Them into Compliance with Federal Law

S.P. 683 L.D. 1942  
(S "A" S-582 to C "A" S-557)

(In Senate, April 19, 2022, the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-557)** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-557) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-582)** thereto.)

(In House, May 9, 2022, the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-557)** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-557)**, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.)

(In Senate, May 9, 2022, on motion by Senator **VITELLI** of Sagadahoc, **RECEDED** and **CONCURRED**.)

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 Kennebec, Senator Pouliot.

Senator **POULIOT:** Thank you, Mr. President. It's my understanding with the bill being held that the only way that we can release the bill down to the House to move on with our duties is for us to vote to Reconsider - on this motion to vote red. Is that correct, Mr. President?

**THE PRESIDENT:** That's one of the ways. Obviously, the person that asked to hold the bill could let it go but the only reason you ask for - to hold a bill is for Reconsideration. So, if it fails then you can't hold it any more.

Senator **POULIOT:** Right. Okay. So, for those individuals who supported previously a Recede and Concur motion, the majority of this Chamber voted green, then we would want to vote red now to move this bill forward. Is that correct, Mr. President?

**THE PRESIDENT:** Reconsideration failing would move the bill out.

Senator **POULIOT:** Yup, thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator **HICKMAN:** Thank you, Mr. President. So, thank you, Mr. President, women and men of the Senate. The other Body - when we receded and concurred earlier today to what the other Body did we stripped our own amendment, the Senate Amendment that we worked hard to make sure that the bill, which is a mess, would at least not be as bad as it is and so this motion,

as I understand correctly, we would have to pass a motion to reconsider in order to keep the bill held? Is that correct, Mr. President? So, I'm going to ask the Senate to do that and I didn't want to end this way. I'm sorry, Senator Deschambault. I really would have loved to end it with your karaoke but the question has been forced and so I want to explain to the Chamber why I would ask to vote in the affirmative on this motion.

**THE PRESIDENT:** Senator Hickman, could you just defer for a moment so I can explain the question. So, the reason you would - the only reason to hold a bill is to ask for reconsideration. So, if this motion to reconsideration failed then the bill would be in a position to move either Recede and Concur again, Insist motion, but if it fails reconsideration then it moves out with the Recede and Concur motion that the Senator originally put on. So, it wouldn't be, if it failed, to hold it again. It would be for another motion to come forward. The Senator may proceed.

Senator **HICKMAN:** Thank you. And thank you for that clarification and so to Reconsider our action whereby we Receded and Concur, if that is what we would like to do, then could we put an amendment on to make sure that the bill is closer to right before it goes to the other Body, Mr. President?

**THE PRESIDENT:** If Reconsideration prevails and we could put forward a motion to Recede. We could put an amendment on. I mean everything is open at that point for consideration.

Senator **HICKMAN:** We could also then insist on our action?

**THE PRESIDENT:** We could insist.

Senator **HICKMAN:** Thank you. So, in that case, I will hold my tongue for now and say that I would like for us to vote green on this motion so that we can be in a different posture. Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator **HICKMAN:** I do want to say one more thing, Mr. President, thank you, before we vote and that is this, if we fail to reconsider and go back to a posture that we held before we sent the bill to the House we will be comparing, for the first time in history, farmers in the state of Maine to, I just want this to be clear, massage therapists, Board of Licensure and Medicine licensees, Board of Osteopathic licensure, the Board of Dental Practice, the State Board of Examiners of Psychologists, the State Board of Social Worker Licensure, the Board of Chiropractic Licensure, the State Board of Examiners in Physical Therapy, the State Board of Alcohol and Drug Councilors, the Board of Respiratory Care Practitioners.

**THE PRESIDENT:** The Senator would defer. Would the Senator defer. The Chair recognizes the Senator from Kennebec, Senator Pouliot.

Senator **POULIOT:** The good Senator from Kennebec is out of order. We're discussing a reconsideration motion, not the bill.

**THE PRESIDENT:** I believe the Senator made the reference that if we did reconsider that we would be in that position. So, I believe it's still germane to speak to it.

Senator **HICKMAN:** The Board of Speech, the Board of Occupational Therapy Practice, Audiology and Hearing, the Radiology Technology Board of Examiners, the Nursing Home Administrators Licensing Board, the Board of Licensure for Podiatric Medicine - Podiatric Medicine, excuse me, the Board of Complementary Health Care Providers, the Maine Board of Pharmacy, the Maine Board of Trustees of the Maine Criminal Justice Academy, the State Board of Nursing, and Emergency Medical Services Board. Farmers would be compared to people who are licensed by these boards if they have been, ready for this, Mr. President, convicted of incarceration for less than a year that involves sexual misconduct. That is what we fixed when we amended the bill prior in the Senate. The other Body removed our amendment so that if we do not vote to reconsider we will be comparing farmers in the state of Maine to all of these people who have been convicted of sexual misconduct and the reason why we have to do that, Mr. President, is because the United States Department of Agriculture is following a law passed by Congress that requires a hemp licensee of any business to be disqualified from even applying for the license if they have a disqualifying drug offence, which would be a controlled substance act that has been brought upon them in the past ten years.

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

Senator **TIMBERLAKE:** Thank you, Mr. President. I believe that before you have been right but he's, the Senator is now beginning to go off on to another lane and I don't think it's, I personally don't think it's germane to what the roll call is at the moment.

**THE PRESIDENT:** The Senator from Kennebec, to my knowledge, is not speaking to another amendment. He's speaking to what happens if we pass the amendment ahead of us - not the amendment, the motion ahead of us. So, I believe it's germane to speak to the reconsideration motion, why he believes that we should not allow for reconsideration. So, I believe it's germane because he's not speaking to another amendment. He's speaking to what the action would be if we pass the reconsideration motion. In the end, obviously, the Senate votes the way the Senate wants to vote on this but he's not speaking to another amendment. He's speaking to what happens.

Senator **TIMBERLAKE:** Mr. President, but I think he's making opinions of what this bill might do or might not do and so I don't think that's germane to the bill at the moment. That's my opinion. You get to make that last judgment. That's the great thing about being there.

**THE PRESIDENT:** I think the Senate is full of opinions and that's the good thing about this Body. If he were speaking to another amendment then I would have to rule him out of order. The Senator may proceed.

Senator **HICKMAN:** Thank you, Mr. President. Thank you, good Senator from Androscoggin. I'm actually not stating an opinion. I am telling you what happens, by law, if we don't vote green on the motion before us. As the author of the statute that L.D. 1942

seeks to amend, I'm a little bit familiar with what's in it and when I thought that the USDA might provide some flexibility for our state program that turned out not to be the case and so if we vote red on this, and I want us to vote green on this, it would stop a bill from possibly being enacted that would regulate farmers in the state of Maine as you would regulate people who are a member of all the licensing boards that I mentioned who have disciplinary action. We fixed that problem in this bill when we put the Senate Amendment on a couple of weeks ago and sent it to the other Body. The other Body took that amendment off and we acted to recede and concur, which means we are agreeing with what I consider egregious. The other thing I would like to say, Mr. President, just so that we can conceptualize this because we have been doing a lot of great work this session, transformational if I say, and a bill became law, and it is germane to this because it changes the look-back on THC cannabis businesses to five years. It just went into law last week. This will create a conflict in our statutes. This Legislature has made every attempt to move restorative justice forward. It's called Second Chances. Even for the Former President agreed with these things. So, farmers in the state of Maine who grow hemp, hemp businesses in the state of Maine, can be licensed directly by the USDA if we vote green on this and it will clear up any confusion about how the State of Maine interfaces with federal government regarding regulating our hemp farmers. If we vote green on this we can be a state where people are allowed, still, to grow three personal plants of cannabis and three personal plants of hemp if they choose to do it. Hemp is food and this amendment that we would be sending to the Chief Executive's desk on this last day of session would eliminate Second Chances for hemp. It would download into our statutes what I consider an unjust law that, yes, Congress is trying to fix in the next farm bill, Mr. President, but it hasn't gotten there yet, and all hemp farmers in the state of Maine, all 46 of them, there are 46 left, nine of them have advocated for what the Department of Agriculture and Conservation and Forestry wants us to do. They said they answer to the USDA, Mr. President. I say we answer to the people of the state. I answer to my conscience and so I'm asking this Body to not reject what it already did when it fixed this part of the statute that is most egregious, comparing a hemp farmer to someone on the Board of Licensure for Physical Therapy who has been convicted of sexual misconduct, for the purposes of looking back at their disqualifying drug offense. That's not a disqualifying drug offense. So, it's not even in compliance with federal law. I told this to my colleagues in our caucus and now I'm saying it to the floor of the Senate. We dealt with this with an amendment that the House stripped. So, I'm asking this Body to stand by its action and not reconsider this bill. Leave it be. We can fix this next session. Thank you, Mr. President.

**THE PRESIDENT:** The pending question before the Senate is Reconsideration. Is the Senate ready for the question?

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The Chair noted the absence of the Senator from Lincoln, Senator **MAXMIN**, and further excused the same Senators from today's Roll Call votes.

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The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

**ROLL CALL (#816)**

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

NAYS: Senators: BENNETT, BLACK, CYRWAY, DAUGHTRY, DAVIS, DIAMOND, DILL, FARRIN, GUERIN, KEIM, MOORE, POULIOT, ROSEN, TIMBERLAKE, VITELLI, WOODSOME

EXCUSED: Senators: MAXMIN, STEWART

16 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 16 Senators having voted in the negative, with 2 Senators being excused, the motion by Senator **TIMBERLAKE** of Androscoggin to **RECONSIDER** whereby the Senate **RECEDED** and **CONCURRED FAILED**.

Senator **BENNETT** of Oxford moved the Senate **SUSPEND THE RULES** and allow any member to remove an item from the **SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS TABLE**.

On motion by, Senator **BREEN** of Cumberland, supported by a Division of one-fifth of the members present and voting, a Roll Call was ordered.

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

**ROLL CALL (#817)**

YEAS: Senators: BALDACCI, BENNETT, BLACK, CHIPMAN, FARRIN, HICKMAN, MIRAMANT, POULIOT, WOODSOME

NAYS: Senators: BAILEY, BREEN, BRENNER, CARNEY, CLAXTON, CURRY, CYRWAY, DAUGHTRY, DAVIS, DESCHAMBAULT, DIAMOND, DILL, GUERIN, KEIM, LAWRENCE, LIBBY, MOORE, RAFFERTY, ROSEN, SANBORN, TIMBERLAKE, VITELLI, PRESIDENT JACKSON

EXCUSED: Senators: MAXMIN, STEWART

9 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 23 Senators having voted in the negative, with 2 Senators being excused, the motion by Senator **BENNETT** of Oxford to **SUSPEND THE RULES** and allow any member to remove an item from the **SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS TABLE FAILED**.

Off Record Remarks

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

Senator **LIBBY:** Thank you, Mr. President. Men and women of the Senate, I'm addressing this Body on the record to clarify an important point before I leave for at least a little while, perhaps a long while, and that is the official membership list of the Red Head Caucus, which was not relayed accurately today. It includes myself, Senator Diamond. Senator Diamond is the founding member. Senator Brenner, Senator Rosen is still a member, Senator Daughtry has joined our ranks, welcome. So, Mr. President, I share this for folks coming back to the 131<sup>st</sup>. Please continue the tradition of advocating for Red Head issues. We've had some great wins. I think of the tanning bed issue a couple of years ago where the Red Head Caucus was united across party lines and geography and age. Please note, open your doors to those who aren't fortunate to have this kind of hair, like Senator Pouliot, Senator Black, and others. You are all welcome. I may be joining you in that group later on. Thank you very much, Mr. President.

Off Record Remarks

**THE PRESIDENT:** So, the Chair would advise that we're waiting actually for the House. I heard this afternoon the House said they were waiting on the Senate. So, here's my shot to take back at them. We're waiting on the House, as Representative Martin walks in, for the Errors Bill. Now I hear the bell ringing. So, we have a little bit of time to get that Errors Bill back down here so I would like to give my remarks and I appreciate what we've heard today from everyone because it is an emotional time for many of us, myself included. The discussions that we've had here today, I mean, I have no idea if we'll be reconvening as a Legislature for some other thing later on this session, but in case we don't, you know, I definitely would like to express, you know, my profound thanks for this entire Body and, you know, it has been hard, as all of you know, with what we've had to deal with and the disagreements about, you know, the normal stuff. The policies that we disagree about is, obviously, always hard but, you know, the COVID pandemic put us at another crossroads, sometimes within our own caucuses. And it has been a challenging couple of years and for that I am both thankful for your patience but also sorry for the situation that many of us found ourselves in with each other. And many of you in the Body, issues that we dealt with that at times I found myself probably less patient and saw myself at times places that I wish I was not in with all of you or some of you.

Senator Diamond took the time to go through many of us here today. I think he'll be fine with me talking about a time this session that me and him had a hard time, disagreement on an issue. Didn't speak to each other for a long time and then something else came up that forced us to speak together and it

was not pleasant. I was - one of the few times that my partner was driving me on the phone and he was with his wife and there was a lot of very animated language going on between the two of us over the phone. While he didn't know, and I didn't know, but my partner was telling me that I was a clown. That I was acting like a child, while she was driving me, for some choice language and somewhere along the line Senator Diamond stopped and said, 'Jane's telling me that I'm acting like a third grader,' and I said, 'Well, Lana just told me something very similar.' So, we had a laugh and got over it and that's what, unfortunately, you find yourselves sometimes. People that you respect a lot getting into an issue because you feel very passionate about it and I've had that with a number of members. Senator Sanborn, Senator Black, Senator Timberlake, Senator Pouliot, and others. And I feel - I always feel, you know, very disheartened that I let myself get to that point, and so I do very much want to apologize to anyone that felt this time that I may have offended. It wasn't because I didn't respect you or your position. Obviously, sometimes our passion goes too far.

And I did want to, you know, thank each and every one of you for your work, not just this past session but over the full two years. You know, there's no question that the 130<sup>th</sup> Legislature has been like no other. From the moment we took our oath of office at the Augusta Civic Center to the unprecedented public participation in the legislative process through the establishment of the hybrid committee meetings. You know, last year we worked together to fund K-12 education at 55% for the first time in our state's history. It was mandated by the voters in 2004 and later on again and we restored revenue sharing so municipalities didn't have to rely as heavily on property taxpayers to fund essential services and we came together to fund universal school meals so that children doesn't have to learn on an empty stomach. Today we fixed an error in that. So, we really can leave here saying that all children in the state are going to get universal school meals free. This year we built on that success, like I said just now.

Like most sessions, there are moments of levity and tension, partisanship and bi-partisanship, unity and division, or I guess in the case of the good Senator from Oxford, Senator Bennett, there were many divisions. But all jokes aside, we do have a lot to be proud of together and I am proud to work with you. Together we passed a strong, responsible, bi-partisan supplemental budget that makes good on our promises to Maine families, communities, and small businesses, and retirees. The response to the crisis of Maine farmers and families are facing today with PFAS and inflation, the sky high electric rates, while training the next generation of workers and investing in our future, and at the same time Senator - excuse me, Governor Mills said our Rainy Day fund remains at an all time high to ensure that Maine's prepared to weather whatever emergency comes our way and I believe this is definitely something to celebrate. In spite of our differences, bi-partisanship prevailed throughout the committee process. Most committees saw as many unanimous reports as divided reports and none of this would have been possible without your commitment to the people of the state. And I'd be remiss if I didn't extend my heartfelt gratitude to the good Secretary Grant and members of the Chamber Staff and the entire Senate Secretary's Office for their heroic work this session. As you all know, none of this happens in these crazy times that we found ourselves without the really hard work of a lot of very dedicated people and they are truly heroes of the Chamber. And I also want to thank downstairs, and this is something that goes - we find

ourselves scrambling at the end to find them, but Executive Director Suzanne Gresser and non-partisan office directors and the non-partisan staff for their extraordinary work this session. Much like the members of the Senate Secretary's Office, they make our work possible day in and day out.

Like I said, at this point there's no plan for the Senate to reconvene but you never say never in this business. So, certainly before we do adjourn, when the House sends us the paperwork, I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude to outgoing members of this Chamber. I want to thank you for your commitment and your service to the state. Obviously, to all of you but, you know, for the outgoing members. It's been an honor in a lifetime, in my lifetime, to preside over this Body and I definitely want to take just a moment to thank all of you. I mean, I never saw myself having the opportunity to meet such fine people and such dedicated public servants and the work that all of you have done over these two years, and many of you past that, has been extraordinary. And it was a huge honor, a great - I don't know, just something that I can't tell you how much I appreciated the conversations that we have had and allowing me to get to understand you and your communities better. It's really been something that I never expected I would have that opportunity. So, seriously, thank you. We still have a little bit more work to do but I wanted to tell you, please, be well over the summer and I look forward to seeing you all somewhere else in the future. So, thank you.

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

Senator **MIRAMANT:** Thank you, Mr. President. Hard to follow on those great words and I know that nobody would have known it if it wasn't for Senator Diamond pointing out that I used to be an airline pilot and so there's a few similarities. We go to work every week, get to the airline, to show up with a co-pilot who we've never met but you sit there and you do from one to seven to ten days together and then you pull up at the gate and gone and you never see them again in your life, or may be you see them again, but you never know and that's okay. And they come and they do their work professionally and sometimes you enjoy them and sometimes you hate them. You know that you will land in X number of days. Well, thrown together for eight years here with some of you for the whole time and some of you for part of it. It's been amazing. It's been like that, more intensified, and, for someone who tries not to show his sensitivity, I feel things very deeply. So, sometimes I'm really hurt and sometimes I'm really happy and amazed at the people I work with and shake my head at how you think we're going to get to solving a problem the more you do, but realize sometimes you do learn so much. And I'll try to do the same as I usually do, try to keep something short and just tell you that you've all become part of me in what I do moving forward, as everything has to now in many ways. So, sometimes, when I was younger and couldn't appreciate how much people become part of this, I would leave some of the Captains and I'd say 'Well, you've taught me something I'm going to remember forever about working with people here at this airline.' You could see they were thinking like 'Oh, well that's good' and they were just horrible and the thing they taught me was to never to do what they did. But I don't leave there - I don't leave this place that way. I leave thinking that was fairly immature because I learned something from them and I didn't see through to the deeper part

that they are who may be hurt or not able to express themselves and it comes out badly. Still didn't make me want to spend more time with them. But I leave taking on so much from all of you in the different meetings and our brief encounters, all of that. Even when the Senate President and I are at odds and we go it's like 'Okay, well that's there and now what's next?' You know, it's really been amazing. Everybody that we've worked with, the Chamber crew, all of you. I'll never forget you. I will use something I've learned from each and every one of you, I promise that, and thank you very much for our time together.

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Off Record Remarks

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**RECESSED** until the sound of the bell.

After Recess the Senate was called to order by the President.

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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 had transacted all business before it and was ready to Adjourn Without Day.

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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 Correct Errors in Recently Enacted Legislation  
H.P. 1544 L.D. 2041  
(S "A" S-653; S "B" S-654  
to H "A" H-1051; S "A" S-655  
to S "A" S-651)

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

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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.

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

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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. 29

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.

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

S.O. 30

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 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.

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Senate at Ease.

The Senate was called to order by the President.

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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 To Improve the Laws Governing Hemp by Bringing Them into Compliance with Federal Law

S.P. 683 L.D. 1942  
(C "A" S-557)

**PASSED TO BE ENACTED** and signed by the President.

Senator **DILL** of Penobscot moved the Senate **RECONSIDER** whereby the Bill and accompanying papers was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**, in concurrence.

On motion by Senator **HICKMAN** of Kennebec, 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 (#818)**

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

NAYS: Senators: BENNETT, BLACK, CURRY, CYRWAY, DAVIS, DIAMOND, DILL, FARRIN, GUERIN, KEIM, MOORE, POULIOT, ROSEN, SANBORN, TIMBERLAKE, WOODSOME

EXCUSED: Senators: MAXMIN, STEWART

16 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 16 Senators having voted in the negative, with 2 Senators being excused, the motion by Senator **DILL** of Penobscot to **RECONSIDER ENACTMENT**, in concurrence, **FAILED**.

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

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

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On motion by Senator **DIAMOND** of Cumberland, the Honorable **TROY D. JACKSON**, President of the Senate, declared the Second Regular Session of the 130<sup>th</sup> Legislature **ADJOURNED SINE DIE** at 6:25 in the evening.