

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION
5th Legislative Day
Tuesday, January 24, 2023

The House met according to adjournment and was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by Pastor Scott Taylor, Hermon Baptist Church.

National Anthem by Evelyn LaCroix, Skowhegan.

Pledge of Allegiance.

The Journal of Tuesday, January 17, 2023 was read and approved.

Under suspension of the rules, members were allowed to remove their jackets.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: (H.C. 33)

**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
SPEAKER'S OFFICE
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0002**

January 18, 2023

Honorable Robert B. Hunt

Clerk of the House

2 State House Station

Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Clerk Hunt,

Pursuant to my authority under Title 7, MRSA, Part 1, Ch. 5, §125.2-G, I am pleased to appoint Representative James Dill of Old Town to seat 15 on the Board of Agriculture, effective immediately.

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

Sincerely,

S/Rachel Talbot Ross

Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 34)

**MAINE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION
19 UNION STREET
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04330**

January 19, 2023

Honorable Troy D. Jackson

President of the Senate

3 State House Station

Augusta, ME 04333-0003

Honorable Rachel Talbot Ross

Speaker of the House of Representatives

2 State House Station

Augusta, ME 04333-0002

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Talbot Ross:

I am pleased to provide you with the Maine Human Rights Commission's report of quasi-independent state entity activity for the preceding year, as required by 5 M.R.S. §12023. The Maine Human Rights Commission ("MHRC") is committed to ensuring that its governing body has all the information needed to oversee the MHRC's activities and expenditures responsibly. For the 2022 Fiscal Year (July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022), the MHRC reports as follows:

A. All procurements exceeding \$10,000 for which competitive procurement was waived under the policies adopted pursuant to 5 M.R.S. §12022(3), including procurements exceeding \$10,000 that were made under contracts previously entered into for which competitive procurement was not required.

Answer: None.

B. All persons to whom the MHRC made contributions greater than \$1,000 and the total amount contributed to each.

Answer: None.

C. Changes made in the preceding year to the written policies and procedures required by 5 M.R.S. §12022 or to the procedures used by the MHRC to monitor compliance with those policies and procedures.

Answer: None.

We believe that the MHRC is in full compliance with the spirit and letter of 5 M.R.S. §12021-12024, and thank the Legislature for its attention to this matter. Should you or another member of the Legislature require additional information, or have a question, about the above report, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

S/Amy M. Sneirson

Executive Director

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 31)

**STATE OF MAINE
DEPARTMENT OF PROFESSIONAL
AND FINANCIAL REGULATION
BUREAU OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS
36 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE
04333-0036**

January 15, 2023

Honorable Troy D. Jackson, President of the Senate

Honorable Rachel Talbot Ross, Speaker of the House

131st Maine Legislature

State House

Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Talbot Ross:

In accordance with Title 9-B M.R.S. §217, as amended, enclosed please find a copy of the Annual Report from the Superintendent of the Bureau of Financial Institutions to the Legislature.

In the event that you may have any questions regarding the information contained in this Report, the Bureau would be pleased to respond. This Report will also be available in electronic format at www.maine.gov/pfr/financialinstitutions.

Very truly yours,

Lloyd P. LaFountain III

Superintendent

READ and with accompanying papers ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 32)

**MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF PROGRAM EVALUATION AND
GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY
82 STATE HOUSE STATION, ROOM 104 CROSS BUILDING
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0082**

January 13, 2023

Honorable Craig Hickman, Senate Chair
Honorable Jessica L. Fay, House Chair
Members of the Government Oversight Committee
82 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333
Honorable Troy D. Jackson, President of the Senate
Members of the 131st Maine Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333
Honorable Rachel Talbot Ross, Speaker of the House
Members of the 131st Maine House of Representatives
2 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Government Oversight Committee Members, Senators and Representatives:

In accordance with 3 MRSA §995(4), I respectfully submit the Office of Program Evaluation and Government Accountability (OPEGA) Annual Report for 2022. OPEGA's service to the Legislature as an independent, non-partisan resource is meant to support the important role of legislative oversight and to help improve the performance of State government. We remain committed to serving Maine's legislators and citizens as a trusted source of objective, credible information.

Thank you for the opportunity to be of assistance.

Sincerely,
S/Peter Schleck
Director

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

Doctor of the day, David B. Carmack, M.D., Veazie.

PETITIONS, BILLS AND RESOLVES REQUIRING REFERENCE

Bill "An Act to Support Maine's Potato Farmers and Processors"

(H.P. 141) (L.D. 220)

Sponsored by Representative GUERRETTE of Caribou.
Cosponsored by Representatives: ALBERT of Madawaska, ARDELL of Monticello, BABIN of Fort Fairfield, CRAY of Palmyra, HALL of Wilton, JACKSON of Oxford, THERIAULT of Fort Kent.

Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** suggested and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** and ordered printed.

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue to Upgrade Municipal Culverts at Stream Crossings"

(H.P. 133) (L.D. 212)

Sponsored by Representative FAY of Raymond.

Cosponsored by Senator GROHOSKI of Hancock.

Bill "An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue to Support the Economic Development of the Fishing Industry and the Portland Harbor Dredging Project"

(H.P. 157) (L.D. 236)

Sponsored by Representative BRENNAN of Portland.

Cosponsored by Senator CHIPMAN of Cumberland and Representative: Speaker TALBOT ROSS of Portland, Senator: DUSON of Cumberland.

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

REFERRED to the Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed.

Sent for concurrence.

Resolve, to Require the Commissioner of Public Safety to Conduct a Study Regarding Cadet Law Enforcement Officers Who Are Injured and Law Enforcement Officers Who Leave the Sponsoring Agency

(H.P. 136) (L.D. 215)

Sponsored by Representative PERKINS of Dover-Foxcroft.

Cosponsored by Representatives: BABIN of Fort Fairfield, CARLOW of Buxton, DUCHARME of Madison, NESS of Fryeburg, WHITE of Guilford.

Bill "An Act to Compensate Tribal Governments for Basic Training for a Law Enforcement Officer Hired by Another Government Agency"

(H.P. 150) (L.D. 229)

Sponsored by Representative DILL of Old Town.

Cosponsored by Senator VITELLI of Sagadahoc and Representatives: CYRWAY of Albion, HEPLER of Woolwich, LANDRY of Farmington, Senator: President JACKSON of Aroostook.

Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** suggested and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** and ordered printed.

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Transfer Responsibility for Administering the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code from the Department of Public Safety, Office of the State Fire Marshal to the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation"

(H.P. 128) (L.D. 207)

Sponsored by Representative MORRIS of Turner.

Cosponsored by Senator POULIOT of Kennebec and Representatives: BRADSTREET of Vassalboro, CYRWAY of Albion, MILLETT of Waterford, NUTTING of Oakland, Senator: TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin.

Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** suggested.

On motion of Representative SALISBURY of Westbrook, **TABLED** pending **REFERENCE** and later today assigned.

Bill "An Act to Maintain the Authority of the Maine School for Marine Science, Technology, Transportation and Engineering" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 134) (L.D. 213)

Sponsored by Representative CAMPBELL of Orrington.

Cosponsored by Representatives: PAUL of Winterport, THORNE of Carmel.

Bill "An Act to Require Students to Demonstrate Knowledge of the Constitution of Maine and the United States Constitution"

(H.P. 143) (L.D. 222)

Sponsored by Representative GRIFFIN of Levant.

Cosponsored by Representatives: DUCHARME of Madison, JAVNER of Chester, PAUL of Winterport, THERIAULT of Fort Kent.

Bill "An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Bonding Restrictions for School Administrative Units"

(H.P. 153) (L.D. 232)

Sponsored by Representative ROBERTS of South Berwick.

Cosponsored by Senator RAFFERTY of York and Representative: LAVIGNE of Berwick.

Bill "An Act to Reform Education"

(H.P. 162) (L.D. 241)

Sponsored by Representative BAGSHAW of Windham.

Cosponsored by Representatives: GRIFFIN of Levant, LYMAN of Livermore Falls, SAMPSON of Alfred, Senators: KEIM of Oxford, STEWART of Aroostook.

Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** suggested and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed.

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Water Supply Protection Funds"

(H.P. 132) (L.D. 211)

Sponsored by Representative FAY of Raymond.

Cosponsored by Senator BENNETT of Oxford and Representatives: BOYLE of Gorham, CARLOW of Buxton, KUHN of Falmouth, MILLETT of Waterford, PRINGLE of Windham, SKOLD of Portland, TERRY of Gorham, Senator: NANGLE of Cumberland.

Bill "An Act to Increase Public Access to Utilities"

(H.P. 161) (L.D. 240)

Sponsored by Representative ZEIGLER of Montville.

Cosponsored by Senator CURRY of Waldo and Representatives: BOYLE of Gorham, DODGE of Belfast, GEIGER of Rockland, MATLACK of St. George.

Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** suggested and ordered printed.

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

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Storm Water Management to Provide an Exemption for Trails for Hiking and Other Similar Activities"

(H.P. 137) (L.D. 216)

Sponsored by Representative BELL of Yarmouth.

Bill "An Act to Support Manufacturers Whose Products Contain Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances"

(H.P. 138) (L.D. 217)

Sponsored by Representative CAMPBELL of Orrington.

Cosponsored by Senator LYFORD of Penobscot.

Bill "An Act to Promote Equity in the Permitting Appeals Process"

(H.P. 140) (L.D. 219)

Sponsored by Representative BRADSTREET of Vassalboro.

Cosponsored by Representatives: ARATA of New Gloucester, CRAY of Palmyra, LANDRY of Farmington, PERKINS of Dover-Foxcroft.

Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** suggested and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** and ordered printed.

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act Concerning Home Care Services"

(H.P. 129) (L.D. 208)

Sponsored by Representative CRAVEN of Lewiston.

Cosponsored by Representatives: CLOUTIER of Lewiston, FAY of Raymond, GRAHAM of North Yarmouth, GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach, PERRY of Calais, RIELLY of Westbrook, SHAGOURY of Hallowell, Senator: CURRY of Waldo.

Bill "An Act to Clarify Maine Law Regarding Background Checks for the Office of Child and Family Services"

(H.P. 139) (L.D. 218)

Sponsored by Representative MADIGAN of Waterville.

Submitted by the Department of Health and Human Services pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services to Amend Its Rules Regarding Pharmacy Services

(H.P. 144) (L.D. 223)

Sponsored by Representative ZAGER of Portland.

Cosponsored by Senator MOORE of Washington and Representatives: MEYER of Eliot, NUTTING of Oakland, Senator: STEWART of Aroostook.

Bill "An Act to Expand the Reimbursement to Hospitals for Days Awaiting Placement in Facilities"

(H.P. 146) (L.D. 225)

Sponsored by Representative PERRY of Calais.

Cosponsored by Senator BENNETT of Oxford and Representatives: COLLAMORE of Pittsfield, CRAVEN of Lewiston, MEYER of Eliot, WHITE of Waterville.

Bill "An Act to Require Substance Use Disorder to Be Disclosed as a Cause of Death on Death Certificates"

(H.P. 149) (L.D. 228)

Sponsored by Representative MADIGAN of Waterville.

Cosponsored by Senator RENY of Lincoln and Representatives: MEYER of Eliot, SHAGOURY of Hallowell, SUPICA of Bangor, Senator: BEEBE-CENTER of Knox.

Bill "An Act to Support the Maine Pediatric and Behavioral Health Partnership Program"

(H.P. 152) (L.D. 231)

Sponsored by Representative SHAGOURY of Hallowell.
Cosponsored by Senator DUSON of Cumberland and Representatives: CLOUTIER of Lewiston, CRAVEN of Lewiston, MADIGAN of Waterville, MEYER of Eliot, TERRY of Gorham.

Bill "An Act to Raise from 12 to 24 the Annual Limit on the Number of Public Events and Meals Nonprofit Organizations May Have That Are Exempt from Certain Rules and Regulations"

(H.P. 155) (L.D. 234)

Sponsored by Representative ZEIGLER of Montville.
Cosponsored by Senator CURRY of Waldo and Representatives: DODGE of Belfast, DOUDERA of Camden, GEIGER of Rockland, MATLACK of St. George, PLUECKER of Warren, RISEMAN of Harrison, WARREN of Scarborough.

Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** suggested and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** and ordered printed.

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Strengthen Maine's Health Care Workforce by Preventing Discrimination by Requiring Maintenance of Certification for Insurance Reimbursement"

(H.P. 145) (L.D. 224)

Sponsored by Representative ZAGER of Portland.
Cosponsored by Senator BAILEY of York and Representatives: ARFORD of Brunswick, GRAHAM of North Yarmouth, MASTRACCIO of Sanford, Senator: CARNEY of Cumberland.

Bill "An Act Regarding Health Care in the State"

(H.P. 148) (L.D. 227)

Sponsored by Representative PERRY of Calais.
Cosponsored by Senator BAILEY of York.

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

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

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act Regarding Airboat Noise"

(H.P. 142) (L.D. 221)

Sponsored by Representative HEPLER of Woolwich.
Cosponsored by Representatives: ANKELES of Brunswick, ARFORD of Brunswick, DILL of Old Town, GOLEK of Harpswell, LANDRY of Farmington, O'CONNELL of Brewer, SACHS of Freeport.

Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** suggested and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** and ordered printed.

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Create a Program for Mortgage Assistance for Persons with Illnesses Related to COVID-19"

(H.P. 159) (L.D. 238)

Sponsored by Representative GRIFFIN of Levant.

Committee on **INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS** suggested and ordered printed.

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

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding Zoning and Land Use Restrictions to Limit Certain Requirements to Municipalities with a Population of More than 10,000" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 135) (L.D. 214)

Sponsored by Representative CAMPBELL of Orrington.
Cosponsored by Senator LYFORD of Penobscot and Representatives: SOBOLESKI of Phillips, THORNE of Carmel.

Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** suggested.

On motion of Representative ROEDER of Bangor, **TABLED** pending **REFERENCE** and later today assigned.

Bill "An Act to Address Maine's Affordable Housing Crisis"

(H.P. 147) (L.D. 226)

Sponsored by Representative MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth.
Cosponsored by President JACKSON of Aroostook and Representatives: GOLEK of Harpswell, LOOKNER of Portland, ROEDER of Bangor, Senator: PIERCE of Cumberland.

Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** suggested.

On motion of Representative ROEDER of Bangor, the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS**, ordered printed and sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Establish the Hessel's Hairstreak as the Maine State Butterfly"

(H.P. 160) (L.D. 239)

Sponsored by Representative GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach.

Cosponsored by Senator BAILEY of York and Representatives: COPELAND of Saco, HEPLER of Woolwich, LANDRY of Farmington, O'NEIL of Saco, PAULHUS of Bath, SHEEHAN of Biddeford, STOVER of Boothbay, Senator: NANGLE of Cumberland.

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

REFERRED to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** and ordered printed.

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Expand the List of Persons Exempt from the Real Estate Transfer Tax"

(H.P. 131) (L.D. 210)

Sponsored by Representative HASENFUS of Readfield.

Committee on **TAXATION** suggested and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **TAXATION** and ordered printed.

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Authorize an Interim Use Trail on the Berlin Subdivision Rail Corridor"

(H.P. 130) (L.D. 209)

Sponsored by Representative BELL of Yarmouth.

Cosponsored by Representative: ARFORD of Brunswick.

Bill "An Act to Promote Economic Development in the Fishing Industry by Funding a Dredging Project in Portland Harbor"

(H.P. 156) (L.D. 235)

Sponsored by Representative BRENNAN of Portland.

Cosponsored by Senator CHIPMAN of Cumberland and Representative: Speaker TALBOT ROSS of Portland, Senator: DUSON of Cumberland.

Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** suggested and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** and ordered printed.

Sent for concurrence.

Resolve, to Require the Maine National Guard to Sell Certain Property in Hallowell

(H.P. 151) (L.D. 230)

Sponsored by Representative SHAGOURY of Hallowell.

Cosponsored by Senator HICKMAN of Kennebec and Representatives: MALON of Biddeford, MONTELL of Gardiner.

Bill "An Act to Ensure Efficiency in Petitions Reviewed by the Secretary of State by Clarifying Deadlines Related to Those Petitions"

(H.P. 154) (L.D. 233)

Sponsored by Representative SUPICA of Bangor.

Cosponsored by Senator GROHOSKI of Hancock and Representatives: COLLINGS of Portland, DANA of the Passamaquoddy Tribe, MALON of Biddeford, RIELLY of Westbrook, Senators: BENNETT of Oxford, DAUGHTRY of Cumberland, HICKMAN of Kennebec, TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin.

Bill "An Act to Require a Registered Voter to Update the Registration"

(H.P. 158) (L.D. 237)

Sponsored by Representative GRIFFIN of Levant.

Cosponsored by Representatives: HENDERSON of Rumford, SMITH of Palermo.

Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** suggested and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed.

Sent for concurrence.

By unanimous consent, all matters having been acted upon were **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH**.

SPECIAL SENTIMENT CALENDAR

In accordance with House Rule 519 and Joint Rule 213, the following items:

Recognizing:

Joe Nesin, of Chester, on his retirement from Chester Animal Hospital after over 30 years of service as a veterinarian. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

(HLS 16)

Presented by Representative JAVNER of Chester.

Cosponsored by Senator STEWART of Aroostook.

On **OBJECTION** of Representative JAVNER of Chester, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

READ.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Chester, Representative Javner.

Representative **JAVNER**: Madam Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, I was born and raised on Pea Ridge Road in the quintessential rural Maine community of Chester. When I am asked where I live, more often than not, folks respond with anywhere near the Chester Animal Hospital? Yes, exactly that. Just down the road from my childhood home and across the Medunkeunk Stream is a stately farm located at 55 Pea Ridge Road. This farm was a working dairy farm in my early childhood years, then home to miniature horses during junior high. Then a young veterinarian purchased the property and has been there ever since.

Dr. Joe Nesin came to Chester over 30 years ago and established not only his business, the Chester Animal Hospital, but he turned the farm into his home. It is this piece of rural life that I admire the most. Throughout the years, not only were our family's favorite pets cared for by Dr. Joe, but he became an integral piece of our community. He served on our town Select Board for many years. We all know that is worth a tribute alone. But not only did he begin his service in our humble small town, but he chose to stay. That speaks volumes to the character of Dr. Joe. He is not one for public recognition and I am truly honored to be able to have this opportunity to recognize his commitment to our community. Honored to be able to say a very worthy public thank you to him for the dedication of over 30 years to rural Maine.

A few weeks ago, as you drove past the farm, there were moving trucks loaded with equipment that were headed to their new home. The Chester Animal Hospital was moving to its new location across the Penobscot River. As I watched them, I couldn't help but wonder at the myriad of emotions that Dr. Joe must be experiencing at that moment. After all, I hope he feels a great sense of well-being. I hope that even on a small scale he knows the positive effect that his life work has had and will continue to have on our rural community and those surrounding us for generations to come. As he embraces retirement, I know that his newly-cleared schedule will be filled with activities overlaid with the many fond memories of life at 55 Pea Ridge Road. Dr. Joe, well done. Very well done.

Subsequently, this Expression of Legislative Sentiment was **PASSED** and sent for concurrence.

In Memory of:

Nicole Louiselle Carrier, of Skowhegan. Ms. Carrier will be long remembered and sadly missed by her husband of 50 years, Richard, and her family and friends;

(HLS 24)

Presented by Representative DUCHARME of Madison. Cosponsored by Senator FARRIN of Somerset, Representative POIRIER of Skowhegan.

On **OBJECTION** of Representative DUCHARME of Madison, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar. **READ.**

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Madison, Representative Ducharme.

Representative **DUCHARME**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Nicole Carrier was born September 5, 1952 in St. Honoré, Quebec. She grew up on a farm with her parents and nine siblings. At only 17 years old, Nicole met the love of her life, Richard, and they took to arranging a family of their own and migrating to the United States. During their 50 years of marriage, Richard and Nicole were able to navigate through difficult times and great times and created a successful empire that they were both very proud of. That empire is known locally in the Skowhegan area as Richard Carrier Trucking.

In her private time, Nicole enjoyed gardening and spending time with her family. She loved to travel, go to Florida during the winters. She can be described as a magnificent, compassionate person who is kind at all times, with a heart of gold. She is truly missed and never forgotten. She is survived by her husband, Richard, children, Jimmy, Sandra, Isabel and Natasha. I personally have known Nicole and Richard for about 30 years. They raised four kids, all who follow in the footsteps of their parents as great business people but, more importantly, great people. I think they got that from their mother. I consider it a blessing in my life to have known Nicole. Rest in peace, Nicole.

Subsequently, this Expression of Legislative Sentiment was **ADOPTED** and sent for concurrence.

The following items were taken up out of order by unanimous consent:

PETITIONS, BILLS AND RESOLVES REQUIRING REFERENCE

Bill "An Act Making Unified Appropriations and Allocations from the General Fund and Other Funds for the Expenditures of State Government and Changing Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2023, June 30, 2024 and June 30, 2025" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 163) (L.D. 258)

Sponsored by Representative SACHS of Freeport. (GOVERNOR'S BILL)

Cosponsored by Senator ROTUNDO of Androscoggin.

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

REFERRED to the Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed.

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act Making Unified Allocations from the Highway Fund and Other Funds for the Expenditures of State Government and Changing Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2023, June 30, 2024 and June 30, 2025" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 164) (L.D. 259)

Sponsored by Representative SACHS of Freeport. (GOVERNOR'S BILL)

Cosponsored by Senator ROTUNDO of Androscoggin.

Bill "An Act to Make Supplemental Allocations from the Highway Fund and Other Funds for the Expenditures of State Government and to Change Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2023" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 165) (L.D. 260)

Sponsored by Representative SACHS of Freeport. (GOVERNOR'S BILL)

Cosponsored by Senator ROTUNDO of Androscoggin.

Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** suggested and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** and ordered printed.

Sent for concurrence.

By unanimous consent, all matters having been acted upon were **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH.**

SENATE PAPERS

Resolve, Directing Maine Emergency Medical Services to Convene a Stakeholder Group to Explore Emergency Medical Services Career Pathways and Educational Opportunities in the State

(S.P. 110) (L.D. 244)

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

REFERRED to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Clarify That Animal Health Products Are Exempt from the Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances Reporting Law"

(S.P. 108) (L.D. 242)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** in concurrence.

Resolve, to Classify Employee Health Insurance as a Fixed Cost for MaineCare Reimbursement in Nursing Facilities

(S.P. 117) (L.D. 251)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act Relating to Long-term Care Pharmacies"

(S.P. 118) (L.D. 252)

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

REFERRED to the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Eliminate Residency Requirements for District Court Judicial Appointments"

(S.P. 109) (L.D. 243)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** and ordered printed.

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

Bill "An Act to Require a Person Receiving Unemployment Benefits to Attend Scheduled Interviews to Fulfill the Work Search Requirement"

(S.P. 111) (L.D. 245)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Amend the Campaign Finance Laws"

(S.P. 112) (L.D. 246)

Bill "An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Elections"

(S.P. 113) (L.D. 247)

Bill "An Act to Amend the State's Liquor Laws"

(S.P. 114) (L.D. 248)

Bill "An Act to Amend the Campaign Finance Laws Regarding Political Action Committees"

(S.P. 115) (L.D. 249)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Improve Housing by Increasing Housing Options"

(S.P. 116) (L.D. 250)

Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** suggested and ordered printed.

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Joint Select Committee on **HOUSING** and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Joint Select Committee on **HOUSING** in concurrence.

By unanimous consent, all matters having been acted upon were **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH**.

The following Joint Order: (S.P. 124)

ORDERED, the House concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourn, they do so until the call of the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House, respectively.

Came from the Senate, **READ** and **PASSED**.

READ and **PASSED** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Add Health and Physical Education Requirements to High School Diploma Standards"

(S.P. 119) (L.D. 253)

Bill "An Act to Update the Sex Education and Consent Curriculum"

(S.P. 120) (L.D. 254)

Bill "An Act to Provide for a Later Starting Time for High Schools"

(S.P. 123) (L.D. 257)

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

REFERRED to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Add Electric Bicycles to the Electric Vehicle Rebate Program"

(S.P. 122) (L.D. 256)

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

REFERRED to the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Require Campaign Finance Reports for State and County Candidates Other than Governor to Be Filed on the 42nd Day Before Any Election"

(S.P. 121) (L.D. 255)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** in concurrence.

By unanimous consent, all matters having been acted upon were **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH**.

On motion of Representative DUCHARME of Madison, the House adjourned at 11:30 a.m., until the call of the Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate, respectively, pursuant to the Joint Order (S.P. 124) and in honor and lasting tribute to Nicole Louiselle Carrier of Skowhegan, Peter Petersen of Swanville and Herbert "Kent" Burdin of Guilford.