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ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION
6th Legislative Day
Tuesday, January 31, 2023

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

Prayer by Reverend Katie Holicky, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Brunswick.

National Anthem by Sharon Hood, Pittsfield.

Pledge of Allegiance.

The Journal of Tuesday, January 24, 2023 was read and approved.

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

SENATE PAPERS

The following Joint Resolution: (S.P. 99)

**JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MAY 1, 2023 AS
PUREBRED DOG DAY**

WHEREAS, purebred dogs are living legacies of the cultures that created them, and historically these dogs worked alongside their people and provided them companionship; and

WHEREAS, the service of these breeds continues today as they work alongside humans while serving as guide dogs, service dogs, conservation dogs, livestock guardians, search and rescue dogs, earthdogs, police dogs and canine soldiers serving alongside our military men and women; and

WHEREAS, purebred dogs also serve as avalanche dogs, trackers, trailers, herders, controllers of vermin, water rescuers, carting and sled dogs, retrievers, protectors, hunters and bird dogs; and

WHEREAS, purebred dogs have been of enormous help to medical science, serving as models for many heritable human diseases, playing a role in humanity's understanding of the human and canine genomes and benefiting pharmaceutical research and development; and

WHEREAS, purebred dogs are guardians of family, home and hearth, and always they are companions near and dear to humans; and

WHEREAS, each purebred breed is indelibly etched in the history of the culture that created it just as surely as are that culture's music, art and language; and

WHEREAS, all dogs should be valued, whatever their ancestry, but the purpose-bred dog and the predictability of its breed should be cherished and preserved; and

WHEREAS, there is currently no day set aside to celebrate and acknowledge the contributions of the purebred dog; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Thirty-first Legislature now assembled in the First Regular Session, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to recognize May 1, 2023 as Purebred Dog Day in celebration of purebred dogs and the many service and companion benefits they provide in Maine.

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

READ and **ADOPTED** in concurrence.

The following Joint Resolution: (S.P. 107)

**JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING INTERNATIONAL
HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY AND THE WORKING
DEFINITION OF ANTISEMITISM ADOPTED BY THIRTY-
FOUR MEMBER COUNTRIES OF THE INTERNATIONAL
HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE ALLIANCE**

WHEREAS, Friday, January 27, 2023 is International Holocaust Remembrance Day and marks the 78th anniversary of the liberation of the Auschwitz concentration camp; and

WHEREAS, the year 2023 also marks the 80th anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature recommit itself to combating the global rise in antisemitism; and

WHEREAS, 34 member countries of the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance, of which the United States is a member, have adopted a legally nonbinding working definition of antisemitism; and

WHEREAS, the working definition reads as follows: "Antisemitism is a certain perception of Jews, which may be expressed as hatred toward Jews. Rhetorical and physical manifestations of antisemitism are directed toward Jewish or non-Jewish individuals and/or their property, toward Jewish community institutions and religious facilities"; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Thirty-first Legislature now assembled in the First Regular Session, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to recognize International Holocaust Remembrance Day and the working definition of antisemitism.

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

READ and **ADOPTED** in concurrence.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: (H.C. 39)

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

January 25, 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 5 MRSA, §20065, I am pleased to reappoint Representative Colleen Madigan of Waterville to the *Substance Use Disorder Services Commission*, effective immediately.

Representative Madigan will continue to serve on this commission as a member of the House of Representatives who is also a member of the joint standing committee having jurisdiction over health and human services matters.

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. 35)
**MAINE MUNICIPAL AND RURAL ELECTRIFICATION
COOPERATIVE AGENCY**

January 23, 2023
Honorable Troy D. Jackson
President of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333
Honorable Rachel Talbot Ross
Speaker of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Talbot Ross:
Pursuant to 5 M.R.S.A., Section 12023, please consider this the letter of transmittal for the required report from the Maine Municipal and Rural Electrification Cooperative Agency due by February 1, 2023.
Please contact me if you have any questions or need additional information.

Thank you.
Sincerely,
S/Scott M. Hallowell
MMRECA

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

The Following Communication: (H.C. 37)
**MAINE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM
139 CAPITOL STREET
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04332**

January 23, 2023
Honorable Troy D. Jackson
President of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333
Honorable Rachel Talbot Ross
Speaker of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Talbot Ross:
Pursuant to 5 M.R.S.A., Section 12023, please consider this the letter of transmittal for the required report from the Maine Public Employees Retirement System due by February 1, 2023.
Please contact me if you have any questions or need additional information.

Thank you.
Sincerely,
S/Dr. Rebecca M. Wyke
Chief Executive Officer

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

The Following Communication: (H.C. 36)
**MAINE VENTURE FUND
P. O. BOX 63
NEWPORT, ME 04953**

February 1, 2023
Honorable Troy D. Jackson
President of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333
Honorable Rachel Talbot Ross
Speaker of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Talbot Ross:
Pursuant to 5 M.R.S.A., Section 12023, please consider this the letter of transmittal for the attached Report to Legislature for FY 2022 on behalf of the quasi-independent state entity, Small Enterprise Growth Board, due February 1, 2023.
Please contact me if you have any questions or need additional information.

Thank you.
Sincerely,
S/Terri Wark
Office Operations Manager
Small Enterprise Growth Board d/b/a Maine Venture Fund

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

The Following Communication: (H.C. 38)
**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
SPEAKER'S OFFICE
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0002**

January 26, 2023
Honorable Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Clerk Hunt:
Please be advised that pursuant to her authority, Governor Janet T. Mills has nominated the following:
on January 24, 2023

Barry W. Norris of Union for reappointment to the Maine State Harness Racing Commission.

Pursuant to Title 8, MRSA §261-A, this reappointment is contingent on confirmation by the Maine State Senate after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry.

Michael Wiers of St. Albans and Dr. Richard A. Cook, of Hermon for reappointment to the Maine Milk Commission.

Pursuant to Title 7, MRSA §2952, these reappointments are contingent on confirmation by the Maine State Senate after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry.

Sincerely,
S/Rachel Talbot Ross
Speaker of the House

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

The Following Communication: (H.C. 40)
**MAINE COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
323 STATE STREET
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04330-7131**

January 25, 2023
Honorable Rachel Talbot Ross
Speaker of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333
Honorable Troy D. Jackson
President of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333-0002

Dear Speaker Talbot Ross and President Jackson:
On behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Maine Community College System (MCCS), I respectfully submit the attached report on certain procurements, contributions, and policy changes for the period July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022, as required by 5 M.R.S.A. § 12023.

To compile this report, MCCS used customized reporting features built into our business management systems. We then tested the validity of those reports and reviewed several transactions with college personnel. Combined, the seven colleges and the MCCS System Office make thousands of purchases each year.

While reporting is complex, our review indicates that the colleges' compliance with existing policies is extremely high, and expenditures are consistently mission related. In those few areas where we have identified need for improvement, refinements have been made or are under way.

MCCS will continue to use its internal controls and annual outside audit to adapt its systems to changing needs, and our Board of Trustees will continue to monitor compliance through regular reporting and an ongoing dialogue with auditors.

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

Sincerely yours,
S/David Daigler
President

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

The Following Communication: (H.C. 41)
**MAINE MARITIME ACADEMY
CASTINE, MAINE 04420**

January 25, 2023
Honorable Troy D. Jackson
President of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333
Honorable Rachel Talbot Ross
Speaker of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Talbot Ross:
Pursuant to 5 M.R.S.A., Section 12023, please consider this the letter of transmittal for the required report from the Maine Maritime Academy due by February 1, 2023.

Please contact me if you have any questions or need additional information.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
S/Alice Herrick

Director of Fiscal Operations for Maine Maritime Academy
READ and with accompanying papers **ORDERED
PLACED ON FILE.**

The Following Communication: (H.C. 42)
**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE STATE AUDITOR
66 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0066**

Letter of Transmittal

January 24, 2023

Honorable Members of the Legislative Council, 131st Maine Legislature;

Honorable Janet T. Mills

Governor of Maine

I am pleased to submit the Communication with Those Charged with Governance at the Conclusion of the Audit in reference to the financial statement audit for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2022. Auditing standards require us to communicate audit matters that are, in our professional judgment, significant and relevant to those charged with Governance in overseeing the financial reporting process. This report is being communicated in accordance with 5 MRSA §243.

This document contains the following report and schedule:

- Communication with Those Charged with Governance at the Conclusion of the Audit
- Schedule of Uncorrected Misstatements
- Management Representation Letter

Please contact me if you have questions or comments about the Communication with Those Charged with Governance at the Conclusion of the Audit.

Respectfully submitted,
S/Matthew Dunlap, CIA
State Auditor

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

The Following Communication: (H.C. 43)
**STATE OF MAINE
LORING DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF MAINE
154 DEVELOPMENT DRIVE, SUITE F
LIMESTONE, ME 04750**

January 24, 2023

Honorable Troy D. Jackson

President of the Senate

3 State House Station

Augusta, Maine 04333

Honorable Rachel Talbot Ross

Speaker of the House

2 State House Station

Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Talbot Ross:

Pursuant to 5 M.R.S.A., Section 12023, please consider this the letter of transmittal for the required report from the Loring Development Authority of Maine due by February 1, 2023.

Please contact me if you have any questions or need additional information.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,
S/Carl W. Flora
President & CEO

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

**PETITIONS, BILLS AND RESOLVES REQUIRING
REFERENCE**

Bill "An Act to Remove the Requirement for Wild Blueberry
Transportation Permits" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 183) (L.D. 285)

Sponsored by Representative PERRY of Calais.

Cosponsored by Senator MOORE of Washington and
Representatives: DANA of the Passamaquoddy Tribe, DAVIS of
East Machias, STROUT of Harrington.

Bill "An Act to Require the State to Purchase Farms
Contaminated with Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl
Substances"

(H.P. 187) (L.D. 289)

Sponsored by Representative PARRY of Arundel.

Cosponsored by Senator INGWERSEN of York and
Representatives: PLUECKER of Warren, RUDNICKI of
Fairfield, WILLIAMS of Bar Harbor.

Bill "An Act to Include a Tribal Member in the Baxter State
Park Authority"

(H.P. 192) (L.D. 294)

Sponsored by Representative COLLINGS of Portland.

Cosponsored by President JACKSON of Aroostook and
Representatives: BLIER of Buxton, DANA of the
Passamaquoddy Tribe, DRINKWATER of Milford,
FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor, Speaker TALBOT ROSS of
Portland, WOODSOME of Waterboro, Senators: HICKMAN of
Kennebec, MOORE of Washington.

Bill "An Act Addressing Agriculture, Conservation and
Forestry in Maine"

(H.P. 235) (L.D. 384)

Sponsored by Representative PLUECKER of Warren.

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 Concerning Housing and Support Services for
At-risk Youth and Youth Who Have Committed Juvenile Crimes"

(H.P. 186) (L.D. 288)

Sponsored by Representative LOOKNER of Portland.

Cosponsored by Representatives: GERE of Kennebunkport,
GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach, MATHIESON of Kittery,
MOONEN of Portland, ROEDER of Bangor, SALISBURY of
Westbrook, WARREN of Scarborough.

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

On motion of Representative TERRY of Gorham, **TABLED**
pending **REFERENCE** and later today assigned.

Bill "An Act to Provide Funds to the Malaga 1912
Scholarship Fund"

(H.P. 171) (L.D. 273)

Sponsored by Representative ZAGER of Portland.

Cosponsored by Representatives: BRENNAN of Portland,
DODGE of Belfast, MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth, MURPHY of
Scarborough, RIELLY of Westbrook, SARGENT of York,
Senator: PIERCE of Cumberland.

Bill "An Act to Make Maine Schools Safer and Healthier by
Increasing the Maximum Debt Service Limit"

(H.P. 178) (L.D. 280)

Sponsored by Representative MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth.

Cosponsored by President JACKSON of Aroostook and
Representatives: DODGE of Belfast, KUHN of Falmouth,
LaROCHELLE of Augusta, Senators: CARNEY of Cumberland,
DUSON of Cumberland.

Bill "An Act to Revise the School Funding Formula"

(H.P. 191) (L.D. 293)

Sponsored by Representative DUCHARME of Madison.

Cosponsored by Senator STEWART of Aroostook and
Representatives: POIRIER of Skowhegan, POLEWARCZYK of
Wiscasset, SAMPSON of Alfred.

Bill "An Act to Ensure Equitable Access to All Higher
Education Institutions"

(H.P. 207) (L.D. 309)

Sponsored by Representative COLLAMORE of Pittsfield.

Bill "An Act to Allow Education Funding to Follow the
Student"

(H.P. 212) (L.D. 338)

Sponsored by Representative CAMPBELL of Orrington.

Bill "An Act to Invest in an Educational Technician Training
Program to Address Shortages in Public Schools"

(H.P. 217) (L.D. 343)

Sponsored by Representative BRENNAN of Portland.

Bill "An Act Regarding Educational Policies and Programs"

(H.P. 219) (L.D. 345)

Sponsored by Representative BRENNAN of Portland.

Bill "An Act to Make Menstrual Products Available in
Certain Schools"

(H.P. 222) (L.D. 348)

Sponsored by Representative CLOUTIER of Lewiston.

Cosponsored by Senator DAUGHTRY of Cumberland and
Representatives: BRENNAN of Portland, CRAFTS of
Newcastle, DODGE of Belfast, ROEDER of Bangor, SHEEHAN
of Biddeford, TERRY of Gorham, Senators: CARNEY of
Cumberland, RAFFERTY of York.

Resolve, Directing the Department of Education to
Examine Alternative Metrics for Determining the Disadvantaged
Student Factor in the School Funding Formula

(H.P. 236) (L.D. 385)

Sponsored by Representative BRENNAN of Portland.

Bill "An Act to Assist Schools with Heating and
Transportation Fuel Costs During the School Year"
(EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 237) (L.D. 386)

Sponsored by Representative DAVIS of East Machias.

Cosponsored by Senator MOORE of Washington and
Representative: PERRY of Calais.

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 Reduce Electric Rate Increases Due to Renewable Energy Credits"

(H.P. 195) (L.D. 297)

Sponsored by Representative FOSTER of Dexter.

Bill "An Act Regarding the Purpose and Responsibilities of the State Regulatory System for Public Utilities"

(H.P. 214) (L.D. 340)

Sponsored by Representative DUCHARME of Madison.

Cosponsored by Representative: LAVIGNE of Berwick.

Bill "An Act to Repeal the Law Regarding the Northern Maine Renewable Energy Development Program"

(H.P. 227) (L.D. 376)

Sponsored by Representative DUCHARME of Madison.

Cosponsored by Representatives: CARMICHAEL of Greenbush, COSTAIN of Plymouth, FOSTER of Dexter, LANIGAN of Sanford, THORNE of Carmel.

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 Assist Municipalities in Preventing Damage from Storm Water"

(H.P. 174) (L.D. 276)

Sponsored by Representative ANKELES of Brunswick.

Cosponsored by Representative: DOUDERA of Camden.

Bill "An Act Regarding Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances"

(H.P. 175) (L.D. 277)

Sponsored by Representative FAY of Raymond.

Bill "An Act Regarding Plastic Pollution"

(H.P. 193) (L.D. 295)

Sponsored by Representative GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach.

Cosponsored by Senator BRENNER of Cumberland and Representatives: DOUDERA of Camden, JAUCH of Topsham, LOOKNER of Portland, ROEDER of Bangor, SUPICA of Bangor, Senators: BENNETT of Oxford, GROHOSKI of Hancock.

Bill "An Act to Establish Statewide Standards for Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances"

(H.P. 202) (L.D. 304)

Sponsored by Representative HYMES of Waldo.

Cosponsored by Representatives: NEWMAN of Belgrade, RUDNICKI of Fairfield, SMITH of Palermo.

Bill "An Act Related to Water"

(H.P. 204) (L.D. 306)

Sponsored by Representative GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach.

Cosponsored by Senator BENNETT of Oxford and Representatives: DOUDERA of Camden, JAUCH of Topsham, LOOKNER of Portland, ROEDER of Bangor, SUPICA of Bangor, Senators: BRENNER of Cumberland, GROHOSKI of Hancock.

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 to Allow the Department of Health and Human Services to Authorize Standing Orders"

(H.P. 180) (L.D. 282)

Sponsored by Representative GRAHAM of North Yarmouth.

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

Bill "An Act to Support Young People Affected by Substance Use Disorder"

(H.P. 189) (L.D. 291)

Sponsored by Representative LaROCHELLE of Augusta.

Cosponsored by Representatives: CRAFTS of Newcastle, MILLIKEN of Blue Hill, STOVER of Boothbay.

Bill "An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding Health and Human Services"

(H.P. 197) (L.D. 299)

Sponsored by Representative MEYER of Eliot.

Bill "An Act to Establish Pilot Initiatives to Promote, Grow and Sustain Adult Day Care and Respite Programs in Maine"

(H.P. 198) (L.D. 300)

Sponsored by Representative CRAVEN of Lewiston.

Bill "An Act to Ensure Sufficient Rates for Behavioral Health Services"

(H.P. 200) (L.D. 302)

Sponsored by Representative MADIGAN of Waterville.

Cosponsored by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot and Representative: SHAGOURY of Hallowell.

Bill "An Act to Clarify the Requirements for Family Caregivers"

(H.P. 220) (L.D. 346)

Sponsored by Representative FAY of Raymond.

Resolve, to Eliminate the So-called Fail First Requirement for Children's Residential Services for Certain Individuals Whose Needs Are Unable to Be Met with Home and Community-based Services by Expanding Eligibility for Those Individuals

(H.P. 229) (L.D. 378)

Sponsored by Representative CROCKETT of Portland.

Bill "An Act to Improve Rural Transportation and Access to Mental Health Care and Physical Health Care"

(H.P. 240) (L.D. 389)

Sponsored by Representative MADIGAN of Waterville.

Cosponsored by Senator MOORE of Washington and Representatives: JAVNER of Chester, MEYER of Eliot, SHAGOURY of Hallowell.

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 Lower the State's Health Care Costs"

(H.P. 205) (L.D. 307)

Sponsored by Representative MORRIS of Turner.

Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** suggested.

On motion of Representative MEYER of Eliot, the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES**, ordered printed and sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Ensure Access to Health Care"
(H.P. 168) (L.D. 263)
Sponsored by Representative SACHS of Freeport.

Bill "An Act Regarding Municipal Costs for Water Used for Firefighting"
(H.P. 172) (L.D. 274)
Sponsored by Representative ANKELES of Brunswick.

Resolve, to Require the Maine Board of Pharmacy to Review Work Practices and Treatment of Pharmacists
(H.P. 173) (L.D. 275)

Sponsored by Representative O'CONNELL of Brewer.
Cosponsored by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot and Representatives: ARFORD of Brunswick, GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach, KUHN of Falmouth, MADIGAN of Waterville, SUPICA of Bangor, Senator: FARRIN of Somerset.

Bill "An Act to Require Health Plans to Cover an Annual Mental Health Wellness Examination"
(H.P. 176) (L.D. 278)

Sponsored by Representative OSHER of Orono.
Cosponsored by Senator MOORE of Washington and Representatives: ARFORD of Brunswick, BRIDGEO of Augusta, CLUCHEY of Bowdoinham, GEIGER of Rockland, PERRY of Calais, Senator: BEEBE-CENTER of Knox.

Bill "An Act to Amend the Maine Insurance Code as It Relates to Pet Insurance"
(H.P. 188) (L.D. 290)

Sponsored by Representative MORRIS of Turner.
Bill "An Act to Provide Health Insurance, Reduce Administrative Burdens, Reduce Costs and Improve Health Outcomes"
(H.P. 201) (L.D. 303)

Sponsored by Representative PRINGLE of Windham.
Bill "An Act to Require That Insurance Companies Notify Workers over 65 Years of Age of Potential High Costs"
(H.P. 206) (L.D. 308)

Sponsored by Representative MORRIS of Turner.
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 to Relieve Student Debt"
(H.P. 228) (L.D. 377)
Sponsored by Representative ROBERTS of South Berwick.

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

On motion of Representative PERRY of Calais, the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS**, ordered printed and sent for concurrence.
Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Reinstate a Minimum Age for Hunting"
(H.P. 166) (L.D. 261)
Sponsored by Representative STROUT of Harrington. (BY REQUEST)

Bill "An Act to Ensure Municipalities Receive a Higher Percentage of All-terrain Vehicle Registration Fees to Cover Increased Expenses"
(H.P. 194) (L.D. 296)

Sponsored by Representative NEWMAN of Belgrade.
Cosponsored by Representatives: PARRY of Arundel, THORNE of Carmel.

Bill "An Act to Provide Youth Lifetime Hunting Licenses to Eligible Dependents of Veterans Who Are 100 Percent Disabled"
(H.P. 203) (L.D. 305)

Sponsored by Representative HYMES of Waldo.
Cosponsored by Representatives: NEWMAN of Belgrade, THORNE of Carmel, WOOD of Greene.

Bill "An Act to Responsibly Regulate Recreational Boats on Maine Lakes"
(H.P. 230) (L.D. 379)

Sponsored by Representative LANDRY of Farmington.
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 Require Ski Area Safety Plans and Reporting"
(H.P. 179) (L.D. 281)

Sponsored by Representative WILLIAMS of Bar Harbor.
Bill "An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Maine Workforce, Research, Development and Student Achievement Institute"
(H.P. 182) (L.D. 284)

Sponsored by Representative ROBERTS of South Berwick.
Bill "An Act to Streamline Licensing by Matching Federal Licensing Requirements for Occupations Licensed Federally"
(H.P. 216) (L.D. 342)

Sponsored by Representative DUCHARME of Madison.
Cosponsored by Representatives: ANDREWS of Paris, CARMICHAEL of Greenbush, SMITH of Palermo, THORNE of Carmel.

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 Clarify the Process for Admission to the Bar on Motion"
(H.P. 169) (L.D. 264)

Sponsored by Representative MORIARTY of Cumberland.
Submitted by the Judicial Department pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Bill "An Act to Protect Against Discrimination by Public Entities"
(H.P. 177) (L.D. 279)

Sponsored by Speaker TALBOT ROSS of Portland.
Cosponsored by Senator BEEBE-CENTER of Knox and Representatives: MOONEN of Portland, PLUECKER of Warren, PRINGLE of Windham, Senators: CARNEY of Cumberland, NANGLE of Cumberland.

Bill "An Act Regarding State Recognition of Native American Tribes"

(H.P. 210) (L.D. 336)

Sponsored by Representative POIRIER of Skowhegan.
Cosponsored by Representatives: DOUDERA of Camden, PERKINS of Dover-Foxcroft.

Bill "An Act to Provide Electronic Access to Confidential Juror Information" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 213) (L.D. 339)

Sponsored by Representative SHEEHAN of Biddeford.
Submitted by the Judicial Department pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Bill "An Act Regarding In-court Appearance Requirements for Persons Authorized to Serve Eviction Notices and the Process for Serving a Writ of Possession"

(H.P. 221) (L.D. 347)

Sponsored by Representative CYRWAY of Albion.
Cosponsored by Senator MOORE of Washington and Representatives: BRADSTREET of Vassalboro, CLUCHEY of Bowdoinham, DILL of Old Town, DRINKWATER of Milford, GREENWOOD of Wales.

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

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

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Exempt Employers from Providing Earned Paid Leave for Certain Employees"

(H.P. 199) (L.D. 301)

Sponsored by Representative POIRIER of Skowhegan.
Cosponsored by Representatives: DUCHARME of Madison, GREENWOOD of Wales, JAVNER of Chester, MORRIS of Turner, PERKINS of Dover-Foxcroft.

Bill "An Act to Increase the Workforce in the State"

(H.P. 208) (L.D. 310)

Sponsored by Representative COLLAMORE of Pittsfield.
Cosponsored by Senator STEWART of Aroostook and Representative: QUINT of Hodgdon.

Bill "An Act to Support Farm Workers and Farmers by Addressing Unionization of Farm Workers"

(H.P. 223) (L.D. 349)

Sponsored by Representative ROEDER of Bangor.
Cosponsored by Senator: TIPPING of Penobscot.

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

REFERRED to the Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** and ordered printed.

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Strengthen Maine's Workforce"

(H.P. 167) (L.D. 262)

Sponsored by Representative ROBERTS of South Berwick.

Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** suggested.

On motion of Representative ROEDER of Bangor, the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS**, ordered printed and sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Establish Maine Needham Day"

(H.P. 190) (L.D. 292)

Sponsored by Representative O'NEIL of Saco.
Cosponsored by Senator STEWART of Aroostook and Representatives: CRAVEN of Lewiston, RIELLY of Westbrook.

Bill "An Act to Establish Maine Alewife Day"

(H.P. 218) (L.D. 344)

Sponsored by Representative DAVIS of East Machias.
Cosponsored by Senator MOORE of Washington and Representatives: DILL of Old Town, HEPLER of Woolwich, PERRY of Calais, RUSSELL of Verona Island, STROUT of Harrington, Senator: GROHOSKI of Hancock.

Bill "An Act Regarding Monhegan Plantation"

(H.P. 231) (L.D. 380)

Sponsored by Representative CRAFTS of Newcastle.

Bill "An Act to Restore Legislative Oversight of Rulemaking"

(H.P. 234) (L.D. 383)

Sponsored by Representative ANDREWS of Paris.
Cosponsored by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot and Representatives: GREENWOOD of Wales, RISEMAN of Harrison, Senator: BRAKEY of Androscoggin.

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 Make Technical Changes to the Maine Tax Laws"

(H.P. 181) (L.D. 283)

Sponsored by Representative MATLACK of St. George.
Submitted by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Bill "An Act to Authorize the Use of Tax Increment Financing Funds for Constructing or Renovating Municipal Offices and Other Municipal Buildings"

(H.P. 184) (L.D. 286)

Sponsored by Representative CARLOW of Buxton.
Cosponsored by Senator INGWERSEN of York and Representatives: ANKELES of Brunswick, BLIER of Buxton, CAMPBELL of Orrington, CARMICHAEL of Greenbush, HASENFUS of Readfield, Senators: BAILEY of York, GROHOSKI of Hancock.

Bill "An Act to Support Parents by Providing a Sales Tax Exemption for Diapers"

(H.P. 185) (L.D. 287)

Sponsored by Representative MURPHY of Scarborough.

Cosponsored by President JACKSON of Aroostook.

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

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

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Study the Shared Use of the Public Right of Way"

(H.P. 196) (L.D. 298)

Sponsored by Representative WILLIAMS of Bar Harbor.

Bill "An Act to Increase School Bus Safety by Requiring Monitors"

(H.P. 232) (L.D. 381)

Sponsored by Representative NESS of Fryeburg. (BY REQUEST)

Resolve, Naming Portions of a Highway in St. George
(H.P. 233) (L.D. 382)

Sponsored by Representative MATLACK of St. George.
Cosponsored by Senator BEEBE-CENTER of Knox.

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

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

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Provide Support Services for Military Members Transitioning to Civilian Life in Maine"

(H.P. 170) (L.D. 265)

Sponsored by Representative TERRY of Gorham.

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.

Bill "An Act to Amend the Regulations of Manufactured Housing to Increase Affordable Housing"

(H.P. 211) (L.D. 337)

Sponsored by Representative GOLEK of Harpswell.

Bill "An Act to Require the State and Municipalities to Reimburse Landlords for Unpaid Rent During Eviction Moratoriums"

(H.P. 239) (L.D. 388)

Sponsored by Representative BLIER of Buxton.

Cosponsored by Senator POULIOT of Kennebec and Representatives: ARATA of New Gloucester, ARDELL of Monticello, COLLINGS of Portland, MORRIS of Turner, SWALLOW of Houlton.

Joint Select Committee on **HOUSING** suggested and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Joint Select Committee on **HOUSING** and ordered printed.

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Amend the Maine Tree Growth Tax Law to Encourage Housing Construction"

(H.P. 215) (L.D. 341)

Sponsored by Representative DUCHARME of Madison.

Cosponsored by Representatives: ARATA of New Gloucester, CARMICHAEL of Greenbush, DUNPHY of Embden, LANDRY of Farmington, THORNE of Carmel, Senator: FARRIN of Somerset.

Joint Select Committee on **HOUSING** suggested.

On motion of Representative GERE of Kennebunkport, **TABLED** pending **REFERENCE** and later today assigned.

Bill "An Act to Promote Affordable Housing by Providing a Tax Exemption for Housing Choice Vouchers"

(H.P. 238) (L.D. 387)

Sponsored by Representative BLIER of Buxton.

Cosponsored by Senator POULIOT of Kennebec and Representatives: ARATA of New Gloucester, ARDELL of Monticello, COLLINGS of Portland, MORRIS of Turner, WHITE of Waterville.

Joint Select Committee on **HOUSING** suggested.

On motion of Representative GERE of Kennebunkport, **TABLED** pending **REFERENCE** and later today assigned.

Pursuant to Statute

Maine Health Data Organization

Representative PERRY for the **Maine Health Data Organization** pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 8072 asks leave to report that the accompanying Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 570: Uniform Reporting System for Prescription Drug Price Data Sets, a Major Substantive Rule of the Maine Health Data Organization (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 226) (L.D. 375)

Be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** and printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Report was **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Sent for concurrence.

Pursuant to Statute

Department of Professional and Financial Regulation

Representative ROBERTS for the **Department of Professional and Financial Regulation** pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 8072 asks leave to report that the accompanying Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 12: Transportation of Human Remains, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Maine State Board of Funeral Service (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 225) (L.D. 374)

Be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS** and printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Report was **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Sent for concurrence.

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

ORDERS

On motion of Representative DOUDERA of Camden, the following Joint Resolution: (H.P. 209)

JOINT RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE'S REGRET OVER THE DEATH OF CONNECTICUT STATE REPRESENTATIVE QUENTIN WILLIAMS

WHEREAS, the Honorable Quentin Soldier Williams of Middletown, Connecticut, was a Connecticut State Representative serving the 100th House District; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Williams was a graduate of Bryant University and Villanova University and was a member of Alpha Phi Alpha, the oldest Black fraternity in America; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Williams first served in the Connecticut General Assembly during the 2019 session and was the first-ever Black State Representative for the City of Middletown; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Williams served as co-chair of the Aging Committee at the start of the 2021-22 session, later becoming a Housing Committee co-chair, and was slated to serve as head of the Labor and Public Employees Committee; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Williams had taken the Oath of Office for his 3rd consecutive term just before he was tragically killed in a wrong-way, head-on automobile crash after leaving the inaugural ball for Governor Ned Lamont; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Thirty-first Legislature now assembled in the First Regular Session, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to express our deep regret over the sudden and tragic death of the Honorable Quentin Soldier Williams and the loss of his outstanding public service leadership to the Connecticut General Assembly and the people of Connecticut; and be it further

RESOLVED: That suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the family of the Honorable Quentin Soldier Williams and the Connecticut General Assembly.

READ.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Camden, Representative Doudera.

Representative **DOUDERA**: Thank you, Madam Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. Have you ever had the experience of going into a room, a room full of strangers, and somebody meets your eye and gives you a smile and it just changes everything about that very moment because you've made a connection with the person? This is how I felt when I met Connecticut State Representative Quentin Williams at a National Caucus of Environmental Legislators meeting back in the fall. "Q", as he was known, was someone who was full of energy and ideas, someone who was doing great things in his State. He died far too young at age 39 and I wanted to put this in for him because I felt like we know what it's like to have lost people here in this Body; that happened to us last session when three of our Members passed away. We know how we felt and the Connecticut Legislature is going through many of those same exact feelings. Folks who worked on committees with Representative Williams, who maybe sat near him, who shared lunch with him or who just benefited, like I did, from a friendly smile and a friendly feeling. And I wanted the folks in Connecticut to know that we here in Maine are thinking of them, that we are thinking of Q's family and send this up from our little neck of New England down to them. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Old Orchard Beach, Representative Gramlich.

Representative **GRAMLICH**: Thank you, Madam Speaker, Women and Men of the House. I've heard it said and I firmly believe that people come into and out of our lives for significant and profound reasons. Representative Quentin "Q" Williams is one of those people. I had the good fortune to meet and get to know Representative Williams, who I will affectionately refer to as Q, that's how he liked to be called. I got to know him quite well earlier this summer as we were both Toll Fellowship recipients with the Council of State Governments. Q had a larger-than-life personality that people just gravitated toward, or at least I did and I know my colleague from Camden did as well. His roaring laughter was infectious, his heart was huge, compassionate and giving. I saw a future with all that Q had in front of him. The tragedy of Representative Williams' untimely passing is a painful reminder of the brevity of life. I am truly blessed to have known such a kind and caring soul and I will miss him greatly. My gratitude to my friend and colleague, the Representative from Camden, Representative

Doudera, for putting in this very thoughtful sentiment. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Lewiston, Representative Cloutier.

Representative **CLOUTIER**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker and Fellow Members of the House, I rise today in honor of a beautiful life of service, that of Representative "Q" Quentin Soldier Williams of Connecticut. I certainly can't say it better than my good friends from Camden and Old Orchard Beach, but I did want to add my own brief reflection and condolences to his family and friends. I am fortunate to have shared several legislative experiences with Q, namely as a fellow New Deal leader and Henry Toll Fellow, and it always brought me such joy to find out he would be attending the same conference or fellowship that I was. His personality was electric. His passion and enthusiasm in all that he did is an example to all of us. I am honored to have known him and I hold his family and friends close at heart during this very difficult time. May Q's light continue to shine. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Subsequently, the Joint Resolution was **ADOPTED**.
Sent for concurrence.

On motion of Speaker TALBOT ROSS of Portland, the following Joint Resolution: (H.P. 224) (Cosponsored by Senator BEEBE-CENTER of Knox)

**JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE MONTH OF
JANUARY 2023 AS NATIONAL HUMAN TRAFFICKING
PREVENTION MONTH**

WHEREAS, human trafficking is criminal recruiting, harboring, transporting, providing or obtaining a person for compelled labor or commercial sexual exploitation through the use of force, fraud or coercion, including but not limited to involuntary servitude, sex trafficking, debt bondage, domestic servitude and forced child labor, and can, but does not necessarily, include the physical transportation of a victim from one location to another; and

WHEREAS, human trafficking violates basic human rights, denies victims their personal freedom and knows no geographical boundaries; and

WHEREAS, traffickers target children and adults of all genders, both United States citizens and foreign nationals, isolate them from society and exploit them for personal and monetary gain; and

WHEREAS, victims of human trafficking suffer severe emotional, psychological and physical damage at the hands of their traffickers, who instill fear in their victims in order to keep them enslaved, resulting in complex post-traumatic stress disorder and increased rates of disease, drug addiction and other lifelong effects of trauma, and these experiences may require years of specialized health care and mental health services as part of a victim's recovery; and

WHEREAS, human trafficking is recognized as one of the fastest-growing criminal enterprises in the world, and the International Labour Organization estimates annual profits of \$75,000,000,000 from forced labor internationally; and

WHEREAS, the International Labour Organization estimates that 12% of persons in forced labor are children, and the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children estimated in 2022 that one out of every 6 endangered runaways in the United States reported to them was likely a child sex trafficking victim; and

WHEREAS, in a 2015 report commissioned by the Maine Coalition Against Sexual Assault, researchers found that between 200 and 300 people in Maine are victims of human trafficking each year; and

WHEREAS, the work of preventing and combating human trafficking and related crimes in Maine has been undertaken by invaluable organizations such as Survivor Speak USA, founded and led by the late Dianne "Dee" Clarke of Portland; and

WHEREAS, Survivor Speak USA is a Maine-based, survivor-led organization working to end sex trafficking and sexual exploitation through centering the experiences, healing, voices and leadership of survivors; and

WHEREAS, Dee Clarke, a survivor herself of sex trafficking and exploitation, devoted her life to ending sex trafficking by empowering survivors to create social and political change, including by leading the charge to pass LD 1455, An Act to Support Survivors of Sex Trafficking and Exploitation, which was signed into law June 21, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the State is committed to protecting the vulnerable and ending human trafficking through prevention, prosecution, education and awareness, including by amplifying the voices of survivors and those who work tirelessly at the grassroots level to combat it; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Thirty-first Legislature now assembled in the First Regular Session, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to recognize the month of January 2023 as National Human Trafficking Prevention Month.

READ and ADOPTED.

On motion of Representative FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor, the House **RECONSIDERED** its action whereby it **ADOPTED** the Joint Resolution.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Wales, Representative Greenwood.

Representative **GREENWOOD**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, Distinguished Members of this Body, I rise in support of the Joint Resolution and to emphasize the importance of this message. The United States generally follows the widely-used 3P model, prosecution, protection and prevention, to combat human trafficking, a modern form of slavery. While this Legislature takes up bills to improve the protections for trafficked individuals and prosecuting those responsible, we must not turn a blind eye to prevention. Specifically, securing our southern border, where border patrol is encountering record numbers of individuals attempting to make entry into the U.S. Lured by criminals on both sides of the border, thousands of these individuals have historically become victims of sexual or other exploitation through migrant smuggling. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Subsequently, the Joint Resolution was **ADOPTED**.
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:

the Town of Milo, which is celebrating its Bicentennial. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

(HLS 27)

Presented by Representative PERKINS of Dover-Foxcroft.

Cosponsored by Senator GUERIN of Penobscot.

On **OBJECTION** of Representative PERKINS of Dover-Foxcroft, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

READ.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Dover-Foxcroft, Representative Perkins.

Representative **PERKINS**: Thank you, Madam Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I'd like to say a few words about the Town of Milo, which is celebrating its 200th birthday, having been incorporated on January 27, 1823, as Maine's 250th organized town. Milo has a special place in my heart as it was the first town my family moved to in Piscataquis County. It was the first town in which we opened a business and it was the first town in which we owned our home. Milo is known as the Town of Three Rivers, with the Piscataquis, Sebec and Pleasant Rivers all flowing through it, and it is a four seasons outdoor destination where folks go to hike, camp, hunt, fish, kayak, canoe, go leaf peeping or go about by bike, ATV or snowmobile. It is the quintessential ideal of the Maine highlands. One just has to watch out for their official town bird, the black fly, which is celebrated each year in the town's Black Fly Festival. The people of Milo are tough and resilient, having bounced back from the flood of '87, the ice storm of '98 and the great fire of 2008. I remember that fire. It was the weekend of the State fire convention. Most of the firefighters were out of town and mine was one of the first fire trucks to respond. Yet even as the entire downtown block burned and firefighters raced home to save their town, the citizens of Milo never lost hope. It is in their DNA. The town might not even have existed if the first non-native settler, a teenager named Theophilus Sargent, had not survived the first cold winter on his own in 1802 with the help of the local Wabanaki people. The town continues to grow and is now home to the Harrigan Learning Center and Museum, a world-class natural history museum. The community pride and sense of civic responsibility is alive and strong today in Milo as they embark on a year-long celebration of their bicentennial.

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

In Memory of:

Robert "Paco" Payzant, Jr., of Wiscasset. Mr. Payzant, while serving time in prison, became aware of the need for compassionate care and joined the volunteer prison hospice program. After his release he dedicated himself to ensuring the humane treatment of prisoners. He worked at the Maine Prisoner Advocacy Coalition, supporting efforts to end solitary confinement in the State's correctional facilities. Mr. Payzant will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family and friends and all those whose lives he touched;

(HLS 29)

Presented by Representative PLUECKER of Warren.

Cosponsored by Senator RENY of Lincoln, Senator ROTUNDO of Androscoggin, Speaker TALBOT ROSS of Portland, Representative ABDI of Lewiston, Representative CLOUTIER of Lewiston, Representative CRAVEN of Lewiston, Representative LAJOIE of Lewiston, Representative POLEWARCZYK of Wiscasset.

On **OBJECTION** of Representative PLUECKER of Warren, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

READ.

On motion of the same Representative, **TABLED** pending **ADOPTION** and later today assigned.

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

SENATE PAPERS

Non-Concurrent Matter

Bill "An Act to Address Maine's Affordable Housing Crisis" (H.P. 147) (L.D. 226)

REFERRED to the Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** in the House on January 24, 2023. Came from the Senate **REFERRED** to the Joint Select Committee on **HOUSING** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**. The House voted to **RECEDE AND CONCUR**.

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

Bill "An Act to Provide Funding for Drought Relief and Other Programs Benefiting Maine Farmers" (S.P. 136) (L.D. 315)

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

REFERRED to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Authorize General Fund Bond Issues to Improve Highways, Bridges and Nonhighway Modes of Transportation" (S.P. 174) (L.D. 367)

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

REFERRED to the Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Improve Recruitment and Retention of First Responders" (S.P. 147) (L.D. 326)

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 Requiring the University of Maine System and the Maine Community College System to Offer a For-credit Course on Hunting, Fishing, Recreational Shooting and Trapping" (S.P. 130) (L.D. 271)

Bill "An Act Regarding Safe Schools" (S.P. 138) (L.D. 317)

Bill "An Act to Support the Maine Multicultural Center" (S.P. 141) (L.D. 320)

Bill "An Act to Improve Educator Certification Response Times" (S.P. 156) (L.D. 335)

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 Increase Consumer Choice and Reduce Motor Vehicle Emissions in Maine" (S.P. 125) (L.D. 266)

Bill "An Act to Improve Consideration of Electricity Rate Increases" (S.P. 146) (L.D. 325)

Bill "An Act to Provide Maine Ratepayers with Equitable Access to Interconnection of Distributed Energy Resources" (S.P. 148) (L.D. 327)

Bill "An Act to Require the Nonwires Alternative Coordinator to Review and Analyze Plans to Build, Upgrade or Replace a Substation" (S.P. 164) (L.D. 357)

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 Amend Maine's Underground Oil Storage Tank Laws" (S.P. 140) (L.D. 319)

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.

Bill "An Act to Establish a 45-day Municipal Residency Requirement for General Assistance Programs" (S.P. 127) (L.D. 268)

Bill "An Act to Improve Health Outcomes by Expanding the Perinatal Workforce to Include Professionals Such as Community Health Workers and Doulas and to Provide MaineCare Reimbursement for Services" (S.P. 133) (L.D. 312)

Bill "An Act to Improve Mental Health in Maine" (S.P. 149) (L.D. 328)

Bill "An Act to Protect the Homes of Individuals Placed in Long-term Care by Excluding the Individuals' Primary Residences in Eligibility Considerations" (S.P. 154) (L.D. 333)

Bill "An Act Concerning Substance Use Disorder, Treatment, Recovery, Prevention and Education" (S.P. 160) (L.D. 353)

Bill "An Act to Ensure That Restrooms Are Available for Use During Business Hours at Certain Drive-through Restaurants" (S.P. 165) (L.D. 358)

Bill "An Act to Address Department of Health and Human Services Assistance Call Wait Times" (S.P. 166) (L.D. 359)

Bill "An Act to Increase the Reimbursement for Electronic Consultations Through Medicaid" (S.P. 168) (L.D. 361)

Bill "An Act to Prohibit the Use of General Assistance as a Replacement for Available Resources" (S.P. 171) (L.D. 364)

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 to Require Private Insurance Coverage for Donor Breast Milk"

(S.P. 126) (L.D. 267)

Bill "An Act to Ensure Health Care for All Maine Residents"

(S.P. 150) (L.D. 329)

Bill "An Act to Prevent Dog Breed Discrimination by Insurance Companies"

(S.P. 157) (L.D. 350)

Bill "An Act to Increase Access to Birth Control by Making Certain Contraception Available over the Counter"

(S.P. 158) (L.D. 351)

Bill "An Act to Clarify Coverage for Retired County and Municipal Law Enforcement Officers and Municipal Firefighters Under the State Employer Group Health Plan"

(S.P. 169) (L.D. 362)

Bill "An Act Regarding Circumstances Under Which an Automobile Insurer May Decline to Renew a Policy"

(S.P. 175) (L.D. 368)

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 Improve Compliance with Maine's Implied Warranty Law"

(S.P. 144) (L.D. 323)

Bill "An Act to Promote Workforce Development"

(S.P. 173) (L.D. 366)

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

REFERRED to the Committee on **INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Ensure Legal Representation for Residents Facing Eviction"

(S.P. 151) (L.D. 330)

Bill "An Act to Expand the Jurisdiction of the Sentence Review Panel of the Supreme Judicial Court"

(S.P. 170) (L.D. 363)

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 Help Retired Federal Employees"

(S.P. 129) (L.D. 270)

Bill "An Act to Ensure Consistency in Retirement Plans for Certain Law Enforcement Officers"

(S.P. 134) (L.D. 313)

Bill "An Act to Examine Hazardous Occupations for Minors"

(S.P. 137) (L.D. 316)

Bill "An Act to Create a Bill of Rights for Temporary Workers"

(S.P. 142) (L.D. 321)

Bill "An Act to Improve the Unemployment Insurance System"

(S.P. 143) (L.D. 322)

Bill "An Act to Prevent the Wrongful Firing of Maine Workers"

(S.P. 145) (L.D. 324)

Bill "An Act to Increase Enforcement and Accountability for Wage and Hour Violations"

(S.P. 179) (L.D. 372)

Bill "An Act to Improve Labor Conditions for Maine Workers"

(S.P. 180) (L.D. 373)

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 Establish the Maine Mariculture Development Collaborative"

(S.P. 159) (L.D. 352)

Bill "An Act to Protect Marine Resources in Maine"

(S.P. 177) (L.D. 370)

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

REFERRED to the Committee on **MARINE RESOURCES** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Designate Granitic Pegmatite as the Maine State Rock"

(S.P. 128) (L.D. 269)

Bill "An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding the Use of Engineers on Public Works Projects over \$100,000"

(S.P. 161) (L.D. 354)

Bill "An Act to Amend the Androscoggin County Charter"

(S.P. 167) (L.D. 360)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** and ordered printed.

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

Bill "An Act Regarding the Issuance of Driver's Licenses to Persons with Obstructive Sleep Apnea"

(S.P. 131) (L.D. 272)

Resolve, to Designate the Route 170 Bridge Located in Webster Plantation the Gary "Swampy" Worster Memorial Bridge

(S.P. 139) (L.D. 318)

Resolve, to Name a Bridge in the Town of Canaan After Staff Sergeant Richard Gerald Salsbury

(S.P. 152) (L.D. 331)

Bill "An Act to Ensure the Full Value of the Balance of Registration Fees Is Retained by the Seller of Used Motor Vehicles"

(S.P. 155) (L.D. 334)

Bill "An Act to Allow Repurposed Military Vehicles to Be Registered and Operated on Maine Roads"

(S.P. 176) (L.D. 369)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** and ordered printed.
REFERRED to the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Amend the State's Election Laws"
(S.P. 153) (L.D. 332)

Bill "An Act to Refocus the Purpose and Duties of the Cannabis Advisory Commission"
(S.P. 162) (L.D. 355)

Bill "An Act to Support Compliance and Establish Graduated Sanctions Under the Maine Medical Use of Cannabis Act"
(S.P. 172) (L.D. 365)

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 Amend Certain Laws Governing Pari-Mutuel Pools on Harness Racing" (EMERGENCY)
(S.P. 132) (L.D. 311)

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

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

REFERRED to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** in **NON-CONCURRENCE** and sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Establish the Permanent Commission on the Status of Housing in Maine"
(S.P. 135) (L.D. 314)

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.

Bill "An Act to Invest in Construction Industry Workforce Development"
(S.P. 163) (L.D. 356)

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

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

On motion of Representative TERRY of Gorham, **TABLED** pending **REFERENCE** in concurrence and later today assigned.

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

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Winter Harbor, Representative Faulkingham.

Representative **FAULKINGHAM**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I would request permission to speak on the record.

The SPEAKER: The Representative from Winter Harbor, Representative Faulkingham, has requested unanimous consent to address the House on the record. Hearing no objection, the Representative may proceed on the record.

Representative **FAULKINGHAM**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. January 27th was International Holocaust Remembrance Day. It was the 78th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz concentration camp. The Holocaust was one of the worst atrocities man has ever committed on man. In remembrance of this horrific event, I feel it is fitting to reflect on how such events occurred.

Although the Jews of Germany were, in fact, the victims of antisemitism, they were also, and perhaps more importantly, the victims of segregation. Without this level of state-sponsored segregation, the Holocaust could never have occurred. It is segregation that provides the mechanism for this inhumanity to prevail. We had a period, several actually, of state-sponsored segregation here in the United States and, thankfully, by God's grace and the will of many incredible people, we ended that. We celebrated one of those heroes recently. It was Martin Luther King, a personal historical hero of mine, who famously said I have a dream that my four children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character.

So, as we recognize Holocaust Remembrance Day, let us also reflect on how it came to pass. Let us continue to work towards a society that judges people based on their accomplishments and not the color of their skin. Let us work towards a society that doesn't set quotas because we don't need to. Let us work towards a better society for all. If we work together, that future is possible. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Brunswick, Representative Ankeles.

Representative **ANKELES**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I would ask for unanimous consent to address the House on the record.

The SPEAKER: The Representative from Brunswick, Representative Ankeles, has requested unanimous consent to address the House on the record. Hearing no objection, the Representative may proceed on the record.

Representative **ANKELES**: Thank you, Madam Speaker, Members of the House. I wanted to follow up on the very thoughtful remarks from the distinguished leader from Winter Harbor. Truthfully, I was actually so nervous about standing up on this that I didn't push my button when the Holocaust Resolution came before us earlier. I was really hoping my first floor speech wouldn't be on such a heavy subject. As my former colleagues around the building will tell you, I'm much more of a class clown type, but since this is likely the only time this year we'll be taking up this topic, I wanted to share with this Body the single most frustrating thing for me as one of Maine's few Jewish lawmakers about the nature of modern antisemitism.

There are lots of ways to be lousy to other people or other groups but the really nasty thing about antisemitism is that it presents us Jews with a catch 22 that is difficult to escape. Because most antisemitism is grounded in the basic conspiracy that we secretly control the levers of power. Whether we're talking about the news media, Hollywood, the financial sector or the halls of our legislatures. If we ignore the whispers, the whispers grow and maybe become something worse,

sometimes something violent. But speak out, rally allies in condemnation, and its quickly dismissed as just evidence of the conspiracy at work. So, what do we do about this? Two of the lighter examples of antisemitism out there offer one path forward, and you may have heard about these. First, there's the one where we control the weather, and I would say if that were true there's no way I would be going to our secret meetings to vote for the sort of snowstorms that keep my kids home from school while I'm trying to get work done. And the other one, of course, is that we have a large and very, very powerful space laser, which is right out of a Mel Brooks movie. They actually used to let me operate the space laser every third Thursday but I had to quit because it conflicts with Session.

We have to laugh at these things because only when they are made small and ridiculous do people stop taking them as truth. And this is especially so given that the other stuff that is out there on the internet is a lot worse than weather or lasers and it's all amplified by today's hyperconnected rough and tumble news and social media landscapes. The goal of a Resolution like the one we had before us isn't to shame or guilt anyone, though if you've ever met our Jewish mothers, you know just how powerful a tool guilt can be. For me, the purpose of this Resolution is twofold. One, keeping the Holocaust in our collective memory so we recall how we got there and how bad it was. And, two, it's a chance to extend our hands in friendship and invite anyone in Maine to get to know individuals in the Jewish community as the good and very much normal people that we are so that we break the fog of conspiracy and stay away, stay far away from that awful road to strife and violence. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Portland, Representative Zager.

Representative **ZAGER**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I wish to receive unanimous consent to address the Body on the record.

The SPEAKER: The Representative from Portland, Representative Zager, has requested unanimous consent to address the House on the record. Hearing no objection, the Representative may proceed on the record.

Representative **ZAGER**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I've been to Auschwitz. I addressed the 130th, sharing some of my thoughts. I'm going to be very brief. The origins of the Holocaust, as the origins of many human atrocities, are complex and they're simple. In order to understand them, I would like to extend an invitation to any Member who would like to join me in going to the Holocaust and Human Rights Center of Maine, which is right here in Augusta, and/or if Leg Council were to support it, consider a trip down to Washington, DC to visit the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, which is about three decades old right now. And I really appreciate what I believe is genuine desire to understand the origins of such atrocities because no atrocity is the same as another but they kind of rhyme and so I just wanted, in the spirit of that desire for understanding the origins of atrocities, I just wanted to extend that invitation openly and with a warm heart. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

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

On motion of Representative PLUECKER of Warren, the House adjourned at 12:13 p.m., until 10:00 a.m., Thursday, February 2, 2023, in honor and lasting tribute to Robert "Paco" Payzant, Jr. of Wiscasset.